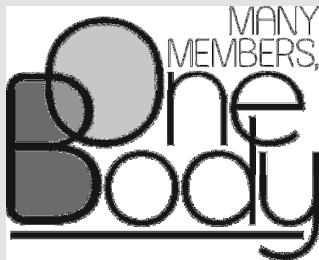




Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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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

A summer of successful activities bids us to continue in the work of the Church: Growing the faith of the faithful; and inviting neighbors, friend and family members to join the ranks of those who find Jesus' peace and joy through the spiritual life, shared in community.

The Gospel witnesses to the fact that Jesus "has the words of life." To whom else can anyone go? Plenty of folks are aggrieved in a world where personal respect is in scant supply, or weighed down with fear and anxiety about the future. Some are left in loneliness, others besought with illness. To whom shall we go? Through Jesus, and the mission of the Church; there is a community of respect, and healing, and desire to shape a positive future that honors human life and validates the spark of the "Divine-life" housed within!!

Share the message with someone new, today, and offer the Peace of Christ, where many are lost in trepidation. You have countless opportunities to share something glad and joyous. Your gift may be the faith that restores a soul. Offer gently, and let God grow the effort!!

*I remain,
Your friend and Pastor,
Richard S. Signore+*

Senior Warden Speaking

September is here, as we knew it would be, bringing a new school year, Blessings of Back Packs, drier air and shorter days. This time last year we were getting ready to celebrate the New Ministry of Fr Richard Signore at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. I think we can all agree that Fr. Richard has settled in quite nicely. The Aug. 10 vestry walk in the neighborhood was followed by an informative discussion with several people sharing seeing things for the first time, even though we are part of the neighborhood and should know it well! The Aug. 15 Yard Sale was a great success - yes it was hot, yes it was humid, yes we sold all but a few pieces of furniture and lots of other things as well. Yes, we helped many people furnish their homes with things they needed - a perfect example of being the hands and feet of Jesus on Hamilton St. Hot dogs provided by Susan and John Grant were a huge hit and children sold over 50 cups of lemonade. Folks with tables took home less than they brought with them and some money in their pockets! Lots of people went home with bargains, things they needed and things they couldn't live without. Thank you to the team that made it all happen.

West Street School will once again be benefitting from donations of school supplies - thank you everyone for making a difference in a child's education. September 2 we are hosting a presentation by the Salvation Army and round table discussion about the needs in the community and how the Salvation Army might help. September 13 will find HTEC at Rice O Rama, serving Coffee, Donuts, Apple Crisp (this year donated by Uno's), Bottled Water and Homemade Lemonade AND sharing our love of Christ through "Kids Crafts for Christ". Sept 19 will see "Kids Crafts for Christ" at Cops for Kids (Southbridge Airport). Please pray about helping out at either or both of these events - lots of fun, doing what HTEC does best sharing hospitality and God Love.

Please know that The American Red Cross have cancelled the blood drives that we would have hosted in Sept and Nov. Thank you to all those that helped with making the blood drives earlier in the year happen.

We wish Rita and Ben Normandin Many Sincere and Grateful Thanks for all the flowers that Cohasses have provided for the Altar over the years - Cohasse's Florists closed its doors for the last time in early August. We wish Rita well in her retirement. Please read, elsewhere, news about the new plans for Altar flowers.

Please keep in your prayers; Fr Richard, Nina and their family, the Lay Leaders that make Sunday worship at HTEC possible and all those involved in ministry at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, pray for each other, the Hamilton Street neighborhood and the communities that we live in. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to talk with Fr. Richard, Nancy Waugh or myself 774 200 4279 or abritinusa@gmail.com

Looking Forward...

With gratitude and blessings

Tamsin Lucey

VBS CELEBRATION SERVICE

A great time was had by all! The Family Worship team and children were thrilled that the Parish Hall was packed for our "End Of VBS" Sunday Service Celebration. This positive experience for the younger members of our congregation and VBS guests was an awesome show of God's love and a testament to HTEC's willingness to experience and embrace something completely different. Thank you to all who unconditionally supported VBS this year. It was a team effort and we couldn't have done it without everyone's involvement. Thank you for empowering the Family Worship team and supporting the youth in our congregation. See you next year!

FUN IN SEPTEMBER

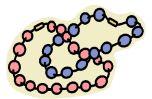


Rice-O-Rama is just around the corner. We will be offering for sale coffee, donuts, apple crisp (donated by UNOs and headed up by John & Susan Grant), bottled water and homemade lemonade - The VBS recipe! (headed up by Joe DiSalvatore and Anita Bullard). We will be sharing what we do best - our hospitality and Jesus' Love and Joy on Sunday, September 13, at the Spencer Fair grounds - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please support this FUNdraising event by coming to help man the table for a couple of hours. On the Narthex table you will find a sign up sheet with time slots for much needed help.



Please check your schedule and see if you can spare an hour or two of your time to join the FUN. Questions? Please see John & Susan Grant or Joe DiSalvatore.

Volunteers needed for Kids' Crafts for Christ. We are seeking people to help kids make crafts on September 13 at Rice O Rama at the Spencer Fairgrounds, and September 19 at Cops N Kids event at the Southbridge Airport. The crafts are free and we will give our love of Christ to all! Please see Eileen DeMings to sign up for a two hour shift. Must love to color, string beads, and smile!



Loaves and Fishes Ministry

The verdict is in – the food basket was brimming full - thank you - we will continue to support the St. John Paul II Food Pantry! Thank you very much for your donations in July and August! Please continue to donate by taking a brown paper bag and shopping list and donate as you are able. The bags are located at the back of the church.



