



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

July 2017



Father Rob's Reflections

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Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Well, it is June as I write, and July is around the corner. This Means **July 2nd** is very near and thus too our **ONE SERVICE AT St. John's at 9 a.m.** This is our traditional Red, White, and Blue service. I know Kay would like our children to join in leading us on a verse or so of a hymn. Please allow your children to participate in a portion of the patriotic hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies". Also, this is the third event on the path to our 150th anniversary celebration. We will talk about St John's history as it relates to Holy Trinity. Since she is our "Mother Church", this should be very informative. My expectation is that for **August 4th, 2017 at 5:30 pm, our 150th anniversary worship service** with the Bishop, you will all endeavor to come. This 150th anniversary will never come again. Please mark your calendars and invite lots of friends! Plus, the Bishop wants a full day planned with us, so there are lots of opportunities to connect with him. In many parishes for the mid-week visits, he has met persons in the community, and/or with us. I was thinking that this would be a good time to kindly share some concerns over Rock Point that some in Vestry and the parish have relayed since my arrival. This could be a forum for us with the Bishop for this concern and other questions we may have. If you have recommendations for people for the Bishop to meet and are willing to arrange this so that we can include it on his itinerary, please let me know as soon as possible. For the worship we are planning to use the worship that would have been used in 1867, as well as, music that is appropriate to that period. We will literally be able to experience firsthand what our forebears did. I do know that a reception will follow the worship service and you should receive notice. Mary Wood has done

receive notice. Mary Wood has done invitations, and planned the events leading up to the celebration on August 4th, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. but Sarah Nielsen is in charge of fellowship. You should be hearing from her, or her committee, soon.

Following up on our Mutual Ministry reflections and requests, Sunday August 13th, 10 a.m. service, just after the week of Cooking Camp, we will emphasize camp songs. Be prepared for Kay to solicit your favorites. Does anyone have a Rock Point Camp song book? Please let Kay Benedict know. Since Vestry will not meet in July, the June minutes are not yet approved by Vestry, but I will post them as pending approval on the bulletin board downstairs and in the newsletter. This was a request, from the review, that we begin this practice again.

Love in Christ,
Fr. Rob+

Dates to Remember

July 2—Red, White, and Blue Sunday—one service at St. John's 9 am

July - no Vestry Meeting

July 3-7th - Office closed

July 9 – the Rev. Lydia Kelsey Bucklin, celebrant

July 3-15 -Father Rob out of office

Fr Rob's family to arrive July 10th –17th

July 12—HT rain site for Citizens Band, 7pm

July 19, 5:30pm, Potluck--Event 4 for 150th Anniversary Celebration---history of outreach at HT

July 22--Communicator's Workshop for Diocese at Trinity, Shelburne

July 24 - CASEY BACK! & Wardens Meeting, 10 am

July 26 - Citizen's Band Concert at St, John, Highgate Falls—7p.m.

July 31--10 am to 12---Mandatory Acolyte Training at Church with lunch to follow

August 4, 5:30 pm -150th ANNIVERSARY Bishop here and available all day if scheduled

MARCHING FOR DIGNITY IN "ICY" CONDITIONS

On Saturday, June 17th over 200 migrant farm workers and their supporters marched the 13 miles from Montpelier to the Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory in Waterbury. The purpose was not to sample the latest flavor but rather to advance a two-year "Milk with Dignity" campaign that would improve the living and working conditions of dairy farm workers in Vermont. In spite of public promises to join the "Milk with Dignity" movement that would require all dairy farms within the Ben & Jerry's supply chain to abide by a standard for just labor practices and dignified housing, Ben & Jerry's has yet to sign a legally binding contract.

Later that day, two migrant farm workers, Esau Peche and Yesenia Hernandez, who helped lead the march, were detained by the Border Patrol on their way home to Franklin. They are now being held at a detention center in New Hampshire. This fits a pattern of detention and deportation proceedings that target migrant activists in VT.

This past Friday a group of us gathered on the steps of the state capitol building in Montpelier in the cold pouring rain to demand the release of Esau and Yesenia. I spoke on behalf of faith communities in solidarity with migrant farm workers. I recalled how Jesus once passed through some grain fields with his disciples who were hungry...so hungry that they began to pick the heads of grain. Since this was the sabbath, Jesus was accused of breaking the law to which he replied that "the sabbath was made for humanity not humankind for the sabbath." He cited the case of David and his companions who entered the house of God and ate the holy bread which was unlawful for any but the priests to eat but they did so because they were hungry. Feeding the hungry is not a criminal act! Working long hours in challenging conditions in order to feed families who are hungry in Mexico is not a criminal act! Esau and Yesenia have no criminal record. This also fits a pattern. From the end of January to the end of April the arrests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents of undocumented immigrants with no criminal record has

increased by over 150% compared to the same period last year.

Last week the acting director for ICE, Thomas Homan, made a comment that sent chills through the immigrant community indicating that this pattern will continue: "You should be uncomfortable. You should look over your shoulder. You need to be worried...No population is off the table..." How ironic! Those who are most often underpaid doing the work that so many would never consider in order to put food on our tables are now targets for an indiscriminate enforcement policy of mass deportations.

Pastor Kim Erno
Director
Franklin Alliance for Rural Ministries

The Rev. Lydia Kelsey Bucklin

Lydia, a priest in the Diocese of Iowa and daughter of former Holy Trinity rector James Kelsey, will be celebrant at both services on July 9. A brunch is planned between services. Please come and meet and greet Lydia on her return visit to Vermont.



