



# JANUARY TIDINGS

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## January Birthdays

- 3—Harry Theodoss
- 4—Roy Baum, Jr.



Dear Friends,

Signs of Christmas are still a bit muted this year, as we shelter from the pandemic. Gift sales are done on line, out of sight. The stringing of lights in many cases has not happened; it strikes one as a "counter-cultural act of resistance to invite neighbors into extended conversation on lights, Christmas, and the vicissitudes of fate." And if hunkering down can help protect us until "Vaccine Day" projected for July 4, 2021, all well and good!!! Pray we will be intentional about defrosting the social climate and be "a restorer of the breach." (Please do savor Isaiah 58: 5 - 12; to overcome the challenge of our

time!! Liberally sprinkle in some Ezekiel 36:33; and Amos 9:11.) The dancing in the streets: let it commence.

We may not be there yet; but it is coming!! And in the moment we can celebrate the Christmas mystery of God Incarnate, filling the very grist of our lives. God arrives "on little cat feet,..." (a la Carl Sandburg) wafting in on a gentle breeze to convince a heart of the stability of their faith, or to right a past wrong with a deeper compassion; or to turn a welcoming smile to the troubled street because we know God makes life flourish. And He is beautiful.

"On little cat feet" Jesus reveals Himself as beautiful when

troubled hearts grasp for eternity and find Jesus as a living stream welling up within; Who has silently woven Himself into the heart to become one's Hope. Could leprosy stop the Incarnation? Or a virus? No. It is within even these things to impinge the Divine Compassion, that He race to our side and become "the repairer of the breach."

Blessings this Christmastide on you and all your family; as God's silent work renews us in faith.

I remain, your friend and Rector;

(The Reverend)  
Richard S. Signore



## Mission & Outreach

The Mission Plate funds for the months of January and February 2021 will be going to Worcester Community Action Council's Fuel Assistance Program. During this

time of higher unemployment and the high cost of heating fuel, many people in our local area are struggling to afford to keep themselves warm this

winter. Please, give as generously as you can to this program. No one should be left in the cold during this time of crisis. Thank you.

Sincerely, The Mission and Outreach Committee

## Childreach: Sign up to sponsor Nicholas Onyango Okondo

Please make a \$35.00 donation to sponsor Nicholas in 2021. A reminder card will be sent to you. In order to sign up for a month, please complete the

Doodle Poll by clicking [HERE](#) or call/email the office at 508-765-9559 on Tuesday or Thursday and Chris will help you sign up. Thank you!



## Virtual Epiphany Agape Supper



“Festival of Kings”

JANUARY 6, 2021

5:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Families, please prepare a supper at home, and have olives, goat cheese, bread,

milk, and honey for a “remotely shared” agape meal. The bulletin will be on our website under “Worship Bulletins Online.”

Zoom link: [Click Here](#)  
Meeting ID: 508 765 9559

## 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.**

## 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 collecting 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 at the office by appointment (please call 508-765-9559).**

*The Daughters of the King*

## Adult Social Studies Class

The Social Studies group is looking forward to our study of the "White Privilege: Let's Talk" curriculum provided by the United Church of Christ. For our next meeting we will read Part 1 and watch three short videos. If you would like to check it out, the link below will take you to the website (thanks to Rose for helping us find this!). <http://privilege.uccpages.org> There's a lot to explore, but for our next meeting we will watch the talk by Robin DiAngelo and the two short videos from a series titled "Decoded" by Francesca Ramsey. Robin DiAngelo is a white woman and a sociologist. She uses those lenses to explain what white privilege is and how it functions in our society. Francesca Ramsey is a young black woman who has a very entertaining way to present very similar information. Our next meeting will be **January 20th at 7:00 via Zoom**. We would love to have you join us!

Questions? Lynn Garland, 508-801-4638 [lynn24gar@gmail.com](mailto:lynn24gar@gmail.com), Fr. Richard, 617-281-5183 [richard.signore@verizon.net](mailto:richard.signore@verizon.net), or Lana Pieczynski, 704-458-6204 [ana.pieczynski@gmail.com](mailto:ana.pieczynski@gmail.com)

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## Christmas Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.*

Perhaps like me, you've sung this hymn for years – in church, at home with your family, gathered with friends and neighbors. Perhaps you've sung it to yourself – in your car, on a walk, or quietly in the dark of night. Joy to the world!

While we may not feel joyful this year – as the pandemic of disease continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and mistrust – a darkness – threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ must bear joy to this aching world. We must shine light into the darkness. Joy to the world!

Like much in our lives, proclaiming joy is difficult work – also good and essential work – especially now. Though we mourn that which is lost in our lives, our families, and our communities – Joy to the world!

While we strive to pull up the twisted and thorny vines of hatred and bigotry and anger – Joy to the world!

Through streaming tears and gritted teeth – Joy to the world! – because God is breaking into our lives and into this world anew.

While this is a strange year, the ministry He gives us remains the same. We will prepare him room in our hearts by taking on the ministry Jesus demands of us: feed those who are hungry; welcome the stranger; clothe those who are naked; heal those who are sick; visit the prisoner. Love God. Love your neighbor. Sing joy into this old world. Prepare him room.

St. Luke writes of the first Christmas, “[Mary] gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” There, in the simplest bed, in the cool of the night, in a trough, in bands of cloth, lies the One for whom no room was made. And yet strangely, there lies the One whom not even the universe can contain.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room.

God love you; God bless you; and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

*The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*



## 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 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!

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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**

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

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

Wednesday, January 20—7:00 p.m.—Adult Social  
Studies Group via Zoom

Sunday, January 31—9:30 a.m.—Annual Meeting via  
Zoom



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