



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear friends,

We have come to the final phase of the Church year! Starting from October 4th, the festival of St Francis (who exalted creation) – and through the end of the Church Year on November 23rd, (Christ the King - reigning in glory in heaven). This time is also recognized as a call to us, for a renewed emphasis on the “integrity of Creation;” and our care for the great gift of the earth. This is well in keeping with the normative thrust of the end of the Church year, which is about harvests of souls and harvests of crops. Think: Thanksgiving, the ingathering of crops before the winter, the ingathering of souls on All Saints day and the “final endless banquet” in heaven where Christ reigns as King, bringing justice.

The annual Parish “Stewardship ingathering” is also part of the season, as the joyful appreciation for the bounty of God that touches our lives, and mirrors the celebration of souls gone to God that also reflects with gladness on the ultimate end of all believers: to be harvested by the Lord!

In this busy season we are charged to make special prayer, and to work for the integrity of Creation. But we need to raise this concern. It has become clear the rising temperature and pollution of the oceans has spurred the growth of so-called “dead spots,” (regions where the algae rob the water of oxygen) places where fish and all living creatures cease to exist! The destructive changes to “earth, our island home” are too many to recount here. To gather, demonstrate, to enter political process, to voice our concern for God’s Creation, has become a clear task of people of faith! Grab a willing scientist and be seen and heard!!!

Faithfully yours in Christ, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore



FALL PIE, BAKE, AND SOUP SALE

New for 2014

When? Saturday, November 1, 2014. 9 to Noon.

Where? In the parish hall.

What will be happening? Bake Sale and Children's Activities.



The bake sale will include; Fall Pies, the made on the premises Holy Trinity favorites: Apple Pie, Dutch Apple Pie, Apple Crisp, Pecan and Pumpkin Pies. All fresh made from fresh ingredients then frozen, ready for the holidays for you, friends and family to bake at home and enjoy. There will be baked goods – baked at home by parishioners, favorite cookies, tea breads, cakes & treats. There will also be pints and quarts of homemade soup and fresh homemade bread.

Children's Thanksgiving Activities will be available from 10 to noon.

Light refreshments will be served.



How to participate?

- Plan on baking your favorite, cookie, tea bread, cake & or treat. Please list ingredients!
- Plan on making a batch of your favorite soup. Please list ingredients!
- Plan on stopping by to enjoy a coffee & conversation and to buy some treats to share with friends and family at home.
- Plan on letting neighbors and friends know what is happening, invite them to join you.
- Plan on helping with set up, serving and or clean up.

Please see Joe DiSalvatore (617-875-5741) or Tamsin Lucey (774-200-4279) for more details.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Kurt Frisch
 3—Peg Nelson
 4 - Will Pieczynski
 7 - Chris Briere
 8—Jerry Helbig
 10—Beverly Kollios
 14—Cathy Theodoss
 14—Dorothy Frisch
 18—Anita Bullard
 18—Eric Bullard
 19—Jean Frost
 24—Marilyn Theodoss
 31 - Joseph Ballou



MY COKE REWARD CAPS

Holy Trinity Church is collecting caps from all Coca Cola Products for West Street School. These caps enable the school to receive rewards in the form of needed school equipment like playground balls. Please save your caps and place them in the bin in the Narthex.

**Blessing
 of the
 Animals**



Sunday
 October 5
 during the
 9:30 a.m. service



Community Harvest Supper



*Please come and join in the time honored tradition
of celebrating the harvest.*

***Saturday October 18, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
in the parish hall.***

*Sausages on the BBQ, Peppers and Onions, Squash,
Seasoned Potato Wedges,
Apple Crumble/Pie, and Apple Cider.*

**Kid-friendly options available*



Children's Halloween Games and Crafts!



**Free Will donation will support
Southbridge Food Pantries.**

Parishioners are invited to:
bring a squash dish to share & help with set-up and clean-up.

Please see Tamsin Lucey for more details.

Rice O Rama

What is/was that you ask – let me tell you more.

Rice O Rama is a Japanese Motorcycle Swap Meet – the biggest of its sort in New England. Run by family and friends of Hope Wilson for several years now, each year outdoing the previous one – Sept 7, 2014 saw the event at the Spencer Fair Grounds! From the first meet Hope has provided hot beverages and food – Apple Crisp! In previous years Holy Trinity parishioners have provided Apple Crisp and helped on the day to serve drinks and apple crisp. This year found Holy Trinity 100% hands on helping, lock stock and barrel. Susan and John Grant, mentored by Hope – took over the hot drinks and Apple Crumble table (432 serving donated by Uno's Westborough where Susan's son in law is manager) Tamsin Lucey ran the cold drinks table and Eileen DeMings ran the Kids Crafts for Christ table. We were very ably helped on the day by Anita and Abbi Bullard, Ellen Lincourt, Pam Graham, Nancy Waugh, Lana, Bill, Will, Joe and Sam Pieczynski, Joe Disalvatore, Ed Bair, and David DeMings – THANK YOU GUYS. Thanks also goes to everyone that brought in gallons of water, bottles of lemon juice and bags of sugar – we sold over 12 gallons of lemonade! 300 bottles of water and 9 gallons of Iced tea. The day was fantastic – everyone had a great time – those that attended and those that helped. Those that attended were thankful, and grateful to have nice and real food and drink at reasonable prices, lovingly served with a smile. They shared prayer requests and thanksgivings. Those that helped felt blessed to be part of the event, able to share stories, and served with smiles and cheer. The Kids Crafts for Christ table was constantly busy with young children eager to spend time involved with something that they could call their own. Parents thanked Eileen for allowing children to be at the table for over an hour!

