



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

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Father Rob's Reflections February 2018

"But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall." Malachi 4:2

Dear Parish Family,

Who doesn't, when life deals the hand of hurt or illness, desire healing? Of course all of us would. We go to medical professionals to find help. And rightly we do this. But there are complimentary paths to our healing. Our best outcome is for complete healing. Of course that is not always the case. Regardless of expected outcome, there is another source of comfort and healing alongside our medical ministers. It has existed since humanities' creation, on one level, as early in our evolution we sought out one different and "other" to hear our plea for help. We now understand that "other" to be God. And we know through the New Testament and Jesus' ministry that the Holy Spirit offers this real present healing in our world. Therefore, there are services of healing offered in the Book of Common Prayer, and other liturgical sources, that afford us the opportunity, in a structured fashion, to seek out our Lord for healing. As such, beginning in Lent, February 18th, and continuing thru Palm Sunday, I will be offering an opportunity for healing prayer during our Worship service. Now, what this means is that after all have received communion, prior to the post communion prayer, you will have an open invitation to the altar rail to kneel for anyone who desires personal healing or who is coming to pray for another person's healing and health. We can "stand in" for another you see. Anyway, prior to the post communion prayer, these folks who choose to come forward and kneel at the rail, will receive a prayer from me and the anointing of oil. This is an ancient and cherished part

of oil. This is an ancient and cherished part of our history as God worshippers. I ask that you give a little space between one another, as able, for privacy. I will ask very quietly the nature of the concern, and will pray for your specific concern in a lowered voice, followed by anointing you with healing oil. There has been much sickness and hurt in our world and much in our Parish midst. As we take action to seek medical attention from the appropriate professionals, we may also avail ourselves of the invitation to seek spiritual assistance as well.

In Christ's love,
Fr Rob+



Upcoming Events

*"The Path" Bible Study Every Sunday
11:15am in Chapel ALL WELCOME*

Tues, Feb 6– 5:30 Vestry

Tues, Feb 13– 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Supper

Wed, Feb 14– 5:30 Ash Wednesday Service

Wed, Feb 21 – 5:30 Open Door Dinner at Nativity

Sat, Feb 24 – 9 am-3 pm Vestry Retreat

Annual Meeting Elections

Elected for 3 year term: Tammy Farr
Wally Good
Frank Short

For 2 year term: Don Fournier

Diocesan Convention Delegates: Natalie Good
Marianne Marshall
Steve Marshall
Alternates: Laura Buel
Helen Short
Linda Wirts

Sr. Warden: Don Fournier
Jr. Warden: Adam Fournier
Clerk of Vestry: Amy Giroux

Swanton Food Shelf

Needs: Canned pasta, spaghetti, canned chicken/canned meats, tuna fish, and soup. Place items in treasure chest in the Narthex. Thank you.



Open Door Dinners

Weds at Church of the Nativity: Feb 21, Mar 28
April-Jun at Holy Trinity

Bishop Discernment & Nominating Committee

The Standing Committee is requesting applications to serve on the Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee (BDNC). The deadline for applications is **February 15, 2018**. Ten members of the BDNC will be selected by the Standing Committee by March 1. Each member of the BDNC must be able to attend an overnight retreat at the Franklin Conference Center, Rutland, VT, beginning at 4 PM on March 16 and concluding on the afternoon of March 17. Cost of the retreat will be covered; committee members are responsible for their travel costs.

Please review the Charge to the Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee. [Click here to read/download the Charge](#). If following your review of the Committee charge you feel called to apply, please complete and return the application form. [Click here to download the form](#).

Vestry Update: Jan 8th Meeting

Junior Warden Report: Winter rugs/mats - \$500.00 will purchase our own.
Lock on safe replaced (facial electric plate)
Treasurer: Pledging for 2017 was right on target. Expenses were over about \$18,000, Income above by about \$14,000, net \$4,000 over expenses. *This difference was due to some big expenses: fridge, furnace. Motion to accept 2018 Budget Report, all approve.
Buildings & Grounds: Windows downstairs will be addressed. Casey being here alone; will work on a doorbell to stairwell.
Christian Formation: 8-11 people doing "The Path." Sunday School – yes for Lent; need to work on more teachers.
Out Reach: Open Door Dinners – Spring Silver to Sawdust – May
St. John's: Eaves & all windows repaired.
Worship: New bulletin going well (no change in cost)
Old Business: 40 Grand- Electrical work needs to be done for safety.

Celtic Ireland Pilgrimage 2018

Destination - Southwest Ireland

Dear friends,

We would like you to know about our pilgrimage to Ireland in October 10-18, 2018. This will be another very special journey, this time to areas in the Southwest, the home territory of our exceptional guides. The pilgrimage will move at a moderate pace giving time for hiking, spiritual reflection, introspection and camaraderie. It will begin in Cork and move north through the peninsulas that reach out into the Atlantic Ocean in this part of the Emerald Isle.

