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July Birthdays

- 1—Sam Pieczynski
- 2—Peter Lucey
- 15—Paul Aloia
- 29—Norma Kennedy
- 29—Ryan Bousquet



Dear Friends,

Life rarely demands we make an absolute commitment, but to our faith, our Church, and to our God, whose nature becomes the guiding principle for the life we lead. God's nature becomes the "template" for the actions we take and the relationships we form. God's nature becomes the measure of success in the community ties we build, as mission is discovered when the Love of God is made present in the embrace we offer to others.

These things never change. People who are

looking to challenge their personal participation in mission will come and go, as each new setting they try on stimulates growth in a new area of their personal journey, in the life of faith. Sadly, our Secretary Chris Bolte has found herself at a time in her life when new challenges draw her on toward a new growing-edge. She will leave us with the start of July and take on more comprehensive work in her own home parish. She will be missed at Holy Trinity, where her excellent work and wide-ranging skills in publishing and accounting were in constant demand. Her principled commit-

ment to the work she did and the God she serves overflowed in the kindly embrace of others. She will be sorely missed. So we give Thanks to God for the gifts she brought to us in her time at the desk.

But the office remains open and our work goes on even as Chris herself takes on new challenges to overcome. At the core we know (say it with me): "the more things change, the more they stay the same!"

I remain,

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

Goodbye from your Parish Secretary

It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to Holy Trinity Church. For the last 14-1/2 years, you have been like family. You have seen me through illnesses with my children and prayed for my family countless times. I am so grateful to have found such a wonderful job when my kids were growing up. I have made many friendships from working here. I will be back to visit! I will miss you all!

Chris



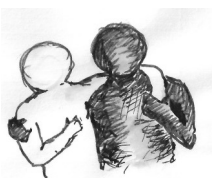
Mission & Outreach

The Mission Plate funds for the months of July and August will be going to St. Luke's Guesthouse. St. Luke's Guesthouse, located in Southbridge center, is the only shelter for the homeless in Southern Worcester County. St. Luke's has been providing short-term sheltering with Christian hospitality to its guests since its inception in 2013. Its mission is to provide essential support to its guests to achieve the tools necessary for self-sufficiency and to secure housing. The Guesthouse has seven bedrooms to accommodate a combination of single and married family guests.

Housing in our local area is expensive!!! Rooms and apartments don't come cheap. Many of our neighbors are struggling to find affordable housing, while supporting and feeding themselves and their families on limited incomes. This is something we can do to help our neighbors literally "right in our own backyard." Please, give what you can. St. Luke's Guesthouse depends on charitable donations for its support. It receives no government funding.

Sincerely, Susan L. Grant Member of the Outreach and Missions Committee

Adult Social Studies Class



The Social Studies Group concluded our study of the "White Privilege" curriculum. We broadened our conversation to include concerns about other political issues that also cause anxiety and fear. While our small discussion cannot meaningfully impact these larger issues directly, we found it helpful to be reminded that God is always present. Our job is to listen, look and sense clues to God's signals. Even small actions, with God's help, can have a large impact.

We decided to take a break during the summer and so the next meeting will be in September. We are looking for a new curriculum and focus of study and welcome all suggestions! Look for an announcement in August for information about plans for September.

For any questions about the class, please free to contact
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Parking at Dr. Stagis' Office

Dr. Stagis moved his office and the building has been sold. We cannot park there anymore. Please park in the street to prevent towing. Thank you!

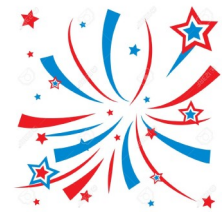
Card Donations

We are looking for donation of cards for all occasions: birthday, sympathy and get well, especially. Please leave them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Bloomin' For Good Stop N Shop Fundraiser

Thank you to all who purchased flowers or shared the information. We helped raise \$62.00 for Food Share at Catholic Charities!





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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**

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