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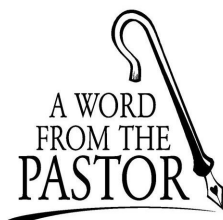
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Dear Friends,
The reach of this current pandemic has been vast and deep. We have voluntarily delayed our freedom to congregate in order to practice safe, effective, medical precaution. And we chose to do it because, simply put, it is wisdom. Wisdom allows us to endure and be available for God's future. Take heart, we are coming through the first wave, and we have learned much!

The re-opening of the Churches in our Diocese will take place in phases, as we find our way forward. In cooperation with the Diocese in Boston and epidemiologists from the Boston hospitals, plans will be made to allow us to be together safely. The Facebook video broadcast of the service will continue, if you chose to remain in

quarantine for safety-sake.

The target date is currently July 1. The conditions considered necessary to begin to gather are to see a steady decrease for 14 days in both coronavirus mortality, and in the rate of new infections. This would signal the retreat of the virus. If new cases begin to appear, this target date will be pushed back until the "conditions for re-opening are evident." If the disease returns and is raging, wisdom dictates that we wait until it is more sufficiently under control.

Please plan to bring and wear a face-mask when we return to church. We will practice "social-distancing" of six feet in all directions. Seating in the pews will need to be carefully predetermined to ensure people are "staggered apart" and not clustered together. In all likelihood, the choir will need to stand apart, or be dispersed

through the congregational seating. We are NOT GOING BACK to the way it once was. We are going forward into new behaviors that help us defeat the virus even while we gather.

We can grieve the loss of the freedoms to embrace, to converse with no concern for the small moist particulates that project when we speak, or sing. It feels like we were caught in a naive confidence in our indestructibility. But now, we learn to embrace in Spirit, with renewed honor; and appreciation for our unity in Christ Jesus, known in the heart. Stated in silence, through eyes locked and smiles offered, word gently spoken. Thus to acknowledge each other, and our need of each other, that we may still show the life of God in the middle of this chaos.

May God pursue you with the embrace of Peace!
(The Reverend)
Richard S. Signore

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Don't Forget!

- * 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, or call our office. Thanks!

What in the World is God Doing at Holy Trinity Church?

Well, a lot!!!!

Prayer Requests

Please feel free to contact Fr. Richard by phone or email (Richard.signore@verizon.net/ 617-281-5183), or Chris in the office holytrinitysouthbridge@gmail.com/ 508-765-9559), to submit your personal prayer requests or concerns for others who are sick, dying, or in the midst of a family emergency. Also, your "thanksgivings" to share. We will add your intentions to the Sunday liturgy and the round of daily prayer offered by the Daughters of the King. If you have a desire for confidentiality, please so state when submitting your prayer request, and we can maintain anonymity as desired.

What else is God doing....?

You mean besides the incredibly steep learning curve to suddenly go live, on air, with no equipment or training??? The magicians who pulled off this trick are Susan Howland and Cat Reith-Lowery. Their adventurous spirit has allowed us to work in "Face-book" and in "Zoom."

This has allowed us to have Vestry meetings and committee meetings electronically, participating from remote locations. When the Governor reopens Massachusetts, we can stay in our electronic meeting room, as long as any apprehension to meet in person may remain.

On a few occasions, we have been able to gather the Family Worship children and staff for educational events and craft activities. These programs offer an additional format doing events. Including.....

A NEW COFFEE HOUR HANG-OUT, after Sunday liturgy and a brief break, starting at about 10:55 A.M. This gives us a chance to catch up, electronically face to face, and share the latest news and projections. Come meet in the Zoom Room (same invite link as Compline).

Our parish has received a very generous gift to sustain the building and the educational programs, but I'll let the Treasurer thrill us with details!!!!

A process of developing ministry in our neighborhood has produced some Diocesan support for the effort. Several interested parishioners have been meeting with Fr Reyes, in person and now electronically, with deepening energy of whom to consult to design helpful, needed ministry!!

Our energies have gotten behind the Covid-Emergency shelter organized at St Luke's Guest-house and with meals and materials supported this necessary sheltering for homeless individuals.

Group meetings can be scheduled for any group in the parish! Also notices can go out each week through the office. Please

let Susan Howland or Fr Richard know what needs to be scheduled or published as an announcement.

One-on-one private conversation is available to anyone who would benefit; please contact Fr Richard to schedule the electronic meeting room.

And as always, the leathers on the organ continue to cry out for duct tape, and work will be done to the motor and to the swell box. The Holy slate-roof has presented some small jobs that should bring us back to a warm, dry inside as soon as we have the details in hand.

God has been growing the Holy family at Holy Trinity, and the work continues unabated while we maintain the heritage given to us and in which we find our strength and hope!



Creation Care Corner

Highlights from <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/record-global-carbon-dioxide-concentrations-despite-covid-19-crisis> - Which

was linked in this month's Mission Matters Creation Care Article.

In the past few weeks there have been many reports of localized air quality improvements as the world has locked down to combat the coronavirus pandemic. However, the climate crisis is far from over.

