



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## November 2017

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*Holy Trinity is called to recognize, communicate and celebrate  
God's presence within, among and around us.*

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear Friends,

A Baptist preacher (I cannot remember his name) described his preaching when he was just starting out in the ministry. He tried to pack too much into each sermon. His congregation encouraged him at first, responding "Preach it brother!" As he covered more ground, the members began to say, "Bring it home, brother! Bring it home!" And as he went on more and more far afield, they began to call out "Help him, Jesus. Help him!"

November is a lot like that. I'm speaking about the liturgical flow. Jesus is portrayed as the one who is helping us, and bringing us home. The liturgical themes remind us of the end of time, the banquet festival that shall crown our years, the reign of Christ to which we are inexorably being drawn. All Saints' Sunday teaches the power of God's Spirit to make us share His holiness. Thanksgiving reminds us that the harvest has a cyclical return, ever gathering a crop for God. The Christ the King festival prefigures the eternal rule of God. As gifts given, God is opening the gate and seeing us home. Take time to reflect on the Blessings of God, which God so generously shares in this life, where we dwell. Gladden your heart, and see His goodness infused in each day. This banquet is not to be missed!!

I remain,

Your friend and Rector,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

## September 2017 Financial Report

- Finances are stable with income exceeding expense, although some of the income is restricted.
- The unfulfilled pledge line is healthy because the current year pledges are overpaid in addition to the pre-paid pledges.
- The kitchen project continues to move along with a few delays, but overall no major problems. Once complete, the permits will be signed off and we will schedule a kitchen and building inspection.
- Our sexton Brian Canty has given notice as he cannot physically do the job. He will continue until we find a replacement, and the position has been advertised. Brian estimates the janitorial duties take about 10 hours a week.
- The YMCA have returned to their newly renovated space on Marcy Street; the security deposit will be refunded once a final walk-through has been done and keys have been returned.
- At the October vestry meeting the Vestry voted to keep the YMCA rental income in reserve and to put 10% into the Mission and Outreach fund.
- The finance committee met and drafted a 2018 budget, which is attached.

Susan Howland, Treasurer



### THANK YOU

Thank you to the following people who took good care of our lawn this summer and helped make our church beautiful and inviting!!

Jerry Helbig, Josh Spooner, Bill Pieczynski,  
John Grant, Bill Nelson, and Paul Aloia

### LOAVES AND FISHES

As always everyone is welcome to bring in food that goes to the food pantry at St. John Paul II. This year we are trying something different - people can sign up for a month: i.e., bring in food for a chosen month! If you would like to "take a month," there are at least 2 still available in 2017! The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and already brought food in.

~Tamsin Lucey

### WINTER COAT CLOSET

Winter coats for men, women, youth and children will be available on Saturday mornings from 9-11 am through December 16. Clean, gently used coats are always in need!

Join us for Family Worship  
in Blakely Hall

November 12 & 26

When families come

together to worship with kids in mind.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2—Mary Demers 6—Barbara Kalber 8—Paige Spooner 8—Carolyn Anderstrom 17—Hope Wilson  
23—Lana Pieczynski 23—Josh Spooner 25—Eileen DeMings

*If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!*

### THE MISSION PLATE

We will continue to collect donations for hurricane relief through November. In speaking with Southbridge Community Connections, Southbridge has had an influx of people who have fled Puerto Rico and are staying with family due to the conditions there. They have come with nothing! Our November collection will go to Southbridge Community Connections to help get the supplies and clothing needed to survive the cold weather here. Let us keep our hearts open, prayers offered, and donations flowing to help ease the trials and tribulations others are suffering.

Suzy Sharp [774-230-3426](tel:774-230-3426)

# You're Invited!

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO THE  
STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING BRUNCH  
**NOVEMBER 19**  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.



Fr. Richard invites all children  
of any age to wear their  
Halloween costumes to  
church on  
Sunday, November 5  
for **All Saint's Sunday**.



