



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

September 2021



Father Rob's reflections
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Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Sunday, September 12th, is our annual ***Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, and Planners***. All students, teachers, administrators, in whatever capacity, are called upon to come and worship and be blessed with us. We are excited for this year in person but are, with you, feeling this year a blessing is especially needed given our COVID Delta variant spread. We welcome one and all, members, non-members, curious, one-time visitors. Parents bring your children. Please place your briefcase, planners, backpacks around the base of the altar upon entry. We will bless them, and you, during the service. Masking is required by all, and social distancing is self-monitored. We have 8 air purifiers, open windows and doors for air movement. Currently, we clean the air, and purify it, 7 to 9 times an hour.

On another note, since my arrival 6 years ago May 1st, I have talked about my observations and research in our area, and the need for activities and leadership among the area youth, including ours. Aimee Hawkins and Christie Bruyette have offered to work with our young people for Christian Formation. But, let me be clear, that they are not “doing” it. It’s a team effort. So, if God is calling you to teach a youth class, keep nursery, ages 0 to 2, (nursery can be paid) please see Aimee or Christie. Youth in any age flounder at times. We all did to varying degrees. Adults entering these times do make a difference. As a result of these truths and our lack of community facilitators, I am also convinced that a Youth Minister full time may be a calling for this parish to champion. Not a shared ministry (we already tried that years ago), but out of Holy Trinity to our parish and community at large. My sense is that once the Adrian Gagne money comes in full and is to be used for the good of the Swanton community, that dividends from it can support a goodly ministry, with a parish supplement, for this full time position.

And if you have a baby, or young person, needing to be baptized, lets' chat about it as soon as you are able. Baptisms are sooooo exciting. See you Sunday!

Love in Christ,
Fr. Rob+

Upcoming Events

Sat. Sept. 4th- Trash to Treasure sale, 9-3

Mon. Sept. 6th- Office closed

Sun. Sept. 12th- Blessing of backpacks

Mon. Sept. 13th- Vestry Meeting, 5:00-6:30

Mon. Sept. 20th- Outreach Meeting, 4:00

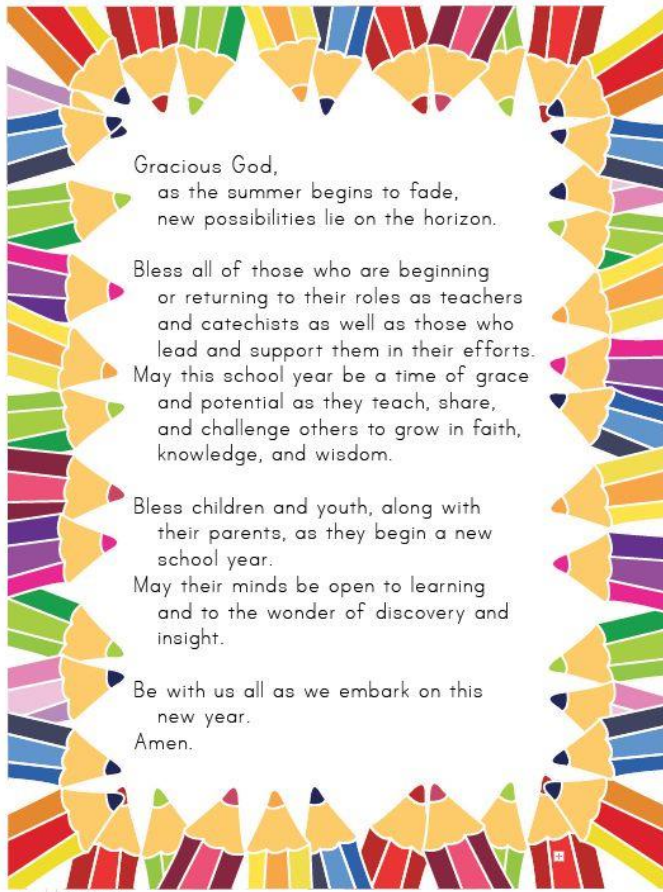


Blessing of the Backpacks **September 12th**

Dear Students and Educators,

Please save the date of September 12th at our 10:00 service for our annual Blessing of the Backpack Service. On this day we will honor students and any adult who works with children in our community.

Please give special thanks to Leah Fitzgerald and Mary Wood for helping to organize this year's event.



