



TRINITY MATTERS

October, 2017

Stewardship in our Year of Development

Father Ron

As I have said before, I am here to help develop this community so that Trinity may be an effective, sustainable community of God's people. Along with liturgical, pastoral, administrative tasks and training, I have worked with this lay-led and lay managed community to discover what God is inviting us to be and to do. Trinity is strong and my time among you thus far has been to develop leadership further and come to a clearer understanding of our identity and mission. Let me be very clear, our lay based community is an effective model that challenges clerical leadership to assert itself in such a way that does not undermine what works well. We will continue to create and maintain effective communication among members of the vestry and with the congregation. We will continue to remind the congregation that this is not business as it used to be or as usual. We are about something new; prayerfully seeking God's guidance to use the gifts and inspiration in this place and to be creative and faithful care takers of those gifts.

Dan Morgano's letter this week invited members of the Trinity community to join our Journey to Generosity. As Stewardship Chair Dan wrote, "On Sunday, October 1, we will begin our annual giving campaign: 'Journey to Generosity.' Because this year's stewardship journey finds itself in the middle of our Year of Development, we will explore a combination of development and stewardship themes. In the weeks following, we will explore together how we can live more generously as individuals and as a community of faith. Living generously is more than what we do with our financial resources — though that is important. To live generously, we are also invited to be open to new ideas, to welcome the stranger, to volunteer often, and to forgive those who have offended us.

Your generosity, in response to the abundance in your life, will support Trinity's mission and ministry and transform lives."

This is an exciting and creative time in the life of this community! As we move to Annual Meeting next year, I expect the work the Vestry and parish leaders are doing will crystalize a vision and plan for the life and ministries of Trinity. Our stewardship journey is a time to clarify our expectations for that future and define the needed personal and financial resources to sustain those expectations.

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I look forward to our Journey together and invite you to attend worship and education events during this time. And pray for guidance on how you can contribute to what God is about through Trinity Episcopal Church.

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**TRINITY EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

**Sunday, October 1 - Coins for IHN**

Trinity's Stewardship Journey, "Journey to Generosity," Begins Today

|         |                                   |
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| 9:15 am | Fellowship                        |
| 9:50 am | Call to Worship and Organ Prelude |
| 10 am   | Holy Eucharist                    |

**Wednesday, October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi**

The Parish Office is Closed Today

**Sunday, October 8**

|         |                                   |
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| 9:15 am | Fellowship                        |
| 9:50 am | Call to Worship and Organ Prelude |
| 10 am   | Holy Eucharist                    |

**Monday, October 9**

The Parish Office is closed today in observance of Columbus Day

**Thursday, October 12**

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| 6:30 pm | Vestry Meeting, Common Room |
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All members of Trinity are welcome to attend monthly vestry meetings

**Sunday, October 15**

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| 9:15 am | Fellowship                        |
| 9:50 am | Call to Worship and Organ Prelude |
| 10 am   | Holy Eucharist                    |

Setting up for Thrift Sale begins immediately after the service. (Set up in Lawrence Hall begins as soon as Wellspring events have concluded there.)

**Monday, October 16 – Friday, October 20**

Sorting and Pricing daily for the Thrift Sale – as your schedule allows!

**Tuesday, October 17**

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| 10 am | Trinity Women |
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**Wednesday, October 18 – St. Luke**

**Saturday, October 21**

8 am – 1 pm – It's HERE! Trinity's LEGENDARY FABULOUS Thrift Sale!

**Sunday, October 22 – Last Day for Fall UTO offerings so they can be counted and presented at Diocesan Convention**

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| 9:15 am | Fellowship                        |
| 9:50 am | Call to Worship and Organ Prelude |
| 10 am   | Holy Eucharist                    |

Monday, October 23– St. James of Jerusalem

Saturday, October 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude  
Diocesan Convention at the Tower Square Hotel in Springfield

Sunday, October 29

9:15 am Fellowship  
9:50 am Call to Worship and Organ Prelude  
10 am Holy Eucharist

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IF IT'S OCTOBER 21 – IT'S TRINITY THRIFT SALE DAY

This is one of Trinity's largest fundraisers – as well as a great time of Fellowship!
Please consider donating a few hours of your time and energy to help make this once again a HUGE success. Part of the proceeds raised is donated to our Shrewsbury Community.

