



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Trinitarian

December 2018



December 9th

5pm Blue Christmas Service (*see description below*)

Sunday, December 23rd – Fourth Advent

8am Holy Eucharist Rite 1 – Said Service

9:30am Children’s Pageant Rehearsal in the Lane Chapel

10am Holy Eucharist Rite 2 – Choral Service

11:30am Greening of the Church in Preparation for Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4pm Christmas Eve Service with Christmas Pageant

7pm Christmas Eve Service with Adult Choir

10:30pm Join in a Carol Sing led by the Adult Choir

11pm Christmas Eve Service with Adult Choir

Christmas Day, December 25th

9am Christmas Service with guest violinist,
Jagan Nath Singh Khalsa



The Christmas Eve Pageant will take place during the 4pm service on Monday, December 24th. There are roles for all of our children and all children who may be visiting on Christmas Eve. Children will choose roles and costumes during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 23. Children who are not present on the 23rd will still be able to participate. All children should plan on arriving at Trinity by 3:30pm on December 24th to prepare. There are also opportunities for adults who would like to help coordinate the pageant. Please let Fr. Mac know if you can help out.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree will be up in the back of the church on the first Sunday in December. Parishioners - if you take a slip to fulfill a request, all items must be returned by 11am on Sunday December 16th as deliveries/pickups will begin. Thank you for your assistance.

NOVEMBER VESTRY MEETING SUMMARY

Parishioner Sharing



Diocesan Convention: Fr. Mac is no longer Secretary of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Wende Wheeler is the new secretary.

Christmas Fair

- Preparations are going well.
- Table chairs will be asked to submit the amounts they have spent so we know exactly how much they are donating.
- More donations from more parishioners would spread the giving among a greater number of people.
- Publicity will be in the Milford Town Crier, Milford Daily News, WMRC, and Milford TV.

Snow:

- The building and property committee will be purchasing a new, heavy-duty snowblower.
- We need to determine whether volunteers or paid individuals will do the snow blowing.

Covenant with St. Mary's:

- Ours is the oldest continuous existing covenant between Roman Catholic and Anglican churches in the world.
- The service and supper were sparsely attended.
- Trinity members of the covenant committee have decided that it is time for them to retire.
- We need to see if anyone is interested in revitalizing this relationship.
- Do we keep the covenant going?

Treasurer's Report

Pledges

- Pledges are behind but usually catch up at this time of year.

Stewardship

- The goal for this year is \$206,000.
- We are currently at \$137,688.

Warden's Report

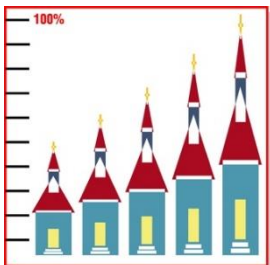
Christian Education

- The junior youth met and played a Biblical game and shared dinner with the senior youth group.
- The senior youth group will be going to Worcester to provide sandwiches and socks for needy and homeless people on Sunday, December 2.

Capital Campaign

- Pledges are on target. \$165,000 has been received. \$175,000 has been spent.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organ is in process; the air conditioning and insulation in the parish hall are complete. Plans for improving the kitchen are in process.
Thanksgiving Dinners	The Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition (MAHC) will coordinate and pay for the dinners. Members of Trinity and St. Mary's will deliver them.
Rector's Report	<p><i>Renewal Works</i> – We've had two meetings and are making good progress.</p> <p><i>Bible Challenge</i> – Meetings will continue on Wednesday mornings after the Eucharist. There will be no meal at the meeting on Sunday evening, December 9.</p> <p><i>Blue Christmas</i> – Sunday evening, December 9.</p> <p><i>Christmas Pageant</i>– 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve. There will be a music component for children.</p> <p><i>Rector Schedule</i> – Fr. Mac will be on vacation November 19-24. He will be at Appreciative Inquiry Training November 25-30.</p>



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Capital Campaign Update- Of the \$345,000 pledged to the capital campaign, \$165,000 has been received and \$175,115 has been spent. Thanks to all who have pledged and to those who are fulfilling their commitments over the next few years. The organ is progressing; there's air conditioning in the parish hall and insulation above it. We're working on plans to upgrade the kitchen. All of this is because of your generosity. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Everyone from high school age up is invited to volunteer in our Sunday School. As a volunteer, you can participate in what our youngest members are doing and support their faith development. Sign up for one Sunday or as many as you choose. This is a commitment of 45 minutes to one hour in a week. Can you spare one hour?

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/TrinitySSHelpers>

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.



And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier



TRINITY MEAT RAFFLE

Trinity is hosting one more Meat Raffle this year on Sunday, December 16th from 12-2 PM (doors open at 11:30am) in the upper Parish Hall. What is a meat raffle and how does it work? A meat raffle runs as follows: 3 playing cards are stapled together (for example, 2 of spades, 9 of diamonds, and Queen of hearts), and a caller will go through a deck of cards calling out each card. The first person to have all 3 cards shouts out "RAFFLE" and wins a

fabulous package of meat!

