



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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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,

October will be occasion for Nina and I to have some more vacation, on Oct 1st and Oct. 22nd, when we have a family ceremony in Chicago. So dates are key!!

October is a time to prepare for the harvest, while rejoicing in Creation.

First, rejoice with me! On October 8th with the observance of St Francis' Sunday. We savor the spiritual blessings that our physical bodies afford. The affirmation of a simple embrace can settle us to the core. And a pet's launch from the floor to our arms also delights, even heals. Bring your pet to Sunday liturgy for the Blessing of the Animals - and take stock of the blessings that surround us at every turn.

Prayerfully consider the harvest of the year with me.....as we connect deeply to the range of our blessings by returning a share for others by giving to God through the Church. We look forward to the stories of the blessings accrued by giving and sharing - as we consider our own gift to the Lord of Love, a life most generous!

From God arrives blessing upon blessing; and as we share we recognize we too have all the generosity of infinite love. Blessings upon us all! I remain,

Your friend and Rector,
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

The Building Committee has been hard at work coordinating the kitchen renovations. The task of asking all the right questions about what is required from the building inspector, the health inspector, and the plumbing inspector to be sure all town and state regulations are met is daunting for even the most experienced of contractors. One little change with what is required by one inspector can have a ripple effect on what is required by another. The Building Committee of Tamsin Lucey, Susan Howland, Nate Lowery and Jean Frost, with help from our Sexton, Brian, all deserve a huge thank you. Thank you also to Nate and Cat Reith-Lowery, and Joe DiSalvatore for offering to move everything out the kitchen on Sunday, October 1, for the installation of the countertops on October 2.

Thank you to Tamsin Lucey and Paul Aloia for helping to facilitate the United Way Day of Caring with yard clean-up. Another thank you to Paul for seeding the grass after the United Way crew was finished.

I am very excited to see what God has in store for us when the renovations are complete. Please keep asking the important questions: How can we connect with our neighborhood and community? Where is God calling us in mission?

Gratitude for all these blessings and thanksgivings for the time, talents, and treasure that Holy Trinity receives abundantly.

Nancy Waugh

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 that has signed up and already brought food in.

Questions - please speak with Tamsin Lucey in person or call 774 200 4279.

WINTER COAT CLOSET

Winter coats for men, women, youth and children will be available on Saturday mornings from 9-11 am, October 21 through December 16. Clean, gently used coats are always in need!

Join us for Family Worship

in Blakely Hall

October 8 & 22

When families come

together to worship with kids in mind.

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	17-Nina Signore	18-Anita Bullard
18-Eric Bullard	19-Jean Frost	24-Marilyn Theodoss	31-Joseph Ballou	

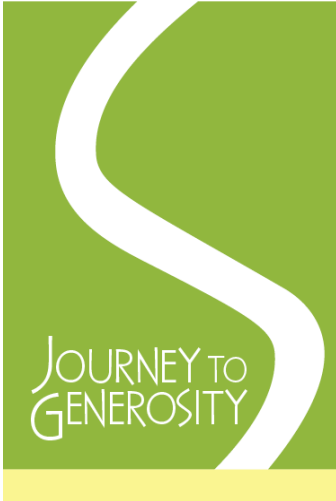
If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!

THE MISSION PLATE

THE Mission Plate for October will go toward ERD Hurricane Relief. The need is great and will continue for a long time. Please follow what ERD is doing to help through their updates online. Pray for those who have died, those who are grieving and suffering, those who are volunteering their help, and those reaching out in any way they can. We are one family! And we are the hands and feet of Jesus!

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

Stewardship "Journey to Generosity" - An opportunity to say 'YES'



Life is a journey. On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge and inspire us. Whether it's the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like.

Are we generous in our dealings with others? Are we generous when we welcome the stranger to church on Sunday morning? Are we generous in our forgiveness and in our acceptance of forgiveness?

