

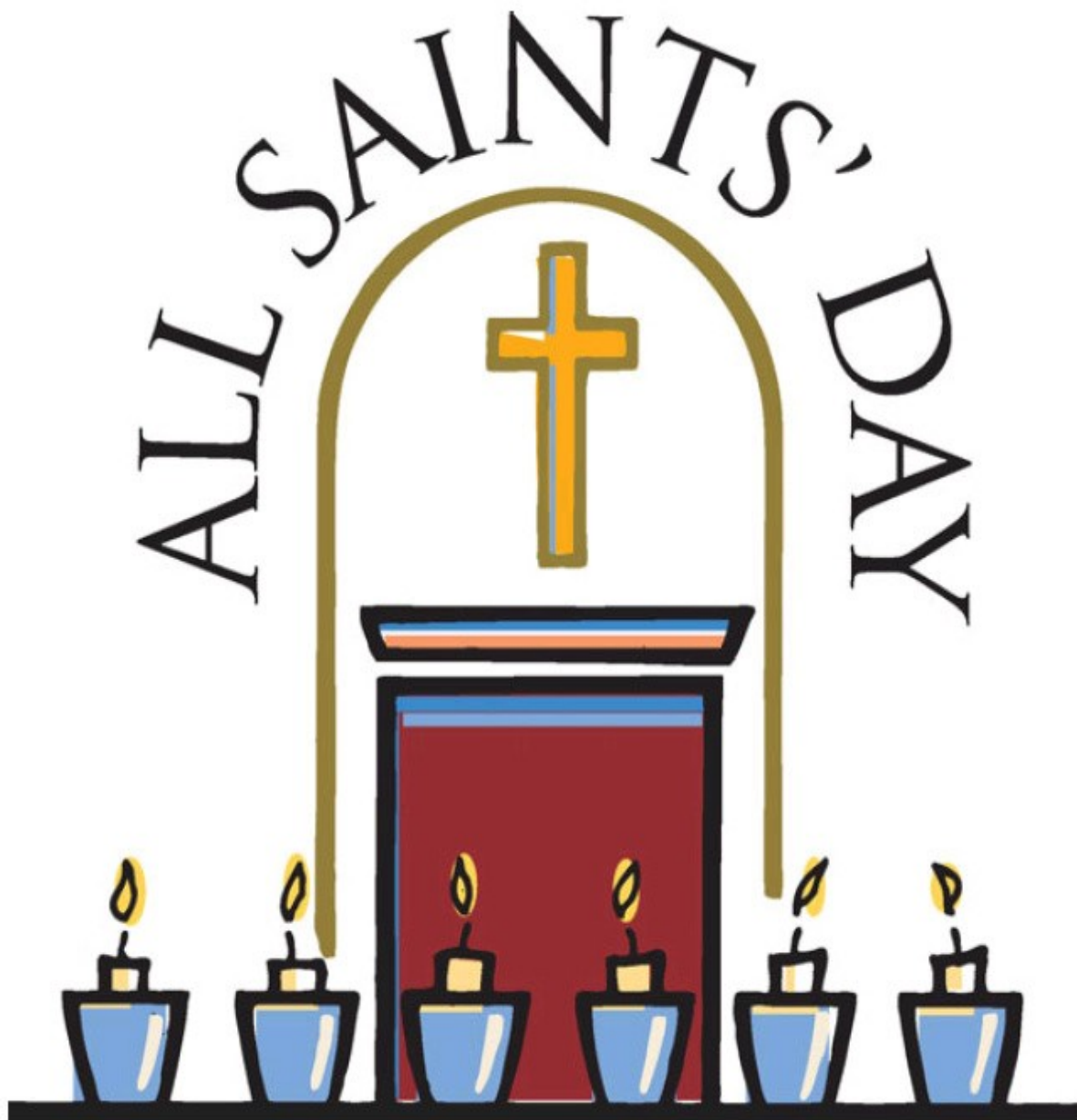


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TRINITY CHAPEL  
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VESTRY MEMBERS

SENIOR WARDEN: Lyn Doran,  
JUNIOR WARDEN: Stephanie Hooper  
TREASURER: Chester Hooper  
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Donna King  
CLERK: OPEN Betty Mahon, Nancy Sawyer, Marge  
Halloran, Sherley Thom. Jim Spall,  
Nan Gulliver

NOVEMBER 2021



**When we are baptized, we become part of the Body of Christ. Not only does that mean that nothing can separate us from the love of God, it also means we become part of what God is doing in the world. As Theresa of Avila put it, Christ has no other body on earth but ours, and so we are the means through which God answers the needs of the world. To prepare us for this work, God gives each of us unique gifts. As St. Paul writes:**

**Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a person's gift is prophesying, let them use it in proportion to their faith. If it is serving, let them serve; if it is teaching, let them teach; if it is encouraging, let them encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let them give generously; if it is leadership, let them govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let them do it cheerfully.**

**(Romans 12:4-8)**

One of the roles of the church is to help each of its members discover their spiritual gifts, and to help them find ways in which to use those gifts in God's service. That service might be in the church, but it might also be out in the world, where we are to be Christ's hands and feet. We become God's gift to our communities and to the world.

Equally important, when we begin using the gifts God has given us, we find deep joy and abundant life. We grow into the people God intends us to be.

On our retreat day in October, we used several methods to help us identify our spiritual gifts. We did some story-telling, thinking back to our childhoods and remembering what we wanted to be when we grew up. We filled out a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, a worksheet that used examples from every day life to help us recognize manifestations of the spiritual gifts named by Paul. And finally, just as Paul did for the churches in Rome, Corinth, and Ephesus, we named the gifts we saw at work in the people we know.

For some of us, our time together reaffirmed gifts we have known about for a long time. For others, it may have been the first time we thought of that aspect of our life and work as a gift. But we all came away with the assurance that God has indeed gifted us for ministry, and that where we find ourselves and the ways in which we have been called to serve are not accidents.

Next Sunday, Nov. 7, we'll celebrate All Saints Day, one of the four great feasts of baptism. Even when we are not welcoming a new member into the family of God, baptismal feasts are a great opportunity to celebrate our participation into the Body of Christ and the gifts God has given. So during our Sunday worship, we'll renew our baptismal vows and recommit ourselves to using them in service to God and our neighbor. It is a fitting way to prepare for the year ahead of us, our second together, when we will focus on discerning God's call to us as a community of faith and discovering what God intends for us to do with the many gifts present among us.

Peace be with you

*Suzanne*

## MINUTES FROM THE TRINITY CHAPEL VESTRY MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2021

**PRESENT:** The Rev. Suzanne Wade; Nan Gulliver; Lyn Doran; Stephanie Hooper (acting as Clerk); Chet Hooper; Donna King; Marge Halloran; ( Betty Mahon?); Nany Shepherd

### **AFGHAN REFUGEE PROGRAM:**

Nancy Shepherd joined our vestry meeting to ask our support for an Afghan Refugee program which Phyllis Welton and churches in Acton have been helping. Nancy distributed a list of the household items and coats the refugees need, which we can bring to church next Sunday and the following Sunday. Nancy will then take these items to Acton from where they will be taken to the Islamic Center of Boston and given to the refugees.

### **NEW VESTRY CLERK**

We need to elect a new clerk of the vestry. Three names were nominated: Karen Akins; Debbie Hamilton and Barbara Morrison. Lyn will contact these candidates to see if they are interested in this position.

### **BUDGET:**

Chet announced that he would like to step down as treasurer at the end of the year and asked if anyone at the meeting were interested in being treasurer. It was suggested that maybe someone on the list for clerk of the vestry might be interested in being considered as treasurer.

Chet announced that we have \$8,700 in the checking account before we pay payroll the end of the week, but we have no more money in the Restoration Savings Account to take out. In the future, the vestry will have to approve any money we take out of the Operating Account for Restoration expenditures.

Chet asked that we form a finance committee to help him with the budget planning and end of the year projections.

Donna King, Suzanne Wade and Chet will be members of the committee and Jim Spall will be asked to join the committee.

### **UPDATE ON THE RECTORY RENOVATION:**

Stephanie reported that the installation of the clapboards on the back of the rectory is going well. Mark Davidson and Robert Adam will be working every Monday and Friday until they finish installing the clapboards. The clapboards are primed and will be able to withstand the winter until they and the rest of the exterior of the rectory will be painted in the Spring. The painter, Bill Lombardi, will meet Chet and Stephanie at the Rectory soon to talk about what else needs to be done to prepare the Rectory for painting.

