



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

March 2019



Father Rob's Reflections March 2019

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Recently our Methodist brothers and sisters met in St. Louis for their international Conference. It is similar to our General Convention but includes a world-wide representation. The key issue of international significance was the issue of acceptance of LGBTQA clergy and same sex marriage. While the Bishops of their church were overwhelmingly in support of a progressive plan in this regard, the rank and file did not approve such. They actually approved a traditional plan, under review by their Judicial board, that discriminates against gay folk based upon their Book of Discipline that holds such relationships, ministers, and persons are not acceptable from a biblical perspective. I share this for it was not too long ago that we were in similar straits. Divided, some still are, and fussing, all the while the LGBTQA in our midst had to endure, as I did in some sessions of our General Convention committee hearings this summer, all sorts of ugly and maligning speech all as if we did not exist. It was awful! Again, we were in the thick of this not too long ago as a Church and even as a state. So we can all sympathize with the journey. I think it is important to share our openness with those who might, on their own, be looking for acceptance, but not overplay our hand. For in certain groups in SC and other locales, even Albany NY, same sex marriage is still not allowed and those LGBTQA persons who live their lives out loud and authentically in some spots are not welcome—even in isolated places in our church. So we mustn't be too smug with those still in this hard place of spiritual journey. I would also inform us that the New England Conference of the Methodist Church has a progressive policy regarding this matter and have been nonconforming to their General Conference for

for some time. It is a painful time where our kindness and love are needed for the straight allies and LGBTQA folk in their church. The division that came from us with the followers of John Wesley was for spiritual reasons. The spiritual dilemma today requires our compassion as we pray for them and those most affected. I will say that, having been baptized a Methodist, this personally disappointing; but in fact, in my own original home Diocese of SC they are still spilt over this. And I can tell you that many of those folk who were my friends before do not seem to be today. It is still very real for many people, this pain and hurt. And it very personal to many Holy Trinity members as well. Any time a church or institution says no to what they call a behavior or lifestyle choice, many of the people you love are wounded yet again. Let's be extra careful not to wound our brothers and sisters locally in the Methodist church, with talk of how far we have come, many of whom likely did not agree with the wider churches' rejection of LGBTQA folk; but instead consciously offer to stand with, pray for, and love them in this fight for love.

Have a blessed Lent,
Love in Christ,
Father Rob



Upcoming Events:

Tues, Mar 5 – 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wed, Mar 6 – 5:30 Ash Wednesday Service

Sun, Mar 10 – 1st Sun of Lent

Gaming during coffee hour

5 pm – Confirmation class

Mon, Mar 11 – 5:30 Vestry



Wednesday Mar 6
 Noon – 12:30 Ashes to go
 5:30 pm Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist

Confirmation, Reaffirmation & Reception

Perhaps you are confirmed but would like to reaffirm your vows with our Bishop on June 2nd. You may join the confirmation classes for a refresher course. As a matter of fact, anyone can come. If you are not yet a member through reception from a Catholic or Lutheran or other background and want to be received into our church when the Bishop comes, please let me know and consider attending the confirmation classes also. You will be most welcome. Let me know soon. On another note, if you are attending here, but have never transferred your membership or added yourself to our rolls, please let me know. We'll take care of that in a jiffy.

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

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| Class 1—March 10 | Class 2—March 17 |
| Class 3—March 24 | Class 4—March 31 |
| 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 2nd--ONE SERVICE @ 10:00 AM. The Bishop will officiate.



Mite Boxes & Lenten Meditations

Please pick up Mite boxes and Lenten meditation books on the chest in the Narthex. Any coins and other monies collected during Lent will be sent off to Episcopal Relief and Development after Easter.



Gaming during Lent

On Sun, Mar 10 after the 10 am service, during coffee hour, find a table with a game on it and start to play. We will play games every Sunday during Lent – March 10- April 14.

February 2019 Vestry Highlights

Minutes of the 27 January 2019 meeting were approved, thus affirming the Vestry Officers for 2019 - Senior Warden: Don Fournier; Junior Warden: Adam Fournier; Clerk: Linda Wirts, and Treasurer: Steven Marshall.

Vestry members self-selected Commissions to be liaison and represent.

Finance Commission will plan and select the 2018 financial formal auditor.

Vestry retreat will convene 11am-4pm Sat, 16 Feb 19 in the Parish Hall.