**November 5  
@ 2:00 a.m.**

### Stewardship Ingathering and Harvest Service

*Sunday, November 19 @ 9:30 am*

As life brings us back around each year, we gather to celebrate the In-Gathering of Pledge Cards and Harvest Service. We will be celebrating all of our great harvest and bring them to the Lord with great joy, openness of heart, and splendor! Please plan to join us for this special service, during which pledge cards will be collected in the offering and placed on the altar. {Pledge cards will be mailed to households separately & are available on the Narthex table.} Everyone is invited to enjoy brunch in the parish hall after the service.

### Gathering of the Great Bounties for the Harvest

We will be adorning the Sanctuary with Fall Harvest Bounties on Saturday, November 18. Come One, Come All and bring a little touch of fall with you to help decorate. We are looking for contributions of pumpkins, gourds, squash, corn stalks, bales of straw, mums, kale, colored leaves, anything that reminds you of the Great Harvest! Contributions may be dropped off no later than **Sunday, November 12**. If you would like to help with decorating, please see Tamsin Lucey.



### **Dear Thankful People at Holy Trinity**

Our combined United Thank Offering of \$710.83 was taken to the UTO ingathering held during the Diocesan Conventions Eucharist...Thanks be to God!

## The Festival of Giving Trees Come Home for Christmas Concert

Everyone is invited to sing for this event and there are no auditions. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evening 5 weeks prior to the concert, which is the opening for the 20th Annual Festival of Giving Trees.



October 31	7-8:30pm at Elm Street Congregational Church
November 7	7-8:30pm at Elm Street Congregational Church
November 14	7-8:30pm at Elm Street Congregational Church
November 21	7-9:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sturbridge
November 28	7-9:00pm at Notre Dame church, Southbridge
<b>November 30</b>	<b>7:00pm – Concert – Notre Dame Church</b>

### BIBLE AND WINE: A BIBLE BOOK STUDY

*Jesus turned Water to Wine. We expect He will show up here.*

### An Introduction to the Gospel of John Read John 1:1-18 – What is Jesus' Relationship with God?

**Wednesday, November 1, 7:30-9PM, Session John 3:1-21 – HTC**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 7:30-9PM, Session John 3:1-21 – BLC**  
**Wednesday, November 29, 7:30-9PM, Session John 6:25-59 – HTC**

## Thanksgiving Pies

We will once again be offering homemade pies for sale in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The selection will be at least the same as last year – traditional apple and Dutch apple pies, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, and meat pie. Please look for order forms in the Narthex and place your orders early. Don't forget to invite neighbors, friends, family, and co-workers to place an order as well! Baking dates and times have yet to be confirmed. If interested in joining the pie baking team, please speak with Joe DiSalvatore or Cat Reith-Lowery. Donations of ingredients to help offset the costs are always welcome. We are looking for the following ingredients: flour, butter, lard, dark brown sugar, eggs, apples, pecans and evaporated milk. Gift cards to local grocery stores are always welcome. Look for ingredient stickers on a board at the back of the church. Thank you!



### SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE BELL RINGERS



That time of year is coming up; in fact it will be with us in about 3 weeks! Please contact Tamsin if you would be interested in volunteering to RING THE BELL for a couple of hours this Giving Season ([774 200 4279](tel:7742004279) or [Redkettlesbridge@gmail.com](mailto:Redkettlesbridge@gmail.com) or in person). The proceeds collected in the Sturbridge/Southbridge Red Kettle Drive STAY IN this area - "the Salvation Army doing the most good!"

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## Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher**  
**The Rev. Richard Signore**

### Save These Dates

#### **Holy Trinity Church**

Saturdays in November—9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet

Sundays in November—11:15 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 1—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—HTC

Sunday, November 5—9:30 a.m.—All Saint's Sunday—Wear a costume to church!

Wednesday, November 8—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Sunday, November 12—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, November 15—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King  
7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—BLC

Sunday, November 26—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, November 29—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—HTC

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