The most recent data from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) shows global carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels rising sharply. In April 2020 the average concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere was, 416.21 parts per million (ppm), the highest since measurements began in Hawaii in 1958. ice-core records, it is possible to measure CO₂ trapped in deep Antarctic ice going back 800,000s years. These records indicate that such levels of CO₂ have not been

seen in the last 800,000 years. "This is, of course, of great concern for our climate, and demonstrates, yet again, that urgent action is needed to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. To keep average global warming to 1.5°C we need to achieve net zero emissions by 2040 (2055 at the latest)," says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP/GRID-Geneva and Programme Manager of the World Environment Situation Room.

Vehicular and air traffic, as well as industrial activity, has reduced sharply in most parts of the world since January 2020, BUT this is not the case with our electricity supply: 64% of the global electricity energy mix comes from fossil fuels (coal: 38%, gas: 23%, oil: 3%), according to the World Energy Outlook 2019. None of the fundamentals have changed (such as the shift to renewable energy, public transport, deforestation). Forest fires and wildfires that are increasing in likelihood and severity due to climate change continue to affect swathes of Brazil, Honduras, Myanmar, Thailand, and Venezuela, each fire emitting large amounts of

additional CO₂.

"Without fundamental shifts in global energy production, we should have no reason to expect a lasting reduction in emissions," says UNEP climate change expert Niklas Hagelberg.

"COVID-19 instead provides us a chance to take stock of the risks we are taking in our unsustainable relationship with our environment and seize the opportunity to rebuild our economies in more environmentally responsible ways. We must take serious account of global threats such as pandemics and climate disaster in order to build resilient markets, companies, countries, global systems and a healthy, sustainable future for everyone.

"Supporting fiscal stimulus and finance packages to take advantage of decarbonization and the accelerating renewable and clean energy transition will not be just a short-term economic win but a win for future resilience too," he adds.

For more information, please contact Pascal Peduzzi:

pascal.peduzzi@un.org

A Note from the Treasurer

I am pleased to inform the Parish of Holy Trinity Church of a very generous gift that Holy Trinity has received. This gift has been directed to the Dirlam Fund, the Legacy Fund, and to Christian Faith Formation. The amounts for the various funds are as follows: \$38,000 to the Dirlam Fund, \$38,000 to the

Legacy Fund and \$4,000 to be used for Adult and Youth Christian Faith Formation, above the budgeted amount.

As the Dirlam Fund and the Legacy Funds are endowments, with only the interest used, this gift builds onto and reinforces the financial foundation of your parish. Please join with me in a

prayer of Thanksgiving!

*John W. Grant, Treasurer,
Holy Trinity Church*

*Count Your
BLESSINGS*

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"We all know quite a number of people who have everything ... and they are not happy because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune, misfortune that we ourselves would not want to have, and they are deeply happy ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy."

Br. David Steindl –Rast

The past couple of months have been very stressful for us all, and at times, in the midst of all this chaos, we may have forgotten to be grateful and happy. But as we move into the next stages of this pandemic let us remember all that we are thankful for, raise our spirits and bask in the rays of happiness that gratitude brings.

I know many of you have not thought much about your little blue box, and with so many people

"shopping in place" there is not a lot of loose change available to fill that empty space inside your box. So I would just like to remind everyone that although we all love the "clink, clink" sound of pennies being dropped; there is also great satisfaction in hearing the gentle swish of paper money or the quiet breath of a check as they descend into the little blue box of gratitude.

With gratitude and love, *Diane Nichols*, UTO Coordinator

You're Invited to the New Coffee Hour Hangout

Following service, we will move to a Zoom Room for a COFFEE HOUR HANG-OUT. After the Sunday liturgy on Facebook Live there will be a brief break to make some coffee and we will reconnect on Zoom at about 10:55 A.M. This gives us a chance to catch up, electronically face to face, and share the latest news and projections. Come meet in the Zoom Room (same invite link as Compline).

Click Here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5087659559> Meeting ID 508 765 9559



A Note from Your Senior Warden

"The sky is falling! The sky is falling!"

Chicken Little

Over the past couple of months we have become so accustomed to living in crisis mode and listening to scary headlines that in this "new normal" we can feel almost lost if we are not putting out some kind of fire. In fact, there is something dramatic, exciting and courageous about handling a crisis. But what about those moments when we, like Chicken Little, feel like the sky is falling and we do not know how to cope?

I tell my senior clients, many of whom are feeling, scared and isolated, that it is OK to feel that way and to try and think about another time in their lives when they have had to face adversity. I tell them to think of what helped them get through those times and use those same skills and above all pray.

As we begin to work on recovery and restoring our lives to a different sort of normal, remember that the sky is not going to fall, we have all endured and lived through different crises, and we did just fine. Remember to reflect in prayer and let serenity take the place of anxiety.

Diane Nichols

Senior Warden



The Cookbooks of Holy Trinity Church

Running out of meal ideas? See below another recipe from the Holy Trinity Cookbook! Enjoy!

