



# OCTOBER TIDINGS

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## Don't Forget!

- \* Food pantry items: Pancake mix, maple syrup, jelly, fun types of cereal
- \* 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,

St. Francis is known first as a gentle soul, whose kind and embracing nature extended to all living beings. The people around him, his companions in "war games" as a youth, soon to become his companions in prayer and in working for the relief of the poor, signaled Francis' changing perspective. He moved from the nobility of romanticized mortal combat (the dreams of the youth) to the love of the life God had bestowed to each (a mature grasp of true honor, in offering a bloodied soldier his own—and only—robe; 1/2 his worldly

possessions).

To honor the creature is to honor the design of the Creator; to dishonor anyone is an affront to God.

For St. Francis, the "order of Nature" was God's Word present and active, establishing the balance among competing notions of right behavior and dispelling greed and the impulse to acquire more and more. The simple supper one grew for oneself and one's travel mates was the height of richness. Creation itself is plenty. St. Francis left Assisi on retreat with his monks, and the towns people restored the slate roof on the monastery; but Francis hurled them off, saying, "Nothing comes between my monks and God!"

St. Francis' life teaches

us much about the relationships between ourselves and the bounty we marshal and ultimately share, to the relief of all. The desire to "save" creation is the most basic duty before God. When you heard there are micro-plastic particles falling in the snow in the Arctic Circle, were you not saddened? How much we have done....how much can we repair while life is still afforded to us? We hope in God's renewal of all people and things!

The Blessing of the Animals will be October 13 this year. Let us delight in the wonderment of God in Creation, and renew our commitment to honor what God has given!!

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



Sunday, October 13  
@ 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.

**Creation Care Corner—We are called to do what is right, even if it requires more effort. Creation Care issues for you to pray about and ponder on.**



The Great Barrier Reef (a coral reef off the coast of Australia) and all other coral reefs around the world ARE DYING. They have been for many years, AND WE have known about it for years AND WE know WHY—pollution and a rise in water temperature! Everything has a tipping point, a point beyond which there is no return. The tipping point for the Coral Reefs is about 10 yrs. IF the coral reefs DIE, the eco-cycle that they are part of DIES as well! That will have a knock-on affect and will ultimately effect US!

This is just one small example of climate change—which is now being referred to as OUR climate emergency because IT IS HAPPENING NOW! WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART to reduce the effects of OUR climate emergency. Where to start? Start by having conversations with family and friends about climate change. Talk about what YOU and your family use and what happens to it when YOU are DONE with IT! What energy (i.e., carbon emissions) was consumed to make IT and to get rid of IT? Will ITS

disposal take up space somewhere forever? Do you KNOW where your TRASH GOES? Will IT end up in the ocean? Could IT have been packaged more environmental-ly friendly? What can YOU DO NOW? Reduce YOUR consumption of single-use plastic, recycle everything that you can, and make sure that you source electricity from a company that produces electricity from renewable sources.

Submitted by Tamsin Lucey

## Winter Coat Closet

The Winter Coat Closet at Holy Trinity Church will be open every Saturday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 am, beginning October 19th through December 14th. Those wishing to donate clean, gently used winter coats can drop them off at the church on Saturday mornings. Please no light-weight or dry-clean only coats and no other type clothing,

as space is limited. Men's and large size coats are especially needed.

This is an ecumenical mission supported by many churches in the area. There are coats available for men, women and children, as well as some hats, mittens and scarves. Come browse through our racks! For

more information call Chris McTigue, 508-248-4726.



## The Mission Plate

During October and November, the mission plate donations will go to a charity for VETERANS!

I am not sure at this moment which veteran organization, so would appreciate your help in making that decision.

Do you have a favorite that you give to occasionally? Please advise me. I am saddened by the rate of suicides among vets, and their

homelessness. Any small donation that we can make will have an effect. Let's make the next two months a time of remembrance, a time to honor our veterans.

I await your suggestions.

Suzy Sharp  
774-230-3426

## October Birthdays

- 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





**NOVEMBER 16 FROM 3:00PM-5:00PM**

**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 3.**

***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!**

## Stewardship News

Dear Friends,

I'm happy to share this year's stewardship theme, "Shining Our Light." That theme, taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, speaks to us as individuals and as a community of faith.

Individually, each of us is called to let God's light shine through our work, our friendships, our service and our giving. We are called to be light bearers. It is a powerful calling.

As a faith community, Holy Trinity is called to shine the light of Christ. We do this through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care and ministry to each other and the wider community.

At Holy Trinity, I'm often inspired

by the way God uses the time and talent our community members and attenders contribute to keep Holy Trinity's light shining. Some participate in our worship either by providing music, assisting in the service or leading Family Worship. Some help prepare the worship space with flowers or altar vestments. Others provide food and welcome for coffee hour. Still others help our children shine their light by participating in Vacation Bible School. Our building and grounds are maintained by people who share their light through those services. And everyone contributes the bright light of their presence. Our annual pledge drive provides

the opportunity for each of us to identify what we feel called to contribute financially to ensure Holy Trinity continues to shine the light and love of Christ brightly. I invite you to join me in pledging as we work together to shine our light in church, in our community and in our lives. And you are invited to attend a Stewardship breakfast on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

Faithfully,  
Lynn Garland  
Stewardship Chair



## 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 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!"



## The United Thank Offering

*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude."* -A. Milne

How many of us have ever dropped a penny in a fountain or pond and watched the ripple of water as it extends outward? I often think of those tiny pennies dropped into the little blue UTO box as synonymous with pennies

dropped into the water. Every penny dropped into the box becomes an ever extending circle of goodness and a token of our gratitude.

The Annual UTO Ingathering will take place on Sunday, October 20. Please bring your blue box for blessing and counting. Envelopes will also be available in the pews for your donations. We will

continue to collect donations until Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our parish contributions will be presented at the cathedral during the Diocesan convention.

*"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you say your nightly prayers. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome good."* -Maya Angelou

-Diane Nichols, UTO Representative



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Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\*unless otherwise noted\*

### **The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts**

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, October 2—6:30 p.m.**—Bible & Wine Study-BLC

**Wednesday, October 9—7:00 p.m.**—Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, October 13—9:30 a.m.**—Blessing of the Animals

**Wednesday, October 16—6:30 p.m.**—Bible & Wine Study-HTC

**Saturday, October 19—9:00 a.m.**—Winter Coat Closet

**Sunday, October 20—9:30 a.m.**—Healing Service & UTO Ingathering

**Saturday, October 26—9:00 a.m.**—Winter Coat Closet



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