Food Shelf

Food shelf needs are canned pasta, tuna fish, peanut butter and soup. Please put the items in the box/bucket in the Narthex. Thank you.



Citizens Band

July 12—7 pm, Swanton Village Green (HT rain site)

July 26— 7 pm, at St, John, Highgate Falls

Aug 2 – 7 pm, Swanton Village Green (HT rain site)

Parish Office Coverage

Casey will be on maternity leave until July 24. Fr. Rob has a sign up for office coverage. See him if you can be in the office and answer the phone one or more days.



Cooking Camp

Camp will run August 7th-11th. "Survival in the Wilderness" is the theme. Talk to Mary Wood to register campers or if you want to be a helper yourself. Mary will be closing registration on July 10th.

HOLY HIKES

Holy Hikes-Vermont is an emerging ministry based at Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne, Vt., in collaboration with St. James Episcopal Church, Essex Junction, and All Saints Episcopal Church, South Burlington. The hikes occur monthly and are open to all people of the Diocese as well as other faith communities and seekers. The hikes are based around a Eucharistic (communion) service.

Holy Hikes is a trademarked organization begun by the Rev. Justin R. Cannon in the Diocese of California as a hiking ministry. The Vermont chapter was established in 2016 by the Rev. Kim Hardy, who was recently named as St. James' priest in partnership.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. (Romans 8:19 NRSV)

Hardy continues, "Holy Hikes calls us beyond the walls of comfort, to take a step, perhaps even a hike, towards reunion with the earth and all its life and beauty."

Tentative Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 10, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 14, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 28, 10:00 am – noon

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am - noon

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 am -noon

Dates subject to revision. Locations to be announced. If interested, please contact

Road to Holy Trinity's 150th Celebration:
9:00 Sunday, July 2nd: Red, White & Blue Day at St. John's: History (St. John's to HTC) Visit our home church and learn about her history and the connection she has to HTC.

July 19th, 5:30 Wednesday,: **History of Outreach** Potluck & learn about the many ways Holy Trinity has been involved in outreach in the community, the state, country and the world.

5:30 Friday, August 4th: **150th Celebration for Holy Trinity** Come celebrate our many traditions together with your church family and the greater community as we join in a service to mark 150 years here at Holy Trinity Church



Taize Evening Prayer

Wednesday Aug 2, 7 pm

At Martha's Kitchen, Main St., St. Albans



6th Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament

The Right Reverend Thomas C. Ely cordially invites members and friends of the Episcopal Church in Vermont to participate in the Sixth Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament. The event, which benefits the Alleluiafund,

What: The Sixth Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament

When: September 9, 2017

Where: The Basin Harbor Club, Vergennes

Online registration is now open at this link: <http://www.iotformpro.com/71654955609973>. Those who would rather not register online, may register by phone by calling Michelle Sandul at (802) 863-3431.

This year's Open will be \$125.00 per player and includes a round of golf with cart, lunch, a BBQ, and gift bags. Raffle tickets and contest entrance fees are separate and benefit the Alleluiafund directly. Guests can attend the RRO the RRO will be \$25.00 per guest that

Upcoming Dates

August 1st—one year since Avery's death
August 4, 5:30 service, 150th ANNIVERSARY—
Bishop here and available all day if scheduled
August 7th-11th—Cooking Camp!
August 13th, 10 a.m. Camp Song Sunday
Week of August 21st—Father Rob out of state
August 28th---10 a.m. Wardens' Meeting
September 5th---2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist,
St. Albans
September 9th—Alleluia Open—Vergennes
September 10th ---MINISTRY FAIR AT HT—
Choir returns
September 11th—Fr Rob's 61st birthday
September 13th—4:40 p.m. Food Shelf Board
Meeting—Holy Trinity
September 22nd—Native American Day—
September 23rd---10 to 3---Disaster
Preparedness training for Diocese, St. Paul's,
White River Junction
September 25th—10 a.m. Warden's Meeting
October 3rd---2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist, St.
Albans
October 10th—Clergy Day, 10 to 3--Dismantling
Racism
October 23rd—Warden's Meeting 10 a.m.
November 1st—**All Saints Day**
November 3-4th—Diocesan Convention—
Ludlow Vermont
November 5th—Daylight savings ends/All Saints
Sunday
November 14th—Homestead Eucharist 2 p.m.
St. Albans
November 23rd—Thanksgiving Day
November 27th—10 a.m. Wardens' Meeting
December 5th—2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist,
St. Albans
December 12th---25th anniversary of my
ordination to the Priesthood
December 24th—**Sunday Christmas Eve**
December 25th—Monday
December 31st—Lessons and Carols—9am



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Hunter Cheney, Madeline W. Martin
3 Patricia Abui
5 Sarah Nielsen
6 Gladys Nokes
13 Frank Short
16 Maluchy Michael Abui
18 Shelley Robtoy
20 Katherine Winchester
28 James McDonald
30 Randy LaFlam



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Amy & Rob Giroux
6 Carol & Harry Moulton
7 Mary Jane & Rob Guerrina
Jeremy & Heather Burnor
8 Barb & Steve Trushaw
14 Sarah & Eric Hadd
20 Mary & Sam Carleton

Baptisms

Jun 11

Liam Joseph Smith
Owen Miles Smith



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