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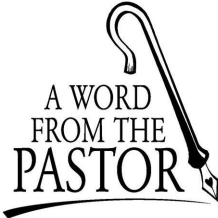
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Dear friends!

Summer is overtaking us; the rise in heat and humidity leave us looking to keep to small, refined movements, and frequent stops to rest and re-hydrate. We have done the labor of Spring; and in more temperate days have turned the soil, placed the rooting plants and fixed string and pole to allow the vine to lengthen in support of many beans. Now a little water each day,

and the harvest will multiply beyond measure.

We would be hard-pressed to say "why?" - or even "how?" But that the miracle of life in water, sun, soil; have started to birth God's design, unknown to anyone else. How much of living is waiting on the outcomes that are beyond our control? How much is offered to us as a matter of grace beyond the small toils we expend? Summer teaches us that we may do what we are aware is needful, but when the tools are cast aside, the Author of life is still

writing.....

.....how God blesses us! In the mystery of child-birth; and the spontaneity of affection; the durability of love; the richness brought through a faith perspective; the promise of eternity and the gracious company of the Saints in light. The Author of life is still writing.....

So the grace of God brings to light all that shares Glory, and raises our gratitude. Because the story so written is more than we could ask or imagine! Thanks be to God for the grace of God's favor!! I remain,

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

## Don't Forget!

- \* Food pantry items: Powdered Lemonade Mix, iced tea mix, tea, coffee, spaghetti sauce, toilet tissue, soap and dish soap
- \* Bring in your soda cans and bottles and donate them to the Mission box in the Parish Hall!
- \* If you have a change in address, email, or phone number, please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew) and put it in the offering box for the secretary. Thanks!

## The Time for Singing Has Come

I am using a list of favorite hymns from members and friends of HTC. We are singing the hymn during the offertory and I would love to have as many favorite hymns as possible. My hope is to go through the month of September with our favorite hymn time. Please send me an email

[anniebouv@gmail.com](mailto:anniebouv@gmail.com) or leave the hymn name, number if applicable, and what book it is from. You may also let Chris know in the office. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM to go over the hymns. If you enjoy singing hymns, this is the place to be.

## July Birthdays

- 1 – Sam Pieczynski
- 2—Peter Lucey
- 6 – Diane Nichols
- 15 – Paul Aloia
- 29—Norma Kennedy
- 29 – Ryan Bousquet



## Creation Care Corner

*We are called to do what is right, even if it requires more effort.*

November 8 is the LAST day stores in Southbridge will be able to give you a plastic bag to take your shopping home. The town has adopted a by-law banning the use of plastic shopping bags. So... be prepared to use paper bags or, even better, bring your own re-useable bag. For the month of July, Big Y Supermarkets will donate \$1 toward food insecurity – if YOU choose Holy

Trinity Church, we will direct the funds to Food Share. Stop & Shop will also allow you to direct a \$1 DONATION to Holy Trinity Church that we will forward to Food Share. That program is year-round. Be prepared! Re-useable bags from grocery stores cost \$2.50, less than a take out coffee, snack or meal.

FYI—Canada recently approved banning ALL plastic straws,

plastic stirrers, and Q-tips with plastic stems by 2021. YOU can make a difference NOW by choosing not to use a plastic straw or to buy Q-tips with paper stems.

Just Do It.



## Joining the Chorus of Grateful Thanks!!!

The past few weeks have seen people of the Parish rise to the call to be Christ to one another! How beautiful and gracious!! Thanks are offered for:

Eileen DeMings, for organizing curriculum and arrangements for our First Communion classes; and for the Family Worship parents for gathering the children, who themselves studied and learned a greater understanding of their faith. Thank you to all!! This is a “standing-O” effort!!

And also to Lynn Garland, Cat & Nate Lowery, and helpers for their work to develop and create the Meditation Garden. Please look over the article on the making of the Garden; but here let us just say Thank You to all

who worked to bring such a beautiful space into being!! Kudos!!!! This is a great gift to us and the neighborhood, a respite from the rigors of the day-to-day.

And for the team who worked to organize the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to kick-off a year of celebrating our beautiful building and spiritually forceful community, we have deep, deep praise! For Nancy Waugh, Mick and Barbara Kalber, Peg & Bill Nelson, Susan Howland (history and music), Joe DiSalvatore, John Grant, Anne (our organist) and Susan, Dave, Jean, Nina, Robin, our choir; Tamsin – logistics facilitator, and Cat bringing together the talent portion.

The picnic gave us time to connect with greater understanding, the grilling excelled, and the food was great. Sunday focused our sense of mission as we remembered the gift our worship space presents, recognizing the power to stand with faith in the street, that comes from our prayerful rest with God each Sunday. All the arrangements were a delight, and the earnest care among the members remains a joy to the heart. Thank you all so many times over!!!

Thank You!

## Exciting News! Community Bag Programs for Big Y and Stop N Shop

### Big Y—

We are so excited to share that Holy Trinity Church has been selected to be a part of the Big Y Community Bag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment. For the month of July, each time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Big Y located in Southbridge, \$1 will be donated to one of our food

pantry ministries, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment and fundraise for our cause. Let's get started! We can begin by spreading the news to our friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media. The more people who learn about the program and purchase the Community Bag during the month of July, the

more money we will raise. To learn more about this program, please visit [bigy.bags4mycause.com](http://bigy.bags4mycause.com).



### Stop N Shop—

We are so excited to share that Holy Trinity Church is now participating in the Stop & Shop Giving Tag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers of Stop & Shop stores to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment. This ongoing opportunity can be taken advantage of **at any** Stop & Shop store. All you have to do is purchase a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag, follow the instructions on the attached Giving Tag and we will receive a \$1 donation! This is a great way to support the environment and fundraise for one of our food pantry

ministries. If everyone on our email list purchased just ONE bag and directed the \$1 donation to us, we would receive a donation of about \$100! Let's get started! We can begin by sharing the news of this opportunity with our friends and family. Call, send emails and post on social media. The more people who learn about the program, purchase the Community Bag and use the attached Giving Tag to direct the donation to Holy Trinity Church, the more money we will raise. To learn more about this program, please visit [stopandshop.bags4mycause.com](http://stopandshop.bags4mycause.com).

\*\*Please note that the tag program is good for 7 days after purchase. You must go on the computer and select your nonprofit or the \$1 will go to the community bag recipient of the month.



## Someone in need of prayers?

Write their name on a yellow prayer card sheet at the back of the church and place it into the DOK prayer request box. Your request will be added to the monthly DOK prayer concerns list and will be remembered daily in prayer.



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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**

**Wednesday, July 10—7:00 p.m.—Vestry**

**Wednesday, July 17—1:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King**

**Sunday, July 21—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service**



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