

# SEPTEMBER TIDINGS

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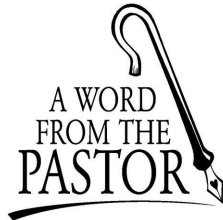
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## Don't Forget!

- \* Food pantry items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, beef stew, soup, Spaghettios, soup mix (Like Lipton's chicken noodle), Ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce
- \* 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!



Dear Friends,

There are many "formularies" used to describe Church life. Pithy little sayings often directly taken from Scripture. "Yet You are Holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel." (Psalm 22:3) [Alternate translation: "inhabiting... [the praises of Israel.]"

The act of daily prayer fills our soul with gratitude to God, honoring God as the source of all life, and simultaneously lifting our soul to adore God simply for the embrace of pure, Holy Love, coming from Holy places! To sit at the Lord's feet, like Mary, is to choose the better part: as conflict dissolves in the desire to simply honor God.

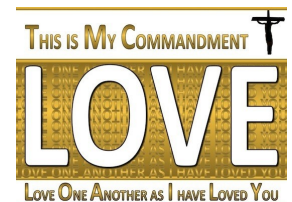
This mystical union of the Soul with God is

made complete in the issuance of love and concern for others. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ." (Galations 6:2) "My commandment is this: Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) "When you did it to the least of these your siblings, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:34-40) Clearly when one is confronted with the radical compassion, love, and forgiveness shown in Jesus, our lives seem small unless we learn to give back those same spiritual gifts.

Holy Trinity, in its history, was fond of using incense to complement ritual and vestments, with the care to make liturgy reflect a catholicity in faith and practice. These ancient symbols were renewed in the Church, in large part, through the influence of the Oxford Movement (Oxford, UK;

in the 1800's). After vigorous liturgy, congregants were known to visit the docks and tougher neighborhoods to bring food, clothing, and faith to the indigent. Where true love is given to God in prayer and liturgy, it of necessity results in the actions of loving compassion. The Eucharist, as sign of our unity in Christ, is completed when and where our service to the world commences. This, in turn, feeds our worship as we delight to bring the needs of hurting people before God in our public prayers. This is what September is all about: renewing our dedication to the worship of God and service to the world.

With every best wish I remain,  
Your Friend and Rector,  
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore



## Creation Care Corner (article taken from Abundant Times)

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

*Written by The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Missioner for Creation Care*

From Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, the Diocese of Western MA will unite with Christians around the world in celebrating a special season of prayer and action to protect God's creation....

"As the environmental crisis deepens, we Christians are urgently called to witness to our faith by taking bold action to preserve the gift we share. As the psalmist sings, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein' (Psalm 24:1-2). During the Season of Creation,

we ask ourselves: Do our actions honor the Lord as Creator? Are there ways to deepen our faith by protecting 'the least of these,' who are most vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation?"

"We invite you to join us on a journey of faith that challenges and rewards us with fresh perspective and deeper bonds of love. United in our sincere wish to protect creation and all those who share it, we join hands across denominations as sisters and brothers in Christ.

During this season, we walk together towards greater stewardship of our place in creation." The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England

**You can make a difference by:**

- Taking 1 less car journey
- Reducing single use plastic
- Buy glass/cans, not plastic

**WHAT WILL OUR CONGREGATION DO THIS CREATION SEASON?**

**WHAT WILL YOU DO?**



## Big Y Community Bag Program

Thank you to all who participated in the Big Y Community Bag Program in July! With your help, we raised \$57.00 for Foodshare! You may still contribute to this program all year long! Just take the giving tag that is attached to the bag, follow the instructions, and select Holy Trinity as the recipient! So easy! As you probably have heard, all Big Y Supermarkets have gone (or will be going) plastic bag free! They will be charging for a paper bag if you do not bring your own grocery bag. This is a great way to increase your collection of bags while helping the local food pantry at the same time! If you have any questions, please see Chris Bolte or Tamsin Lucey.

## The Mission Plate

Our VBS children and leaders are participating in OPERATION KID-TO-KID, a program that Group Publishing and World Vision have partnered with to help moms and babies in Zambia. The first 1000 days of life are critical, and this program aims to give pregnant women help and information, monitor children's growth and nutrition, provide vitamin A to prevent blindness and reduce risk

of infection, and educate parents on nutritious foods in their communities.

OPERATION-KID-TO-KID sounds like a great idea for all of us to get behind! Let's fill the mission plate during September and help our kids help those in Zambia. Blessings to all.

*Suzy Sharp*

## September Birthdays

4—Bart Krug  
13—Barbara Galli  
27—Rose Reith



## Office Notes

The office will be closed on Thursday, September 5. It will be open on Wednesday, September 4th instead.

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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

**Sunday Services**

**9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist**

**Celebrant and Preacher  
The Rev. Richard Signore**

**Save These Dates**

**Wednesday, September 11—7:00 p.m.—Vestry**

**Sunday, September 15—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service  
9:30 a.m.—DOK Installation**



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