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A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

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As we enter this season after Pentecost, I have this one question for you. Can you feel the spirit? Can you feel the spirit now? These are the questions that Bruce Springsteen often asks his audience when he's preparing to dive into the barn burner of a song, Spirit in the Night? Can you feeeeeeeell the spirit?!

As come off of Pentecost, the question is also relevant to the church today. Can you feel the spirit? What is it doing in the here and now? Where is it pushing us to go? Are we going willingly? Are we open to where the spirit might wisk us off to next?

The text for Holy Trinity Sunday, is the great commission, the sending of the disciples out into the world, to begin the post resurrection building of a new community. They gather with Jesus on the mountain, they worship together with their doubts, and then, doubts and all they are sent!

We could fairly easily put ourselves in that position. How often do we gather in worship bringing the doubts and worries of our lives and the world with us? Yet we are still claimed as God's beloved and the spirit moves in, with in and among us, even and especially in those moment. Can you feel the spirit? Maybe not all the time, but that doesn't mean the spirit isn't with us.

As we head into the summer season, I would invite you allow the spirit to first move you towards sabbath rest, and then allow yourself to be open to how the spirit might be moving in your life, the life of the church, and in the partnership between Bethlehem and Holy Trinity!

Peace and blessings to you in this summer of renewal, reflection, and hopefully a little bit of fun!

Peace,

Pastor Dan



Marilyn I. Theodoss

Dear Parish Member and Friends,

Marilyn Theodoss, long time parish member, passed away on Thursday, May 7th, at UMass Memorial Healthcare – Harrington, Southbridge. Marilyn's funeral was on Monday, May 18th, at 9:30am at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, with burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge.

Below is her obituary.

Southbridge: Marilyn I. (Lawson) Theodoss, 93, of Glover St., passed away on Thursday, May 7th, in UMass Memorial Healthcare – Harrington, Southbridge, after a brief illness.



Her husband of 34 years, Louis H. Theodoss, passed away in 1994. She leaves her three sons, Gregory L. Theodoss and his wife Silvana of San Antonio, TX, Anthony J. Theodoss and his wife Katherine of Sturbridge and Harry J. Theodoss of Southbridge; her 8 grandchildren, Stefanie, Arianna, Andrew, Brandon, Paige, Jack, Tess and Eliza; her great granddaughter, Tatum; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, John 'Jack' Lawson and Robert 'Graham' Lawson, her sister, Mildred 'Millie' Plante and her stepmother, Alta Lawson. Marilyn was born in Southbridge, daughter of John and Lucy E.

(Wynne) Lawson and lived in England for several years before moving

back here in the late 1940s.

Marilyn worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge and later for at the Five and Ten store in Southbridge. When all of her children were of school age she worked for her church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Southbridge, as the church secretary for 20 years, retiring many years ago. As a dedicated member of Holy Trinity she was a member of the alter guild, a member of the Women's Guild and many more activities where she saw a need to serve. Marilyn loved crocheting and would knit hats for the church. She was an avid fan and attendee of all of her sons' sports teams. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, any word game and game shows. Above all she loved her sons, daughters-in-law and her grandchildren and cherished the time she spent with them.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

June



BIRTHDAYS

4— Teddy Demings

14 – Joe Pieczynski

22 – Trisha O'Brien-Briere

23 – Joe DiSalvatore



Congratulations & God Bless our Graduates!

Anna Burns

Colleen DeMings

Sam Pieczynski

Phineas Reith-Lowery

Paige Spooner

Dates to Remember

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| Sunday, June 7 | Family Worship –11 am |
| Wednesday, June 10 | Vestry Meeting—7 pm |
| Thursday, June 11 | Campfire @ BLC—6 pm |
| Sunday, June 14 | Holy Eucharist –11 am |
| Sunday, June 21 | Morning Prayer—11 am |
| Sunday, June 28 | Shared Service @ HTEC— 10am |





“Real relationships. Real impact.

We believe no one knows a community better than those who actually live there. That's why we rely on our longstanding relationships with trusted faith leaders and other change agents who have strong community ties and deep understanding of local context. Together, we co-create programs that build upon existing strengths,

**The Mission Plate will be collected for:
Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the global relief & development agency of The Episcopal Church and a separate 501(c)(3)**

In 2024: ERD “collaborated with 82 local partners in 54 countries to address injustice, poverty, disaster and climate risks.” They received almost 60,000 gifts allowing them to devote over \$28 million to advance lasting change. **More than 50% comes from individual donors like us.** They provided \$7.4 million in support to those impacted by disasters around the world, a quarter of that within the USA, while investing over \$20.8 million in international sustainable development programs.

Over 3 million people benefit from ERD aid each year. From an interactive map on the ERD website, (clicking locations on the map provides details about the unique program in each country): ERD relief aid goes to: USA, Ukraine, Romania, Poland, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal. ERD development aid goes to: Sudan, Namibia, El Salvador, Liberia. Both relief and development aid goes to: Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, DR of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Ghana, Brazil, Columbia, Haiti, Cuba, Honduras, Guatemala, Philippines.