How will you help?

We need a lot of volunteers to make this another "Thrift Sale Success."

Any amount of time you can give is wonderful and greatly appreciated. If you have not been able to be a part of this event before, come see what you are missing. Yes, it is hard work, but it is also a lot of FUN! (Attention HIGH SCHOOLERS, this is a fantastic and easy opportunity to log in some volunteer hours!!)

SET UP will be on Sunday **10/15** following the 10:00 am service *AND*

Clean up will be on Saturday **10/21** at 1:00pm.

Volunteers needed during the week to help sort and organize our treasures.

And don't forget those **Delicious Baked Goods!** We have many repeat customers who come specifically to shop at our famous Bake Sale.

Small Items and clothing can be brought to the church and placed in the downstairs back classroom to the right. Let your neighbors and friends know when they do their fall cleaning, that MauTrinity Church is accepting donations! Please feel free to invite them to help volunteer as well!!

Please call Leigh O'Connor at 508-842-9905 with any questions or ideas!

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### Need Some Safe Church??

The Diocese has announced

A volunteer workshop (half-day) at St. Francis, Holden on October 11..

For more information, please contact Karen Warren at the Diocese at [kwarren@diocesewma.org](mailto:kwarren@diocesewma.org).



## Warden's Report

Hi Everyone!

The question on my mind for this month is 'How do we build community?'

I've always believed that any organization, be it a club, a team, a business or a parish, can only grow if the membership is strong within itself. When our relationships within our group are strong, our enthusiasm for each other and our shared mission will spill over, igniting a spark that will draw in newcomers. Our gracious welcome will build community.

If you ask a Trinity parishioner why we are so fiercely loyal to our parish, you would hear words like 'caring people' 'friendly people' 'special place' 'beautiful spirit' 'community' 'home'. This is our special gift.

In September, we held Homecoming Sunday, welcoming ourselves back from our summer adventures, and introduced a new Sunday morning schedule with more opportunities to build community through extended fellowship times and formation of Hospitality Teams. We went out into the community at the Spirit of Shrewsbury Expo and invited our community to make a prayer banner with us – which was displayed at an ecumenical service in Dean Park held with Wellspring and Mt. Olivet and folks who met us at the Expo. A portion of the prayer banner is on display starting this weekend at Trinity and Mt. Olivet. In October, we'll be holding our fall Thrift Sale (October 21!!) and welcome the community again. All of these activities give us a chance to strengthen our parish relationships – with each other as we get to know each other just a bit better, and with new friends we welcome into our shared tasks.

Who new will we welcome this month? How will we form relationships? I encourage you to find a new way this month to Seek God, Live Christ and especially Share the Spirit of welcome to Trinity.

Pax –

*Catherine Foster*, Senior Warden



*In October and November we celebrate "Journey to Generosity" as we look ahead to 2018.*

*Please watch for weekly "Reflections" and join us on the Journey!*

## VESTRY CORNER

The Trinity Vestry met on September 7, 2017. Here are the condensed highlights of that meeting:

### Warden Report

- To ensure a successful Homecoming Sunday at 10 AM on September 10th, the Vestry was assigned the duties of the new Hospitality Team (early fellowship coffee set-up, Ushers (Greeters and Offertory), late fellowship refill, clean-up, bringing refreshments, etc.) Other teams will be developed over time hopefully with additional volunteers from the parish. *(At this writing, everything went extremely well.)*  
Catherine will ask Sue to send email blast to remind parishioners of the new time.
- Fr. Ron requested that we meet after the October 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> service to discuss Stewardship.
- Clean-up Day will be Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Dumpster will come in at 9:39 AM and be removed when full or at the end of the day. Helpers are needed to move heavy items from the basement. Ron and Jeff have dismantled the play area and those items will be dumped. Parishioners can bring items from home to dump for a suggested donation of \$25. *At this writing, the dumpster was full and removed by mid-afternoon.*
- There's much to do around the building and grounds to prepare for winter and maintenance. The parish paid approximately \$4100 to remove and prune trees and brush. The Stumps are gone. Ron Alarie has offered to re-seed bare spots in the grass. There was a suggestion that we consider forming a Garden Team for next year.
- Carolann has received two of the three quotes she requested for painting and wood repair to the church building. Quotes are on the high side which requires careful planning. Ron Alarie, Allyn Taylor and Bob Krey will participate in the selection of a vendor.
- Catherine suggested that in light of the heavy expenses we are facing, that we not make an additional investment in the Diocesan Investment Trust at this time.

### Treasurer's Report

- Overall the budget is in good shape, but needs to be monitored closely.
- The new and improved accounting software from Concordia Technology called Church 360 Ledger, is already running very well.

### Mutual Ministries

- Plans are in place for the Spirit of Shrewsbury event in September. Trinity will be sharing a booth with Mt Olivet at the Oak Middle School from 10 AM – 4 PM. Balloons and fabric squares for creating long banners to hang and fly in the breeze will be provided for the children. Colorful large postcards with Trinity information are printed as handouts to adults. Trinity, Mt Olivet, and Wellspring will all participate in a morning service at Dean park at 10 AM on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. *(At this writing, all went extremely well on both days for a successful mutual ministries effort.)*

### Priest-in-Charge Report

- In the essence of time, the Vestry agreed by consensus to postpone the discussion on Holy Currencies, Vestry Responsibilities and Norms, until the October meeting.

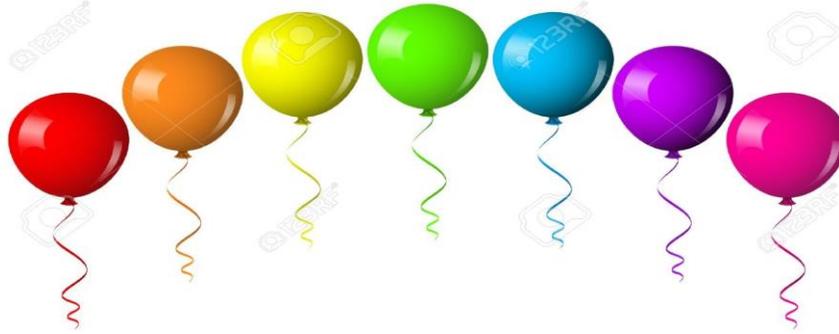
### New Business

- The Fall Thrift Sale is coming up on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The suggestion was made to begin looking for a "Webmaster" to oversee our PC system, Website and Facebook pages. We would be looking for a volunteer, perhaps from the parish, with excellent PC

webmaster skills. It was suggested that we begin to draft a job description to have available for potential inquiries.

- The next meeting of the Vestry will be Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and anyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Linda Jackson**, Vestry Clerk



**THIS MONTH – HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**And HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Jackie Kalb              | 10/2  |
| Jeff Kalb                | 10/2  |
| Michael Mitsis           | 10/5  |
| Maude Dumper             | 10/9  |
| Beth Medlinskas          | 10/12 |
| Sam O'Connor             | 10/15 |
| Emma Polhemus            | 10/15 |
| Scott Thompson           | 10/18 |
| Jeffrey Rozak            | 10/21 |
| Marilyn Samuelson O'Hara | 10/22 |
| Marcia Anderson          | 10/23 |
| Lyla McRae               | 10/25 |
| Luanne Morgado           | 10/25 |
| Joshua Morin             | 10/26 |
| Myrtle Hill              | 10/30 |
| Ralph Morse              | 10/31 |

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| Tom & Leigh O'Connor   | 10/02/93 |
| Ralph & Anne Morse     | 10/15/83 |
| Steve & Michele Landry | 10/16/94 |
| Alden & Susan Harris   | 10/17/92 |
| Hal & Pam Marshall     | 10/29/94 |

*Please advise the  
Parish Office  
if any corrections  
or additions  
are needed  
to this information.  
Thank you!!*

**In Our Parish Family**

*Necrology*

**Nancy Beisaw** who passed into Eternal Life on August 26. Nancy and her husband, Norman have been long time friends of Trinity.