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Bret has put up the storm windows at the church and has put all the extra wood in the yard in the dumpster.

The vestry agreed with the idea of storing extra Sunday School chairs and tables and other excess materials in a room in the rectory until we need them again. Donna and Marge offered to help move the items from Shepherd Hall over to the rectory.

Nancy Shepherd reported on the religious books which are displayed on a table in Shepherd Hall. She said that three of the books she thinks we should keep in our library and that she would like Meredith to give away the rest of the books.

### **ADOPT A WINDOW CAMPAIGN**

Stephanie presented a proposal from Fred Shoemaker for the cost of repairing, cleaning and repainting the 35 windows in the Chapel building. Fred will charge \$100 per window for a total of \$3,500 for the entire job. Rectory Committee members, Chet, Stephanie, Nancy Shepherd, Nan Gulliver, Lyn Doran, Jean Read and Meredith, have already said they would adopt a window. Nancy Sawyer and Marge Halloran agreed at the meeting to adopt a window. Jean Read has offered to launch an Adopt a Window Campaign. It was, also, mentioned that having repaired windows will cut down on fuel costs.

### **VESTRY MINUTES—OCT 24 continued**

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### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 12-13**

The vestry approved Nancy Shepherd and Lyn Doran as delegates for the Diocesan Convention. There will be a convention watch gathering at Shepherd Hall, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne will provide lunch.

### **RISING ENERGY COSTS**

Suzanne commented that energy costs are rising quickly and may be doubled this year.

She is wondering whether we should ask Bret and his wife to pay the heating costs in the rectory.

A discussion followed about the tax liability of charging Bret and his wife for these costs.

Suzanne will ask Bill Parnell, the Diocesan attorney about the tax implications.

It was also suggested that we lock in the fuel costs for the year with Shirley Gas and Oil. Maybe we should prorate the costs monthly.

### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.**

We need someone to chair the Stewardship Campaign.

1. Chet and the Finance Committee will work out a financial goal for the new year.
2. Then, the Finance Committee will bring its suggestions to the vestry for discussion.
3. When the Campaign begins. Donna will give a list of the people who have pledged, but not the financial amount, to Suzanne. Suzanne will then write a stewardship letter to the parishioners and a pledge card will be included in the letter. The first Sunday in Advent, December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the In- Gathering.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

There has been a suggestion to rent the Town Hall for the Fair, December 4<sup>th</sup>, but first we need to find out if the Hall is ready to be rented. In this year of the pandemic, Shepherd Hall is not spacious enough to accommodate the people who would come to the Fair.

If we were to hold the Fair in the Town Hall, we would have an Attic Treasures table, a Raffle, and a bake sale table.

Nan and Nancy Sawyer would need to form a committee to help with setting up, selling and cleaning up after the Fair.

Suzanne will find out whether the Town Hall is available for a Christmas Fair.

**VESTRY MINUTES—OCT 24 continued**

There was also discussion about having a special celebration in the Spring at Shepherd Hall, once the fear of catching the Covid virus is over.

Nan reminded the vestry that they can take Christmas items this week to the consignment shop, Cutique in Leominster where Trinity Chapel has an account.

**WHEN TO MOVE INDOORS**

It was agreed that starting this coming Sunday, the 11am Sunday morning service will be in the Chapel. We will wear masks the entire time. Meredith will play music but there will be no singing, just humming with masks on. People will sit in pews in family pod units. Some people for health reasons will want to sit in pews by themselves, which we must respect.

**OTHER-**

Meredith had asked Lyn whether she could use Shepherd Hall, October 28<sup>th</sup>, for a rehearsal for a play . The vestry agreed to this request.

Meredith also asked whether she can use Shepherd Hall for a Girl Scout Troop meeting from 6-7 pm, one day a week. The vestry needs a letter from the Girl Schouts showing their liability coverage. We need to review their insurance coverage , and we should be added as an additional insured. We'll clear it with our insurance.

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn. Chet seconded it.

**The next vestry meeting will be at 6 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Respectfully submitted.

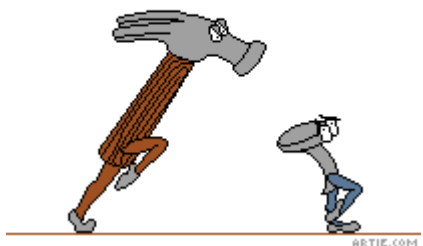
Stephanie Hooper

**Minutes from Rectory Restoration Meeting,**

**October 22, 2021**

**Present: Nancy Shepherd, Karla Leonard, Nan Gulliver, Lyn Doran, Chet Hooper, Meredith Marcinkiewicz and Stephanie Hooper**

**Absent: Karla Leonard**

**UPDATE ON THE RECTORY:**

1. Robert Adam and Mark Davidson have continued to put clapboards up along the back wall. Mark has been paid \$1300.63 so far for his hours and for the clapboards. The clapboards are primed and will be able to withstand the winter storms until they and the rest of the exterior of the rectory can be painted in the Spring,
2. Bret will have two prints of his photo of the church at night ready to give to Robert Adam and Mark Davidson this weekend.
3. Bret will put all the rest of the yard debris in the dumpster this weekend.
4. The painter, Bill Lombardi, will be painting all the outside of the rectory this Spring. Meanwhile, he will meet with Stephanie and Chet soon to discuss what further repairs should be made before he paints.
5. We will tell the vestry at their next meeting that we want to store the Sunday School tables and supplies which are now in Shepherd Hall in a spare room in the rectory, preferably in the purple room on the first floor.

## RECTORY COMMITTEE NOTES

6. Bret will ask his friend ,who rebuilt the steps at the front of the rectory , to use his tractor to put the large stones, now in the parking area, next to the newly rebuilt back of the rectory. Bret is not able to do this now, as his tractor is broken.
7. Someone will ask Suzanne whether she and her husband plan to live in the rectory, and if they say they do not want to live in the rectory, Nan suggested that Trinity Chapel parishioners need to have a meeting to discuss what to do with the rectory, eventually.
8. Meredith will publish in next week's eblast a list of what we have done and what still needs to be done to make the rectory 'safe and secure.' We agreed that things that still need to be done are: paint the exterior; install a railing on the front porch; build exterior front steps by Marsha's old office; line the flu to the wood burning stove; and install locks on the first floor windows. ( Note: Bret has agreed to fix the outside of the windows.)
9. We talked about the fact that in the future when we have enough money, we will ask three kitchen experts to give us ideas about what can be done to the kitchen to improve it within its historical framework. Bret and his wife might have some suggestions, too.
10. Karla, who couldn't join our zoom meeting today, suggested that we check with Shirley Fuel and Gas to make sure the oil tank is filled, as prices of oil are continuing to climb.

### UPDATE ON THE WINDOWS AT THE CHAPEL BUILDING

There was a discussion about the need for ventilation in the Chapel. The large window fan is quite noisy. Maybe a ceiling fan in the future would be a good idea.

Meredith was concerned about the need long range to organize the electrical outlets in the Chapel.

### UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

Fred Shoemaker, who used to be a window glazer, has looked at all the 35 windows at the church and has given us a bid of \$100.00 a window ( \$3,500.00 total) to repair all the windows. He will replace all broken glass, take out all the putty and put in new putty, repair wood, wash and repaint all the windows. We will ask the vestry what they think about Fred's proposal.

Jean will be stepping down as Fund Raising Chair, but she said that she will still write a letter to four churches ,also called Trinity, to ask if they would be willing to donate some money to our campaign. Meanwhile, we need to find a new Capital Campaign Chair or two Co-Chairs .

Nancy Shepherd offered to talk to the Head of our Deanery about a project Nancy had heard of which would have money available for church rectories.

We need to contact people who used to be involved at Trinity Chapel who have since moved away and who might want to donate money to this campaign.

Nancy Shepherd, Nancy Sawyer, Karla Leonard and Karen Akins might know who these people are. Someone could contact Marsha Hoecker also to see whom she thinks should be contacted.

Our next Rectory Committee meeting will be 9 am on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The little church with the big heart

Trinity Chapel Community Forum

Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm via ZOOM



Representative Daniel Sena will discuss  
" Climate Change: How the Legislature is  
fighting against it, and how you can, too"

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82402904921>

*COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONTINUES*

*AT Trinity Chapel*

From Nancy Shepherd

Here is more information about helping the Afghan Refugee groups that are settling in Massachusetts within the next few weeks.

Last Thursday, October 28, Phyllis Colvin (Welton) led a meeting at my house in Stow. Those present were from churches in Acton and Stow. There were also people there on Zoom. Phyllis is glad that a number of us at Trinity Chapel were interested in gathering gently used winter coats and jackets and "household goods". Phyllis will organize a dropoff of these things in Westboro between November 15th and 20th.

My plan is to bring such donations from Trinity to my house in Stow and then connect with Phyllis. She is in touch with the organization, "IINE", whose focus is to help the refugees. They are setting up temporary housing in Lowell, and will then help move families to apartments of their own. Volunteers in Acton are helping more household goods from a collection center in Acton to the refugee apartments. This will be weekday activity.

If anyone is interested in helping with this, you are welcome to join "IINE" and become part of the team in Acton. Phyllis can help us with this process.

For more information to help with the resettlement, stay tuned. I look forward to your donations.

Blessings,

Here is the list of needed items:

**Winter coats      pots and pans      dishware      glassware      utensils**

**NEW: blankets, sheet sets, pillows towels**

**Rice cooker broom and dustpan,      microwave oven,      household cleaners,**

**Mop and bucket      blender      masks      sponges      paper towels**

**Vacuums      can openers      toiletries      baby items      store GIFT CARDS**



## ***Sunday Worship Indoors***

### ***Here are some things to remember from Suzanne***

On Oct. 31, we will move our worship indoors for the winter. In the spring when we moved worship outdoors, I had hoped that by the time cold and damp forced us back indoors COVID precautions would be unnecessary, but alas, it was not to be. While almost everyone at Trinity is vaccinated, it's not 100 percent, and some of those who are vaccinated remain at high risk for serious breakthrough infections.

First and foremost is that we will require face masks indoors at all times, unless you are actively partaking of communion or eating and drinking at coffee hour. Face masks must be properly worn over nose and mouth. Substitutes, such as face shields, are not acceptable unless there is a medical reason why

Second, we will limit seating to every other pew, and ask you to move all the way into the pew to the window to maximize the distance between you and those nearest you. In order to accommodate as many people as possible, you are encouraged to form "pods" — groups of two to four people who sit together every week. These groups should, ideally, be people who are otherwise already in close contact with one another, such as friends and family members who frequently socialize without masks. Please do not sit in pews with non-pod members without asking permission, and leave empty pews for visitors and those who need to maintain social distance whenever possible.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I have decided that we must forgo singing for a little while for the safety and comfort of all. While singing with face masks increases the risk of spreading COVID less than singing without face masks, in this season of caution we must avoid any additional risk we can. In my judgement, it is more important that we accommodate as many people as possible in worship even if it means we cannot sing in praise, although it grieves my heart to make that decision. We will continue to have music, and you are welcome to hum or even sing very softly under your breath, but I ask that we avoid the exuberant singing out that normally marks our worship.

I am grateful beyond measure for all the progress against COVID-19 that has allowed us to continue to gather in person this winter, and pray that our care and love for one another continue to be expressed by following these precautions for as long as necessary.

**FROM JEAN REED: Lunch on the Lawn & Adopt a Window**



LOL, Lunch on the Lawn

Each week for the last 6 weeks a few of us have been having lunch on the lawn, in an effort to hold conversation, have fellowship and invite strangers to participate. On a number of occasions we had strangers come speak with us, lunch with us and share information with us. Nancy Shepherd even provided a tour to Shelton who has been instrumental in his NARCAN ministry in providing free supplies for Church's such as Trinity to be at the ready, should there be a need. He belongs to the Church of Good Hope and Nancy knew the pastor well.

Weeks before Eric Peterson from across the street stopped by to tell us how his dash in his car almost caught fire by the magnification of water in his water bottle sitting in his car. He wanted to warn us and offer his expertise as a floor refinisher, if we should ever need one.

Laurie stopped by and had lunch, she had been given a tour of the Chapel by Rev Suzanne on the weekend of the Applefest. She is trying to meet more Shirley people. She is a light worker in metaphysics.

Weather has turned cold, so we have suspended LOL until the spring. Outreach can be slow, but the consistent approach got us some recognition.

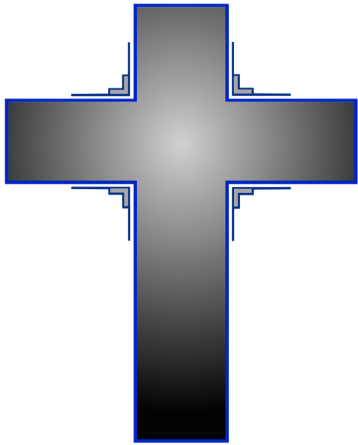
Thanks to all who helped and especially, Nicolette, and Nan, Nancy Shepherd, Lyn and Suzanne as well as Meredith's sign's . Together, we made LOL another outreach by Trinity Chapel.

**ADOPT A WINDOW**

The Rectory Committee has asked for funds to repair all 35 windows in the chapel and Shepherds Hall. We started an adopt a window campaign. Each window will be repaired for \$100. Donations have been committed to and received by online Tithely and mail.

There is still time to adopt a window. Pay what you can or even make payments if you like.

The replacement and repair of windows should help keep us warm for the winter. Thank you for all your continued support !



*Final Thankful Thoughts*

*Remembering the Saints in our lives.*

*All who serve us in our day to day lives. Grocery store drug store workers. Nurses, doctors, soldiers, teachers, ministers, landscapers, Veterinary doctors and assistants. Food workers, transportation workers. Musicians, artists, librarians.*

*All who volunteer for free.*

*If you can think of others, let me know.*



### THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

JONATHAN OAKES, ALEX CORMIER, ANDREW CULLEN, DENNIS HARD, DUNCAN SCHAF, BRANDON HARSCH, AIDAN CANFIELD.

Angie

Ann

Anderson, Ross

Branden (Donna's grandson)

Bonnacolta, Patricia

Boyd, Jane

Carter, Mickie

Carter, Mikel

Connors, Margaret

Cristy, Ann

Dean, Susan

Desler, Ray (Sharron)

Glazer, Pam (friend of Lyn)

Gole, Bob

Gracey, Ariana (Jean Reed's granddaughter)

Gray, Marilyn (daughter of Fran Gray)

Gray, Martin (son of Fran Gray)

Guadalupe, Mellisa

Hoff, Chris (cancer friend of Stephanie's)

Halloran, Mike and Marge

Hamilton, Katie

Harron, Robin

Holly

Jefferson-Tate, Rene

Kerrigan, Jim (Lyn's partner)

Leonard, Charlie & Jim

Mahon, Betty

McKenna, Bill

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Naugler, Christopher

Naugler, Cindy

Naugler, James

Panetta Paul (Maureen's brother)

Panetta Mary (Maureen's niece)

Panetta, Maureen

Pellerin, Kerry (friend of Amy's who has M.S.)

Pothier, Mark (Sharron and Vince's son)

Phil (friend of Nancy Sawyer)

Ray and Marge

Reed, Izzy

Reed, Nicki

Richardson, Elaine

Sarah, (grandchild of a friend of Jean's mother)

Schmidt, Keara (chorus member with Maureen)

Sanft, Judy (friend of Karen)

Stacks, Wendy, (Nan's Daughter)

Stires, Henry

Stetson (Jean Reed)

Sullivan, Paul (Karen's cousin's son)

Sutton, Joe S

Wales, Edith (Lyn's cousin)

# NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>31</b> 11:00 am <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Indoors	<b>1</b> Mon-Fri 9:00 PM Compline	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> St. Mark's Soup Kitchen Trinity Salad Donations	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 11:00 am All Saint's Sunday Indoors Adult Formation @7PM	<b>8</b> Trinity Community Forum Dan Sena 7:30 On Zoom	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Rectory Committee Meeting 9 am Mass DIO Convention Begins	<b>13</b> Mass DIO Convention Continues. 9:00 am— 4:00 pm
<b>14</b> 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Adult Formation @7	<b>15</b> Mon-Fri 9:00 PM Compline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Adult Formation @7	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Adult Formation @7	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>DEC 1</b> Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>