



Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Messenger Article
Trinitytide 2 (Sept-Nov) 2024

Going Deeper in Discipleship

Dear HTAC Family,

As we move closer to the end of the Church year, let us consider what the Lord commands us in the Great Commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Therefore, discipleship is at the core of what a Christian is to do. Not only are we to be discipled; we also are to disciple others. But what is discipleship? The root word in the original language means “learn,” so discipleship is essentially learning and to be a disciple is to be a learner. In English, we tend to call learners “students.”

That’s it; we are ultimately students of Christ, but this comes at least partially through being students of someone further along in the faith. And, Lord willing, we are helping someone else’s growth in faith by allowing them to be our students. This may seem alien to the way you have practiced Christianity throughout your life, but this is the biblical model. Jesus made disciples who made disciples, who themselves in turn made disciples, and on and on. Thus, learning and teaching are essential components of the Christian faith. The teaching is to begin, according to the above quote, with all that Jesus had commanded them. However, as the Church age extended further and further into the future, it became necessary to teach also the Scriptures that were to be written down after that point (i.e., the entire New Testament), and also doctrinal and ecclesial development that took place as the years went on (e.g., the declarations of the ecumenical Church councils, including the Creeds).

Fast forward to the 16th century, and the English Reformation brought about significant change to the Anglican Church, leading to the production of the Book of Common Prayer, the 39 Articles, and other important developments. Much of this change was in fact a restoration of earlier doctrinal emphases found in the early Church; such retrieval had been sorely needed for centuries, particularly considering the errors of the Medieval Church such as the doctrine of Purgatory. Arriving at the present moment, we modern, orthodox Anglicans (which constitute roughly 85% of the Global Communion) can confidently assert that we strive to maintain the faith of the undivided Church, which flourished in the first several centuries AD.

Returning to the topic of discipleship: since we have received so great a tradition, built on the foundation of Scripture with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, let us take seriously the call to be students of the Faith. We must be diligent to go deeper in understanding of what has been handed down to us. Taking seriously our Christian beliefs, and particularly our Christianity as practiced in the Anglican Communion, is a necessity. This is why this month, September of 2024, we are beginning a study that introduces the entirety of Anglicanism. We all will be reading the book *Deep Anglicanism: A Brief Guide*, and I will be expanding on and sometimes critiquing what we read via our Adult Christian

Education classes and through emailed teachings. We will be covering all the essentials of Christianity as practiced in the Anglican Tradition, and also will be careful to cover certain hot-button issues that are relevant to living out the faith in our modern context. Please join us in this journey and fulfill the Lord's command both to be and to make disciples!

In Christ, the Apostle and High Priest of our Confession,
Fr. Shawn+

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Visit from our Diocesan Bishop

Our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Dan Gifford, will visit Holy Trinity the second weekend of November. He will preside and preach at the All Souls Solemn High Mass that Sunday. During this Mass the Bishop will be Confirming some parishioners. He will also lead a clergy retreat during his time here. We hope all our church family will be able to join us on November 10th for this important event in the life of our church.

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8:00 a.m. Said Mass

Over the summer the 8:00 a.m. Said Mass was celebrated alternate Sundays. Beginning September 1st, we will revert to every Sunday, *except* there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on any fifth Sunday of the month.

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From the Organist / Choirmaster:



The choir joins me in extending an invitation to join! St. Augustine has been credited with saying that "He who sings, prays twice." One of the joys of being the organist at HTAC is how lustily the congregation sings at mass. Another is how devoted the choir members are. For various reasons, such as moving away, we have lost a few members. Are you interested in joining us? The only requirements are that you attend rehearsals on alternate Tuesday evenings, and arrive at about 9 a.m. on Sunday to prepare, but these are flexible and can accommodate your work or family schedule. You don't need to know how to read music, but that helps, of course; reading music really is fairly easy, and I will help you learn. Please let me

or a choir member know if you are interested!

David Baker

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

For the past several years we have provided a wonderful Thanksgiving Day Dinner for members of the Holy Trinity family and many of our neighbors. We would like to repeat this event again this Thanksgiving. The plan would be to have dinner on Thanksgiving, November 28th at 1:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help in any way – cooking a turkey, making side dishes or desserts, setting up the hall, serving, cleaning-up, donating money to be used for purchasing supplies – please inform Fr. Shawn or Monica Walker. Let's make this another wonderful Thanksgiving!



ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

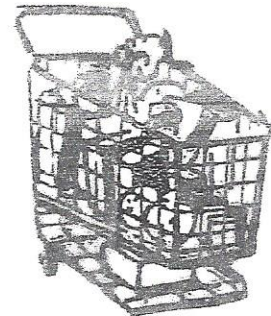
"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (Psalm 139:16, NLT)

- **Baby bottle campaign:** Thank you to everyone who filled and returned a baby bottle from Mother's Day through Father's Day to benefit the First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center. The total collected by Holy Trinity amounted to \$1008.00. It is never too late to return your bottle if you have forgotten!
- **First Concern's Annual Banquet:** This will be held Thursday, October 3rd at the Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA 01434. The keynote speaker will be Matt Birk, Superbowl Champion. You may call 978-365-9817 for more information. **If you would like to join others from HT at a table please contact Kathleen Demers. Deadline for responses is September 23rd.**
- **40 days for life campaign:** A peaceful prayer vigil will be held from September 25th through November 3rd. The closest campaign is in Worcester across the street from the Planned Parenthood Super Center. You may check www.40daysforlife.org.
- **Brochures and other information:** There is a huge amount of information regarding Sanctity of Life issues on the walls in the Narthex (entrance to the church) that you may take home. Please visit the website www.anglicansforlife.org which lists the many great programs going on right now. The list is too long to mention everything!
- **Please continue to pray** for the unborn, the sick, all those who society feels are a burden.
- **Newsletter of Anglicans for Life:** The current newsletter from Anglicans for Life is on our table at the entrance of the church. It may also be viewed at <https://anglicansforlife.org/publications/>. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to www.Liveaction.org.
- **Donations of clothes, etc:** Donations of baby and toddlers diapers, clothing, etc. benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center (www.firstconcern.org). We also service the young mothers in the neighborhood when needed. Donations may be left in the entrance to the church or contact Kathleen to arrange a drop off time.
- **Anglicans for Life** is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion...Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordinators Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food" (St. Matthew 25:35a)

You are invited to contribute to the Food Pantry on any given Sunday. Needed items right now are canned soups, tuna, and chicken; boxes of pasta and pasta sauce; mayonnaise and boxes of cereal. Canned vegetables are NOT needed at this time, thank you. Canned food with flip tops are preferable, please. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless You!



Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.

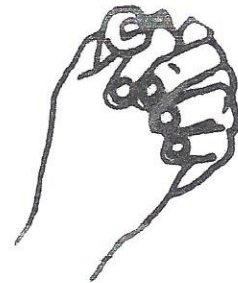
PRAYER AND FASTING

To fast and to pray on behalf of our church family is an important ministry in which most of us can participate. For several years Holy Trinity has had a week of fasting and day of prayer each month. We did not schedule specific days for this over the summer because of people's vacations.

If you are not familiar with our monthly practice of Fasting and Prayer, it is as follows: During one week each month we have six days set apart for prayer and fasting. One or more persons sign-up to fast on each of the days appointed (Monday through Saturday). Our week of fasting concludes with a Day of Prayer on the Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A minimum of eleven persons sign-up to pray in their own home for one hour. This way at least one person will be fasting every day that week on behalf of the church family and at least one person will be praying from approximately sunup to sundown on the Day of Prayer.

Upcoming dates:

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| <i>Week of Fasting:</i> | Monday, September 9 – Saturday, September 14 Monday, October 7 – Saturday, October 12 Monday, November 11 – Saturday, November 16 |
| <i>Day of Prayer:</i> | Saturdays September 14, October 12, November 16 |



Come Holy Spirit! Fall upon us! Come in power!

Just Me and My Shadow

“Just Me and My Shadow” is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People do not need to belong to our church family in order to attend. All are welcome. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, PLEASE do not let this stop you from joining the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal.

