



# DECEMBER TIDINGS

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## December Birthdays

2 Heather Bousquet  
4 Marion Piltzecker  
11 Mick Kalber  
11 Violet Spooner  
11 Mary Bridget Burns  
17 Bill Pieczynski  
25 Jesus Christ  
25 Ed Bair

Dear friends,

What a wonderful Drive-By today after the liturgy!!!! It was great to see everyone again!! It has felt like years, but it was such a joy to see, talk, wave and laugh out loud with happiness!! All right! That's a great start to a new year in Christ!!

It reminds us to heighten anticipation and expectation. These will sharpen the savor, and provide the opportunity to learn of God first hand. Anticipation

heightens experience; like the child who sends in the Cheerios box-tops and checks the mail everyday for 6 weeks; "oh, the eternity!!"

Marry that sense of expectation to the traditional disciplines of exploring scripture, prayer, meditation, and service to others: and you have Advent. However you prepare to receive Christ this Advent season, try to do it with some still, quiet silence, as your thoughts reflect on God's life and Words. So one discovers

purposefulness that belongs to eternity. And let this instill intention and action. "Seek the Lord while he wills to be found."

Peace and all good!

I remain,

Yours in Christ,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore



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As we run through this current wave of increased cases of Covid-19, we must again curtail in-person worship, by direct instruction from the Bishop. We will continue to have consecrated sacramental hosts ready for pick up and for your use at home. We will allow folks to take enough sacrament for the month to consume at home each Sunday during the Eucharist, so the community receives together - surrounded spiritually by your brothers and sisters in faith.

## Mission & Outreach

The Mission Plate funds for the month of December will continue to go to "FINCA".

FINCA International is a global network that provides small micro-loans to the poor which has the power to transform entire communities in a sustainable way. FINCA is committed to market-based solutions to global poverty.

It has served the needs of 39 million low-income people worldwide. These market-based solutions (loans) enable the world's poor to achieve growing businesses and build livelihoods through their own hard work. It creates a cycle of self-sufficiency rather than dependence. FINCA funds are also used to support essential services in low-income communities including clean energy, water

and sanitation, education, healthcare and agriculture worldwide. "If you give a man a fish, he eats for a day. If you teach him how to fish, he eats for a lifetime." This organization empowers the poor to fish for a lifetime.

Sincerely, Susan Grant  
*President of the Martha and Mary Chapter of the Daughters of the King*

## Winter Coat Closet

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
**9:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**through December 12**

Strict CDC State guidelines will be in place.



**WE ARE ACCEPTING  
DONATIONS OF CLEAN,  
GENTLY USED COATS!!!**  
Please no dry clean only or  
light weight coats or other  
types of clothing.

## In Memoriam

We are sad to share that Diane Nichols lost her struggle with kidney cancer on October 24th. We were able to host her "Celebration of Life" on Zoom with the family present in the church. There is a webpage on our website in her memory which includes a recording of the service. The link is here: <https://www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org/events/diane-nichols-memorial/> or from the home page of the website: [www.Holytrinitysouthbridge.org](http://www.Holytrinitysouthbridge.org).



## Annual Report Deadline

If you contribute to the Annual Report, please know that this is the time to write your piece! It takes some time to compile, format, print and collate this report. We would like to have it available for parishioners to review on January 19, therefore..... **All reports are due to Chris Bolte, the Parish Secretary, BEFORE January 12.**

## Thank you to our Lawncare Angels!

Thank you to the following people who took good care of our lawn this summer and helped make our church beautiful and inviting!!

John Grant, Josh Spooner, Bill Pieczynski, Paul Aloia, Trisha O'Brien-Briere, Dave Monroe, and Joe DiSalvatore.

**A beautiful lawn  
doesn't happen  
by itself**

## Liberia Donations Needed!

We are looking to help the Sons and Daughters of the King in Buchanan, Liberia, in their mission to provide critically needed essentials to help in this time of crisis. At this point, we are starting to collect girls' and boys' clothing and school supplies. We are looking for spring and summer weight clothes: shirts with short and long sleeves; light sweaters and jackets; and long pants and shorts. No heavy winter coats are needed. Boxes of pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks,

binders and paper, art and craft supplies are greatly needed. Toiletries are needed as well. Any monetary donations will be used toward shipping costs of these materials to Liberia. We thank you for any help that you can offer. **Donations may be dropped off on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the office between 9:00 a.m. and Noon (please call first 508-765-9559).**

*The Daughters of the King*

## Change the Babies

Thank you to all who contributed to Change the Babies so far. Due to not having a full in-person Sunday Service, we have only collected \$4.23 to date. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a check, made payable to Holy Trinity Church, with "Change the Babies" in the memo, by Sunday, December 20. Thank you!



## ECW's 30th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be Virtual

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Since we can't be together this year, we will hold a virtual cookie sale with proceeds sent to Food Share and the Daughters of the King ministry to Liberia.

- I don't bake but I would have bought \_\_\_\_ pounds of cookies at \$8.00/ pound here is my donation
- I would have baked \_\_\_\_ pounds of cookies here is a donation for the cost of the Ingredients.
- I would have baked and bought cookies here is a donation for what I would have spent.