ERD works on the premise of “Working Together for Lasting Change”.

In 2021 the Board of directors approved a 10-year strategic plan. Refining program areas to: Early Childhood Development, Women & Girls, Climate Resilience, Disaster Response. ERD works with Faith based Engagement, Asset Based Community Development, Partner Capacity Strengthening and Evaluation Results and Learning. ERD’s holistic approach harnesses decades of experience co-creating with churches and other partner organizations successful integrated programs designed to match the aim of local communities.

In just 4 more years, by 2030, ERD will equip 350,000 change agents to advance social cohesion and resilience for 4 million people around the world every year.

Since its beginning in 1940 as the Presiding Bishops Fund for World Relief (the PB Fund); when its mission was to assist refugees fleeing Europe during World War II; What we now know as ERD (name changed in 2000) this ministry of The Episcopal Church has always adapted to the needs of the time; accepting new realities, shifting from administering small grants to investing in long term programs with partners worldwide that achieve sustainable solutions; it has grown to become a credible and respected organization in the relief and development realm.

ERD “meets all 20 Better Business Bureau Standards for Charity Accountability, and earned a four-star rating (the highest rating) from Charity Navigator and a Gold Seal of Transparency from Candid. We are involved in cooperative efforts through the Anglican Alliance, InterAction and other agencies to improve practices throughout the relief and development community.”

Use the website www.episcopalrelief.org to find out more interesting details.

Tamsin Lucey for The Mission Committee

Info about our Organ

The pipe organ at Holy Trinity is in need of repair. You will hear more about this as we explore what can be done to keep the organ as a major instrument during our church services. With the assistance of AI, there is an explanation of what a rank is on a pipe organ. New England Organ Builders is looking to replace a couple of ranks and some individual pipes that can no longer be tuned. This pipe organ has been an excellent instrument and has kept in tune for many years with just normal maintenance. Please read below and if you have any questions, please ask Anne or Lynn.

A **rank** on a pipe organ is a complete set of pipes that all have the **same tone quality (timbre)** but different pitches, usually one pipe for each key on the keyboard.

A simple way to explain it:

“A rank is like one musical voice stretched across the whole keyboard.”

For example, if an organ keyboard has 61 keys, a rank usually has about 61 pipes. Each pipe plays one note, from low to high, but all the pipes in that rank are designed to sound similar in character.

Easy analogy

Think of an orchestra:

- A **violin section** has many violins playing different notes but all sounding like violins. A **rank** is similar: many pipes playing different notes but all sounding like the same “instrument.”

What makes ranks different?

Different ranks create different sounds:

- Some sound like flutes
- Some sound like trumpets
- Some sound soft and mellow

Some sound bright and powerful

Each rank is controlled by a stop knob or tab on the organ.

Example

A stop labeled “**Open Diapason 8**” is usually one rank:

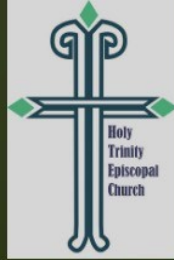
- one pipe per key
 - all with the same organ tone
- sounding at normal pitch

Why organs have many ranks

Large pipe organs may have dozens or even hundreds of ranks. Combining them lets the organist create many different colors and volumes.

You could summarize it in one sentence like this:

“A rank is a full set of matching pipes that gives one particular sound across the keyboard.”



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**JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 5-6 PM**

**Grab a Bowl, Share a
Smile – Free Soup Meal
for All.**



**LEFT SIDE DOOR LOWER LEVEL
Free Will Offering Welcome**





Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

FREE HOT MEALS



Join us every Friday 5-6 PM

446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA

LEFT SIDE DOOR

Lower Level

Free will donation accepted

Our Partners:



The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale



Charlton City United Methodist Church



Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Wellstorm, Inc.

Food Pantry Donations for June



Wales Community Pantry
Serving the towns of Brimfield, Holland and Wales
85 Main Street • Wales, MA 01081
413-245-0055 • <https://www.walescommunitypantry.com>

Our donations for June will go to
Wales Community Pantry.

The mission of the Wales Community Pantry is to create access to good, healthy food in our community. Their mission states:

We believe that access to nutritious food is a basic human right. We are committed to responding to the needs of our community through food distribution and support services.

Every week they are adding new households in need. Please share our information with anyone in need.

Donations of any kind can bring healthy food to those in need in our 3 towns.

Happy
Father's
Day!



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Sunday Services

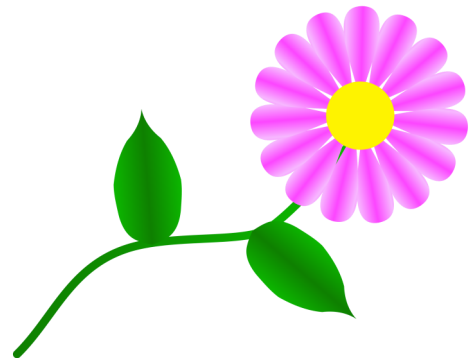
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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