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“Joy to the world the Lord is come!”. As we move from Christmas to Epiphany this year we said goodbye to Fr. Richard on Christmas Eve, and we will welcome Mother Judith Lee on January 10th.

As the days grow longer and lighter may we also shine the Light of Christ in the world.

Next month this spot will be reserved for Mother Judith. Fr. Richard left us with a goodbye message and we share it below.

Blessings in Christ,
 Susan Howland, Jr. Warden

“It is with deep gratitude and affection I say “Thank you” to each and every person associated with Holy

Trinity Church: You have been the stars in my sky, and lit the way forward and shared hope for a new vision of how parishes make a difference in their neighborhoods. You brought faith and expectation, and fueled the ministry we share. Family Worship tended the children with an adroit knack for creating “welcome.” Musicians and singers made beautiful our prayers, giving voice to our dreams and high aspirations. We gave food, and financial gifts to the needy. We tended the resources of the parish; so that even out of different life experience or political orientation we were one family in the praise of God. The Church remains great

when it does these things; and I trust you will delight in learning, and so to serve, with a new guide. Nina and I continue to offer prayers for the One ministry of Jesus Christ which we all share, as we are directed in grace. May Christ continue to bless this fellowship to be a sign of hope in the neighborhood. And continue to teach the walk of faith.

*Peace be companion to everyone, And delight for each fill you, too!
 (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore”*

Message from our Organist

Happy 2022. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year. Change is always hard and that is very true for this new year. We are dealing with a pandemic and a change in our spiritual leadership. Many times I have dreaded change in my work life and/or my personal life. This time is no different. As I have traveled the spiritual journey of faith for many years, I have learned that many changes we fear turn out to be a breath of fresh air from God. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are walking with us and I will trust in the power of the Trinity to lead us forward to new and exciting spiritual experiences.

The hymns for January will be sung but the pandemic has changed our singing habits. Please sing with your masks on and sing softly to yourself during the service, focusing on the spiritual message of the hymn.

God Bless,
Anne, your Organist

Coat Closet Update

We had another successful year for the Ecumenical Coat Closet, which ended on December 18th. This ministry is a combined effort supported by several churches in the area. Holy Trinity provides the space, and volunteers from our church and other churches work together to provide warm winter coats for anyone who needs one.

While we are officially closed, we have many coats still left for men, women and children. We are able to open by appointment. So if any parish members need a coat or know someone who does, please call or text me at 508-801-4638 or send an email to lynn24gar@gmail.com.

Warmly, Lynn Garland

January BIRTHDAYS

- 3– Harry Theodoss
- 4 – Roy Baum, Jr.



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 15, therefore.... All reports are due to Emily Thompson, the Parish Secretary, BEFORE January 10.

January & February Mission Plate

The Mission Plate funds for the months of January and February will be going to the Worcester Community Action Council's Fuel Assistance Program. This program aids limited-income homeowners and renters in paying their home heating bills. WCAC's Fuel Assistance Program serves all of our local communities (cities and towns) within Central Massachusetts. Nearly 12,000 households obtained fuel assistance through WCAC last year.

This year's economic picture for many of our vulnerable local families isn't any brighter than last year. With the devastating effects of the pandemic, rising housing and food costs and escalating utility and heating costs, 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.

Susan Grant,
Member of the Mission and Outreach Committee

Daughters Of the King: Update on the Liberian Project

We are an incredibly generous parish. The Daughters have packed two large barrels and a large plastic tote full of supplies ready to be shipped to Liberia. We have PPE supplies: masks, bleach, disinfectant wipes, etc. ready to aid the Liberian people in their fight against COVID, just waiting to be shipped, along with many other essential supplies.

However, what we are lacking now is sufficient monetary donations to be able to ship these supplies to their destination. We would appreciate it if you could donate funds towards the shipping costs; so, we can send these supplies to the people who need them. We have about two-thirds of the shipping costs already funded. Please, give what you can so we will be able to ship these needed supplies to their awaiting families. Thank you.

Sponsor Child Signup for 2022

The sign-up sheet has been placed on the back table of the church to help support Nicholas Onyango Okondo. Please consider supporting this important ministry by signing up to sponsor Nicholas for a month (or two) in 2022. The sponsorship is **\$35.00 per month**. A postcard will be emailed to you as a reminder that your donation is due. Thank you! Please make sure you note "Sponsor Child" on your check. You can also donate through Tithely.

Upcoming January Dates

- **Sunday, January 2nd 9:30 am Christmas 2:** Eucharist, Canon Rich Simpson will Preside and preach
- **Thursday, January 6th 6:00-8:00 pm:** Epiphany celebration on Zoom
- **Sunday, January 9th 9:30 am:** Morning Prayer with renewal of Baptismal Covenant
- **Sunday, January 16th 9:30 am:** Eucharist, Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach
- **Sunday, January 23rd 9:30 am:** Eucharist and Annual Meeting, Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach
- **Sunday, January 30th 9:30 am:** Eucharist, Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach

Epiphany Celebration Service Hosted by Family Worship

Please join us by Zoom Thursday January 6th at 6:00 pm for a short Epiphany service to bring in the season of light. There will be readings and music. Bring a candle to light as well as a cutout star to color.



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