Some of the meat to be raffled includes roast beef, spiral hams, ribs, and chicken breasts, and more! There will be 20 raffle tickets at \$2 each, or a full page for \$35, covering the cost of all 20 raffles; a great deal for this incredibly fun event!

Only 100 seats are available and it's first come/first served. This event is open to the community and we'd love to have you join us and invite a friend or two (or ten)! Raffle pages will be sold at the door and upstairs, along with a concession stand selling soda, water, and snacks. Come see what this is all about, hang out, and take some chances to bring home the bacon that you can cook as soon as you get home!

10 volunteers are also needed to make sure each person has cards for each raffle, collecting and passing the cards out, and having fun. After expenses, all proceeds from this event go to benefit the mission and ministry of Trinity. Please contact me at misstraceyngcc@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to volunteer.

– Tracey N. Morse



TRINITY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST!

It's almost here! We've been working diligently throughout the year with behind-the-scene planning and monthly craft meetings. Thanks to all who have joined us – your help is so appreciated. There's a list of table chairs and areas needing help in the Parish hall.

**Trinity Tinsel Town Raffle (formerly the Traveling Bazaar table)
Tickets are Ready to Sell! Sell! Sell!**

Please pick up raffle tickets along with a list of prizes and start selling.

All tickets are due back on the day of the Christmas Fair. Tickets are available at each coffee hour.

Gallery of Arts and Crafts Fair at Milford High School – Saturday, Nov. 24th

We will have a table at the craft fair at Milford High School on Saturday November 24th from 9am- 3pm. We will be selling raffle tickets and craft items. We are looking for volunteers for an hour or two or part of the day. If you are willing to help, please contact Gayle or Maryellen.

Jewelry table – Once again we'll be having a table selling used jewelry this year and are looking for all kinds (it should be in very good, if not excellent condition). Please clean out your jewelry boxes and see what you can donate. We'll accept vintage and jewelry from every decade including pins, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and so forth. Please, no watches unless they work. Sterling silver (if you wish to part with it) is OK but please, no gold. We're looking forward to this fun table. You can drop off items any time between now and the fair with the Stewards of the Offering (there'll be a box in their office).

Busy Fingers - We have been receiving hand crafted items for the Busy Fingers table. We would certainly appreciate more items. Thank you to those who have already given us items to sell at the table. If you haven't contributed to the Busy Fingers table, please consider making a handcrafted item to donate. It would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille Clinkman at 508-634-8996.

Hazel's Café – Think waitresses/waiters. Please donate some time to this busy area – many folks are needed for this to run smoothly.

Set-Up & Breakdown – John Ellis is the contact person.

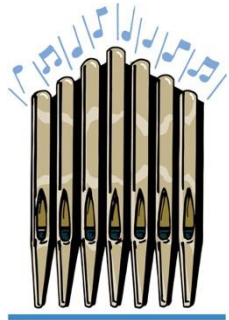
- **Café walls** on Saturday November 24th – Contact John to help out!
- **Tables, etc.:** Sunday November 25th, following 10 am service.
- **Breakdown:** Sunday December 2nd, following the 10 am service.

As you can see there's a lot to do and think about already.

Thanks in advance and if you have any questions, please contact Gayle Ruscitti (Head Elf) at jrgrrus@yahoo.com or [508-498-5871](tel:508-498-5871) or Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski (Asst. Head Elf) at ayaroshefski@yahoo.com or [508-634-7792](tel:508-634-7792) or see us in church. Much more info is to come. I know with everyone's help we can have a great fair!

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NEW SMITH AND GILBERT ORGAN UPDATE



During the 17th and 18th centuries, the most complicated machine in any community would have been its pipe organ with thousands of moving parts. In some respects, the pipe organ is the precursor to the modern computer because its many components convey information from one component to another which eventually results in the organist's ability to produce music through the speaking of the pipes. Pipe organs may also have remarkable longevity if maintained properly. A pipe organ in Zion, Switzerland dates from 1390, over a hundred years before Columbus's journey to the New World. This organ still plays.

The longest lasting parts of the organ are generally the pipes. However, there are many other components, including the console, stop tabs, blower, swell shades, windlines, and windchests, just to name a few. Our *new* Smith and Gilbert organ consists of many used, reconditioned parts, a practice which is very common in organ building. All the pipes are from earlier instruments. They were washed or cleaned to remove decades of dust and dirt. The reed pipes (clarinet, oboe, and trumpet) have delicate beating reeds in them and were sent to a company that specializes in reconditioning reed pipes. The shell of the refinished console, which has the manuals (keyboards), is about 90 years old but contains new, state-of-the-art computerized components within. The blower is a brand new 1.5 HP motor that provides a constant wind supply to make the pipes sound.