Vestry approved the purchase and installation of an 80 niche stainless steel Columbarium with bronze faceplates and urns in the South Alcove of the Bell Tower. Up to \$50,000 in funds will be transferred from the Schwab Buildings and Grounds account to create a Columbarium account; accounting, tracking and subscription management will be approved by vestry at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted. Wallace H Good Jr



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

The slate of candidates who will be nominated for the election of the 11th Bishop of Vermont will be announced in late March, 2019. Information about the candidates and details about all of the events below will be available at www.bishopsearchvt.org.

Save These Dates

Walkabouts

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

- **Sunday, April 28:** Springfield (evening event)
- **Monday, April 29:** Manchester (daytime event)
- **Monday, April 29:** Burlington (evening event)
- **Tuesday, April 30:** Newport (evening event)

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 in retirement.

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 11th Bishop of Vermont

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 Trinity Nursery Attendant

Good afternoon Parish Family! I am reaching out to find a Nursery Attendant! I have increasingly had more commitments on Sundays, so I'm finding myself in need of someone to cover more often. I have put lots of thought and my decision is it's only fair that someone take over that has the availability for Sunday mornings from 9:45am-11:10am. If any questions or more details about expectations and compensation please reach out to me 868-7185. – Casey McNally

Celtic Pilgrimage in Midwest Ireland

For renewal of mind, body, and spirit

July 2 – July 10, 2019

Contact: revkimhardy@gmail.com

Dear Potential Pilgrim,

Have you ever considered taking a spiritual pilgrimage? Does your spirit long to explore lands of exquisite natural beauty, learn about Christians who went to the edges of the known world to find God, and see places of historical and spiritual significance from Celtic Christian and pre-Christian worldviews? We invite you to join us for our 2019 Ireland Pilgrimage. Those who have walked with us in these astoundingly beautiful landscapes express how meaningful these journeys are. Our exceptional guides work closely with us to design small group experiences of exploration, rest, and prayer. These journeys are a mix of hiking, contemplation, and learning designed to delve into Celtic Spirituality and its rich possibilities for deepening our lives of faith.

The 2019 pilgrimage will be an intimate, reflective, and moderately-paced spiritual journey. This is a special year as we in Vermont are developing a partnership with friends from Atlanta, Georgia. Our path will be a guided journey through the Midwest areas of Connemara and the Burren. Against a backdrop of spectacularly beautiful landscapes, and amidst a rich cultural and spiritual heritage, our desire is that this pilgrimage will provide space for connection with the Divine. The timing of this special journey coincides with the amazing full light of mid-summer. July has the sun blessing the land for almost 17 hours each day. We hope the timing of this year's pilgrimage may allow those, otherwise busy during the school year, to be with us. We will follow in paths of saints, scholars, and ancient peoples, with the hope of returning with enriched worldviews, spirits revitalized, fresh viewpoints, and deepened friendships. Those who have come before describe life changing experiences.

If interested, a \$500 reservation fee is required to save a place, and this special journey is limited to 14 pilgrims. We look forward to guiding this pilgrimage and hope you will consider joining us.

With every blessing,

The Rev. Kim Hardy, Pilgrimage Director

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Moser

in collaboration with Hidden Ireland Tours



4th Annual Empty Bowls
to benefit Martha's Kitchen
Saturday, March 9, 11:00-3:00
The Room @ 14th Star

Come pick out a locally handmade bowl to keep and enjoy a meal of soup, bread & a dessert



Open Door Dinners

Church of the Nativity
Wednesday Mar 27, 5:30 pm
Holy Trinity
Tues Apr 30, Thursdays May 23, Jun 20,

Women History Month Fundraiser

Artist in Residence Gallery along with
Saint Albans Museum
Invite you to come meet
Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt &
Jackie Kennedy
Portrayed by AIR member, Terry Buehner
Sat., Mar 30, 7- 9 pm
Bliss Room, St. Albans Museum
\$15 in advance, \$18 at the door
Silent Auction of 30 items

Franklin Grand Isle Toiletries Drive

Shampoo/Conditioner	Lotion
Laundry Detergent	Soap
Cleaning supplies	Deodorant
Luffas/Wash cloth	Depends
Toilet paper	Shaving cream/razors
Toothpaste	Fem. Hygiene products

Please put any items in the bin in the Narthex & they will be distributed to local children & families in our community

Building Brighter Futures &
NCSS Parent Child Center



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Drew Wood**
- 7 Suzy Kenyon**
- 9 Hugh Kenyon**
- 14 Ayden Burnor**
- 17 Henry Brian Collins**
- 18 Helen Short**
- 26 Donald Fournier**
- 30 Sandy Hersey**



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