SAVORY FILLED MEAT PIES

Mrs. J. W. (Mary K.) Hicks

2 large onions, thinly
sliced
1/4 c. oleo
2 lb. ground chuck
2 eggs

1 c. dry bread crumbs
2 c. applesauce
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1/2 tsp. thyme
1 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 c. catsup
1 jar pimiento, diced,
optional
Pastry for 2 double-crust
9-inch pies

Saute' onions in oleo until soft. Heat ground beef in another skillet and separate; drain off excess fat. Beat eggs and dried bread crumbs, sauce, seasonings, etc. Add onions, meat; mix well. Makes 2 double crust pies. Bake at 400 degrees 35-40 minutes or until brown. Serve hot. Also good cold on a picnic. Can be frozen ready to bake. This tastes better than it sounds.

June Birthdays

4 – Teddy DeMings
14 – Joe Pieczynski
22 – Trisha O-Brien Briere
23 – Joe DiSalvatore
28 – Chris Bolte



Mission and Outreach

Donations for the June Mission Plate will continue to go to "Feed My Starving Children." Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit charity which feeds starving children worldwide, including in the USA. Financial donations fund the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partner around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146:7. Hunger has become a worldwide critical issue, especially now with the coronavirus. Please give what you can. Every donation matters.

Stewardship Report: Our Light Continues to Shine

Holy Trinity continues to shine it's light brightly. Despite the physical separation from each other and our church building, there has been a rapid mobilization and sharing of time, talent, technology and treasure to ensure we stay connected and able to worship together.

Thanks to our tech savvy members and dedicated worship team, Holy Trinity's worship services have been streaming live on Facebook since March 22nd. The Family Worship Team has begun successful online Family Worship gatherings; the vestry and executive leadership have begun to meet online using the Zoom program. For those parish members not able to participate online, the Daughters of the King are reaching out to them, and the children of the parish are sending cards and letters to keep them connected.

While it is very different meeting together in this way, we are reminded that God is always doing something new and leading us in new directions. And, despite the seriousness of the current situation, we can take comfort in our shared faith and connection with each other.

Yours in Christ, Lynn Garland

Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity



The Stations of the Cross are a series of scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. They are commonly placed on the walls of the nave for people to symbolically make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem while meditating on Christ's Passion.

Shortly after Fr. Richard became our priest in 2014, he discovered the first three of fourteen Stations of the Cross sculpted in bas-relief from an original design by artist and sculptor Marc Fuller. In celebration of his installation, Fr. Richard purchased the three stations as a gift to Holy Trinity. Marc Fuller's intent was to complete the series of fourteen stations, and the vestry committed to continue to add stations as they became available



until all fourteen were purchased. These acquisitions would be made possible through memorial and other donations. On Easter 2019 we had all fourteen stations. This liturgical art is a stunning addition to our sanctuary.



We can't view them right now, so photographs are included in this story.

Marc, a friend of Fr. Richard, lives on Cape Cod, and is an active member of his church. Fr. Richard shared that not only is Marc an artist and sculptor but also a fine musician. Marc embarked upon the stations project at a low point in his life and through the creation of the stations recovered his sense of Jesus' enveloping compassion. His insight into the Stations of the Cross is deep, and this



vision is expressed in the rendering of these fourteen stations.

While Marc Fuller's artwork speaks for itself, it is interesting to note that he is the grandson of Meta Warrick Fuller (1877-1968), a black female artist who specialized in sculpture. In 1914 she created her signature piece, *Ethiopia Awakening*, and in 1930 her version of the *Pieta*.



In 1950 she went into retirement to care for her husband. After her husband's death, and inspired by the civil rights movement, she returned to sculpture in the 1960's.





Two of her sculptures can be seen in Massachusetts: *Story Time* at the Framingham Public Library and *Emancipation* in the Harriet Tubman Park on Columbus Avenue in Boston. Meta was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Framingham, MA. To read more about Meta Warrick Fuller visit :

<https://www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org/episcopal-church-women-ecw/meta-warrick-fuller/>



Marc's grandfather, Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, was a prominent psychiatrist who would also come to be known for his work with Alzheimer's disease.

To read more about Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller visit: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solomon_Carter_Fuller

When we return to worshipping in the sanctuary, take a minute to look at the Stations of the Cross up close; they are impressive and moving.



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Sunday Services

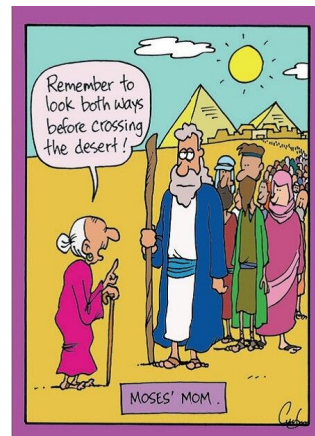
9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

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

Save These Dates

Sundays in June—10:55 a.m.—Zoom Coffee Hour

Tuesdays and Thursdays in June—8:00 p.m.—Service of Compline



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