The last component are the windchests that the pipes stand on. Holes under the pipes allow air to enter when the organist presses a key on the manuals. This sends a message through a fiberoptic cable in our Smith and Gilbert organ to a valve under the pipe, which then opens the valve and allows air into the pipe, causing it to speak. One of these chests appeared to be

viable until it was installed, revealing flaws that were difficult if not impossible to detect before that. Correcting the numerous parts that needed replacement would not have been cost or time effective. The decision was made to construct a new chest that was specifically designed for the ranks (sets) of pipes that would sit on it. This caused a delay in the completion of the organ. However, in the next week or so, we will have the Great 8' Principal stop, visible to the left of the chancel where the old organ was placed, and the entire Swell and Pedal divisions located behind the black swell shades in the organ chamber. With this, we will have even more organ than Trinity ever had before until the new windchest for the Great division is completed and installed in January.

GIVEAWAY TABLE – FREE STUFF FOR THE TAKING



What are you going to do with the stuff you never opened or the junk you never use, but it is too good to throw away? Think of those cupcake liners in the baking drawer. The unused paint brushes on the workbench. The herbal tea bags that you will never ever drink.

Give them away on Trinity's new "Giveaway Table.". Your stuff can be someone's treasure. If it is too small for the church fair but it is too useable to throw away, then give it away! Anything put on the table is 'good to go' to anyone who wants it. It could be the new spigot that doesn't fit. The box of 50 nuts and bolts that you only needed one. Or it could be extension cords, scarves, paper, calendars, baskets, fake flowers, candles, 3-in-1 oil, matchbox cars, air fresheners, bowls, or anything that you bought and then thought, "Why did I buy that?"

Just put anything on the "Giveaway Table" upstairs in the Parish Hall. Someone can use it. Waste-not-want-not.

SMITTEN WITH KNITTIN'



Our new long-term project is knitting/crocheting (fleece or quilted) lap blankets for veterans at the Brockton VA Hospital. Any help (you need not be a member of the group) making these blankets would be greatly appreciated.

Contact June Jones with any questions. june.jones2@comcast.net or 508-381-1660. Thank you so much.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

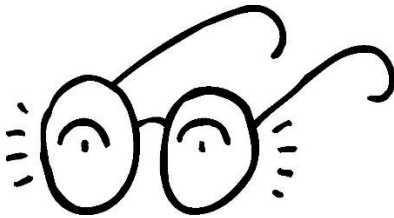
Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 5 pm, Trinity will hold a Blue Christmas Service. This service gives people an opportunity to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to have quiet moments of peace and quiet. There will be soft music, time for silent thoughts and prayer, as well as time to light candles in memory of people we have lost and about issues that may trouble our souls.

The Blue Christmas Service was originally designed for people who are struggling with different kinds of pain and loss, who may find the high energy of the season to be overwhelming. But at Trinity, it has evolved into a service that gives each of us a time to be still and know that God is God and that we are loved.

ROMEO's LUNCHEON



The Romeo's group will meet for lunch at the Red Heat Tavern, 124 Medway Road, Milford, at 12:30 PM on Friday, December 7th. This restaurant is located in the new Stop and Shop plaza. Enter the parking lot from Beaver Street. If you wish to attend, please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or [508-634-8996](tel:508-634-8996) by Wednesday, December 5th so we can make reservations.



EYEGGLASS RECYCLING

Trinity's participation in the Milford Lions Club eyeglass recycling program continues. The total number of glasses collected by Trinity parishioners for people in need is 356. Anyone with eyeglasses, glasses cases, or gently used sunglasses that they no longer need, can put them in the collection box near the piano in the parish hall. Thanks to all who have contributed so far!



Trinity Church serves free dinners in a clean, pleasant, and friendly environment. Anyone who is hungry or lonely is welcome. There are no eligibility requirements. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship with a satisfying meal.

COMMUNITY DINNER

November meals have been moved to the first week of December, and there are two sets of community meals on these dates: 5th - 7th, 26th - 28th.

If you are interested in helping prepare and serve the dinner, please contact communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org for how to serve in this meaningful mission.



The latest version of our Trinity Calendar is now available seven days a week, 24 hours a day on our Trinity Church web site. Please visit www.trinitychurchmilford.org and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page! If you need a paper copy of the monthly calendar, please call or send an email to the church office.



Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the January edition of *The Trinitarian* is December 15th. All articles should be sent to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org. Please do not send articles to the church office.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



I can hardly believe that it's almost Thanksgiving. It seems like November just started and now it has snowed and the holidays are upon us. It's time to focus on the joy of friends and family and gratitude for all we have in our lives. Peace to all and Happy Holidays!

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Special Inserts to this month's Trinitarian:

1. Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Form
2. Special Christmas Donation Envelope
3. 2019 Pledge Drive Status Thermometer