



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

November 2018



Father Rob's Reflections November 2018

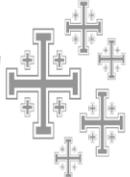
Dear Parish Family,

As we consider "Transforming Generosity" as our theme this year for stewardship, it's important to look at how that has played out in our life together. One fine example of stewardship is our Diocesan assessment. Yes, that sounds contrived and required, and yes it is on some level. But consider, if you will, that the assessment is the tithe of our offerings to God and to our "church"—the Diocese, of which we are "the Diocese". We, as the Diocese, are a unit, acting thru the Bishop's office, to tithe to the wider Episcopal Church for mission greater than our community—the National Episcopal Church. So then giving to the Diocese of Vermont enables Ecclesiastical leadership (Bishop and staff) to do the work of calling us together as a Diocesan family, thus helping us to organize our ministries—Rock Point, Bishop's visitations for confirmation and ministry, facilitating the blessing and coordinating of those seeking lay and ordained ministries, Rock Point School, Brookhaven support, etc. Then, if we look at Holy Trinity, we 'tithe' ourselves by giving to the community from the tithes and offerings that you and I give to God thru God's church. In that way, whether it is money invested with dividends given to us, or the hard earned dollars you give in pledges, we are able to give to God's continuing work in the community, and in our church community--specifically in caring for the building and grounds and properties that they be a source for use by the church itself and our wider community. Consider these properties as places for organizing, training, and equipping us in worship, study, fellowship and community to go out into the world to do the good works of God. Thus, equipped, we are able to give

\$1,000 dollars recently from the Outreach budget to offset the \$800,000 needed for the now reengaged Episcopal Church in Cuba and its new pension needs. We are able to give \$10,000 out of the Adrian Gagne funds for the renewal of our Swanton playground and park. These are just a few examples of our transformational generosity. All because you and I, and folks like Mr. Gagne and Mr. Perry, knew what it was like to put God in a first place in the pocketbook as well as the heart. You and I give our tithes and offerings. This enables our Vestry to lead us in our ministries together and our world here in Franklin. The Vestry then is authorized and charged to tithe to the Diocese who in turn is charged to tithe to the wider Episcopal Church centered at 815 in Manhattan, NY...from our individual pew to the wider world.

As Advent approaches, with its emphasis on what was done for us in Jesus and what is to come in the future, I find great hope. Some folks loathe this time of year with its stewardship needs. But that has never been the case for me. I suppose it would be if I did not experience you as kind, generous, giving folks. But I do and have experienced you that way, so I do not worry. Instead I'm excited to see how much ministry we will enable this coming year with our transformational generosity for God and God's work. The Ingathering is set for November 11th. The excitement builds!

In Christ's love,
Father Rob

transforming  *generosity*



Bonnie's Annual Pie Bake

Mon, Nov 19th and Tues, Nov 20th

All proceeds this year will be donated to VT Suicide Prevention.

To order call Casey at 868-7185, Mary at 524-5446 or Deanna at 752-7145. All pies can be frozen for use at a later date. Apple Crumb pies can be ordered baked or ready to freeze. Please specify when ordering.

Pumpkin \$10

Apple Crumb \$10

Bonnie's Peanut Butter \$12

Refrigerated Cheesecake with Chocolate Drizzle \$12

Please let Mary or Deanna know if you would like to help with making of pies.

There are jobs for everyone!

Pick up time for pies is Tue, Nov 20

11:30-1:00



Thanksgiving Dinner At Holy Trinity
Thurs, Nov 22, 3 pm

Potluck, please sign up in Parish Hall

Turkey, gravy & stuffing provided

All are welcome



Handmade Holiday Craft Show

Swanton Arts Council

Sat, November 24, 9 am-3 pm

At Holy Trinity

Upcoming Events:

Nov 4, Sun – Celebrate All Saints Sunday;

Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 6, Tues – 5:30 Vestry

Nov 11, Sun- Stewardship Ingathering Sun

Nov 12, Tues – Eucharist at Homestead

Nov 14, Wed – VT Attorneys Mtg 1-5pm
Parish Hall

Nov 19, Mon- HTC outreach Pie baking

Nov 20, Tue – HTC Outreach Pie Pick up

Nov 22, Thurs- HTC Thanksgiving. 3pm

All Welcome! Bring a dish to share,
signup sheet in Parish Hall

Nov 23, Fri- Swanton Arts Council in to
set up for Craft Sale 6-8pm Parish Hall

Nov 24, Sat – Swanton Arts Council Craft
Sale 9am-3pm

Open Door Dinners

Memorial Methodist

Friday Nov 30

Church of the Nativity

Wednesdays Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 27

Holy Trinity

Tues April 30, Thursdays May 23, Jun 20



Food Shelf Needs

Cereal

Soup

Canned Carrots

Canned Pasta

Large cans of Spaghetti sauce



Remember to turn clocks **back** on Sat,
Nov 3!!



"Go, Tell It on the Mountains! Evangelism Vermont-Style"

We seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – then invite everyone to MORE.

October 2nd, 2018 Vestry at a Glance:

1. A donation will be made to the Swanton Playground Capital Campaign for Swanton Schools.
2. Confirmation classes will start in the spring
3. Blessing of the Pets this Saturday
4. Video system is making progress but more information is needed.
5. Audit from Finance Committee was accepted by the Vestry

Faithfully Summited,
Don Fournier



Taizé Evening Prayer What is Taizé?

The Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic community in a small village in the Burgundy region of France, has its origins in World War II. The purpose of its founders was to work ecumenically at furthering peace within the human family by engendering reconciliation and

engendering reconciliation and healing of divisions among Christians. The Taizé brothers retain their own faith traditions but join together in their work for unity, peace, and justice. The Brothers developed a style of prayer consisting of simple meditative chants as well as periods of silence. Today, Taizé is a place of pilgrimage for thousands of Christians, particularly young people, from all over the world.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Evening Prayer is sung in the manner of Taizé four times a year. A candlelit service lasting about an hour, it includes quiet chant from both within and outside the Taizé community, readings from Scripture, sung and spoken prayer, incense, icons, and periods of meditative silence. The flexible interior of the Cathedral nave lends itself to this style of prayer, which has been welcomed by many, young and old alike, as a calm and contemplative approach to God at the end of the day.

Upcoming Taizé Evening Prayer Dates

- Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 7 p.m.

Search for the 11th Bishop of the
Episcopal Church in Vermont
Timeline

Oct 9, 2018-Profile & website launched
Fall 2018 – receive & prayerfully review
applications of potential candidates
Nov 16 – Deadline for applications
Winter 2018 – discernment of candidates
Mar 2019 – Slate of final candidates
announced
April 28-May 1- Walkabouts; candidates
visit all corners of the diocese
May 18 – Electing Convention
Sept 28 – Consecration of the 11th Bishop
of the Episcopal Church in VT
**The convention delegates we elect in
Jan. at annual meeting will attend and
vote at the electing convention on May
18th. Keep this in mind as you nominate
folks to be convention delegates.**



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 John Farr**
- 7 Eleanor Wirts**
- 8 Madeline W. Martin**
- 9 Methederow Ashton Abui**
- 10 Sydney Trutor, Marcalah Whalen**
- 13 Ellen Trushaw**
- 19 Heather Burnor, Richard Page
Billie Lynn Spainhour Fredell**
- 26 Eagan Murphy**
- 28 Rob Guerrina**
- 30 Lee Page**



In New Life

Oct 5 Aimee Marie Edwards Batten

May the souls of all the
departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest
in peace