I hope you will find the weekly inserts and the stewardship moments to be helpful as you travel on the Journey of Generosity. I invite you to share your story of generosity with your church family. You just might inspire someone in the parish an opportunity to say yes.

Nancy Waugh
Stewardship Chair

You're Invited!

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

Welcome Fall and Music at Holy Trinity Church

Choir Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 15. Please get a coffee, say hello, and meet at 11:00am to rehearse. We will rehearse for 45-60 minutes. If you have any questions, see Anne after church or call 508-347-5008.

**Blessing
of the
Animals**



Sunday
October 8
@ the
9:30 a.m.
worship service

Adults and children are invited to bring animals, both large (leashed) and small, real or toy, for a special blessing which will take place just before the peace. All are welcome.



The United Thank Offering...

is not just another fundraiser; it is an opportunity to practice Thankfulness. Drop a coin...every penny counts... in the little Blue Box with a prayer of gratitude. Research has shown that thankful people live happier and healthier lives!

The United Thank Offering started in 1889 and is now one of the largest outreach missions of the Episcopal Church. Grants go to every diocese and Anglican Communion province around the world all because people shared their thankfulness with others. Give it a try and bring your offering to our **Holy Trinity ingathering** on **October 22 during the 9:30 service**. Blue Boxes are available in the narthex along with other information. Our offering will be brought to the diocesan convention Eucharist on October 28 and combined with offerings from other churches in the diocese.

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, October 4, 7:30-9PM, Session 1a – BLC

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30-9PM, Session 1b – HTC

Thanksgiving Pies

Advance Notice

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 in the beginning of October 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 in the beginning of October. Thank you!



SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE BELL RINGERS



That time of year is coming up; in fact it will be with us in about 7 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 or in person). The proceeds collected in the Sturbridge/Southbridge Red Kettle Drive STAY IN this area - "the Salvation Army doing the most good!"

NEW BOOKS OF COMMON PRAYER

Members of the vestry have recently conducted a review of the condition of the copies of the Book of Common Prayer located in the pews. Certain of these prayer books have been identified as candidates for retirement, due to wear and damage. The parish has purchased a number of new copies to replace the retired copies. These new books are exact replacements of the same edition.

Parishioners will have the opportunity, for a donation of \$20.00, to have a memorial bookplate inserted inside the front cover. This bookplate will list the donor as well as a memorial. The form for the memorial plate and donation is below and will be available as an insert in upcoming weekly service bulletins.

If any other prayer books look as if they are also in need of replacement, please make a vestry member aware so that this copy may also be replaced.

Yours in Christ,
John Grant, Jr. Warden



"Pray always"

We have purchased 25 copies and 2 large print copies of the **Book of Common Prayer** to replace damaged copies. If you would like to donate a prayer book as a memorial or thanksgiving gift, we will place a bookplate in the front of the prayer book remembering your special person.

If you are interested, please clip this box and send a check made out to Holy Trinity Church, with "Prayer Book" in the memo.

Yes, I would like to donate ____prayer book(s) at \$20.00 each. Enclosed is \$_____

The bookplate(s) should read:

In Memory of _____

or

In Thanksgiving for _____

Given By _____

Attach additional paper if necessary.

Your name _____

Phone number _____

October Financial Report

- Income and expense are within budget
- The ministry grant and other reserve funds were moved into the building fund to cover the kitchen project and some of the kitchen expense has already been paid.
- The finance committee met on 9/7 and started to work on the 2018 budget.

Susan Howland, Treasurer



Let us pray...

O God, our times are in your hand. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing and hope. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger; and give to us a spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally remind us that you have promised never to leave us so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— The Rev. Lyndon Harris, from the Episcopal Diocese of New York disaster preparedness plan

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Massachusetts**

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

Wednesday, October 4—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—BLC

Sunday, October 8—9:30 a.m.—Blessing of the Animals

9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, October 11—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 15—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 18—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—HTC

Sunday, October 22—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

VESTRY MINUTES ARE NOW
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

WWW.HOLYTRINITYSOUTHBRIDGE.ORG

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