



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

February 2017

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Holy Trinity is called to recognize, communicate and celebrate God's presence within, among and around us.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear Friends,

The Epiphany season is a moment in time in which we take comfort from the involvement of God in Christ with our everyday life. The Epiphany visit of the 3 kings reveals Jesus as priest who offers life as a gift to God (frankincense); as He makes Himself a sacrifice in death (myrrh); while reigning as King of all creation (gold). The Lord's entire 'curriculum vitae' is in this one feast; and yet the entire season rehearses the events which will show Christ as Divine. (Google 'Book of signs' and the body of John's Gospel will be cut into episodes that reveal the Glory and Divinity of Christ.) All too briefly these episodes are: Changing water into wine, Healing the Roman Official's son, Healing the paralytic, Feeding the 5,000, Walking on water, Healing the man born blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. Christ has owned every dilemma and grief, and shows He is desirous to join us there.

Just a minute ago my computer brought up a file of old photos. I was put in mind of the invisible threads that bind our lives and souls to those close to us; how the pull of affection and regard draws us into shared life that is rich, fulfilling, and dare I say "eternal." Now imagine these snapshots of the life and ministry of Jesus as part of the unfolding sequence of our own histories, to which we are bound with honor and regard as God shares our time and space. When Jesus accepts "Incarnation," it is our history God chooses to enter so our story, and that of God, is now one story. "Epiphany" is the ancient term for "appearing." When God appears, we are all swept up into the dance!! May God Bless you in this Holy Season!! I remain,

Your friend in Christ, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

The Epiphany Supper is becoming one of my favorite services to conclude Advent and begin a new year in the life of the church. Thank you to Tamsin for helping me set up. Thank you to all who brought dishes to share. The children had their own special table in the center and definitely helped make the evening special. Everyone enjoyed the children's song requests and their answers to Fr. Richard's questions.

Following the annual meeting on January 29, 2017, we will begin a new year with a new vestry. Please continue you to pray for Fr. Richard, Nina, the vestry and lay leaders as we discern God's call to move Holy Trinity forward in mission. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. I am available by email at richfield121@charter.net or by cell phone 413-883-4491.



The youth will be manning the table for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 5, 2017. The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need. The youth give 100% of the proceeds to a local food charity. Please support the youth by donating or buying soup.

Please join us for the Mardi Gras (formerly Shrove Tuesday) Pancake Supper on February 28, 2017 from 5:30-7:00.

Gratitude for all these blessings and thanksgivings for the time, talents, and treasure that Holy Trinity receives abundantly.

Nancy Waugh

Join us for Family Worship in Blakely Hall

February 12 & 26

**When families come together to
worship with kids in mind.**



Office Hour Change Notice

The week of Feb. 20—Office Closed
The week of Feb. 27—Office open W & Th

Sunday Services Inclement Weather Closure Plan for Winter 2017

Every Sunday in January, weather permitting, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Please know that if, due to inclement weather, it is deemed necessary to cancel the service or hold Morning Prayer instead, and the means to do so is in place, an announcement will be posted on the Holy Trinity web page, Facebook, and an all-parish email sent out.

Please consider the road conditions and parking availability when making your decision to attend the service. If you are in any doubt, please contact either the Senior Warden—Nancy Waugh 413-245-3307 or 413-883-4491

or

Jr. Warden—John Grant 860-923-9691 or
860-576-2148.

CHILDREACH SPONSOR CHILD FOR 2017



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 2017. The sponsorship is **\$33.00** per month. A postcard will be mailed to you as a reminder that your donation is due. Thank you! Please make sure you note "Sponsor Child" on your check.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2—Tamsin Lucey 5—Nancy Waugh 18—Judith Reich 20—JoAnne Markey 23—Emily Waugh

If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!

2016 Treasurer's Annual Report

Operating Budget

Income: overall income exceeded budget by \$6,478.44. Budget: \$127,074 Actual: \$ 133, 552.44
Why?

- Holy Trinity parishioners are very generous!
- Fundraisers: \$204 over budget.
- Rental income exceeded the budgeted amount by \$1,654, not including the YMCA rent.
- Trust income was up by \$708.
- Other income over budget: checking interest \$630; Other Plate Offering \$4,272, along with other miscellaneous unbudgeted income.

Expenses: overall expenses were more than budget by \$32,086. This figure represents, almost entirely, the fire alarm system, and was paid through an unbudgeted donation from the YMCA and unbudgeted YMCA rent income.

Additionally:

- Many lines were under budget, some because the funds were not needed and others because of frugal spending.
- Oil was significantly under budget, but that money was put into the fuel fund reserve. Because we have a large oil tank we are able to take advantage of buying oil in bulk at a low price.
- The expense figure includes all the capital improvement including expense for the parish hall roof and major brick repair.
- Other lines were intentionally over budget and were paid with reserve funds and income over budget.

Non-operating Budget

The Non-operating Budget contains funds received that are outside of the operating budget and designated or restricted for a particular mission or purpose.