Fr Richard's – quote for the day – "A wonderful mission of Holy Trinity, sharing Gods love in a very real and meaningful way"

The end result – Gods love shared with hundreds of people, hours of fun, the cold drinks netted \$529 and the hot drinks and apple crumble netted \$1302.

Thanks everyone. See you next year!

Tamsin Lucey

Senior Warden Speaking

As I write this, the September 30 celebration of New Ministry for Fr. Richard Signore and Holy Trinity Church has not yet taken place - but I know that it will be a joyous, festive, very real and meaningful service. One that we have waited for anxiously, to start with, then with patience, finally with excited anticipation - we are moving forward - we have come through the tunnel, the light is shining at the other end. What awaits us now - more good news - Anne Bouvier-Monroe will start as our organist on November 1st. I met Anne today - she is as excited to join us as we are to have her be a part of the HTC community. Please make sure to greet her with open arms and welcome her to Holy Trinity Church.

October is shaping up nicely with fellowship opportunities in the undercroft kitchen - helping with pie baking ready for the November 1st Fall Pie, Bake and Soup Sale.

The Community Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 18th, will have Halloween games and activities for children of all ages to enjoy. Join us at 4:00 for supper and conversation.

Nov. 2nd - we will celebrate All Saints Sunday with 2 baptisms and Halloween Costumes - yes you read correctly - Fr Richard invites every child of any age to wear their Halloween Costume to church on Sunday, Nov. 2nd! Come one come all to the PARTY celebrated every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Ministries; Family Worship Lay Leaders, Readers, Ushers, Acolytes, etc are evolving and growing. If you would like to be involved with/participate in services at HTC - please talk with Fr Richard or myself.

It is clear to me as I am sure it is to many who have worshipped at Holy Trinity for years, if not decades, that we are moving forward to God's Promised and Preferred Future for us - the light at the end of this tunnel is visible - now that Fr. Richard is settled in let the work of sharing God's Love and Kingdom continue anew. It's all happening in the neighborhood - at Holy Trinity - come join us at a service soon.

Oh, and the sound system, **The Sound System WORKS** - really well - everyone can hear now!

Please continue to pray for Fr. Richard, Nina, and the vestry as we move forward continually guided by the Holy Spirit, we are moving towards God's Promised and Preferred Future for us as the Hands & Feet of Jesus on Hamilton St., Southbridge.

If you have comments, concerns, or questions please know that I am always available via email abritinusa@gmail.com or cell phone 774 200 4279.

Tamsin Lucey

You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do.

**Join us for Family Worship
in Blakely Hall
October 12 & 26**



Reserve your Fall Pies!! Order Forms will be in the bulletins in October or place your order via the church office or Tamsin Lucey as soon as possible!

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

September was Food Drive Month for the food pantry at St John Paul II Parish – where our monthly contributions of food go. Thank you for your donations – all gratefully received. On Oct. 5, brown paper bags and a suggested shopping list will be on a music stand by the font. Please take a bag and shop from the list as you are able. Food returned by Sunday, Oct 26, will be blessed before going to the pantry that week. Thank you for your continued participation in the ministry.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”.



*With Love, Peace and Joy.
Bill Nelson, Joshua Spooner and Tamsin Lucey*



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FACEBOOK!**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHBRIDGE



Box Tops for Education

West Street School, like many other schools, collects Box Tops for Education. These can be found on a large variety of food products that you may already be buying. Please bring Box Tops for Education and place them in the collection boxes in the Narthex.

Financial Report

On the income side

Although the overall income is more than budget the unpaid pledges are \$2700 over anticipated. Over budget income is primarily from other plate income, fundraising, and rental income. Parishioners and others have been very generous toward the mission plate, the sound system, and vacation bible school designated fundraising.

On the Expense side

We are about \$2,000 under budget, which includes some intentional spending for expenses for capital building repair/improvements. The cricket and gutter bills were paid.