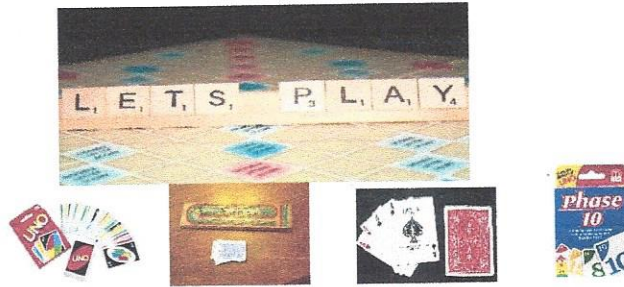
SECOND SATURDAY



Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! We would like to spruce up our buildings and grounds. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention. Upcoming Second Saturdays are September 14, October 12, and November 10.

Food during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. If you are not in a position to provide food but can help clean up, that would be much appreciated also. Please don't leave it to just a few people! For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or jcbalk@aol.com).



Join us for an Evening of Clubs & Cards Saturday, November 2, 2024 – 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Light supper followed by a few rounds of card games (7 pm start) ...

Family & friends are welcome!

Our hosts will be Charley and Diane Place
Please contact them for more information.
(508-480-0433 or dplace76@verizon.net)

Look for sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
If willing to host a game/two, please indicate on sign-up sheet...

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Happy Birthday:

September: Bri Regonini – 2nd; Raynor Krebs – 3rd; Liam Dunphy – 4th; Susan Leeming – 4th;
Glen Adams – 5th; Erica Ayisi – 6th; Marjorie McCabe – 6th; Devin Gouvea – 6th;
Karen Panasevich-Cummins – 7th; Linda Smith – 27th; Phil Davis – 30th.

October: Mike Kenyon – 1st; Lily Fowler – 6th; Eva Burbeck – 12th; Lynne Krebs – 14th; Kathleen Demers –
15th; Sandra Quintin – 15th; Brenda Caldwell – 23rd; Molly Day – 28th.

November: Lawrence Franko – 3rd; Marybeth Cashen – 3rd; Bobby Recko – 4th; William Keeler – 10th;
Deacon Rhonda Cotton – 14th; David Perry – 17th; Samantha Keeler – 18th; Thomas Bottini – 21st;
Diane O'Leary – 24th; Joleen Alicea – 26th; Fran Hodson – 29th.

Happy Anniversary:

Jay and Diane O'Leary on September 8th.

Ned and Susan Leeming on September 18th.

Dustin and Allison Hassard on September 23rd.

Rev. Terrence and Linda McGillicuddy on September 25th.

Rev. Michael and Christine McKinnon on September 28th.

Rt. Rev. Donald and Trudy Harvey on October 31st.

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A Prayer for the Care of Children:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who hast blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

In July we hosted another successful VBS – *The Great Jungle Journey*. This Answers in Genesis curriculum used Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and outreach projects to help children learn to connect their Bible to their everyday life. Some popular activities returned – tie-dyeing t-shirts, a visit from Animal Adventures, and the water slide on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening parents and friends joined us for an end-of-week celebration, including a slide show of the week’s activities, videos of the daily skits (written and directed by Diane O’Leary), and the children performing songs learned during the week (led by Rylee Cashen and Danica Clark).

We are fortunate to be blessed with teen helpers and adult volunteers willing to give their time and energy to work with the children. I am extremely grateful to everyone who helped in any way. You make this week possible.

With many thanks to all,
Monica Walker

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. Classes will begin Sunday, September 8th, following fellowship time (approximately 12:15 p.m.) We will begin the year with two groups, the older ones led by Diana Newton Wood; the younger group led by either Monica Walker or Cate Fowler. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful. Several of these assistants have taken – or plan to take – Atrium assistant training online and that is a great blessing.

We are excited to open a third Atrium, sometime in October, giving the Level II students their own space. Monica Walker will be the primary leader of that group and Cate Fowler will be the primary leader for Level I. Diana Newton Wood will continue as primary leader for Level III. For more information, please contact Monica Walker, Diana Newton Wood, or Cate Fowler.

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FEEDING THE CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

The children’s summer lunch program ended August 23rd. This year we partnered with the City once again. The program offered eat-in only, serving lunch from 11:00-12:00. We supplemented the program by feeding the adults who came in. David and Andrew Tucker partnered with me again and for that I am very grateful.
Kathleen Demers

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FREE WINTER COAT PROGRAM

Beginning early November we will start distributing coats on Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Beforehand the racks need to be brought up from the basement, the tubs from last year need to come down from storage. I will need a lot of help to get this all accomplished. The program usually runs through March, or as long as we have enough supply. If you have a Wednesday you would like to help, please let me know. Any new or slightly used coats of any size are welcome.

