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The Eye of the Tiger

Running the formation race and (hopefully) winning.

Dear Holy Trinity,

St. Paul, writing to his friend and mentee Timothy near the end of his ministry, offers a warning and a promise:

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. (1 Timothy 4:1b-4)

We live in a time where truth and myth are seemingly indecipherable. "Fake News" and dummy social media accounts spread false information, rally people around false narratives and causes, and sow deceit and enmity between neighbors, family, and friends. We have a natural tendency to surround ourselves with people who think like us and that creates

an echo chamber. As the famous Manhattan socialite and film critic Pauline Kael reportedly said in response to Nixon's presidential victory in 1972, "Everyone I know voted for McGovern." This is the echo chamber. 2018 is no different.

What is the solution for a world gone mad? What is the solution for Fake News and false stories? How do we once again find "sound doctrine" and "patient teaching?"

I think the answer is *Rocky III*.

It's the eye of the tiger, it's the thrill of the fight. / Risin' up to the challenge of our rival. / And the last known survivor stalks his prey in the night / And he's watchin' us all with the eye of the tiger.

You might remember this famous scene from *Rocky III*, as the titular Rocky prepares for his fight with Mr. T (I mean Clubber Lang.) Survivor's 1982 classic "Eye of the Tiger"—Stallone's second choice for the soundtrack after Queen refused to let him use "Another One Bites the Dust"—gives us a way forward for dealing with a fake news world.

We must fight! We must rise up! We must stalk our prey at night and wait to pounce! We must have the eyes of the tiger.

But what does that really look like? For St. Paul, it looked a lot like Rocky:

FROM THE RECTOR



The Rev. Ben Maddison
Rector

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (1 Timothy 4:7)

To respond to a world of evanescent truth we must train and prepare, like the famous scene in *Rocky III*. It will not be as physically grueling as preparing for a boxing matching, but it might be emotionally and spiritually exhausting: revealing our true selves, our total dependence on God, and our utter need for a savior. But it will also be invigorating, life-giving, and (hopefully) fun.

This Fall we are committing ourselves to preparing for the race of which Paul speaks; getting our doctrine and understanding in right order through patient (and entertaining) teaching. **This fall, we are focusing on formation.**

Because the truth is—your life can not be transformed by the story of Jesus if you don't know the story in the first place.

Starting in the first week of September, we will offer various formation opportunities for Holy Trinity folks (and friends) to learn, grow, and study together. From the Bible to faith, from confirmation to membership, we are committed to finding ways to include everyone in these formation opportunities, and to collectively form a solid base of faith instruction with which to build the future. We hope there is something for everyone. A few of our offerings include:

A Complete Idiot's Guide to the Prayer Book (Sun. at 9 AM)

This Adult Sunday School series will be a fun and interesting way to engage with and learn about *The Book of Common Prayer*. Our shared liturgical life is grounded in and based on the BCP, so it's helpful to know what's in. Come to this class and see for yourself. You'll be surprised how much the Bible quotes the BCP. **Starts Sunday, Sept. 16.**



Rocky (S. Stallone) training with Apollo Creed (C. Weathers) in Rocky III.

Sparkhouse Lectionary Class

(Sun. at 9 AM)

The Children's Sunday School curriculum is based on each Sunday's lectionary readings and helps the children go in-depth on the Gospel story. Created by Augsburg Fortress, this curriculum has been created by the best teachers, biblical scholars, and child development specialists, to help our kids connect in deeper ways with Scripture and the story of Christ. **Starts Sun, Sept. 16.**

Newcomers Class (Sun. at 12 PM)

Are you new to Holy Trinity, the Episcopal Church, or faith in general? Well this three-week class is a crash course in what it means to be an Episcopal Christian in this church. Open to everyone, we'll get to know each other better, dive into the things that make us Christians, and get introduced to this parish. The class ends with a Newcomers Party in October. We will host another Newcomers Class in 2019. **Class begins Sept. 23; continues Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.**

Rector's Bible Study: Genesis (Pt. 2)

(Wed. at 10:15 AM)

We continue our deep readings of Genesis. From day one, we have run into every culturally and socially relevant topic imaginable. Genesis might seem

like a distant fairy tale, but it has very real things to tell us about people, the world, and the God who loves both.

Starts Wed., Sept. 12.