As we start the fall we have:

- Purchased and paid for 2800 gallons of oil; we will have another bill for the balance of 1000 gallons of oil.*
- Put in reserve the maintenance contract cost and the burner booster funds.*
- Paid for the sound system, with more repairs to be completed.*
- Fixed the heating system, but the bill has not been paid yet.*

It is the time of the year when the finance committee and vestry start to draft the 2015 budget. We are looking at a near level-funded budget in the hope that pledges will remain steady. This will allow any increase in pledges to be put to proactive unbudgeted capital repairs and other program initiatives.

Susan Howland, Treasurer and finance committee chair

FALL PIE BAKING AT THE CHURCH!

We'd like to thank everyone for their wonderful generosity in helping out with the pie baking supplies. We're just about there, but there are some more items that are needed. You will see stickers on the board at the back of the church for Light and Dark Karo Syrup, Evaporated milk, and apples. Gift cards to local Grocery Stores are always useful. These round out the list of items needed to construct the pies for our bake sale on Nov 1. Please bring items in by Sunday Oct 12.

Now comes the fun part!! Throughout the month of October, we will have a days of prep work and baking to actually assemble the pies.

Here they are:

Oct 4, 9am-Noon: Assembling pastry crumble and crisp topping. It's the day of the Car Wash as well, but it's also the one step in the process that requires the fewest number of hands.

Oct 12, 11am-3pm: All hands on deck! Pumpkin roasting/Apple pie and crisp assembly. The **apple peeling and chopping** will be on this day. If you have one of those amazing peel/core devices, it would be most welcome TODAY!! Also, we'll be prepping the pumpkins, roasting and preparing the pulp for the pumpkin pies.



Oct 18, 10am-2pm: Pumpkin and Pecan Pie making and baking.

Oct 19: 11am-3pm: Finish apple pies/crisps (as needed)

There are a lot of dates listed here, so if anyone can let me know in advance which days you may be available for, that'll really help!

Thanks again to all for your help!!

*Joe DiSalvatore
(617-875-5741)*

THE MISSION PLATE

Fall has arrived, the leaves are turning, and nights are cooler! Harvest time is here, indeed. We are so fortunate to have food for our bodies, but some are less fortunate. Children go to sleep hungry, and families worry how to provide .

But by being the hands and feet of Jesus we can provide for those in need. This month of October and for the first two weeks of November, the mission plate will be donated to the local food pantry, expressing our thanks for what we have, and sharing with those who have less. This is a time of THANKSGIVING and a time of harvest. Give thanks to GOD, and share your blessings with those in need. May GOD bless each and everyone this beautiful season.

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



Walking the Way

On Sunday, October 5th, we will kick off our annual giving campaign: "Walking the Way."

Over the course of the next six weeks, we will journey together in exploring how the practice of intentional giving deepens our walk with Christ and supports life-giving ministries to our community and beyond. Day by day, week by week, people in and around Holy Trinity's neighborhood experience their life of faith in new and deeper ways through your commitment. Your generosity generates mission and changes lives.

Here is our road map for the next six weeks of our *Walking the Way* Campaign:

We will kick off our campaign October 5, 2014 with a celebration of the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi with the blessing of the animals. You are invited to bring your pet to church for a blessing during the peace.

- Beginning on Sunday, October 5 and continuing through Sunday, November 9, you will find reflections written by Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country, covering stewardship and faithful giving in connection with the Gospel reading of the day in your worship bulletin.
- October 5th through November 11th, we will hear stories of personal transformation through the practice of intentional giving from your fellow parishioners.
- Pledge cards will be mailed with the stewardship letters. Pray over what your pledge will be over the next six weeks. Bring your pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 9th.
- On November 9th, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, the culmination of the journey, when pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship.

The finance committee met on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 to discern the proposed 2015 budget. We will be in intentional prayer to letting the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in a faithful response.

We will pray that your giving will come from a deep abiding sense of gratitude for the gift of this community and the gift we have in Jesus, the one who does not leave our side in our walk of faith. My own walk is deepened when I give not from a perspective of "what is my fair share," or even, "what can I afford"; rather, my faith comes alive when I give from a grace-filled and grateful heart. Giving generously gives me strength and hope for the journey ahead.

Thank you for walking the Way in hope and faith. Blessings in your journey.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Waugh, Stewardship Chair

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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

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

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore

Save These Dates

Holy Trinity Church

Saturday, October 4—9-Neon—Fall Pie Baking

Sunday, October 5—9:30 a.m.—Blessing of the Animals

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

Sunday, October 12—11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Fall Pie Baking

Monday, October 13—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Saturday, October 18—10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Fall Pie Baking

Saturday, October 18—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.—Community Harvest Supper

Sunday, October 19—11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Fall Pie Baking

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

Class Information

Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m.—Yoga

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga

Fridays @ 7:30 a.m.—TaiChi (no class the last Friday of the month)

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS COLLECTING CANS
AND BOTTLES FOR MISSION & OUTREACH.**

**DONATIONS GO IN THE LARGE SILVER BOX IN
THE PARISH HALL.**