



# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

APRIL 2019

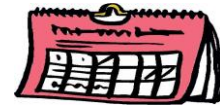


## Father Rob's Reflections April 2019 "Change is in the Wind"

Lent is a time for looking back on, and over, our lives to reflect on ways we hit the mark with God and the ways we have missed that mark (sin). This activity begs us to reflect, be prayerful, even fast if called to that, so that we might change. Change that is for improvement. Change so that we might hear with greater clarity God's still small voice calling us. And then when Lent comes to an end with all the observances of Holy week, we hit Easter square on. The solitude, purple vestments, wooden cross and candlesticks, linen covered tryptic leads to bright colors, flowers, white, energetic, praise-filled songs.....and of course, ALLELUIAS! Galore! It's about change. It's about remembering. It's about life. Many changes have been coming our way here at Holy Trinity. The new columbarium is arriving 31<sup>st</sup> of March. It will be beautiful. Details about how to become part of this beautiful haven in the bell tower for the future will be forthcoming. But all of this is change. A new change to have our loved ones buried (cremains) in our dedicated and holy ground. For some of us change has meant surgery. For others it has meant a loss. For still others it has meant changing homes. For Holy Trinity change has meant saying goodbye to the cleaning staff, the LaRoches. They have been wonderful! And it means welcoming Darlene Foster as our new cleaning person. And lastly, for Holy Trinity, it means saying goodbye to Casey McNally. Casey came shortly after I arrived. In that time, we have grown and she has grown—all of us together. She has been a kind and dynamic addition to our family. But we understand the need to be with our children when they are little. Change, after all, comes very quickly---and it is always in the wind. I personally will miss a marvelous staff

position, I know we will not duplicate her. We will not find another Casey. For while change may be in the wind, and may be inevitable, there is only one of her. For her special gifts and presence, we will always be thankful.

In Christ's love,  
Father Rob



### *Upcoming Events:*

- Sun, Mar 31 – Fond farewell to Casey McNally
- Sat, Apr 6 – 9 am – 2 pm, Swanton Arts Council Spring Craft Show at Holy Trinity
- Mon, Apr 8 – 5:30 Vestry
- Mon, Apr 29 – Meet the Bishop candidates in Burlington

### **HOLY WEEK**

- Sun, Apr 14 – PALM SUNDAY; 8 am & 10 am services, blessing of the palms & reading of the Passion
- Mon, Apr 15 – 5:30 Evensong
- Tues, Apr 16 - 5:30 Evensong
- Wed, Apr 17 - 5:30 Tenebrae
- Thur, Apr 18 – 6:00 Seder & journey to the Garden
- Fri, Apr 19 – 12 noon, Community Cross Walk starts at Church of the Nativity  
5:30 Good Friday Liturgy
- Sat, Apr 20 – 8 pm Great Vigil of Easter at Cathedral of St Paul, Burlington
- Sun, Apr 21 – EASTER - CHRIST IS RISEN!

## Easter Flowers

Envelopes are on the buffet in the narthex for Easter flowers. Please fill out the envelop with your thanksgivings or memorials and place it with your offering in the plate on Sunday or deliver it to the office.



### **Confirmation, Reaffirmation & Reception**

Confirmation class dates—5pm to 6pm class, followed by a parent prepared meal.

Class 5—April 7                      Class 6—Apr 14 (Palm Sun)

[skip April 21--Easter]              Class 7—April 28

Class 8—March 5                      [skip May 12-Mother's Day]

Class 9—May 19

Class 10—Last Class with Jeopardy Night for the whole family—practice for Confirmation service.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY—June 2<sup>nd</sup>--ONE

SERVICE 9am—The Bishop's last with us.

### **Vestry at a Glance 3/11/19**

We discussed and approved the 2018 Parochial report

We approved the Vestry Covenant as written and approved the Rules of Engagement with changes made.

Family Game Day is going great and will continue every Sunday after 10:00 service through the Lenten season.

The columbarium will be delivered sometime this month.

We voted to turn the downstairs at 40 Grand into a one family residential unit by doing a few upgrades. We will advertise as both residential and commercial.

The first Open Door dinner at Holy Trinity will be in April.



### **Open Door Dinners**

5:30 pm

Holy Trinity

Tues Apr 30, Thursdays May 23, Jun 20



Episcopal  
Relief & Development  
Healing a hurting world

### **Mite Boxes**

Return your mite boxes on Easter so the funds can be sent off to Episcopal Relief and Development.



### **Gaming during Lent**

On Sundays after the 10 am service at coffee hour find a table with a game on it and start to play. We will play games every Sunday during Lent through April 14.

## **I AM RESURRECTION & I AM LIFE**

### **END OF LIFE CAFÉ**

Feel safe talking about death – all aspects of death – legal issues, medical & financial, arranging for a funeral, or a celebration of a family member's or your own life. The “ End of Life Café” will offer you an opportunity to ask questions such as: what is an advance directive, a health proxy, a living will or a power of attorney. Other issues to be discussed include organ donations, the cost of a funeral, a cremation, or what is a revocable trust; how to protect your financial portfolio from probate; what is hospice all about; last rites, religious or other observances for the departed family member. Bring an open mind and your questions on end of life issues so often not easy to discuss and yet, so valuable to understand.