Alpha (Thurs. at 6:30 PM)

Coming out of the Church of England, *Alpha* is a short course in Christian basics. Beginning with the question "Is there more to life?" *Alpha* takes its members on an 11-week journey into Christian basics. This is a small group, and space is limited; however, if you are interested please contact me for details about the group. We will be hosting another *Alpha* course in 2019.

Starts Thurs, Sept. 6 at the rectory.


In a world where truth is fleeting and where false information abounds, the best thing we can do is ground and root ourselves in the truest story that has ever existed: the story of God's love for people, shown through and in the person and love of Christ.

This fall I hope you'll join us as we train for the race with the Eyes of the Tiger.

In Christ,

HOLY TRINITY'S

Back-to-School Sunday



8/10 AM
BLESSING OF THE BAGS
9 AM
RALLY DAY

Summer may be over, but the fun is just beginning. Join us on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**, for Rally Day and Back-to-School Sunday. We'll be unveiling our new fall formation/fellowship offerings, introducing you to all the great groups at Holy Trinity, and sending students, teachers, and everyone back to school and work with a blessing. You won't want to miss it!

8 & 10 AM BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE BAGS

At these two services, we'll commission students and teachers as we send them back to school and work, and we will bless their bags as a sign and seal that the Holy Spirit goes with them. Be sure to get your 2018-2019 Blessed Bag Tag at the service!

9 AM RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR

Comea early or stick around in-between the two services to hear about all our groups and offerings for the coming church year. From the Episcopal Church Women to Men's Ministry, to Altar Guild and Choir, come to hear about what Holy Trinity has to offer. Refreshments will be served! You'll want to get here early so you don't miss anything.

PARISH PICNIC

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 16

12:30 PM

*Red Bank Battlefield Park
100 Hessian Ave, 08063*

Join us for the annual parish picnic at the Red Bank Battlefield. Everyone is invited. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and Men's Ministry of Holy Trinity have generously provided hamburgers and hotdogs. Be sure to RSVP on the sign-up form in the Narthex, and remember to bring a side or dessert! We hope to see everyone there.

RED BANK BATTLEFIELD
SEPTEMBER 16
12:30 PM



**HOLY
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CHURCH
PRESENTS**

FALL



FEST

**OCT 19, 7 PM
4 STAR CATERING
OAK VALLEY
\$35/TICKET
FOOD & DRINK
BASKETS & 50/50**

FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION VISIT [BIT.LY/HTFALLFEST18](https://bit.ly/HTFallFest18)



EVERY PERFECT GIFT

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

THE PERFECT GIFT

There is something special about gifts. Whether they are big or small, deeply meaningful or a matter of social expectation, gifts have an incredible way of changing our thinking, our mood, and our lives.

I think it's safe to assume that everyone has received a gift. I bet it's even safe to assume that you received a memorable gift. In fact, I bet that if I asked you about that gift, you could tell me every detail of it, every tiny fact about the day you received it, and the personal story and biography of the giver.

If you were to ask me, you'd be regaled with the story of the first *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers* Megazord from 1995. Sold out everywhere, my brother and I never expected to receive one on Christmas morning—not Santa, or our parents, or even our grandparents could pull off that miracle. As we sat by the Christmas tree, and the presents dwindled, the reality set in: it was not happening. But then our dad got up and left the room, and came back with a huge wrapped present. We tore into it and low and behold it was the Megazord, shipped in special from central Pennsylvania from a little-known mall near my grandparents.

*Every generous act of giving, with
every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father.*

James 1:17a

The shock, the surprise, the joy, and the love. That's what I remember from receiving that gift. We knew that our parents and grandparents had scoured and planned and put in a ton of effort just to give us this present—this joy.

For us, it was the perfect gift.

THE GIFTS OF 2018

As we look toward 2019, we remember and celebrate the gifts that were given in the last year. The extra money given to support our youth ministry. The grant received to build the rectory fence. The weekly and monthly pledges, given faithfully by over 60 families to support the ministry and mission of Holy Trinity.

Those pledges—those gifts—have done more than keep the lights on. They have welcomed over 15 new people into Holy Trinity. They have taught the youth group about food scarcity and poverty in the developing world. They have purchased new, updated curricula for Sunday School. And they have helped us expand our outreach initiatives with a new copy machine and updated our outreach materials.

Even more than that, in 2018 Holy Trinity received the largest individual gift it has ever received from the estate of Lee Rodriguez. In making his final arrangements, Lee left us his home, and gifted us over \$50,000 dollars. This gift stands as a testament to Lee's faith and love for this parish, but also as a symbol of what a "perfect gift" looks like.