*May the souls of the Faithful Departed, by the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.*

## All Saints' Sunday

We will observe All Saints' Day on **Sunday, November 5**. At that time, prayers will be said at the altar for those who have passed into Eternal Life. Beginning October 22, please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can write the names of friends and loved ones who you would like to have remembered on that day. You can also call names in to the parish office. All names received by Wednesday, November 1, will be printed on an insert and included in the bulletin for All Saints' Sunday.

## OUTREACH

Please remember **Marie's Mission** and the diaper initiative we share with St. Michael's, Worcester. More are always needed!

Sunday, October 1 is **Coins for IHN** Sunday, please continue to be generous!



It's **United Thank Offering** Time. Please gather your 'coins of thanksgiving' and use one of the blue boxes on the table in the narthex, or a UTO envelope – or anything! Your checks should be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church with UTO noted in the memo section.

Please note that in order for your gift to be presented by our parish delegates at the Diocesan convention, it must be received at the parish office by Sunday, October 22.

Trinity collected nearly \$250 in gift cards for **St. Anne's Shrewsbury Human Services "back to school" effort** in August. We have received a thank you letter which is displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## OUR FAITH - WORSHIP AND LEARNING

### CHRIST, YOU ARE LIGHT

An evening of contemplative prayer and song in the spirit of Taizé will be held at 8 pm on the second Friday of each month in the Chapel at Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street Worcester. For information call 508-791-0808.

### BIBLE STUDY/BIBLE SHARING

Bible sharing is ongoing at **Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church** from 7:12-8:30 pm on Thursdays. Come every week or come as your schedule allows. You are always welcome!

Pastor Nancy of **Wellspring United Methodist Church** has announced a Bible study series on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 in the Common Room at Trinity, beginning on October 17 and continuing through December 19. As a way of better understanding the church today, the series will examine the first century church through the letter from Apostle Paul to the Church at Corinth - I Corinthians.



## OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULES

| DATE/TIME           | Lector(s)                          | EM (s)            | Hospitality Team | Acolytes                        | Altar Guild                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| October 1<br>10 am  | Diane Caron<br>Robert Krey         | Ron Alarie        | Team 1           | NA                              | Catherine Foster<br>Linda Jackson              |
| October 8<br>10 am  | Hal Marshall<br>Dina Nichols       | Allen Jarrell     | Team 2           | Evan Jarrell<br>Cameron Lewis   | Anne Morse<br>Diane Caron                      |
| October 15<br>10 am | Marianne Tompkins<br>Judy Pugliese | Leigh<br>O'Connor | Team 3           | Jake Morin<br>Victoria Marshall | Leigh O'Connor                                 |
| October 22<br>10 am | Linda Taylor<br>Elaine Brouillette | Allyn Taylor      | Team 4           | Mark and Sam<br>O'Connor        | Linda Taylor<br>Sherry Alarie<br>Linda Jackson |
| October 29<br>10 am | Robert Krey<br>Hal Marshall        | Pam Marshall      | Team 5           | Evan Jarrell<br>Cameron Lewis   | Linda Taylor                                   |

*\* Schedules updated as of September 28, 2017*

**Note:** Schedules are distributed quarterly, in advance of serving dates; these schedules also appear (without contact information) on the Trinity website – [www.trinityshrewsbury.org](http://www.trinityshrewsbury.org). Schedules month to month, (see above) appear in the monthly newsletter. Reminders/updates are sent by e-mail a couple of days prior to every Sunday as part of the weekly Trinity E-Update. And if you ever have a question about when you are scheduled to serve, you can always contact the parish office!

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***Join us for fellowship beginning at 9:15 am on Sundays  
Holy Eucharist - 10 am***

***Parish Office Hours: Monday –Friday, 8:30 am-1:30 pm***