



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!

Here is a meditation on your Remote Control. The "clicker" that rules our life acts as a tool for discernment of our Spiritual state of being. Consider it!! I point the clicker at the cable box - what do I select? Lately, the great old classic movies seem very compelling: the great stories with a window into the basic needs for human connection, inclusion, personal validation. In 1937, when "Captain's Courageous" was filmed there was a validation of a simple, personal faith, a life of prayer for all in the film. Beautiful, but, yet, without an "external social reference" point; there was no clear "flesh and blood" practical steps to do; no specific "call to action" to engage the need for a higher call to Justice commonly shared.

And sometimes my clicker is drawn to the current news and affairs of state, where we learn of the imposition of attitudes and policies which grant great benefits to some and curtail the lives of others, raising questions of fairness which implicitly ask of us "How do we stand for fairness and equality in the public square shared by all?" Does this not cause renewed desire for the blessings of a Kingdom where it practices ethics as God desires?

Review what you seek to fill your mind, and strive for balance. No "one size fits all." Rather, hold in mind that knowing is not enough. One has to act as well. To draw alongside may be the most Christ-like activity in which anyone can ever engage. As you prepare for the Diocesan REVIVAL in prayer and soul searching, be ready and bring your best self. I remain,

Your friend and Rector,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

pancake mix, maple syrup, jelly, cereal (what they get from the pantry is pretty generic like corn flakes and wheat chex, so more "fun" types are appreciated.)

Join us for Family
Worship in Blakely Hall
October 14 & 28
When families come
together to worship
with kids in mind.



Thank you to the team that created a permanent base for our trash & recycling bins, and the bench out in front of the church. It looks fantastic!

TEAM

Lana, Joe, Will & Sam Pieczynski
Dan Macumber
Dave DeMings
Brian Canty

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Kurt Frisch 3—Peg Nelson 4 - Will Pieczynski 7 - Chris Briere 14—Cathy Theodoss
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!

MISSION PLATE

Our diocese has a mission for veterans called **Building Bridges**. Some parish members recently suggested that we collect donations for veterans in October, and Building Bridges seems a perfect fit. There is a wonderful explanation about this mission on the diocesan website, and I urge you to go online and hear what the Bishop and veterans say about it.

Veterans Day is November 11. Let's send the diocese a check that says we care, support this mission, and give thanks for our veterans.

Suzy Sharp, 774-230-3426

Fall 2018 Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Mark

Please join us for a fun and informative fall Bible Study. Our sessions began on September 19. Sessions will follow on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday evenings (no meeting on Halloween, Oct. 31). Cheese, bread, snacks, and wine will be provided. Sessions will be from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM, and may move from home to home if a participant chooses to make such an invitation.

The curriculum content will include brief videos on how to read the Holy Scriptures, and have a specific focus on the portions of St. Mark to be read. These are brief, approximately 7 minutes. The videos are to be followed by a short discussion until 7:00 PM.

Each class will contain an extended reading from St. Mark. This is much how the early church encountered scripture. When the church of the 1st century gathered, scripture texts were read in their totality at one sitting. This may take a little adjustment to listen well, even to a simple extended portion. But such extended reading allows the hearer to knit together themes, draw the instruction and spiritual belief system out of the teaching, actions, miracles, and explanations from Jesus, as contained in the text. This is a unique method in which to be confronted with the Spirituality of Jesus, as understood and articulated by St. Mark in the Gospel text he authored. Here is an opportunity to encounter God in Scripture more extensively than the short serial readings, normally presented at Sunday liturgy.

Plan to come and bring some snacks to share as we listen for the Word of God, as living children of the One who creates us all.

WINTER COAT CLOSET

Winter coats for men, women, youth and children will be available on Saturday mornings from 9-11 am, October 20 through December 15. Clean, gently used coats are always in need!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir Rehearsal will begin on Sunday, October 14. We will meet after church at 11:00am. Please get a coffee, say hello, then meet Anne in the sanctuary. We will rehearse for 45 to 60 minutes. Many voices make light work. If you are able to carry a tune, read and love music, please consider joining us. If you have any questions, see Anne after church or call her cell, 508-612-1246. God's Blessings. **There will be no rehearsal on Sunday, October 21, because of the Revival.*

You're Invited!

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO THE
STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING BRUNCH
NOVEMBER 18
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday
October 7
@ 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

"...with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in work or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:16-17

The **UNITED THANK OFFERING** of the Episcopal Church is a more than just a fundraiser. It is an opportunity to participate in a personal spiritual discipline of thanks and gratitude that supports God's mission throughout the world. On **Sunday, October 14**, we will hold our annual UTO ingathering. Bring your little blue boxes, drop a few coins in the box at the back of the church or stash some cash in the UTO envelope. Your thanksgiving offering will unite with others' prayers and thankful quarters, dimes, and dollars and will be presented at the Eucharist service at the Diocesan Convention.

"One act of prayerful tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can ever imagine."

Diane Nichols



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!"



NOVEMBER 10 FROM 4:30PM-8:00PM
At Holy Trinity Church in the Undercroft



BRING A CULTURAL DISH & DESSERT TO SHARE!

This is a potluck dinner. Please bring enough to feed 5 people.
Beverages provided. You may also wear a native costume, if desired. If you have a special song, poem, one-man monologue, or comedy from your heritage, please share!

Bring a friend or family member—the more, the merrier!

RSVP on the table at the back of the church by November 4.

Any questions, please see Lorraine Brumskine (917) 676-0754



Help is needed to set up before the event, and clean up after the event. If you are able to help in one or both of these areas, please sign up at the back of the church.
Thank you!

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!



transforming  generosity

Dear Friends,

I am energized by this year's stewardship theme, "Transforming Generosity." I like it because it has two meanings.

The first way to look at it is that *generosity can transform us, our community and our church*. When we become financially generous, we can empower the ministry of Holy Trinity Church and transform the wider community.

The second meaning is that *we can transform what generosity looks like*. We can define generosity as the way we live our lives and the way our church works in the community. We are called to be generous financially. But we are also called to be generous in the way we welcome newcomers, care for the planet, forgive those who have offended us, and care for our facilities.

This year's pledge drive is about more than our parish budget. It is about how we transform generosity and allow generosity to transform us. I know our lives can be changed through this work. I hope each one of us will prayerfully review the reflections written for the Sundays during our pledge campaign. They represent a variety of voices on generosity from across the Church.

I hope you'll join me as we work together to transform generosity in our church, our community and our lives. You are invited to a stewardship breakfast on November 18, 2018.

Faithfully,
Nancy Waugh
Stewardship chair



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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, October 3—6:30 p.m.—Bible Study
Sunday, October 7—9:30 a.m.—Blessing of the Animals
Wednesday, October 10—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting
Sunday, October 14—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 17—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King
6:30 p.m.—Bible Study
Saturday, October 20—9:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet
Sunday, October 21—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service
Saturday, October 27—9:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet
Sunday, October 28—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

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