



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

JANUARY 2023



Fr. Rob's Reflections January 2023

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Well, a new year is upon us-- 2023. How many of you years ago imagined what the year 2000 would bring us? How many 2023, or 2030? I envisioned *The Jetsons* lifestyle being ours. You know flying cars, skyscraper homes, regular commercial flights into space, Rosie the robot maid being a norm. It's funny how such expectations can actually influence our vision of possibilities for the future. How many inventions have come about because of space exploration and science fiction---*Star Trek, Star Wars*? Many I trust. And so, it is with the Church. When Jesus laid out a bold plan for the way God would interact with humanity, it was not quickly embraced—imagined as too farfetched, unrealistic even, not achievable. Those that did believe it, and acted on it, are fodder for the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, living in community and sharing everything in common---a pattern later taken up by monks and nuns. The plan for a different world of loved and beloved Jesus died to usher in does not always square with our version of reality as we live it, but it can. It is holding a vision for better, as with science fiction, that new ways of thinking come into being. As we begin a new year, our challenge as a Christian and a Christian church is to look at Jesus's plan and critically determine where we have risen to his plan and where the possibilities have seemed too distant, too far-fetched, too unrealistic, like a spiritual version of *The*

Jetsons. If our view of Christianity is too far off Jesus' mark, his view, his vision, let's decide where personally, and as a group, we are determined that Jesus future becomes a reality today.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Rob+

Reports for Annual Meeting

Just a reminder to submit your yearly reports to Kiley by Jan 6th, if possible. These will be compiled and presented in the Annual Report this month.



January Calendar

Sun Jan 1: Lessons & Carols, 10am

Mon Jan 2: Office closed

Fri, Jan 6 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sun Jan 8: Learning Sunday: Presentation of Scholarships

Mon Jan 9: Vestry meeting, 5pm

Sun Jan 22 **ANNUAL MEETING**

-Morning Prayer Tues- Sat @ 8:00AM in the Chapel.

Service Scholarship Sunday

Were you aware that your Holy Trinity Outreach Team took on an amazing new project last year? In the interest of creating a greater connection to area youth, the community, and promoting awareness of the importance of service learning in our community, your outreach team created a service scholarship that will be presented to at least two individuals who meet the service scholarship criteria.

This year, our two recipients are Eagan Murphy, and Ella Partlow. These two individuals and their families will be joining us for our 10:00 service on January 8th at 10:00. Following the service, during coffee hour they will introduce themselves, their families and provide us with an update about their first semester's work. We will present them with their \$1,000 scholarships.

Through Service Projects one can.....

- Learn about their relationship with the community
- Learn more about their capacity for serving others
- Refine their decision-making abilities and acquire other career-related skills
- Learn the meaning of responsible citizenship
- Facilitate the awareness of cultural differences

This Sunday, we will also have envelopes to pass out to kick off our 2023 Service Scholarship Donation Fund. You may ask, why promote service learning? As an outreach team, it has been obvious to us that the work started by Harold Perry through his work with Community Chest, now, United Way is one of the stellar examples of service projects for our county. These practices have provided guidance to us as we develop and create guidelines and programs to use as part of your Outreach Team's work. Our intentions for the service scholarship is to encourage youth to become life-long promoters of the values that Harold Perry felt so important in our daily lives to make our community inclusive and responsive to needs of the greater community.

If you are interested in supporting this ongoing project, please request an envelope or send your donation to Holy Trinity Outreach Team. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity Church with Service Scholarship in the memo line.

We look forward to you joining us on Sunday, January 8th to honor our great recipients of this year's service scholarships.

Vestry at a glance

12/12/22

- New columbarium brochures available.
- 2023 annual budget accepted.
- 40 Grand Ave discussion- renovation bids for upstairs apt.
- Nominations for open vestry positions accepted.

Fellowship

We had an adventurous, pre-Christmas, evening church celebration at St. John's in Highgate on Sunday the 16th. St John's was festooned with greens, ribbons, pine cones, candles, hot mulled cider and 30 brave people. With the help of 6 heaters we got the temperature up to maybe 45. But people were ready and dressed as though they were going skiing. A half hour before the service started at 6:00, the town/village of Highgate celebrated the season with trucks, fire engines, police cars, ambulances, sirens and all manner of horns and lights, circled the park and were delighted to see people waving and lights on in the church - a rare occurrence.

Following the Christmas Eve service on the 24th we celebrated with all things delightful in the parish hall - cookies, cheese, cakes, egg nog, cider, wine, dips, and good company.

Almighty God, who by the hand of Moses thy servant didst lead thy people out of slavery, and didst make them free at last: Grant that thy Church, following the example of thy prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of thy love, and may strive to secure for all thy children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*



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Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” *Amen.*

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as they wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. *Amen.*



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.
St. Francis of Assisi

Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Food Pantry

We are a non-profit organization run by devoted employees & volunteers. Our focus is to provide food & other items to the members of the community.

Contact: 802 868-6255

Food Shelf Team

April Lapan, Ann
Lampman, Lester
Lampman, Brian
(Butch) Barratt,
Debbie Lavoie

Pantry Hours

Mon 9-2
Tues - closed
Wed 9-2
Thurs - closed
Fri 9-2

How to access Pantry:

Call us & tell us:

*Name

*# in Family

*Where you live

We will make a box & it can be picked up in back of building for privacy.

All information is confidential & you do

need to be Native

American to access our

food pantry.

ALL are welcome!



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorie Bullard
- 3 Jackson Gagne
- 4 Grace Heald, Paul Leduc
- 14 Marc Poissant
- 17 Mary Hartman
- 18 Brigit Reyes
- 19 Shirley Barratt
- 20 Audra Lovelette
Tony Martin Spainhour
- 25 Eadoin Murphy
- 27 Alex Longe



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Meghan & Adam Fournier



In New Life

Dec 30 Dorothea R. Chilton

May she rest in peace

And rise in glory