Donation by check or by Tithely (ECW drop down with cookies in the memo).

On Sunday, December 20th we will join the Zoom Coffee Hour, bring our favorite cookies and eat them together.

We will be invited to share what our favorite cookie is and why, and maybe what the cookie sale has meant to us. We will also include these recipes in the new cookbook. For questions contact: Susan Howland 508-612-3198 or [howlands@charter.net](mailto:howlands@charter.net)





## Holy Trinity Cookbook Project 2020

The last Holy Trinity Cookbook was compiled and printed in 2000. Maybe it is time for another one? If you have a favorite recipe from another edition of the Holy Trinity Cookbooks let us know and we will include that one too. The goal of having a Cookbook by Thanksgiving was too ambitious! We have 10 recipes from 7 people, so we need more.

For December let's get all those wonderful **SOUP** recipes that come in for the SouperBowl fundraiser. Then in January how about we focus on food brought to the **International Dinner**. But don't be limited to those if you have other favorites.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe submission: type or handwrite as many as you like. Attach more pages as needed. Don't have time to type? Send/email a photo of your recipe and we will have it typed for you

# Holy Trinity Cookbook Project 2020

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There are many ways to submit: email in any form (typed, photo, PDF) to: [holytrinityecw@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityecw@gmail.com) You can also submit your recipe(s) by filling out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/uhTZRhjANcbFbb5G7> Thank you!!!

Mail to: Susan Howland, 132 Osgood Rd, Charlton MA 01507 or email to [holytrinityecw@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityecw@gmail.com)  
Would you like to suggest a name for the 2020 cookbook?

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Comments or Question? Write below or email Susan Howland: [howlands@charter.net](mailto:howlands@charter.net) or call 508-612-3198  
Thank you!



# Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

During the Christmas season this year, you may wish to have a loved one remembered or to express special thanks to God for blessings in your life. The flowers on the altar will be dedicated to all who submit names and will be read during the Christmas service. Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the Church office by **Sunday, December 20.**

**Exact wording of memorial will be:**

Christmas gifts are given to the Glory of God...

\_\_\_\_\_ in Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of your loved one or ones)

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ in Thanksgiving for the Blessing of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of person or blessing)

given by \_\_\_\_\_

[Your name(s) – please use exact wording you would like to have published.]

Please return this sheet to the church office by Sunday, **December 20.** You may make your donation by mailing a check with the form, made payable to Holy Trinity Church with the notation “Christmas Memorials” on the memo line, or through Tithely. (No donation is too small!)

## The United Thank Offering

Dear Thankful People at Holy Trinity,  
Our combined United Thank Offering of \$582.06 was sent to the virtual Diocesan Convention UTO Ingathering. Thanks be to God!



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## Adult Social Studies Group

Our Social Studies group met on November 18. Prior to the meeting most of us had watched a webinar by Dr. Catherine Meeks, presented by the Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices. While the topic was identified as Racial Justice, Dr. Meeks took a different approach. Rather than speaking to this directly, she talked about the combined challenges of recent climate catastrophes, the global pandemic and cries for racial justice. She began by reading a poem by David Wagoner titled "Lost" and talked about the importance of standing still and listening carefully when you are lost or overwhelmed. We found it very interesting. I have included a link to the recording for those who would like to watch it.

In addition, one of our group had attended the Episcopal Convention where the topic of racial justice was addressed. She shared with us a question that comes from the curriculum for Becoming the Beloved Community: "How is God speaking to us today about what is being done to our brothers and sisters?" Another group member shared an inspiring article she read in Reader's Digest about a physician who was addressing the severe healthcare inequities in the rural south.

The group has decided that we are ready to follow a curriculum to help us consider these issues in a more organized way. Fr Richard has recommended a curriculum titled "White Privilege" created by the New England UCC. We will begin studying this in our next meeting and invite and encourage anyone who is interested to come check it out! Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 16 @ 7:00 p.m.**

### RESOURCES SHARED IN THE GROUP:

Here's the link for Dr. Catherine Meeks' webinar <https://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/269/an-evening-with-dr-catherine-meeks>

For any questions about the class, please free to contact  
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Lynn Garland, 508-801-4638 or [lynn24gar@gmail.com](mailto:lynn24gar@gmail.com)

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## Winter Parking on Hamilton Street

From December 1 through April 1, Southbridge limits parking on Hamilton Street.

On EVEN dates: Midnight to 7pm, park on the ODD side of the street;  
7pm to midnight park on the EVEN side of the street.

On ODD dates: Midnight to 7pm park on the EVEN side of the street;  
7pm to midnight park on the ODD side of the street.



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#### **Office Hours:**

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

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**

Saturdays—9:00—11:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet  
(through December 12)

Tuesdays—8:00 p.m.—Service of Compline

Thursdays—8:00 p.m.—Zoom Fellowship Hour

Wednesday, December 16—7:00 p.m.—Adult Social  
Studies Group via Zoom

Thursday, December 24—4:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve  
Service—  
Facebook Live only!



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