



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

JANUARY 2018



Father Rob's Reflections January 2018

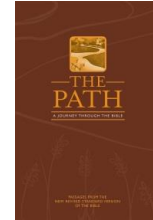
Dear Holy Trinity Family,

I'm writing to remind you that an exciting adult formation opportunity is quickly coming your way. One that you will want to be a part. As I have mentioned in the past, it is a Bible learning program created by Forward Movement—the same ones who produce the “Forward Day by Day” we all love to read. This course, called **THE PATH**, is a wonderful one year gallop thru the Bible. Haven't you always wanted to learn more about how the Canon fits together as a complete book? Have you thought that the wonderful lections we hear from the propers cannot be all that there is to the Bible? Then, you are right. There is so much more. Each participant will be provided with a copy of the THE PATH book, provided by your Parish from the Adult Formation budget. We ask that you bring your Bible, if you like, not required, and be willing to be a part of this family of learners. We will begin on **January 7th, 2018**, after the 10 am service. It will start at approximately **11:15 am** in the chapel. We ask that food and the like be kept to the Parish hall for cleanliness purposes.

I have asked three to facilitate the group, and they have promised to begin on time and end on time. The first class will be an introduction, so will not last an hour. But the remaining classes will be **NO MORE THAN AN HOUR**, beginning at 11:15 am so that you may get back to your home.

Come and learn about your Holy Book, the Bible. I like to call this experience, **“The Bible on Steroids!”** It won't be hard, as some might imagine, but you will be informed and maybe changed.

Much love in Christ,
Father Rob+



Oyster Stew & Other Treasures

Sat, Jan 6, 6 pm

Come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany

At the home of Linda Wirts

5 Dunning St, Swanton

Linda will provide oyster stew;

Please bring a treasure to share

Sign up in Parish Hall or

Call Linda 868-5492



Upcoming Events

Jan 6 - Oyster Stew & Other Treasures 6pm @ Linda Wirts

Jan 7 – Bible study, 11:15

Jan 8 – Vestry 5pm-7pm Upper Room

Jan 10 - Casey Needs ALL Commission Reports submitted Annual Meeting

Jan 28 – ANNUAL MEETING

2017 Pledges

Please note that with the last day of the year being on a Sunday, any pledge money submitted that Sunday December 31st will not be posted until the first week of January and will count towards your 2018 pledge. So, if you are looking to fulfill your 2017 pledge, all monies need to be to the office no later than Wednesday December 27th for deposit. Donations statements for your pledges of 2017 will be mailed within the first 2 weeks of January. Thank you, Shelley Robtoy, Bookkeeper



ANNUAL MEETING

Sun, Jan 28

Rector's & Wardens' Reports
Treasurer's Reports
Reports of all Commissions
Election of New Vestry Members
Election of Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention
Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members

Swanton Food Shelf

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



Open Door Dinners

Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 28
Weds at Church of the Nativity
April-Jun at Holy Trinity

Wisdom Practice Circle

1st Thursday, Jan 4, 7-9 pm
4th Monday, Jan 22, 5-7 pm
Butterfield Building
Bishop Booth Conference Center
Explorations of Wisdom Practices
(as envisioned by Cynthia Bouregeault in Wisdom Way of Knowing)
Sacred Chant
Centering Contemplative Prayer
Body-Movement Meditation
Lectio Divina

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.



Taize Service

Sun, Jan 14, 7 pm
Cathedral Church of St Paul, Burl.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Message from the Right Rev. Thomas C. Ely,
Bishop of Vermont
Advent 2017

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to
the house of the Lord."
(Psalm 122:1)*

Dear people of the Episcopal Church in Vt:

I was indeed very glad when you said to me, "Come and share in God's mission with us, here in Vermont." In so many ways, Vermont *is* the house of the Lord, and my joy and gladness have grown each day, along with my deep affection for Vermont and its people. I thank God and the people of Vermont for calling me to this ministry as your bishop. I celebrate all we have accomplished together and thank you for teaching me so much about what it means to be human, to be in community and to love and serve the Lord with gladness and singleness of heart.

After several months of prayerful discernment, I have decided that it is time for me to bring this season of mission and ministry in my life and yours to its conclusion, and to open the door for the next season in the life of the Episcopal Church in Vermont, as well as in mine. To that end, I have informed the Presiding Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Vermont of my decision to resign this ministry as the 10th Bishop of Vermont, and begin the "retirement" phase of my journey, no later than September 30, 2019. By that date, I will have served as your bishop for over 18 years and as a priest for nearly 39 of my 67 years of life. There are other interests and ministries to which I am feeling called to devote my time and energy while my health and stamina are still good, including family, community theatre, various justice ministries and a bit more golf.

It has been over 18 years since the Episcopal Church in Vermont has experienced a transition in episcopal ministry. I have every confidence that you will do it well and faithfully. The Standing Committee recently met with the Right Reverend Todd Ousley, from The Episcopal Church Office of Pastoral Development. Among his many ministries, Bishop Ousley is charged by the Presiding Bishop to offer support and guidance to dioceses during times of transition in the episcopate. There is a wealth of "best practices" upon which to draw and I have no

doubt that the Holy Spirit will guide you well in the months ahead. You will hear more from the Standing Committee about the process going forward. Others in the diocese will also play important roles in this transition and I pledge you my full support and cooperation, especially when that means "getting out of the way!"

I look forward to the months of ministry we have together before I step aside, and Ann and I take up residence in our house in Newfane, Vermont. I plan to use these months ahead to continue encouraging full and passionate engagement in your local mission approaches, so vital to our call to participate in the Jesus Movement. I plan to continue my efforts related to a sustainable Rock Point and all that means to our life as the Episcopal Church in Vermont. And, I plan to pursue in new and appropriate ways the passion I have for various justice, ecumenical and interfaith ministries that have helped shaped me and our life and ministry together over the years.

During this time of transition, I ask for your prayers for Ann and me, as we continue to hold you in ours. Pray also for the members of the diocesan Ministry Support Team and the Staff at Rock Point, who I know will carry on the work and ministry of this diocese with competence and faithfulness. Pray for the members of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council and all those who will be called upon to lead the Episcopal Church in Vermont into its next season of mission and ministry.

Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20,21)

Faithfully yours in Christ,
The Right Reverend Thomas C. Ely





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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorie Bullard
- 3 Jackson Gagne
- 4 Paul Leduc
- 6 Devon Traver
- 8 Alexis Kenyon
- 14 Marc Poissant
- 17 Majuch Kenneth Abui
- 18 Brigit Reyes – OLR
- 19 Shirley Barratt
- 20 Audra Langlais
- Tony Martin Spainhour
- 26 Marie Barnier
- 27 Alex Longe



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