



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## September 2018

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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,

The turning of the season is a time to take the growth of summer, and reap the fruit! After experimenting with different amounts of water and direct sunlight, my Hungarian peppers have produced some spicy new flavors - but the tomatoes have lagged behind and only now seem to be taking form.

And alike, questions of the soul begin to take shape, like a cliff emerging through a fog bank, glinting in the distance. "Soul questions" are about how one loves, how one cherishes the folks most near and dear, what ventures demand one's time with integrity and passion, and what mission has become more clearly the reflection of God's heart. Such is irresistible!

I hope your summer has also let you rest in God and clarify your truest self. I invite you to sift such questions as we draw close to the REVIVAL with our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry. You know the Bible stories (we read the whole text every three years via the Lectionary) - pray about where God's story and your personal story become the ground of new life, new hope. Come and offer these latest spouts to God as we seek renewal and freedom in God. The joy of the harvest! Come and seek the Lord where God wills to be found!!

Peace in the Risen Christ!!!

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, beef stew, soup, Spaghetios, soup mix (like Lipton's chicken noodle), Ramen noodles

★ **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Brian Canty and Roy Baum for painting the hall and kitchen in the undercroft.

Join us for Family Worship  
in Blakely Hall  
September 2, 9, & 16  
When families come  
together to worship with  
kids in mind.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Bart Krug 13—Barbara Galli 27—Rose Reith 27 - Noni Linton

*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!*

## MISSION PLATE

*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. "*

This September, we will continue to collect for Southbridge Community Connections. This is an organization whose mission is "to establish a coalition among residents, service providers, local government, businesses and the faith community." They report that they need socks and underwear of varying sizes. So that is how we will help--by making a monetary donation, so they can get the needed socks and underwear for our neighbors!

*Suzy Sharp , 774-230-3426*

## REVIVAL ATTENDANCE

Dear Fellow Parishioners;

As we await the upcoming visit of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, to the Revival on October 21 in Worcester, the vestry of Holy Trinity Church would like to determine numbers of the congregation with the intention of attending.

As we would like to encourage attendance, we want to make sure that transportation will not be an issue. In an effort to determine possible attendance we have provided a signup sheet at the back of the church, and some members have already signed up.

The Diocese may be providing a bus which would stop at various churches, or, more conveniently, carpooling from Southbridge may be arraigned. If you could indicate on the signup sheet whether you need a ride or if you could provide rides, and how many, that would be helpful.

Bishop Curry has a well-deserved reputation as a public speaker, spiritually uplifting, exciting, and motivational. From the Episcopal Church's General Convention to the Royal Wedding at St. George's Chapel, Bishop Curry has brought light and the love of God to all. As this will be the event of a lifetime all are encouraged to attend, not only as representatives of Holy Trinity Church but also as members of the Jesus Movement.

Faithfully,  
John W. Grant, Senior Warden

# #VoteFaithfully

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us,

*"we are blessed as a nation to vote. As citizens of this country this is a right, an obligation, and a duty. Go vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor, to participate in the process of seeking the common good, to participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as followers of Jesus."*

**Register to vote!** We cannot engage in the public square through voting if we're not registered to vote! Don't procrastinate-get registered today! Visit <https://vote.gov> to get registered NOW.

**Be an informed voter!** Research the candidates ahead of time, even for local elections.

Know what you need to take with you to the polling station in order to vote.

**Vote!** Make sure you know where to vote, or, if necessary, how to cast an absentee ballot!

Go to Rock the Vote for voting info.

**Mobilize!** Find friends and fellow parishioners who aren't yet registered and sign up together.

Talk to youth and young adults about the importance of registering and help get them registered. Volunteer or host a voter registration drive, or help people get to their polling station. Share on social media that you #VoteFaithfully to remind and encourage others to vote too.

**Join Lawyers and Collars!** This initiative engages pastors, imams, rabbis, and other faith leaders, to stand alongside lawyers at voting precincts of vulnerable citizens. They will provide a combined legal and moral presence against voter suppression, intimidation, and harassment. Check out their website for more information.

"Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life and that is a Christian obligation." -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

## FINANCIAL REPORT

There is no substantial change from last month. Pledges are still behind the expected arrearage by about \$1,752 which is improved from last month. Just a reminder that any budgeted and unspent money is put in reserve for when needed.

- We accepted the bids for the brickwork, which will be done in September, and the heating system in the classroom wing.
- The ministry development grant closeout paperwork for the kitchen renovation was submitted in July.
- The fire system will be tested mid-august.
- We will schedule the boilers to be cleaned in late August/early September we are watching for a good price on oil to top off the tank for the winter.

Blessing,  
Susan Howland, Treasurer



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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 2—9:30 a.m.**—Morning Prayer & Family Worship
- Sunday, September 9—9:30 a.m.**—Family Worship
- Wednesday, September 12—7:00 p.m.**—Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, September 16—9:30 a.m.**—Healing Service & Family  
Worship
- Wednesday, September 19—4:00 p.m.**—Daughters of the King

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