A perfect gift which will not only support the church now, but will support the church for years to come. It is an investment in, and testament to, the faith we have that Holy Trinity will continue to shape and form the lives of the people who come here. These gifts are made from a place of sacrificial love for the betterment of ourselves, our neighbors, and the world.

PERFECT GIFTS FOR 2019

St. James reminds us that every perfect gift—and every generous act of giving—is really a transfer. We are transferring the gifts we have received from God to others. Every perfect gift is itself a gift from the Father.

Therefore, in giving back, we are reminded to remember God and the church in our acts of generosity. The historic gift to God has been the “tithe” or 10 percent of one’s income. The Old Testament refers to this as the “first fruits:” the very first 10 percent of what is earned is given back to God as a reminder that every perfect gift comes from him.

The average pledge at Holy Trinity is \$2,150 a year or about \$40 a week. If we increased giving by 2.5%, to about \$50 a week and \$2700 a year, we would have another \$34,000 for the ministry and mission of Holy Trinity!

As we begin praying and talking about our giving for the coming year, I invite you—and challenge you—to remember a perfect gift you have received. Remember what that feels like as you prayerfully consider making your pledge to Holy Trinity. And remember that all things come from God, through him all blessings flow.

You will receive your stewardship letter and pledge cards in the mail by September 24. Please return them to Holy Trinity, either by mail or in the offering plate, by October 21. And be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Consecration Sunday on October 28. We will have one, combined service at 9 AM and the Canon for Congregation Development for the Diocese of New Jersey, the Rev. Cn. Rob Droste will be our guest preacher. Be sure to RSVP for this wonderful celebration of God’s gifts for Holy Trinity.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 28, 2018

One Service || Brunch || Everyone's Invited
 9 AM 10:30 AM *Please bring your pledge card*

Be sure to RSVP for the Consecration Sunday Brunch on October 28 at 10:30 AM.

You can RSVP by signing up on the Narthex table, calling the church at 856.468.0295, by emailing the church at info@holytrinitywenonah.org, or by RSVPing online at bit.ly/htcsb2018

Wednesdays at HT

Bible Study, Eucharist, Confirmation, & Youth Group.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

4:30 PM in the Parish Hall
2nd & 4th Wed of each month

Confirmation is a sacramental rite of the church where young adults make a public profession of faith. In this several month class, confirmands will learn the basics of the Christian religion, the history and traditions of the church, and learn what it takes to take responsibility for one's own faith.

Confirmation Class is open to all youth in 7th Grade or above. If you have a child younger than that, please speak to Ben Maddison to discuss your child's inclusion in Confirmation Class.

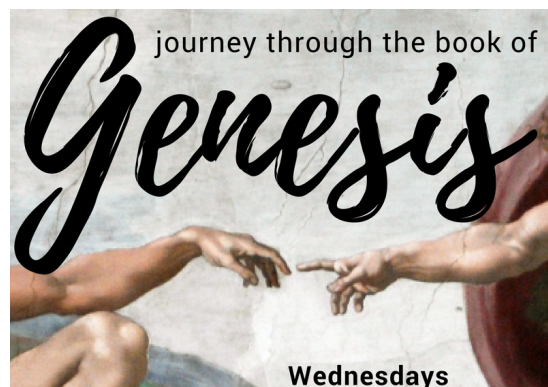
Starts September 12



WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

11:30 AM
All Saints Chapel

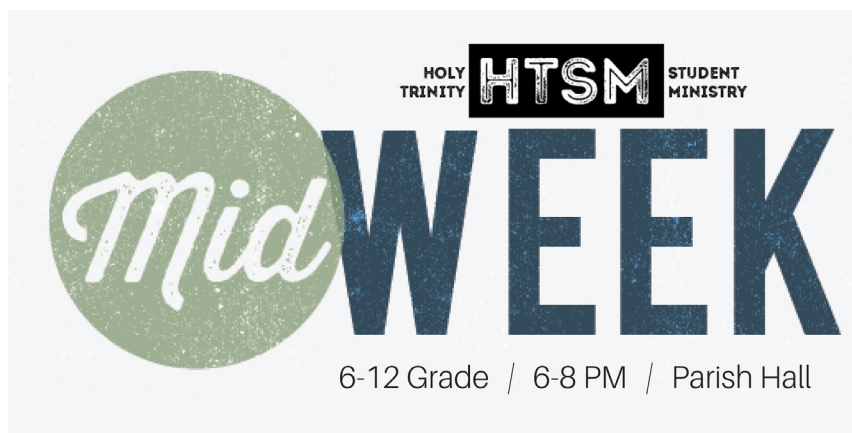
Join us Wednesdays at 11:30 AM for a service of Holy Communion. This spoken service will be held in the All Saints Chapel. The service is about 30 minutes and includes a brief homily. The service is casual and open to everyone.



RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS
10:15 AM in the Parish Hall

Interested in the Bible but don't know where to start? Our rector, Ben Maddison, will be teaching through the book of Genesis. We will dive deeply into the words, history, and meaning of the text, and we might also have a little fun! Everyone is welcome.

Returns September 12



HTSM: MIDWEEK
6 PM in the Parish Hall
2nd & 4th Wed of each month

Join the HTSM youth group for MIDWEEK! Food. Fellowship. Formation. Fun. It's a time to hang out, build friendships, and talk about faith. It's a casual meeting with dinner generously provided by volunteers. It meets in the Parish Hall.

Midweek Returns: September 12 & 26

Sunday School for All Ages returns Sept. 16



NEW CURRICULUM FOR YOUTH SUNDAYS AT 9 AM EDUCATION WING

Students from 1st-6th grade will be getting a new curriculum for the 2018-2019 Sunday School year. Spark House is a program put out by Augsburg Fortress to give kids accurate, accessible, and fun lessons about the New Testament. It is lectionary-based and will follow along with what we are reading in church each Sunday. Jr./Sr. High will continue to discuss the lectionary texts in their own class. Our Pre-K class will use the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to give students an age-appropriate and accessible start in learning about Jesus. ■



A COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO THE PRAYER BOOK SUNDAYS AT 9 AM PARISH HALL

The first theme for Adult Formation will be The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Prayer Book! Over 8 weeks we'll talk about the history, theology, structure, uses, and future of the Prayer Book. If you ever had questions about the BCP or why we do what we do on Sunday mornings, this is the class for you. All adults are welcome and encouraged to join us! ■



Have you been attending Holy Trinity for a while and want to know more about her history and story? Maybe you come from another tradition and want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Or maybe, you're new to the faith and have a lot of questions. Then join us! Everyone is invited!

This class is open to everyone. Lunch is provided. This class is a prerequisite for adult reception/confirmation into the church. It's also for curious folks who'd like to know more.

If interested, please RSVP to info@holytrinitywenonah.org. ■

Sunday Formation

Sunday School for all ages and a Newcomers Class.

Ministry Updates

News and important information for ministries important to you.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The Episcopal Church Women welcome our Holy Trinity family back from their summer adventures/escapes/relaxation/etc! We hope these months have enriched your lives.

We hope to continue that enrichment as we begin another year of outreach, inreach, and fellowship, beginning on **Mon, Sept. 10 at 7 PM** in the Parish Hall. If you have not yet received your welcome letter, you will find it on the Narthex table. We look forward especially to new ideas that anyone might have to offer and promise to keep these meetings under an hour in length.

WAWA COUPONS FUNDRAISER

Do you need a quick meal during this busy season? Are you looking for small gifts for friends? Wawa coupons fit the bill. They are \$4 each for a shortie hoagie or a sandwich. See Jackie Gould after the 8 AM service or Nancy Garvin after the 10 AM service.

Music Ministry

Welcome back from your Summer adventures and travels!

We will resume Adult Choir rehearsals on **Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 PM**. Please join us! We really need singers.

Joyful Noise Choir will rehearse after the 10 AM service (with enough time to grab a snack and socialize—about 11:30 AM) beginning on Sunday, Sept. 9. This group rings (tone chimes) and sings. All school-aged kids are invited!

Preschoolers can also sing! We will incorporate some music into our Sunday School time on Sunday mornings at 9AM beginning on Sept. 16th.

Looking forward to another great year of our music program at Holy Trinity!

Margie MacWilliams

Outreach Updates

Serving our neighbors and community both inside and outside the church.



Family Promise of Gloucester County

Family Promise of Gloucester County (FPGC), is a national program that aids families experiencing homelessness. If you would like to get connected to FPGC, or find out ways you can volunteer, email Sean Garvin at ilvmaine@comcast.net.

