



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

November 2021



Father Rob's Reflections
November 2021

Dear Holy Trinity family and friends,

While the fall brings the colors of leaves and scents of pumpkin pies, and yummy apple desserts, in the Church it brings Stewardship campaigns (our ingathering for pledges is November 7th), work of the coming year's budgets, Advent and Christmas prep, and selection of Vestry and Convention delegates nominations—among many other items. We have received a number of names for positions of folks willing to see if God is calling them to the spiritual ministry of Vestry and/or Convention delegate. All names will go from the nominating committee to the Vestry on November 8th for approval. So, you may ask, what is required to be considered to serve? Here are the Diocesan and National requirements.

I. VESTRY LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

**Episcopal Diocese of Vt CANON 16: VESTRIES

The Vestry shall consist of....members of the Parish who are canonically resident in the Parish and fulfill the qualifications of voters in Parish Meetings.

According to Title III, Canon 13, article 6 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Vermont—those **persons who are entitled to vote in a Parish meeting are defined as follows: those persons who are communicants in good standing* and are enrolled upon the canonical register of the Parish or Mission in which they habitually worship**....**

Now, the definition of "communicants in good standing" comes from the National Canons.

They say:

The National Canons Article IV , section 1 state: (d) Communicant in good standing*: *A member who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship (includes ZOOM), unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.*

(e) Adult communicant in good standing: A communicant in good standing who is sixteen years of age or older.

II. CONVENTION DELEGATES & ALTERNATES— the Diocese of Vermont Canons say:

Title I, Canon I, section 4 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont: *Lay Delegates shall be communicants in good standing (see*), domiciled in this Diocese and resident in the Parishes or Missions that they represent...*

(wherever in these Canons the phrase, "domiciled in the Diocese" or "domiciled in the Parish" is used, it shall be understood to mean communicants enrolled upon the canonical register of a Parish or Mission in this Diocese, and in which Parish or Mission they habitually worship....)**

**Communicant in good standing: A member who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship (includes ZOOM), unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.*

*** "habitually worship" means regular attendance (which for our COVID pandemic purposes includes Zoom and online)*

Well friends, that is enough "light reading" for now. Please let us know, after you read these requirements, if you are feeling a sense of call and are eligible to run. You may let any of the nominating committee know by **Thursday, November 4th**. You may speak to Fr. Rob, Mary Wood, Linda Wirts, or Steve Marshall. See ya' on Sunday!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Rob Spainhour+

Upcoming Events

Sat. Nov. 6- Diocesan Convention, Online
Sun, Nov 7, Ingathering Sunday
Mon. Nov. 8- Vestry meeting, 5-6:30
Sun. Nov. 14, Veterans Day honors
Mon. Nov. 15 - Outreach meeting, 4:00
Thurs. Nov. 18- Pies for Bonnie, 9 am-
Fri. Nov. 19- Pies for Bonnie, pickup noon-1
Sat. Nov. 20- Tgiving in a bag, 9am pickup
Sun, Nov 21 – Celebrating Kay Benedict
Thurs. Nov. 25- Office closed
Sun, Nov 28, Advent wreath making in Parish Hall following the service

Dear Parish Family, Oct 6th
I am writing you to share some news with you regarding one of our wonderful and talented staff. Kay Benedict has been with us in ministry for almost my entire tenure. She has been a wonderful minister of music, leader, teacher, choir leader, "bulletin editor", and friend. She has a calm, loving demeanor. I could go on, and likely will at some point; but, I am announcing that our dear Kay will be retiring from us effective November 21st, 2021. I will let her share as she wishes, but the short version is that she has a vision for some new challenges in the days and years to come. We wish her the absolute best in all that she pursues and leave her with the truth we have come to know---she is a gem for God's work in our midst and a Christian in the best of every way. I know you will wish her well.

**Sending love and appreciation,
Fr. Rob Spainhour+**



We will celebrate Kay's years with us at the November 21st service

Thanksgiving in a Bag

Last spring, as Lent began, we had Seder in a Bag. Now that it is Fall and Thanksgiving we will have Thanksgiving in a Bag. If you would like to place an order for Thanksgiving in a Bag, please call Linda Wirts, at 868-5492 to place your order. The bags may be picked up on Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 am in the church entrance. Please place your order by Monday, November 15th. Thank you!



Pies For Bonnie

Our annual Pies for Bonnie Sale will take place on November 18th and 19th. Pies will be baked on Thursday and Friday with pick-up time for pies being Friday from 12:00-1:00. This year, Holy Trinity Outreach is taking on a patriotic focus for our work. We are looking to raise money to support the local Boy Scout Troop 823 in the Wreaths Across America Project. Our profit from this sale will be designated to help about 20 local scouts travel to Arlington Cemetery to help place wreaths on graves.