- We received memorial donations in 2016 of \$475; \$450 was spent to purchase one station of the cross.
- **Outreach**
 - \$360 was sent to Childreach/PLAN to sponsor Nicholas in Kenya.
 - The 2016 United Thank Offering was \$753.21.
 - The 2nd Sunday loose plate for Food Share was \$334.00 with an additional \$202.50 from the "Souper Bowl" soup sale.
 - The mission plate offerings were \$1,261.57, with \$1,263.57 plus \$12.75 from ECW given to various missions (separate report)
 - Parrettie alms given \$3,638.50
 - The Rector's discretionary fund inflow for 2016 was \$2,575, with \$2,482 given in alms.

♥**Outreach Total \$9,046.53**

- YMCA Rental and direct expense will not be budgeted for 2017 and will be tracked under non-operating budget.
- Please see the Statement of Financial Position to see the total financial picture.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Howland, Treasurer January 10, 2017

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir will begin rehearsing after church on Sunday, February 12th. Rehearsal will begin at 11:00 or 11:15 if the service runs late. We will rehearse for 45 minutes or noon at the latest. All are welcome and you can come as you can to rehearse the music for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter.

We will be meeting at 9:00 on Sunday morning until March. Come and pray through singing.

Peace, Anne Bouvier-Monroe, organist

THE MISSION PLATE

During the month of February we will continue to accept donations for RUNNING STRONG FOR AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH. Billy Mills, an Olympic gold medalist in the 1964 Olympics, and raised on the Pine Ridge reservation, is a co-founder and spokesperson for this organization. I urge you all to go online to find out more about their programs for their youth. Some of these are for fuel and food assistance, clean running water, school supplies, new coats and blankets, organic gardens, and youth centers that promote healthy lifestyles to combat depression and hopelessness. Every penny that we raise will be appreciated, and 95% of our donation will go directly to the programs because their administrative costs are only 5% or less!

Please keep our Native Americans in your prayers. God bless your faithfulness.

Suzanne Sharp ([774-230-3426](tel:774-230-3426))
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“Soup”er Bowl of Caring - A Nationwide Movement Did you know???

...that the “Soup”er Bowl fundraiser HTEC has participated in over the last several years is not an isolated event? It is a national movement to use the energy around Super Bowl Sunday, to draw awareness and funds to those in need of food, clothing and shelter.

Mission Statement - Using the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need.

Vision Statement - Transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

We believe:

The idea for Souper Bowl of Caring is a gift from God.

- Young people have the ability to serve and should be given opportunities to lead their communities in helping others.
- Every dollar collected through Souper Bowl of Caring should be donated directly to a charity selected by each participating group.
- People of all backgrounds and beliefs can work together.
- Hunger and poverty have a negative impact on individuals and the communities in which they live, yet there is joy in serving and giving to those in need.
- The excitement and energy surrounding the Super Bowl can be used to engage young people in service while producing lasting hope for all people.

For more information, visit www.Souperbowl.org

BIBLE AND WINE: A BIBLE BOOK STUDY

Jesus turned Water to Wine. We expect He will show up here.

Study Book: **The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Bible**

By James Stuart Bell Jr. and Stan Campbell

Wednesday, February 1, 7:30-9:00PM

Wednesday, February 15, 7:30-9:00PM

Please see Fr. Richard for location!

LOAVES AND FISHES

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Trinity Church,

We are very happy to let you know that the new sign-up sheet, for people to sign up for specific months to bring in food for the John Paul II Food Pantry, has been well received. Several people have signed up to bring in food on various months. There are still months available for people to sign up to bring in food. You choose what to give. It can be just one item, multiples of one item, a variety of items, or everything needed for a meal or more.

Please check out the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church.

More than one person can sign up for a month and you can, of course, sign up for multiple months.

Please know that you do NOT have to sign up to bring in food - anyone can donate any food item at any time!

If you have any questions or comments - please talk with Tamsin Lucey, [774 200 4279](tel:7742004279) or [508 347 1414](tel:5083471414) or Abritinusa@gmail.com



(Shrove Tuesday)
Pancake Supper

**Tuesday,
February 28**

Food served 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
in the undercroft (downstairs)
of the church.

Kids' crafts available.



**Sunday,
February 5**
There will be a wide
variety of soup
available for
purchase in the parish hall after the service.

**Suggested Donation:
Quarts: \$5.00; Pints: \$3.00.**

Proceeds to go to Foodshare in Southbridge.

If you have any questions, or if you're
interested in making a pot of soup for the
event, please see Tamsin Lucey
774-200-4279.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS
COLLECTING CANS AND BOTTLES FOR
MISSION & OUTREACH. DONATIONS GO
IN THE LARGE SILVER BOX IN THE
PARISH HALL.**



Wednesday, March 1

**12:00 Noon - Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes**

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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

Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday, February 1—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine Study

Sunday, February 5—9:30 a.m.—Souper Bowl Sunday

Wednesday, February 8—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Book Study

Sunday, February 12—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, February 15—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King Meeting

Wednesday, February 15—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine Study

Sunday, February 26—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Tuesday, February 28—5:30 p.m.—Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 1—12:00 Noon—Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 1—7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes