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# The Fisherman

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## From Our Pastor: Drawing Us in With Authenticity

On October 31, we'll be celebrating All Saints Day during our Sunday morning worship service, and because it's also Halloween, everyone is invited to come to worship dressed up as their favorite saint or holy one! As Protestants, we don't limit the notion of sainthood just to people who've been approved by committees examining a life. We know that saints are people like you and like me, as one of my favorite hymns goes.

When I was a little girl in Sunday School, as the school year began one year the teacher called the roll and looked at each of our faces, trying to impress into her memory each of our faces with our names. She asked my classmate, James, if he had heard of St. James. She did the same with another one of my classmates, Ann, asking her if she knew anything about the life of St. Ann. When she got to my name, she called it out loud and I replied, "Present," as we were required to do. The teacher peered at me over her reading glasses, the tip of her pen tapping the side of her cheek. Then she intoned, "I'm not sure there is a Saint Norma." Without missing a beat, I smiled and replied, "Well, not yet, Sister."

One of my favorite saints is St. Francis, who lived from 1181 – 1226 in Assisi, in the Umbrian region of Italy. Over the centuries, Francis has fascinated not just people who have an interest in religion and spirituality: in 1992, a special issue of *Time* magazine shows Francis on the list of the ten most important personalities in the last millennium.

Francis' name appeared with Shakespeare, Einstein and Galileo, Mozart, and Gutenberg.

People aren't so much interested in Francis because of his love of animals, although that would be enough for many people to want to know more! Francis draws us in because he is deeply authentic. He heard God's call to him and he knew he had to respond. A soldier from a rich noble family, Francis nevertheless was still searching, despite all the benefits of his privileged state in life.

Like most of the people of his day, Francis looked down on lepers; leprosy was believed to be contagious and as we have been reminded in recent Sunday scriptures, those who had leprosy were ostracized from the community. Before Francis' conversion, one day as he was riding his horse in the countryside he came upon a leper. Although Francis' first thought was to make sure that they avoided contact at all costs, nevertheless in his heart he felt compelled to go right to the man who was in such a terrible condition. Francis got off his horse, and embraced the man with leprosy. He kissed him tenderly and treated him kindly. Later, Francis would explain that "[w]hen I was in sin, the sight of lepers nauseated me beyond measure; but then God himself led me into their company, and I had pity on them. When I had once become acquainted with them, what had previously nauseated me became a source of physical consolation for me. After that I did not wait long before leaving the world" and founding the community of brothers living lives of poverty and faith for which he is known. While he

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## Deacons Doings

- \* **October 16th 11:00AM** There will be a Blessing of the Animals Service. Please bring your family pets, all pets must be leashed or crated, children's stuffed animal toys are also welcomed to be blessed.
- \* **October 31<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day Celebration**, during the service. Please dress as your favorite Saint!
- \* The **Care Network** is setup. Please contact any one of the Deacons. We are here for you!
- \* Please don't forget to sign up to bring **flowers** on any Sunday.
- \* **COMING SOON! "Service Times Two"** We plan to put faith into action during our outdoor services. We will be organizing a collaborative effort to amplify our faith, love and service commit-

ment. Updates will be in Bulletin Announcements! *COVID safe protocols will be in place for all activities.*

- \* Looking ahead to **December**:
  - December 5th: A **Christmas greens workshop** for the Middle Street Christmas Walk.
  - December 11th: We are considering a **Christmas Cookie Walk** to be held during the Middle Street Christmas Walk.
  - December 12th UCC Minister for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for SNEC UCC **Rev. James D. Ross II** will be at the W. Gloucester Trinitarian Church.
  - Date TBD: a pick-up **Live Pageant** is planned for one of the Sundays!

## Inside this Edition



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rode on his horse, Francis first saw a leper. When he stopped to greet the man, he realized that he was embracing none other than Jesus. Francis had a change of heart. Francis and the community that he founded lived with lepers and cared for them, and the ideal of serving the poorest of the poor continues to be their ideal.

Where do you see Jesus? In whom do you see Jesus among us today? Who is your favorite saint or holy one? What attributes of their life would you like to increase in your own life? Is it patience or humility? Courage or kindness? Self-control, or joy, or peace? I invite us all to consider the lives of those saints and holy ones that we admire, and pray for the willingness to increase in our own lives the qualities of holiness and love that we see in theirs. God bless you!

*Pastor Norma*

## Council's COVID Update

In September, TCC Council unanimously voted to accept the COVID team's recommendation to keep the building closed and to review again before November 1. Our chief concern is our care for all who have a part at TCC. In everything we do, we want to choose life! We've tweaked our recommendations for seating and masking outdoors so that everyone, including those who are immunocompromised, may feel welcome and cared for.

At our outdoor Sunday Worship Services, chairs will be intentionally placed further apart. Keeping in mind that individuals have differing levels of health needs and risk preferences, please consider masking when speaking to someone at arm's length.



*The modern styled equestrian statue of **Saint Francis of Assisi** (c. 1181–1226) opposite the Basilica in Assisi, titled *Il Ritorno di Francesco*, is a beautiful sculpture of a humble man in the right setting, telling the story of an important event in the saint's life: 'At the break of the day, Francis, with his reformed inner self, desired only to conform to the will of God'.*





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Ta DAH! Fully Restored TCC Cod



## Cod Windvane Blessing

We were fortunate to gather on October 3rd to bless our cod windvane! As the bell tower restoration continues, we also celebrated the continuing work in restoring our landmark Cod windvane that has been atop our steeple since 1982. It has been down in order to be re-leafed and now, it is complete! We had the Windvane with us at worship and were

able to say a blessing together that the windvane atop the steeple will continue to be a sign of love and kinship.

Our Cod Windvane calls to mind the dual symbolism of the fish in Christian texts and the community of the early followers of Jesus, and the Cod so sacred to the Gloucester community.

## Our Prayer of Blessing

*Holy One, the fish was a sign of the earliest followers of Jesus and this cod continues to symbolize the importance of the cod so key in sustaining our community in its earliest days. May this symbol above our sanctuary remind us of the faith that sustains us and our call to be agents of the Good News - agents of love - always and everywhere. Amen!*

*Holy God, in Christ there is no east or west. In Christ no north or south. When this cod is replaced atop the steeple above our sanctuary, may we be reminded that the church always points outward. May it remind us that our center is in Christ, and we always bring that love of Christ out into the world, to the north, to the south. To the east and west. Always our love is centered in Christ and always it reaches outward sharing God's love everywhere we are. Amen!*



## Cape Ann Thrift Shop Kicks Off the Capital Campaign

The Cape Ann Thrift Shop crew (Roseanne and John Mattson, Marlene and Jeff Shindell, Josiane Collins and Jan Bell) voted at their semi annual breakfast to donate an additional \$10,000. to the steeple capital campaign fund!

They expressed heartfelt gratitude for Betty Nicastro and Phil Michel's help in keeping them organized—not an easy feat during a pandemic.

The Crew acknowledges the importance of the donors and customers who braved Covid, masked up and supported the store. It is through this collective effort that we were able to keep the Shop open, servicing our community. It is this generosity of spirit that enables a sizeable donation to the Capital Campaign.

CATS would like to open an additional day, if able to volunteer contact Jan Bell [janisrbell@comcast.net](mailto:janisrbell@comcast.net).

**Capital Campaign Donations are tax deductible!  
Checks payable to: Trinity Congregational Church  
Steeple Campaign, Attention: Collector**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

## Faith, Love and "Service Times Two"

Introducing Service Times Two!

In the coming months we invite you to come experience a Sunday Worship Service that also includes a Service Project!

We'll be meeting in the parking lot for a couple of hymns and prayers, a short meditation, and then an enthusiastic service project!

Work is love made visible! COVID protocols will be in place, because we care! This will be outside and we'll wear masks!

Questions: [trinity@trinitycongregational.org](mailto:trinity@trinitycongregational.org)

We'd love for you to join us. Look for details in the Bulletin, Facebook and of course the Fisherman. All are welcome!



*“Autumn is a season that invites us to let go... yes to yield... We are encouraged to let things move in our lives. Let them flow on into some new life form just as the earth is modeling these changes for us.”*

*-Joyce Rupp*

**Undeterred by Autumn Temps TCC Vespers Continues, *see Page 9 for Schedule***





## Mission Musings & Gratitude

Our committee will be meeting on October 10th to discuss our disbursements to the charities we support.

The Gloucester community is usually the largest recipient of our funds as we wish to first and foremost support those who are in need locally. That said, we are presently collecting items to be sent to Operation Troop Support. This collection is fo-

cused on personal items for our female troops who are serving worldwide. We will be collecting until the October 31st.

We have been given \$210 in cash donations as well as items that have been left in our TCC collection box. Our committee thanks our church family for their continued support.

*-Chairperson, Jeff Shindell*

## Autumn Spiritual Nourishment

### Scripture Prayer Group

**Wednesdays 10AM**

Join us each week to pray with scripture using a method that allows the spirit to settle deeply within us. It is a powerful way to connect with each other and with God. You're invited to join us **Wednesdays at 10 AM**, outside. We hope to see you there!

### Supper Picnic and Sunset Vespers @ Plum Cove Beach

- **Wednesday October 13 5:15PM (sunset 6:02 PM)**
- **Wednesday November 10 at 3:45PM (sunset 4:25PM)**

We'd love for you to join us as we listen to specially selected music, reflect on our faith and God's ever faithfulness. We will eat a light picnic, then pray vespers together as the sun sets. Please bring a chair, light picnic supper and dress appropriately—feel free to bring

a friend! **Notes:** The parking in the area requires a Gloucester resident sticker. please call Megan if you need parking assistance. Look for the **bright red Trinity Church banner!**

### Labyrinth Meditation @ Wingersheek

**Wednesday October 27 11:00AM**

Many of us find the ocean and the beach to be places of *spiritual nourishment*. Bundle up and join us hearty Gloucester-folk as we employ tried-and-true methods for meditation on the beach. The tide will be at a low enough mark to design a small labyrinth on the beach—immerse yourself in this ancient spiritual practice. Please dress accordingly and bring a chair. Look for the **bright red Trinity Church banner!**



## Musical Notes



Louis Stella has a big announcement! After decades of providing organ and piano music for our church, and leading

the choir, Louis has decided that it is time for him to enjoy retirement. Louis, we thank you for your dedication, and the beautiful music you have shared with us over the years. We are wishing you good health and happiness as you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

We've let Louis know that he's always welcome among us, and from time to time we may hear him at a keyboard again. Our church will come together to celebrate Louis' time at Trinity on **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM** during our Sunday worship service. Please be sure to join us to wish Louis a fond farewell.

## Blessing of the Animals



**October 16, 2021 11:00 AM**  
**Trinity Congregational Church UCC**  
**70 Middle St., Gloucester, MA (978) 283-1442**

Trinity Congregational Church UCC invites everyone to a *nondenominational* and joyful Blessing of the Animals! Please bring your pets on a leash or in a crate! Dog and cat treats for everyone!

### *What do we do when we bless?*

When we bless, we acknowledge from a place deep within us the divine source of all that is, and in particular the divine source in the object of our blessing. It is a blessing to be alive! Some of us see kindness as a particular blessing. Love is a blessing. Some of us bless our homes, our families, our workplaces. On October 16th, we'll bless our furry or feathery or other animal family members!

Won't you join us?





TCC UKULELE GROUP

*Seaside Strummers*



TUESDAYS AT 4 PM  
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**All are welcome!**  
Signup: [trinity@trinitycongregational.org](mailto:trinity@trinitycongregational.org)

## Seaside Strummers Seek Your Talents

The **Seaside Strummers** have been practicing since August! Roy McCauley demonstrated his “air-uke” talents and singing skills for us in the office the other day!

We are a small but fabulous group enjoying the time together. We learn, we laugh, we strum—all outside.

We meet outdoors at the Church **Every Tuesday at 4PM.**

We are welcoming to **ALL SKILL LEVELS.** Ukulele is fun and easy to play! Usually uke groups just strum chords and there’s no complicated picking involved. You can do this. Join us.



**TCC is committed to Building a Community of Trust**



## TCC Fall Includes:

- ♥ Services begin at 10:30AM, with Zoom Links available
- ♥ Tuesday Seaside Strummers Uke Group
- ♥ Wednesday Scripture Prayer Group
- ♥ Labyrinth Meditations @Wingaersheek Oct. 27
- ♥ Sunset Vespers @Plum Cove Beach Oct. 13 & Nov. 10
- ♥ Blessing of the Animals Oct. 16 11:00AM
- ♥ All Saints Day Service Oct. 31
- ♥ Blessing and Instillation of the TCC Cod Windvane
- ♥ Staying Connected through email, zoom, phone & outdoor services



**TCC Keeps You Connected to Your Spiritual Needs**

# Faith Love Service

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References –October 2021 (Year B)

### Fri., Oct. 1

Psalm 26  
Job 4:1-21  
Romans 8:1-11

### Sat., Oct. 2

Psalm 26  
Job 7:1-21  
Luke 16:14-18

### Sun., Oct. 3

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### Mon., Oct. 4

Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 8:1-22  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9

### Tues., Oct. 5

Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 11:1-20  
1 Corinthians 7:10-16

### Wed., Oct. 6

Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 15:1-35  
Matthew 5:27-36

### Thurs., Oct. 7

Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 17:1-16  
Hebrews 3:7-19

### Fri., Oct. 8

Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 18:1-21  
Hebrews 4:1-11

### Sat., Oct. 9

Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 20:1-29  
Matthew 15:1-9

### Sun., Oct. 10

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### Mon., Oct. 11

Psalm 39  
Job 26:1-14  
Revelation 7:9-17

### Tues., Oct. 12

Psalm 39  
Job 28:12–29:10  
Revelation 8:1-5

### Wed., Oct. 13

Psalm 39  
Job 32:1-22  
Luke 16:19-31

### Thurs., Oct. 14

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 36:1-16  
Romans 15:7-13

### Fri., Oct. 15

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 37:1-24  
Revelation 17:1-18

### Sat., Oct. 16

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 39:1-30  
Luke 22:24-30

### Sun., Oct. 17

*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*  
Job 38:1-7 [34-41]  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### Mon., Oct. 18

Psalm 75  
Job 40:1-24  
Hebrews 6:1-12

### Tues., Oct. 19

Psalm 75  
Job 41:1-11  
Hebrews 6:13-20

### Wed., Oct. 20

Psalm 75  
Job 41:12-34  
John 13:1-17

### Thurs., Oct. 21

Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
2 Kings 20:12-19  
Hebrews 7:1-10

### Fri., Oct. 22

Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Nehemiah 1:1-11  
Hebrews 7:11-22

### Sat., Oct. 23

Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Job 42:7-9  
Mark 8:22-26

### Sun., Oct. 24

*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

### Mon., Oct. 25

Psalm 28  
Isaiah 59:9-19  
1 Peter 2:1-10

### Tues., Oct. 26

Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 18:1-32  
Acts 9:32-35

### Wed., Oct. 27

Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 14:12-23  
Matthew 20:29-34

### Thurs., Oct. 28

Psalm 146  
Ruth 1:18-2  
Hebrews 9:1-12

### Fri., Oct. 29

Psalm 146  
Ruth 2:1-9  
Romans 3:21-31

### Sat., Oct. 30

Psalm 146  
Ruth 2:10-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### Sun., Oct. 31

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34



# TCC Calendar

October 2021							November 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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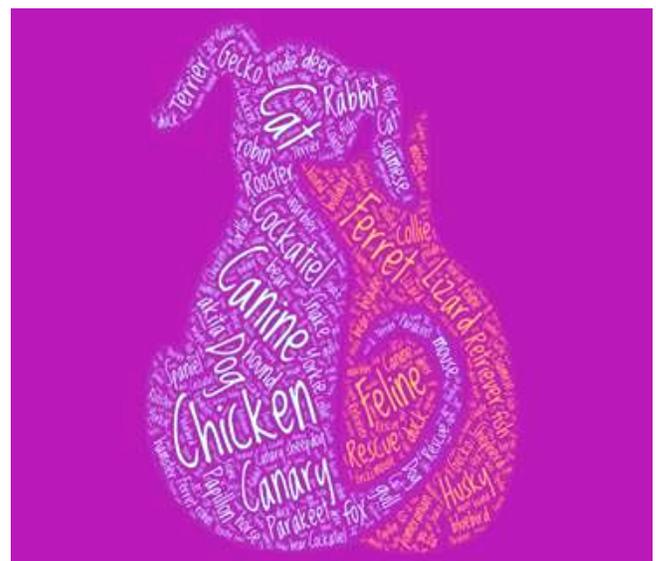
  

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
3 10:30am World Communion Sunday and Bless the TCC Cod Windvane (Drive)	4	5 4:00pm Seaside Strummers: TCC Uke Group	6 10:00am Scripture Prayer Group	7	8	9
10 10:30am Sunday Service	11	12 4:00pm Seaside Strummers: TCC Uke Group	13 10:00am Scripture Prayer Group 5:15pm Sunset Vespers @Plum Cove Beach	14	15	16 11:00am Blessing of the Animals
17 10:30am Sunday Worship Service-Online and Drive-In	18	19 4:00pm Seaside Strummers: TCC Uke Group	20 10:00am Scripture Prayer Group	21 7:00pm Council Meeting	22	23
24 10:30am Sunday Worship Service-Online and Drive-In	25	26 4:00pm Seaside Strummers: TCC Uke Group	27 10:00am Scripture Prayer Group 11:30am Labyrinth Meditation	28	29	30
31 10:30am Sunday Worship Service: All Saints Day Celebration - Online	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6

Please Note that any post-publication changes to the calendar will be reflected on the website: <https://www.trinitycongregational.org/calendar>.

With activities slowly restarting, we will utilize a few communication mediums: Sunday Bulletin, the website Calendar, the Fisherman, and the [Gloucester Daily Times Religion Calendar](#). Special Events will have a “reminder email” similar to the one sent for the Vespers, as that seemed to be useful.

Be sure to email Megan with your Committee Meetings and Events. Thank you!



**Blessing of the Animals October 16, 11:00AM**

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