Pies can be ordered via the phone to the following individuals. Mary Wood: 524-5446
Deanna Edwards: 752-7145
Kiley Boutah: 868-7185 (Mon-Thurs 9-1)
Apple Crisp Pie \$12
Pumpkin Pie \$12
Bonnie's Peanut Butter Pie \$14
Cheesecake Pie \$14

For shopping purposes, **orders must be placed by November 10th.** Please let us know if you would be willing to help us with the baking. We have jobs for everyone!

Thank you, Deanna and Mary

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.o>



Parish Directory

Updated parish directory available. The directory was attached to the October 22 weekly update. Hard copies are on sideboard in the narthex.



Holy Trinity Church Stone Soup Ministry

Your Holy Trinity Outreach Team is very excited to announce another joint effort between Outreach, Fellowship and Pastoral Care. As many of you might know, the story of Stone soup is a wonderful example of community coming together and sharing by putting gifts together to accomplish something wonderful. The three commissions would like to invite all members of Holy Trinity to join in this new ministry with us. Each month, we will select a soup/stew/chowder recipe to make. We will ask for donations for the ingredients, and ask for individuals to join once a month to make a chosen recipe. The monthly selection would then be delivered to people of our parish that might enjoy a bit of love from the Stone Soup Kitchen. On the weekly notice sent out by Kiley, we will add a list of things needed and you can bring them to church with you on Sunday and place them in the Stone Soup collection basket. If you would like to help with the prep of the monthly recipe, you can contact Mary Wood at 1(802)-238-1818 or e-mail her at golfwoodmd@comcast.net



8 O'CLOCK SERVICE

COVID has done much to teach us and much to change our lives. Prior to COVID, our 8 am attendance ranged from 10 to 20 depending upon "snowbird" arrivals & departures. Some can no longer come to 8 am due to health--- some are coming to 10 now-- some out of town more permanently---others on Zoom. After much prayer & thorough conversation with many stakeholders, we have decided to place our wonderful 8 am service on a shelf for the moment. It seems the best stewardship for now. As pandemic moves to endemic, we can assess our call then. This will be effective Sunday, October 24th. This not as a failing, but adjusting to our times as fitting a pandemic.

Veterans Day Honoring All Who Served

Veterans Day pays tribute to all American Veterans living or dead. It is a day to especially give thanks to living Veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Holy Trinity wished to honor all these names brought forward by members of our parish. Your prayers are asked for those who served our flag by land, and sea and air.

Earl Taylor US Navy	Donald Taylor US Navy
John Edwards US Navy	Matthew Fuller US Navy
Rev. Ben Chase US Navy Chaplain	
Wayne Rowell US Army	Adam Fournier US Army
Carlton D. Marshall US Army	Laurie Lee US Army
Jack W. Lipscombe US Army	
Jeffrey Williams US Navy	David Roy Prim US Navy
Normand Lavallee US Air Force	
Rev. Donald Morris US Navy	
Verna Marshall US Army	
William C. Lipscombe USCG	Hugh Short US Army
Warren Hamm US Navy	John Bruyette USMC
Patrick Brush USAF	Michael Taylor US Army
Clark Hubbard US Militia	Ron Lee US Army
Orman Croft US Navy	Steve Croft USMC
Alice Mary Croft US Air Force	James Croft USMC
Thomas A. Ayer US Navy	Al Kinzinger US Navy
Thomas E. Tuttle US Army	William Smith US Army
Allen Monahan USAF	Wallace Good US Army
Victoria Bruyette Brush USMC & USAF	
Travis Bruyette US Army	Michael Taylor III US Army
Gordon A. Ayer US Air Force	
David Hubbard US Navy	Matthew Hubbard US Navy
Kenny Celeste US Navy	

* Please note if there are additions or corrections to this list, please let us know so we can make changes. Thank You!



Special Recognition Sunday for Veterans on **November 14th**. Join us in special recognition of Earl Taylor as a World War II veteran. Special flags and prayers for all those honored.



ANNUAL NATIVITY HAM DINNER

Take-Out Only

SATURDAY, NOV 6

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Nativity Parish Hall, Swanton

Please RSVP by Oct 24

Sign Up Or Call 802-868-3037

Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Squash,
Coleslaw, Carrots, Rolls & Apple Crisp

Adults \$12.00, Children (6-12) \$6.00

Family \$35.00

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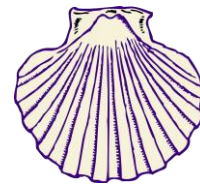
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 John Farr
- 7 Eleanor Wirts
- 8 Madeline W. Martin
- 10 Marcalah Whalen
- 11 Les Stutzman
- 13 Ellen Trushaw
- 19 Billie Lynn Spainhour Fredell
- 26 Eagan Murphy, Jacob Greenia



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Les Stutzman & Michael Ellis



Holy Baptism

Oct 10th - Bellamy Haikara Greenia

*Proud Parents: Erica Lynn Greenia &
Jacob Jeffrey Martell Greenia*

*Godparents: Courtney Lynn Newton &
Colby Hunter Greenia*