BLESSING OUR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS AS THEY BEGIN A NEW YEAR

STUDENTS

Ayen Abui K
 Majuch Abui Grade 2
 Methdrew Abui Grade 6
 Muluchy Abui Grade 10
 Alan Breaker Grade 10
 Lincoln Buczkowski Grade 12
 Merlin Buczkowski Grade 10
 Piper Buczkowski Grade 7
 Rockwell Buczkowski K
 Ayden Burnor Grade 10
 Carter Burnor Grade 2
 Logan Burnor Grade 9
 Emmett Dittmar Pre-school
 Madison Dittmar Grade 1
 Gabby Cheney Grade 10
 Hunter Cheney Grade 8
 Leah Fitzgerald Grade 10
 Olivia Fitzgerald Grade 12

Jackson Gagne Grade 8
 Libby Gagne Grade 2
 Maggie Gagne Grade 1
 Oliver Gagne Grade 6
 Addie Gates Grade 2
 Asa Gates Grade 6
 Nora Gates Grade 8
 Duncan Hadd Grade 5
 Ella Hadd Grade 9
 Amelia Hubbard
 Ethan Hubbard
 Owen Hubbard
 Henry Kenyon Sophomore (UVM)
 Beverly Kenyon Grade 11
 Sam Kenyon Grade 4
 Madison Lampman Grade 11
 Eadoin Murphy College Sr. (UVM)
 Eagon Murphy Grade 12
 Cameron Nielsen Senior (Plymouth State)
 Connor Nielsen Grade 11
 Mia J. Celeste Nova- K
 Zachary Res Grade 11
 Odin Saunders Pre-school
 Tobias Saunders K
 Liam Smith Pre-school
 Owen Smith K
 Hawkins Spainhour Grade 5
 Skylar Spainhour Grade 4
 Jackson Wingard Grade 5
 Drew Wood Grade 8
 Stella Wood Grade 6

EDUCATORS

Amanda Shand Pre-school Educator
 Jon Nielsen Grade 5 Educator
 Mary Hartman Business Educator
 Molly Hartman Music Educator
 Ellen Trushaw After School Program Coord
 Erin Gagne Special Educator
 George Murphy Grade 5 Educator
 Erica Greenia Early Childhood Educator

Reflections on Morning Prayer

In the 1970's Rose Moss attended Cursillo, A Christian renewal program for anyone - she returned to Holy Trinity feeling called to start Morning Prayer and so did. She led Morning Prayer in the parish hall by herself, with one other or many others - whoever came Monday through Saturday she led Morning Prayer at 8:00 am - sometimes it was held in the Rectory when the Kelsey's had little children, sometimes in the Rector's office. Eventually others began to lead and shared in the leadership of Morning Prayer. As time went on Sylvia Garrison became the primary everyday leader before she went to work. Once again it became shared leadership among a few people, but always Sylvia could be counted on to make preparation for Morning Prayer whether she was there or not. Soon she and husband, Ethan, were present daily as co-leaders. Others shared in the leadership periodically and Morning Prayer was now held in the Kelsey chapel after the new wing of the church was built.

When COVID started, Morning Prayer ceased in the chapel and those interested joined the GMOA, Green Mountain Online Abbey, either by zoom or by phone and it continues some 18 months from the start. At the present time we have 7 members of HTC participating in Morning Prayer. As the church began to open up as COVID eased, Morning Prayer was made available by Natalie and Wally Good in the chapel on GMOA. August 23 is the first week HTC has been able to participate in zoom Morning Prayer and we have 5 participants who come in person and 2 people by phone.

This is how it is today. It will change.

Linda Wirts

Mary Gladden

Natalie and Wally Good

Mary Hartman

Madeline Martin

Helen Short

Please join us any morning at 8 am

Midsummer was a time for the Vestry to play. Fellowship invited Vestry members, spouses, family and/or friends to gather for a pot luck supper at the home of Linda Wirts for conversation, good food, sitting outdoors under the evergreen tree following an all morning rain. We sang three practice rounds of the Rock Point summer camp blessing so new members and friends could catch on to the tune: The Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain, and the apple seed, the Lord is good to me. Amen. By the third time around, the voices were strong. Pot luck was delicious, the circle was large with plenty of laughter, and we lingered into the moon light.

Linda Wirts, Fellowship Chair

I wish to thank the church folks for the wonderful support you gave me with prayer, food, visits, flowers, phone calls, e-mails following my fractured hip and surgical repair with a new "total hip". Big thanks to Fr. Rob, Adam, David and Katherine for setting up a downstairs bedroom for me for the 3 months of recovery - I had a wonderful cross breeze, and flowers in the window boxes for my window garden. Katherine got her RN in less than 6 weeks I am back riding my bike and back to work and both are delightful. On my first night back to work, driving on the Interstate, there was a double rainbow over the Green Mountains as I drove to Essex - joyful.

Blessings, Linda Wirts

Thank you from Berkshire School



**There's a Hole in My Sidewalk
~Portia Nelson**

**I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the
sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost... I am helpless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.**

**I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the
sidewalk.
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I am in the same
place.
But, it isn't my fault.
It still takes me a long time to get
out.**

**I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the
sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in. It's a habit.
My eyes are open.
I know where I am.
It is my fault. I get out
immediately.**

**I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the
sidewalk.
I walk around it.**

I walk down another street.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Adam Fournier**
- 6 Wally Good
Beverly Kenyon**
- 7 Diane Chaffee**
- 8 Rob Spainhour**
- 14 Allen Monahan**
- 17 Carter Burnor**
- 28 Mary Wood**



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