



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

January 2019



Father Rob's Reflections Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Newsletter January 2019

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

As we begin a new year, I want to detail some of the things coming up for us in early 2019. First of all, we have one service on January 20th at 9am. We are doing this because we will continue our worship by processing at the end of the service to the Parish Hall. There, in the midst of a meal, we will conduct our Annual Meeting. In this, we will, among other things, elect three new vestry persons; hear of our new budget; reflect upon our past year ministries at a glance; and elect the delegates and alternates to Diocesan convention and to the electing convention for our new bishop--6 dedicated people in all. We will emphasize youth especially this year. So shortly after Annual Meeting in February we will have a Scouting Sunday on February 3rd. This will get us in gear for Youth Sunday on February 17th. All youth should participate in leading all appropriate parts of worship for us at 10 am, with a practice just for them on February 16th---at 10 am here at the church. This will get the youth ready for their next spiritual step beginning March 10th for the beginning of confirmation classes. (Coincidentally, also the day that daylight savings time begins) We will meet in the parish hall from 5 to 6, followed by a parent prepared meal. All of this was decided with input from various parents on Vestry. This will run thru May 19th (yes Easter and some other Sundays are off) and culminate in the Bishop's last Sunday service with us for a HUGE confirmation on June 2nd. Well, that's enough information. More will be coming. Parents talk to your children. While there is no set age where one is 'supposed' to be confirmed, young folk ages 10 and up are often ready. Your child may be ready earlier. Just see me. I foresee a large class. And that will make it so much more fun! This is a time for

them to learn, grow, and make the commitment to continue in their faith journey with your and our help.

Blessings and love in Christ,
Father Rob

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

Class 1—March 10

Class 2—March 17

Class 3—March 24

Class 4—March 31

Class 5—April 7

Class 6—April 14 (Palm Sunday)

[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 2nd--ONE SERVICE 9am—The Bishop's last with us.



Upcoming Events:

Sun Jan 6 – Feast of the Epiphany

9 am Pastoral care meeting

11:30 Adult study

Wed., Jan 16 – 9 am Columbarium meeting

ALL REPORTS TO CASEY TODAY

Sun Jan 20 – ANNUAL MEETING One service ONLY at 9am, annual meeting over brunch in the Parish Hall.

Sun, Feb 3 – Scouting Sunday

Sun., Feb 17 – Youth Sunday

Artists in Residence

10 S. Main St, St Albans
Linda Wirts & Marianne Marshall,
featured artists

Reception:

Thurs, Jan 3, 4:30-7 pm

Come and see the creations of some of
our own



11th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in
Vermont Search

Timeline

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.**



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



Taize at St Paul's Cathedral

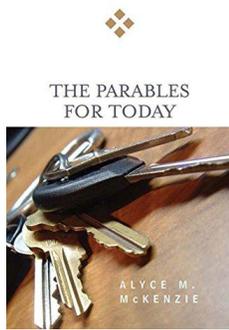
Sun, Jan 13, 7 pm

Evening Prayer is sung in the manner
of Taize four times a year at St. Paul's.
A candlelit service lasting about an
hour, it includes quiet chant from both
within and outside the Taize
community, readings from scripture,
sung & 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.



December Vestry Meeting

- *discussed and approved 2019 budget
- *rental of 1st floor of 40 Grand as commercial space. Some updates to do
- *fellowship plans for Kitchen dedication & Christmas receptions
- *Columbarium committee – repair of bell tower inner doors. Final presentation soon with completion in 2019



Adult Christian Formation

During Epiphany, the Bible study group will be reading Parables for Today by Alyce McKenzie. We will start on Sun, Jan 6th and finish up on Sun., Feb 24th. We will meet in the Chapel after coffee hour each Sunday at 11:30 and end promptly at 12:30. Books are still available. We will do one or two parables each time so feel free to drop in as you are able.



Commission Reports for Annual Meeting

If you are the chair of one of the many committees at Holy Trinity, please get your report for 2018 to Casey by **Wed., Jan 16** in email form so that she can collate all the reports for the Annual Meeting on January 20th. Thank you



Sun, Jan 20

Following 9 am service

Brunch & Annual Mtg in the Parish Hall
"all the members of the body, though many, are one body" I Cor. 12:12

Epiphany

The manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth. The winter solstice was kept on Jan. 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Christian Era. In opposition to pagan festivals, Christians chose this day to celebrate the various manifestations, or "epiphanies," of Jesus' divinity. These showings of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. The day was called "The Feast of Lights." Celebration of the Son of God replaced celebration of the sun. Baptisms were done, and a season of preparation was instituted. It was later called Advent.

The solstice was kept on Dec. 25 by the fourth century. Jesus' birth was celebrated on this day in both eastern and western churches. The western church commemorated the coming of the Magi on Jan. 6. The eastern church continued to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding at Cana on Jan. 6. In the east the day was called "Theophany" (manifestation of God).

The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, in the BCP. The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany.

- An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church



Miracles

All of us work miracles
Sometimes, somewhere, somehow;
It could be one is possible
For you to work right now –
A smile for one who's weary,
A hand to one alone,
A word of hope and courage
Where caring is unknown

I didn't feed a multitude,
Command the wind or rain,
Change water into wine or make
The blind to see again,
But I have brought a smile of peace
Where brows were knit with care,
And I have brought a touch of love
Where hate was everywhere.
And if you look on such as these
That life and faith renew,
Why, they are little miracles
That anyone can do.

- Winifred Brand



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorie Bullard
- 3 Jackson Gagne
- 4 Paul Leduc
- 6 Devon Traver
- 14 Marc Poissant
- 17 Majuch Kenneth Abui
- 18 Brigit Reyes
- 19 Shirley Barratt
- 20 Audra Langlais
Tony Martin Spainhour 1959
- 25 Eadoin Murphy
- 26 Marie Barnier
- 27 Alex Longe