Kathleen Demers
508-624-7642 or nanakay105@aol.com

Live Streaming: The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass is live streamed each week.
Said Mass is offered each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

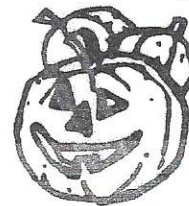
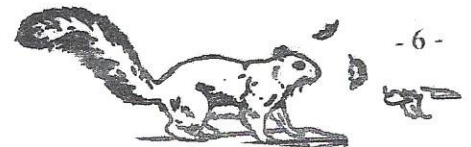
September

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| Sun, September 1 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 14 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Solemn High Mass |
| Sun, September 8 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sun, September 15 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Holy Cross | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Solemn High Mass |
| Sun, September 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 17 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sun, September 29 | NO 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass today |
| Holy Michael & All Angels | NO 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer today |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Solemn High Mass |



October

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| Sun, October 6 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 19 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Solemn High Mass |
| Sun, October 13 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sun, October 20 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sun, October 27 | 8:00 a.m. | Said Mass |
| Trinity 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |



A Collect for Thanksgiving Day:

O most merciful Father, we humbly thank thee for all thy gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for power to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of men; but above all we thank thee for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

November

Sat, November 2

Daylight Saving Time ends – move clocks back one hour tonight!

Sun, November 3
All Saints

8:00 a.m. Said Mass
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Sun, November 10
All Souls

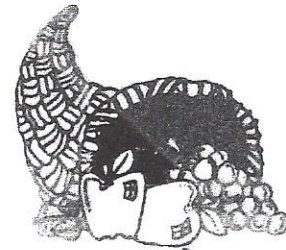
NO 8:00 a.m. Said Mass – Bishop visit
NO 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Bishop visit
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass – the Right Reverend Dan Gifford
Presiding and Preaching

Sun, November 17
Trinity 25

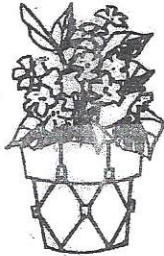
8:00 a.m. Said Mass
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sun, November 24
Christ the King

8:00 a.m. Said Mass
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass



ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY LAMP



If you would like to commemorate a loved one by donating the cost of the altar flowers or Sanctuary Lamp, please contact Tanya Bottini (508-877-8736), or email JBottini1@verizon.net for details and to sign up for a particular Sunday. You are welcome to donate in memory, in thanksgiving, or in honor of one or more people. The Holy Eucharist will also be offered for your intention. Thank you!

Notes of Note:

- **The Intercessory Prayer Group** is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.
- **Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays:** This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in.
- **Adult Christian Education** is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Please join us!
- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or dwmorse@live.com.
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund in 2024:** Sunday, October 13.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund in 2024:** Sunday, November 10.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table in 2024:** Sundays, September 8 and December 8.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Parish Council meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Parish Council meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- **Fr. Shawn is off every Monday and Saturday.** He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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| The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford | Diocesan Bishop |
| The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey | Bishop Emeritus |
| Father Shawn Fowler (Voluntown, CT) | 860-207-2210 (Rector) |
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| Parish Council: | |
| Monica Walker | 508-272-6900 (Rector's Warden) |
| Marta Burbeck | 508-382-2026 (People's Warden) |
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| Lynne Krebs | 508-494-2410 (Clerk) |
| Jay O'Leary | 508-624-9705 |
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| Donald Richards | Senior Warden Emeritus |

Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

- In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210.
- Fr. Shawn's email: shawnfowler86@gmail.com
- Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.
- Church address: 472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough MA
- Church mailing address: 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough MA
- Church office: 508-481-8493
- Church website: www.holytrinitymarlborough.org
- Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: facebook.com/HTACMass
- Our Diocesan Website: www.anglicannetwork.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

Please let us know!

If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital,
 please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person.
 They will arrange visits, and holy communion if requested.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter to cover the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany is Sunday, November 17, 2024. Please e-mail your items to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thanks, Monica



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