



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## September 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,

Portents (solar eclipses) and natural signs are taken to indicate cataclysmic changes to life as we know it. Perhaps our eco-systems, teetering on the edge of radical change, will resolve in sudden, drastic flux in habitats that have supported life for eons.

But September represents a moment to chart a course forward for ourselves. Every bit as important as decisions in these critical arenas. Decisions on how we pray, what we pray for, where we pray. How we choose to support the life of prayer in our parish; our street, at the core of our lives. It is appropriate to pray now about our challenges to be faced to develop our parish over the years. We can quietly consider what God needs done, and where we can joyously take part. These are, in fact, the life changing decisions that will transform what, in God, we are coming to be.

Pray, and rest. Smile, and accept the peace of God; sing in praise to God as it flows spontaneously from your heart. Now is a wonderful time for renewed beginnings!

I remain, faithfully yours in Christ,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

## THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

I am so thankful to be part of a community that works together in mission, and Vacation Bible School is one example. I don't think there was anyone who did not contribute. Most importantly, thank you to the Family Worship Team for making the week a success. Also to be open to last minute registrations making it a little challenging. Thank you for transforming HTC to make it fun and welcoming. Everyone contributed from sponsoring a child, donating food for Bible snack, preparing lunches for leaders and children, babysitting for the leaders, reading to the children as they arrived, making meals for the leaders, and praying for VBS. Serving our community is part of our mission at Holy Trinity and it takes a committed parish to carry out God's mission. I look forward to Sunday, September 3, 2017, when the children will lead us with their VBS lessons and music.

Thank you to Ray Beaupre for replacing the hand railings on the handicap ramp. We have many unsung parishioners who see a need and just do it. They don't do it for the recognition. They use their gifts for God's purpose. Thank you for being a good steward.

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

Nancy Waugh

## HTEC CHOIR

Choir will officially begin on Sunday, October 16. Starting on Sunday, September 10, anyone is welcome to come sing the hymns with me at 9:00 a.m. It is a great way to get in your worship mood by singing our faith-based hymns.

God Bless, Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

## Bible Study in September (to follow the coffee hour)

**Sept. 3rd** - bring your favorite Psalm to share and discuss

**Sept 10th** - we will discuss the paranoid or violent psalms (e.g., psalms 31, 35; 137; 8, 14, 15)

**Sept 17th** - we will discuss Psalms of Faith (e.g., psalms 91, 101 to 109)

**Sept 24th** - we will discuss Psalms of the Festal Shout - Hallel (praise) psalms, #'s 113 to 118; Psalms of Ascent; #'s 120-134

Join us for Family Worship

in Blakely Hall

September 10 & 24

When families come

together to worship with kids in mind.

## 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](tel:7742004279).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Bart Krug 13-Barbara Galli 27-Rose Reith 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!

### THE MISSION PLATE

A few weeks ago Rev. Meredith Ward came to HTC and spoke briefly about a program in Worcester that St. Luke's Episcopal Church supports---LAUNDRY LOVE. This program offers free laundry once a month to patrons, items such as diapers, baby wipes, tampons, juice, dryer sheets, etc. Plus conversation and connection!

Please fill the mission plate in September for LAUNDRY LOVE ! As you do your laundry, think of those struggling to keep their families clean and afford the laundromat! They need many quarters!

GOD bless everyone.

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

### July Financial Report

#### Income

- The trusts distribution just came in so the income is over budget adjusting for the prepaid pledges.
- Pledges are better than expected adjusting for anticipated unfulfilled pledges.

#### Expenses

- Many lines are under budget, but tend to even out during the second 1/2 of the year.

The reserve fund is very healthy.

Money is also in reserve for the kitchen renovation.

See financial reports for more detail.

Susan Howland, Treasurer

### Keeping you informed!

- During the first 2 weeks of Sept. we expect work to start on the Undercroft Kitchen renovations.
- Friday, Sept. 15, United Way Day of Caring will see United Way community volunteers at Holy Trinity clearing some undergrowth "beyond" the fence and around the fire exit door from the Parish Hall and classrooms.
- Friday, Sept. 22, The YMCA Daycare EXPECT to move classroom items to their newly renovated space off Marcy St.

KEEPING YOU  
**Informed**

Questions? please talk with Tamsin Lucey after church or call her on [774 200 4279](tel:774-200-4279).



Sunday, October 15, plan to attend a celebration for the 200th anniversary of the first service in Springfield, MA, held at Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, and hear Presiding

Bishop Curry preach!



### VBS CELEBRATION SERVICE!

*September 3, 2017*

Come and celebrate another successful year! T-shirts will be available for all campers and crew to pick up.

Thank you to all who supported VBS this year! We were overjoyed by the attendance! God is good and He was in the hearts of all as we spread His good word!

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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**

**Sunday, September 3—9:30 a.m.—VBS Celebration**

11:30 p.m.—Bible Study

**Sunday, September 10—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship**

11:30 p.m.—Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 13—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday, September 17—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service**

11:30 p.m.—Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 20—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King**

**Sunday, September 24—9:30 p.m.—Family Worship**

11:30 p.m.—Bible Study

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