



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

September 2019



CONSECRATION UPDATE

Please find below a summary of important information about the [Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Vermont](#). Some of this has already been communicated to you and it being repeated so that you have it all in one message.

VOLUNTEERS

As was announced in a letter to you last week, we are seeking the following volunteers. Please encourage volunteers to apply **by Sunday, August 18**.

One person to carry your **parish banner** in procession. Must register with Mr. Roger Nicholls: rogernicholls14@gmail.com.

Experienced **thurifers, crucifers and torch bearers** are needed for the

processions. **Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers** are needed to serve as chalice bearers. Those who are qualified and interested should apply to Mr. Roger Nicholls at rogernicholls14@gmail.com with a brief statement about their experience and the name of their parish.

About 40 ushers are needed so please encourage at least one person from your parish to apply to the Rev. J. Robert Spainhour holytrinityrector@myfairpoint.net or 843-343-6871.

CHOIR

A diocesan choir is being organized and information will be coming through the network of parish music leaders and will be shared with you as available.

GIFTS FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

By now clergy have received a letter inviting them to give the crozier and there was an announcement in *The Mountain* inviting lay people to give the pectoral cross. Please help to spread the word about this and encourage people to give. Additional information is available on the diocesan website. The contact is Dr. Ann Guillot:

Ann.Guillot@uvmhealth.org.

TICKETS

The Ira Allen Chapel and overflow spaces seat well over 1,000 people so there will be ample seating for those who want to attend the consecration. There will also be a professional online broadcast so we encourage every parish to consider organizing a local “watch party” for those who are not able to travel to Burlington.

The process for invitations and tickets:

STAGE 1 Invitations to the House of Bishops, Vermont Episcopal clergy, the Bishop-Elect’s family and friends, ecumenical leaders in Vermont and local dignitaries. Vermont clergy should reply to pvandegraaf@diovermont.org.

STAGE 2 Call for volunteers for ushers, acolytes, choir members, and banner bearers. Invitations to leaders of the diocese to join the procession.

STAGE 3 (late August): When we have filled the volunteer positions, we will announce the process for tickets for general seating for other Vermont laypeople and the public. There will be a clear announcement ahead of time and the tickets will be reserved on a first come, first served basis using the online site Eventbrite. These tickets will only be necessary for people who are not in Stages 1 and 2 above.

Porch Sale at Sheldon House 44 Grand Ave

Sat, Aug 31, 8 am – 1 pm

The goal is to find homes for the remainder of the Sheldon furniture and other vintage treasures and to raise \$s for restoration of the sofa, framing some special flower prints and some other prints, and perhaps some future landscaping. We have received a range of proposed price offerings for many of the items. Holy Trinity members are welcome to pre-purchase within that range. This sale will move us forward in clearing out the home as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Sat, Aug 31 – 8 am-1 pm Porch Sale at Sheldon House, 44 Grand Ave

Mon, Sept 2 – Labor Day, parish office closed

Sun, Sept 8 – Ministry Fair & Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday School Kick-off

Wed, Sept 11 – Fr Rob's 63rd birthday

Sun, Sept 15 – Divine Dance book study starts, following coffee hour

Sat, Sept 21 – 10 -noon, choir practice for Bishop's Consecration

Sat, Sept 28 – Consecration of 11th Bishop of VT, UVM

Sun, Sept 29 – Columbarium

Information, following 10 am service

Sun, Oct 6 – Applefest service at St. John's, Highgate

Sun, Oct 20 – Potluck picnic at Sheldon House following 10 o'clock service



Sheldon House Rectory Committee

The Sheldon House Rectory Committee met to review drawings by Laz Scangus for the renovation of the Sheldon House - additions and corrections are being made in preparation for the next meeting on September 16th. Two potential contractors were interviewed at our last meeting and architectural plans will be selected at our next meeting. Marianne, Linda and Joe Cava have worked extensively to clean out the house in preparation for renewal work to begin.

. Food Shelf

The Food Shelf at the Church of the Nativity is in need of the following:

Juice

Pasta

Cereal

Canned soup

Knorr side dishes

Jelly

Canned vegetables



Parish Office Hours

The office hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 8am to 1pm. Because Fr Rob is off on Fridays the office will be closed unless volunteers wish to person the phones.

Swanton Arts Spectacular:

Please join us on September 7th from 10am until Dusk to celebrate the arts! From 10 until 5 we will have 50 booths set up in Swanton Village on the Green with crafts/arts/foods and hands on fun! There will be live music all day, a pet parade, a pancake eating contest and so much more! We will end the SPECTACULAR day with Fireworks over the evolving Marble Mill Park! For questions please contact:

SAS@SwantonArtsCouncil.org

Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, September 7

St. James Episcopal Church, Essex Jct
September 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Feast Day of Bishop Paul Jones
& 80th anniversary of founding the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF)

Melanie Merkle Atha, executive director of EPF, featured guest speaker

She and her husband, both lawyers from Alabama, are traveling throughout the US to promote and re-energize the organization. The September 7 event at St. James has two purposes: (1) To acquaint parishioners from throughout the greater Burlington area with the roots and goals of EPF and (2) to begin to explore how we can together form a vibrant EPF chapter in Vermont

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sun, Sept 8th

Students & Educators

bring your backpack or briefcase,
place it in front of the altar
before the service

Fr Rob will bless backpacks &
students & teachers
to start off a blessed &
successful new school year
Maybe there will even be a little
gift for you



Ministry Fair

Sun, Sept 8

**between the services &
after the 10 o'clock service**

**Come to the parish hall
after church**

&

sign up for an old or new ministry

**There will be tables
with ministry leaders
and sign-up sheets
walk around the room
and be amazed at all
the opportunities**



Autumn Adult Christian Formation

The book study group will focus on Richard Rohr's Divine Dance, beginning Sunday September 15 @ 11:30. Co-leaders Michael Ellis, Kay Benedict and Wallace Good will moderate a prayerful reflection series until Advent. Paperback copies are available in the sideboard in the narthex. Participants are asked to read the Foreword and Introduction, as well as the commentary provided on Genesis 18:1-10 "The Three Visitors" by Rabbi Shai Held.



Consecration of the 11th Bishop of VT

Saturday, September 28

at the Ira Allen Chapel, UVM

Reception to follow

Grand Maple Ballroom,

Davis Campus Center

Ticket information coming soon!



Columbarium Information Session

Forms and prices provided

Come with all your questions

Sun, Sept 29, following 10 am
service

Reasons I never shower go to Church

Hypocrisy is a popular reason for leaving the church (or an Atheist's rant), when in reality it would be inconsistent with the Church's teaching not to expect hypocrites. But, alas, this is not the only tragically faulty reason so many disqualify the church. So, without further ado, I present 13 reasons not to take a shower:

- 1) I was forced to shower as a child.
- 2) People who shower are hypocrites. They think they are cleaner than everyone else.
- 3) There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
- 4) I used to shower, but it got boring so I stopped.
- 5) I shower only on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
- 6) None of my friends shower.
- 7) I'm still young. When I'm older and have gotten a bit dirtier, I might start showering.
- 8) I really don't have time to shower.
- 9) The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
- 10) People who make soap are only after your money.
- 11) I get along very well without showering
- 12) I work hard all week and am too tired to take a shower on the weekend.
- 13) The first bar of soap I ever used gave me a rash, so I haven't gone near soap since.

Unrepeatable by Luke Burgis



If our religion is based on salvation, our chief emotions will be fear and trembling. If our religion is based on wonder, our chief emotion will be gratitude.”~Carl Jung

Discuss with the person on your right



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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