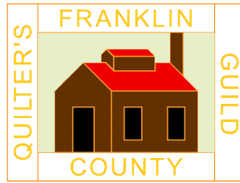
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1063 Prim Rd, Colchester (across from the VNA, now the UVM Medical Ctr) will offer a panel discussion on “End of Life” issues on Sun, April 7 at 2 pm. The discussion is free and open to the public.**

Panel members are:

Herb Downing, Esq, Kolvoord Overton Wilson, PC

The Rev Rick Neu, Chaplain, UVM Palliative Care

Carol Pritchard, Boucher&Pritchard Funeral



Franklin County Quilter's Guild  
Annual Quilt Show  
City Hall, St Albans  
Sat, Apr 6, 9 am – 4 pm  
Sun, Apr 7, 10 am – 3 pm  
Raffles, Prizes, Demos

See quilts made by Maggie & Helen Short,  
Kay Benedict & Natalie Good & many more



Flowering the Cross

Bring little bouquets for Easter as the children  
flower the cross.



.McVean-Brown      Raining      Smith

### Walkabouts & Electing Convention

Marianne & Steve Marshall, Natalie Good & Fr. Rob Spainhour will be the delegates to the electing convention in May. (Wally Good, Sandi Kenyon & Laura Buel are alternates if a delegate cannot attend) Everyone is welcome to attend the walkabouts, meet the candidates and ask questions. Please communicate with the above delegates about questions to ask the candidates or your prayerful thoughts as to the election. Hold the candidates and the entire diocese in your prayers as we all seek the Holy Spirit's

## Introducing the Three Candidates for the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Vermont

**The Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown,**  
Interim Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal  
Church, Franklin, Ind.

**The Rev. Dr. Hillary D. Raining, Rector, St.  
Christopher's Church, Gladwyne, Pa.**

**The Very Rev. Dr. Hilary B. Smith, Rector,  
Holy Comforter, Richmond, Va.**

(Detailed information on the individual  
candidates can be found on the Bishop Search  
website at <https://bishopsearchvt.org>.)

### Walkabouts

*A chance to meet the candidates in person and  
ask them questions.*

**Sun, Apr 28: 6-8pm,** St Mark's Springfield

**Mon, Apr 29: 10am-noon,** Zion, Manchester

**Mon, Apr 29: 6-8pm,** St Paul's, Burlington

**Tue, Apr 30: 6-8 pm,** United Church, Newport

### Electing Convention

*Eligible clergy and lay delegates will elect the  
next Bishop of Vermont.*

**Saturday, May 18** at the Cathedral Church of  
St. Paul, Burlington *Seating for guests is very  
limited but the convention will be broadcast live.*

**Farewell to Bishop Ely** *Two opportunities  
to celebrate the ministry and legacy of our  
bishop and wish him and Ann our best.*

Evensong at 5:00pm followed by a reception  
and brief program from 6:00-8:00pm.

**Sunday, June 2** (Northern Option): at the  
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington

**Saturday, June 29** (Southern Option): at St.  
Michael's Church, Brattleboro

### Consecration of the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of VT

*A gathering of the Episcopal Church and others  
to consecrate the next Bishop of Vermont and  
celebrate our future ministry together.*

**Saturday, September 28** at the Ira Allen  
Chapel on the campus of the University of  
Vermont, Burlington. Reception to follow in the  
Grand Maple Ballroom of the Davis Campus  
Center.

### **Holy Week Services**

+ On **Monday** and **Tuesday** (April 15 & 16) we will have Evensong at 5:30PM.

+ On **Wednesday** (April 17), we will gather at 5:30PM for the candlelight service of Tenebrae. This quiet and dramatic service symbolizes the apparent victory of darkness and death on Good Friday and the ultimate triumph of the Light of Life at Easter.

+ On **Maundy Thursday** (April 18), we will hold our traditional parish Seder Meal, re-enacting Our Lord's Last Supper, and celebrate the Institution of Holy Communion. The Seder begins at 6:00PM with Communion at about 7:30 and the Stripping of the Altar

+ On **Good Friday** (April 19), we will have two opportunities for worship. Our first service will be The Community Cross Walk which begins at 12 noon. Then at 5:30 PM, we will have our Good Friday Liturgy here at Holy Trinity retracing Jesus' steps on the way to Calvary as we pray the Stations of the Cross, hear the Passion Gospel, and receive Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.



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## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 2     **Rob Giroux**
- 6     **Erin Gagne**
- 9     **Barbara Trushaw, Mary Jane Sheldon**
- 10    **Dorothy Wootton**
- 12    **Shawn Robtoy**
- 14    **Stella Wood**
- 17    **Sylvia Garrison, Laura Buel**
- 19    **Joe Cava**
- 20    **Linda Wirts, Oliver Gagne**
- 21    **Connor Nielsen**
- 24    **Sarah Hadd**



## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 29    **Sylvia & Ethan Garrison**
- 30    **Dawn & Wally Sparling**