



The Rev. Shawn S. Fowler+
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Messenger Article
Trinity 2 - 2025

Holy Trinity Family,

As we enter into the second half of Trinitytide and complete the remainder of the Church year, let us take a few moments to consider what can be gleaned from the New Testament lesson attached to this past Sunday, the Apostle Paul's letter to Philemon. Paul is writing to a man of status who lives in Colossae, who has a Church in his home. The Apostle somehow knows this man, and it is likely that he even led him to faith in Jesus. We know that St. Paul's disciple, Epaphras, planted the Church in Colossae that meets in his home. Philemon's slave, Onesimus, has run away, and by God's providence, encountered Paul in a different city while Paul was imprisoned. Paul led Onesimus to Christ, and the new convert proved to be a capable disciple and minister. The Apostle eventually sends him back to Philemon, most likely with this letter, which expresses the expectation that the house-Church leader will "do what is required" (8). This appears to be to reconcile with his runaway slave and then allow him to return to continue ministering with the Apostle Paul. In the course of making this argument, the Apostle says that if Onesimus owes anything, Paul himself will pay the debt. This could be because Onesimus has stolen something and was caught, precipitating his flight, or because he took money and/or supplies as he fled; it could also be both. It is likely that Paul has at least some information concerning what Onesimus took, although perhaps it is worse than he knows. Regardless, he boldly decides to put himself on the hook for the sake of love.

The Apostle appeals to love various times in the letter (5; 7; 9), and with this action, he demonstrates his own towards his disciple. To reach out to someone in their time of need, to advocate on their behalf before an offended party, even to make your own self financially liable for their wrongdoing—this is a manifestation of the love of Christ. It is true that people reap what they sow. The Bible itself teaches this. There is much to be learned via experience, particularly that of the negative sort. However, it is also true that Jesus extended mercy time and again, and said things like "I require mercy, not sacrifice" (Mt. 9:13). The Apostle Paul is following in the footsteps of Christ here, is using his Apostolic authority to gain more favorable conditions for a slave of the Roman Empire who has turned to Jesus, and is making a sacrifice of his own likely limited resources to benefit his disciple. This is an act of love that we ought to emulate. The Apostle himself says elsewhere, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). We would do well to listen!

Fr. Shawn+

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

You are welcome to bring your pet(s)
to our Blessing Service

Sunday, September 28
4:00 p.m.
(Rain date Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.)

For more information, please contact Karen Mutalik
(kmutalik@verizon.net)



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From the Organist / Choirmaster:



Do you like to sing? Have you considered joining the choir? We would be happy to have you join us. We rehearse every other Tuesday evening and starting an hour before the service on Sunday. Music is planned about a month in advance, at least, so there is time to learn and get comfortable with the selections. Please speak to David Baker or any choir member about joining. We look forward to your participation!

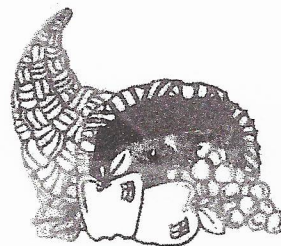
David Baker

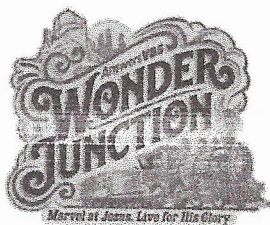
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THANKSGIVING DINNER

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 27th 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!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

In July we hosted another successful VBS – *Wonder Junction!* 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, a live performance of one of the daily skits (directed by John Bottini), 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 are held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, following fellowship time. We now have three groups: Level I (ages 3-6), led by Cate Fowler; Level II (ages 6-9), led by Monica Walker; and Level III (ages 9-12), led by Diana Newton Wood. 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 looking forward to our new Atrium year. Our first session to be September 14th..

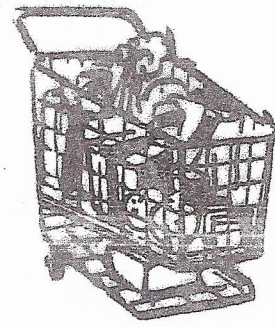
We would love to have more catechists and Atrium assistants, to make it possible for our regular catechists to take a day off occasionally. Please, if you think this ministry may be of interest to you, speak with Monica, Cate or Diana for more information.

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Women's Group

Our group meets usually the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. We have a main scripture topic around which to have a discussion. Coffee and snacks are provided and the meeting runs at least an hour but not longer than two. All women are invited to come and voice their opinions or their desires and needs for this ministry. There will be an outreach component woven into it at some point. We are not able to meet in September and, therefore, our meetings in the Fall will be Saturdays, October 18th and November 15th.

Dcn Rhonda Cotton (cottonfamily@verizon.net)



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

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

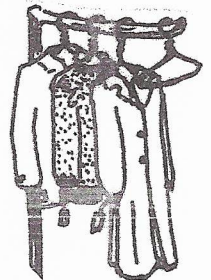
Our Food Pantry is very low at this time.

Needed items right now are canned tuna, canned chicken, tomato sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise, canned fruit, pasta, soups, stews, baked beans, etc. We do not need black beans, garbanzo beans, or carrots at this time. 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.

FREE WINTER COAT PROGRAM

I hope to begin the winter coat program by mid-October. We have many coats saved from last year. We need many hands, please, to help set up during the first week of October. Holy Trinity has been able to offer this much-needed program for several years now. We will continue to open every Wednesday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. through the end of February. Please consider helping out once a month – or more often. Thank you in advance!

Kathleen Demers
Nanakay105@aol.com



MEN'S GROUP – CHANGE OF DAY!

All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. We will now meet the *first* Saturday of the month, so our next gathering will be Saturday, September 6th. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901 or dwmorse@live.com.

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.

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.

FAMILY NEWS

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Rafael Yagel Gouvêa, born September 21st weighing 7 lbs 13 oz. His Mom, Devin, and baby are doing fine. Many congratulations to all the family, Dad (Marcos), and big sisters, Monica, Miranda and Susie.

We learned recently of the death of Dorothy Hodgson who had attended Holy Trinity's early service for many years until prevented by ill health. We send our condolences and prayers to all her family.

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: Katy Holt – 2nd, Lawrence Franko – 3rd, Marybeth Cashen – 3rd, Bobby Recko – 4th, William Keeler – 10th, Deacon Rhonda Cotton – 14th, 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.

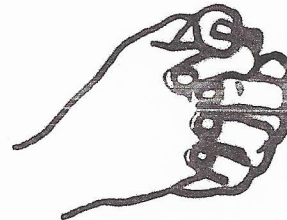
Dustin and Allison Hassard on September 23rd.

Rev. Terrence and Linda McGillicuddy on September 25th.

Rev. Michael and Christine McKinnon on September 28th.

David and Katy Holt on October 20th.

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



PRAYER AND FASTING

To fast and 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. Now the summer is over we will schedule specific days/times for this (see below).

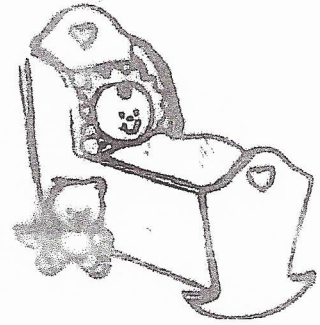
If you are not familiar with our monthly practice of Fasting and Prayer, it is as follows: During one week each month we have six days set apart for prayer and fasting. One or more persons sign-up to fast on each of the days appointed (Monday through Saturday). Our week of fasting concludes with a Day 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:

Week of Fasting: Monday, September 8 – Saturday, September 13
Monday, October 6 – Saturday, October 11
Monday, November 10 – Saturday, November 15

Day of Prayer; Saturdays September 13, October 11 and November 15.

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



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 Drive:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's baby bottle drive to benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center. The total amounted to \$1,136.46! We surpassed last year's total by over \$100.00!! firstconcernpregnancyresourcecenter/Marlborough.org
- **Annual Banquet:** The First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center Vision Dinner will be held Friday, October 3rd, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA. Please support this worthwhile cause and join the Holy Trinity table. Let me know if you would like to attend. Our table can accommodate ten people.
- **Baby Shower:** October is also our month to hold our Baby Shower. Please if you able to purchase t-shirts, onesies, baby outfits, etc they would be much appreciated.
- **40 days for life campaign:** The Fall campaign will be held September 24th through November 2nd, 2025. This is a peaceful prayer vigil, held locally in Worcester and Boston. For more information, go to 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 toddler 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-Coordinator Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

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Food and clean up 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).

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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 October 11th, and November 8th. NO Second Saturday in September.

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

Sun, September 7
 Trinity 12 (Proper 18)

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

Sun, September 14
 Holy Cross

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

Sun, September 21
 Trinity 14 (Proper 20)

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

Sun, September 28
 Trinity 15 (Proper 21)

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



October

Sun, October 5
 Holy Michael & All Angels

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

Sun, October 12
 Trinity 17 (Proper 23)

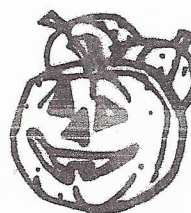
8:00 a.m. Said Mass
 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sun, October 19
 Trinity 18 (Proper 24)

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

Sun, October 26
 Trinity 19 (Proper 25)

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



November

Sun, November 2
 All Saints'

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

Sun, November 9
 All Souls'

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

Sun, November 16
 Trinity 22 (Proper 28)

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

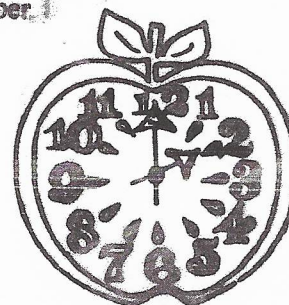
Sun, November 23
 Christ the King

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

Sun, November 30
 Advent I

NO 8:00 a.m. Said Mass or 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (5th Sunday)
 10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass

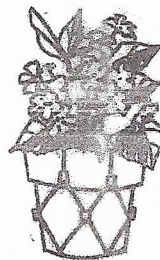
Fall back!
Set clocks back one hour
Sat, November 1



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!
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund:** Sunday, October 12th.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund:** Sunday, November 9th.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table:** Sunday, September 14th.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Vestry (Parish Council) meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Vestry 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.

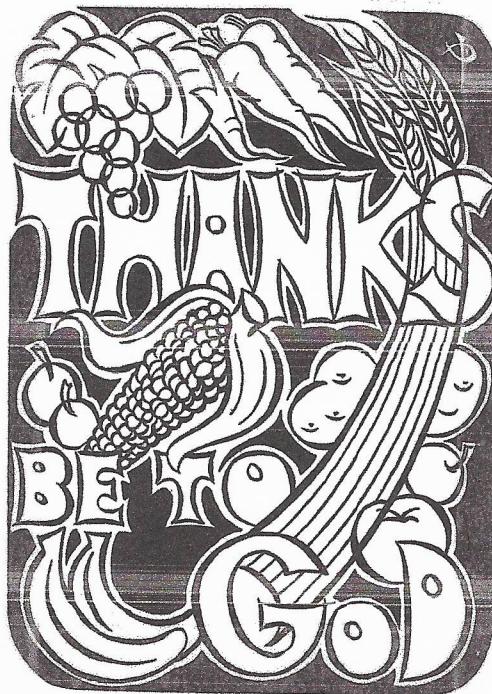
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ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY LAMP

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!

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The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford	Diocesan Bishop
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Father Shawn Fowler (Voluntown, CT)	860-207-2210 (Rector)
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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
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- Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: facebook.com/HTACMass
- Our Diocesan Website: www.dioceseofcanada.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

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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.

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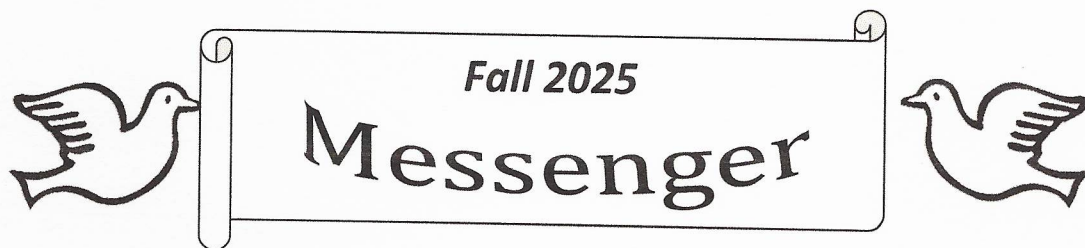
DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter to cover the second half of Trinity Season (roughly September, October and November) is **Sunday, November 16, 2025.**

Please e-mail your items to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thanks!

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