The next week for Family Promise will be:

December 9-15

We are always in need of Shoprite/Acme gift cards, if you are looking for another way to help!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made August's stays a success. We couldn't do it without you and we are so blessed to have people who care so much. Thank you for turning HT into a home for people when they need it most!

Kitchen of Hope (KOH)

Load Cars	9/7	8:45 AM
Distribution	9/8	9:00 AM

KOH is an outreach of love and compassion, providing food and school supplies to as many as 150 families in need. On Friday morning, the food is delivered; on Saturday, the food is packed and distributed. Come volunteer with us!

Interested in helping? Drop off non-perishable food each month for KOH or help distribute food on the second Saturday of the month!

REMEMBER:

There's still time to bring in school supplies for the September distribution. All school supplies, inc. notebooks, folder & backpacks welcome!

September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8am - Rite I 10am - Rite II: Family 11:30am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Spotliters	Labor Day Office Closed 6pm - Spotliters	8am - Morning Prayer 5:15pm - Evening Prayer 6pm - Spotliters	11:30am - Eucharist 6pm - Spotliters	6pm - Spotliters 6:30pm - Alpha at Rectory 7:30pm - Adult Choir in	6pm - Spotliters 8:30pm - AA	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rally Day 8am - Rite I 9am - Rally Day 10am - Rite II 11:30am - Rally Day & 6pm - Spotliters	Office Closed 6pm - Spotliters 7pm - ECW Meeting	8am - Morning Prayer 5:15pm - Evening Prayer 6pm - Spotliters	10am - Rector's Bible Study 11:30am - Eucharist 4:30pm - Confirmation 6pm - HTSM Mid-Week	6pm - Spotliters 6:30pm - Alpha at Rectory 7:30pm - Adult Choir in	8:45am - KOH Pick-up at 8:30pm - AA	7am - Kitchen of Hope
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Parish Picnic 8am - Rite I 9am - 8 AM Service Coffee 10am - Rite II 11:30am - Coffee Hour 6pm - Spotliters	Office Closed 6pm - Spotliters	8am - Morning Prayer 5:15pm - Evening Prayer 6pm - Spotliters 6:30pm - Vestry	10am - Rector's Bible Study 11:30am - Eucharist	6pm - Spotliters 6:30pm - Alpha at Rectory 7:30pm - Adult Choir in	8:30pm - AA	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Stewardship Kick-Off 8am - Rite I 9am - Sunday School for All 10am - Rite II 11:30am - Coffee Hour 12pm - Newcomers Class, 3pm - Spotliters	Office Closed 6pm - Spotliters	8am - Morning Prayer 5:15pm - Evening Prayer 6:30pm - Lectors' Meeting	10am - Rector's Bible Study 11:30am - Eucharist 4:30pm - Confirmation 6pm - HTSM: Midweek	6pm - Spotliters 6:30pm - Alpha at Rectory 7:30pm - Adult Choir in	Submission for Banner Due 8:30pm - AA	2pm - Service for Older
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Stewardship Week 2 8am - Rite I 9am - Sunday School for All 10am - Rite II 11:30am - Coffee Hour 12pm - Newcomers Class, 3pm - Spotliters						

IMPORTANT DATES

9/9	Back-to-School Sunday & Rally Day, Church
9/10	7:00 P ECW Meeting, Parish Hall
9/12	Wednesday at HT Returns
9/12	4:30 P Confirmation Class Begins, Parish Hall
9/16	9:00 A Sunday School for All Ages Returns
9/16	12:30 P Annual Parish Picnic, Red Bank Battlefield
9/18	6:30 P Vestry, Parish Hall
9/23	12:00 P Newcomers Class, Parish Hall

9/25	6:30 P	Lectors Meeting, Parish Hall
9/29	11:00 A	Family Promise Graduation, Undercroft
9/29	2:00 P	Service Honoring Older Adults, Trenton

NEXT MONTH

10/12	6:30 P	Newcomers Party, Rectory
10/19	7:00 P	FALL FEST Fundraiser, Four Star Catering (Oak Valley)
10/28	9:00 A	Combined Service with Guset Preacher, Church
10/28	10:30 A	Consecration Sunday Brunch & Ingathering, Undercroft



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

9/9 Back-to-School Sun.
9/16 Parish Picnic
10/19 Fall Festival
10/28 Consecration Sun.

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*Holy Trinity is a diverse community, proclaiming the
Good News of God's grace to everyone.*

HOLY TRINITY'S SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I | 9:00 AM Sunday School | 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II