*With Love, Peace and Joy,
Tamsin Lucey*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOMECARE AIDES NEEDED

Catholic Charities is seeking individuals interested in working with the elderly and the disabled. Aides provide light housekeeping, laundry, shopping and personal care. Companions provide socialization and light snacks. Candidates must be reliable, compassionate, and have reliable transportation. Please call 1-800-649-4364.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

13—Barbara Galli
27—Rose Reith
27—Frances Thompson
27 - Noni Linton
28—Bobbie Helbig

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!

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS
COLLECTING CANS AND BOTTLES FOR
MISSION & OUTREACH. DONATIONS GO
IN THE LARGE SILVER BOX IN THE
PARISH HALL.**



Join us for Family Worship in Blakely Hall

September 13 & 27

When families come together to
worship with kids in mind.

Financial News

On the income side:

- Pledges are still behind budget by \$2,500, adjusting for the pre-paid pledges.
- A quick look at the income shows where we are ahead and where we are behind, but overall we are okay for now. (See financial reports posted here: <http://www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org/holy-trinity-news-2/church-newsletter/>, and attached to emailed Tidings.)

On the expense side

- Many lines are under budget, but funds are in reserve when they are needed.
- Overall income is covering expenses

A few comments:

- We now have \$25,000 in general reserve. Some funds will be needed for expenses not yet incurred. On the statement of financial position I included as a liability the ~\$9,000 for the brick work under contract, but not billed yet.
- We have \$5,510.89 in the building reserve fund.
- We have \$3,734.00 in the insurance fund towards the once-a-year payment in December.
- We have \$4,425.91 in the fuel fund with the last burner booster payment of \$1,500 due in September. We have enough oil to probably get us through the 2015-16 heating season.
- We purchased 3 more Stations of the Cross for \$1,200 from the memorial fund. We have \$1,592.20 remaining in the memorial fund.
- For other designated funds please see the statement of financial position. (Posted here: <http://www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org/holy-trinity-news-2/church-newsletter/>, and attached to emailed Tidings.)

We are coming up to budget time and various ministries have been asked to submit budget requests for the coming year. The finance committee will be meeting in early September.

We will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the building in 2019-2020 and plans are underway for how we will mark this occasion.

Nancy Waugh, our Stewardship Chair, summarized nicely in her July Stewardship letter how these “raw numbers” translate into God’s mission in our parish, our community, and the world. Good reading!

*In Christ,
Susan Howland, Treasurer*



Collecting Change for Change the Babies Helping the Mampong Children and Babies home in Kumasi Ghana

The water bottle, located on Sunday mornings on the Narthex Table, has some change in it! Please continue to bring in your loose change or empty your pockets at church! The money collected goes directly to help support the mission - pays for electric, food and medicines - of the Mampong Children's and Babies Home in Kumasi Ghana.



YOGA TIME!

Practice hatha yoga for mind, body, spirit. Monday evening yoga: new session begins August 31st. Class runs from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. ; 7 week session; \$56 or \$10 per class drop-in fee.

Aug. 31st – October 19th, no class Labor Day Sept. 7th.

For more info, contact instructor Linda Davis.

(508-615-3568 karayogi@yahoo.com ; www.yogatimecharlton.com)

FLOWER MINISTRY

HTEC has had altar flowers provided by Cohasse Florist for many years. We are sad to announce that Cohasse Florist has closed their doors. We are taking this opportunity to try something a little different and have 1 vase of flowers, in front of the Altar, on the floor! We will also try out, not only florist provided arrangements, but also cut flowers, florist provided but arranged by Nina Signore. HTEC is trying out 2 florists: For the last week in August and the first 3 weeks in September, Town and Country Florist's and Green Thumb Florist's will be providing our flowers. The schedule will be as follows: August 30—Green Thumb, cut flowers; September 6—Town and Country, cut flowers; September 13—Green Thumb, arrangement; September 20—Town and Country, arrangement. Various parishioners will be taking photos to compare. We would appreciate your feedback! Please let us know who you prefer. A new flower dedication sheet will be located on the back table of the church. The new dedications will begin September 27. There will now be a set donation amount for flowers which will be noted once we choose a new florist. We are also looking into a dried arrangement that would stay in front of the altar, on the floor when ever there isn't a dedication for fresh flowers. Silk flowers are liturgically not an option. Thank you in advance for your help in this important decision! Peg Nelson, Nancy Waugh, Bobbie Helbig, Tamsin Lucey, Nina Signore and Fr. Richard Signore.



THE MISSION PLATE

During June and July, you donated \$176.00 for a Camp Foskett scholarship! Thank you! I am sure we will make a significant donation to the West Street School from our August donations too. Thank you to everyone, and Susan Grant, for purchasing the school supplies so children will have what they need to start their school year!

For the month of September we will collect donations for aid to the Syrian refugees through Episcopal Relief and Development. As I watch the world news each evening, I am overwhelmed by the risks they are willing to take, the hardships they endure, and the difficulties they face once they reach Greece and other countries in Europe. God knows of their suffering and

desire for freedom and safety, and we are the hands of Jesus to reach out to them with love and compassion. Please consider what you would do if you were in their situation- walk in their shoes for a moment, and then make your offering to the mission plate as you approach the altar for the Eucharist.

May the Holy Spirit care for and bless the refugees and all of us, all children of God.

Suzy Sharp ([774-241-3426](tel:774-241-3426))

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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

Wednesday, September 2—Noon to 2:00 p.m.— Salvation Army
Presentation

Sunday, September 6—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Saturday, September 12—9:30 to 10:30 a.m.—Free Community Yoga

Sunday, September 13—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Sunday, September 13—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Monday, September 14—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, September 16—4:00 p.m.—Daughters Of The King Meeting

Sunday, September 20—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Saturday, September 26—4:30 p.m.—Free Community Super @ Elm Street

Congregational—Chili Fest.

Sunday, September 27—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

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