Those who have come with us before have expressed how meaningful and deep these journeys are and we hope you will consider being part of our pilgrim band for this special journey. We will limit the group to 13 pilgrims plus the two of us. This will offer a very intimate experience with opportunities to explore hidden areas by small coach bus. kimhardy138@comcast.net or ammakim@stjamesvt.org
Blessings In Christ, The Rev. Kim Hardy & The Rev. Dr. Fred Moser



Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps members:
 Judy Wechsler, Natalie Good and Wally Good

Northwest VT Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Prior to 9/11, the United States did not have a group of vetted medical and nonmedical volunteers to respond major to a disaster. Many people who descended on ‘Ground Zero’ after the World Trade Center collapsed were dedicated professional, others were imposters. In order to assure that volunteers have active professional licenses and that criminal abuse and background checks have been performed prior to their interactions with a vulnerable public, the Medical Reserve Corps was created by federal legislation.

In Vermont the MRCs are under the Vermont Department of Health Emergency Preparedness umbrella. MRC units are composed of physicians, nurses, medical assistants, physician assistants, chiropractors, teachers, mental health clinicians, former EMTs, & caring people who want to help others. In times of medical emergencies, it takes 3-4 non-medical volunteers to support the medical volunteers. MRC’s provide training in Incident Command, Mental Health First Aid, CPR, First Aid. We also practice setting up and conducting a Points of Distribution center should there be an epidemic and antibiotics or immunizations needed to be dispensed to a large number of people in a short amount of time. This past summer we assisted the Burlington International Airport in their required FAA mock plane crash response.

The Northwest VT MRC covers Franklin & Grand Isle Counties. Our group meets monthly & at each meeting a training or team building exercise is conducted. Members staff First Aid shelters at the Maple Festival and Bay Day. We have assisted NMC set up an overflow hospital at a school should there be a time where their available beds were

time where their available beds were maxed out & no other hospital could accept patients due to being at capacity. MRC volunteers also conduct a Health and Wellness Clinic at Martha’s Kitchen as some people who go there are medically underserved & need assistance obtaining needed medical care. We also conduct First Aid and CPR classes for civic and community groups and have been working with a St. Albans Boy Scout Troop earning their First Aid Merit Badge. Recently we provided information for the people affected by the flooding of the Missisquoi River at a Multi-Agency Resource Fair organized by the Red Cross on cleaning up their homes, domestic water testing, carbon monoxide testing if heating systems were damaged by the flood, & food safety. The most important thing we offered people was a listening, caring ear.

If you would like more information about the MRC please ask Helen Short, Natalie or Wally Good. If you would like to become a MRC volunteer, go to the website *On Call for Vermont* and click on Medical Reserve Corps. You will be directed to the Responder Management System and asked to complete information.

Wisdom Practice Circle

1st Thursday, Feb 1, 7-9 pm
 4th Monday, Feb 22, 5-7 pm
 Butterfield Bldg., Bishop Booth Conf. Ctr.
 Explorations of Wisdom Practices
 Sacred Chant
 Centering Contemplative Prayer
 Body-Movement Meditation
Lectio Divina

Rock Point Wisdom School

The first **Rock Point Wisdom School** will be offered at the BBCC from **Sunday, March 11th through Wednesday, March 14th**. The retreat leader will be The Rev. Matthew Wright, who is a well-known and popular leader for Northeast Wisdom. Further details and registration information will be coming out in early January. This retreat will be likely to fill quickly, so watch for info in The Mountain.



Rock Point Summer Camp
Caring for Creation, Neighbor, Self & Having Fun

SCHEDULE

Leaders in Training 16-17 yo Jun 24-29		
Day Camp I	5-10 yo	Jun 25-29
Sr Hi Camp	14-16 yo	Jul 1-6
Sr Hi Day Camp	14-16 yo	Jul 1-6
Jr Hi Camp	11-14 yo	Jul 8-13
Jr Hi Day Camp	11-14 yo	Jul 8-13
Intermediate Camp	10-12 yo	Jul 15-20
Intermed. Day Camp	10-12 yo	Jul 15-20
Elementary Camp	7-10 yo	Jul 22-27
Elemen. Day Camp	7-10 yo	Jul 22-27
Day Camp II	5-10 yo	Jul 30-Aug 3
Alumni, Family & Friends	All ages	Aug 5-9

Look for brochures in Parish Hall
www.rockpointvt.org/summer_camp
sosborn@dioceseofvermont.org



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cindy Monahan
Ayen Apuot Abui
- 3 Steve Marshall
- 17 Peter Visconti
- 28 Adam Longe



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Doreen & Randy LaFlam



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