



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

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Transitions - From the Rector

I don't know about everyone else but these last several years have felt like nothing but one transition after another for me and my family. In the last six years my family has had me starting and finishing seminary and being ordained as a deacon and priest, and serving in two congregations. Our sons have graduated high school, did some additional school, and now are working full-time. Margaret has changed jobs twice, had several surgeries, a couple car accidents, and lost two siblings. We've gained two cats, moved from a small house to a large one....and interestingly from a large state to a small one! We've rolled with all of it, the good and the bad.

In all truth....it has been a time of intense transition for our country and our world as well. As a country and a world we have moved through a major global pandemic the likes of which hasn't been seen for 100 or more years. We have had changes in leadership and politics around the globe. Climate change continues seemingly unabated causing its own transitions.

Here at Holy Trinity we are coming to the end of a long transition from one rector, through co-interims, to the calling of a new rector and almost all the way through my first year with you. It has been quite a journey!

Personally I am very grateful to the members of the Transition Team who reviewed multiple applications, conducted interviews, hosted candidates and made the final decisions. I'm also grateful to all of the parish for your involvement in these moments and the trust you placed in your Transition Team.

Believe it or not, the Schottos have been with you for nearly a year. And it has been wonderful. Challenging, fun, hard, and always good. This has been a wonderful move for our family and I believe that I have found the ministry home that God has been calling me to for this season of my life.

SO.....come and celebrate the end of this transition, and all of our ministries as we continue moving on to whatever the next adventure it is that God has in store for us. Bishop Shannon MacVean Brown is presiding and Rev. Florence Ledyard, one of my mentors, a dear friend of both my family and I, and the Schotto's former rector, will be preaching. It promises to be a service full of wonderful music, laughter, excellent preaching, and then a reception with good food and time for fellowship. **Be there: Thursday, August 21, 6pm!** *Kathleen+*

Blessing of the Backpacks is coming!

Save Sunday, September 7, 2025 at our 10am service for Annual Blessing of the Backpacks. All students (regardless of age!), teachers, and any other education professionals are welcome to bring backpacks, lunchboxes, briefcases, canvas bags....whatever you use to transport items back and forth to school. We will bless these items AND each and every one of you. The children will also be invited to join Rev. Kathleen at the altar during the service.

Sacred Ground

The next round of Sacred Ground circles will begin this fall! It is open to Episcopalians in the Dioceses of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine as well as members of other denominations in New England. Sacred Ground is a film- and readings- based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Over the course of 11 sessions, participants learn about Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

There will be at least three circles that will meet at different times and on different days. Those who have previously taken Sacred Ground are highly encouraged to do so again. There are members of our congregation who have done this program and Rev. Kathleen will be doing it for the first time!

To learn more about Sacred Ground [watch an invitational video](#) produced by the Union of Black Episcopalians or [visit the Sacred Ground webpage](#). To learn more about our Tri-Diocesan Sacred Ground circles [contact Franci Farnsworth](#). There is still time to register and join a circle. [Register online.](#)

Save the Date!

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Celebration of Ministry
as we welcome our new Rector
The Rev. Kathleen Schotto
And celebrate our ministry to God's people
in our community
Thursday, August 21st , 2025, 6:00 PM



National Night Out

The Swanton Village Police Department is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday August 5th, 2025, from 5:00-8:00pm in the Village Green Park on Grand Ave. National Night Out is an event to help further the relationship between Law Enforcement and the community. Holy Trinity Outreach folks will be manning a table with snacks.



St. John's Highgate

Citizens Band Concert

Wed, Aug 6, 7 pm

On the lawn at St. John's

Bring a chair

If it rains, no concert

The St. John's raffle quilt will continue to be on display in the parish hall. Raffle tickets are for sale during coffee hour and at the concert. \$5/ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20. Or talk to Sandi Kenyon about tickets. Proceeds will go to restoring the church.



MUSIC AT GRACE GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON

WED, July 30, 7 p.m. Citizens Band
SAT, August 30, 7 p.m.: Jocelyn Petit and Ellen Gira, fiddle and cello duo
FRIDAY, September 12, 7 p.m., Uncle John's Band, a Franklin, Vt-based band
FRI, October 10, 7 p.m., FREVO, this quartet plays music from Bach to the Beatles

August Calendar

Sun, 8/3 – Said Eucharist, 10 am

Tues 8/5- Nat'l Night out in the park, 5:00pm

Wed, 8/6 -Citizen Band at St John's

Sun 8/10- Pastoral Care meeting, 9:15am

Mon 8/11- Vestry meeting, 5:00pm

Thurs, 8/21 – Celebration of New Ministry, 6pm



Vestry meeting, July 14 Highlights

*Celebration of New Ministry Aug 21st 6pm w/ reception to follow. Promises to be a joyous service and a lot of fun.

*Leadership for Sheldon House has been established and will be meeting soon to take back up the discussion of what do with that building and land. Willing to have a couple more folks on the team, talk to Kathleen if interested

*Fellowship Commission is working to set up monthly potlucks and even an occasional movie night - stay tuned for more information as things are planned

*Our Diaper project was highlighted in the diocesan e-newsletter called The Mountain. If you aren't subscribed to that you can do so by going to the Diocesan website and selecting "The Mountain" under the News link at the top.



Thank you

To my HTC family and friends,
 I want to thank each of you for your prayers and cards. They are so very much appreciated and very special to me. A special Thank You to Kathleen and Natalie for coming to the house to administer communion.

Sincerely, Charlie Moore

Diaper Ministry Update

With the help of so many generous donations from our wonderful parish members, the Diaper/Wipe Ministry has been steadily gaining speed, as can be seen from the monthly tallies. We are able to provide folks with necessities and kindness as they experience hardships on so many levels. They have access to diapers, wipes, hygiene products and resources to assist them in daily living.

Thank you, Holy Trinity, for really going out to do God's work.

July, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 178

24 visitors

36 wipes 46 diaper packs

June, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 88

17 visitors

17 wipes 24 diaper packs



Martha's Kitchen needs for August:
heads of lettuce cucumbers
tomatoes **fresh salad fixings from the garden**
Put food in silver treasure chest



Fellowship

HTC will have pot luck dinners on the third Thursday of the month starting September 18th. The potluck in October will be on the 4th Thursday the 23rd because of Diocesan Convention.



August 29

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Abenaki Tribal Office,
100 Grand Ave, Swanton**

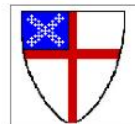
The Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps and the Abenaki Tribal Council is hosting a free footcare clinic open to the public. **Please bring your own towel.** Clinic is by appointment and walk-in.



**Make an Appointment:
Call Helen Short 802-752-5497**



**Community Canning
Workshop
2025**



Holy Trinity Church is offering a series of 3 canning workshops. The workshops will be open to the first 20 people. People may attend 1, 2, or 3 of the workshops. These are free to all participants with all materials provided.

Canning Workshop Dates

Dill Pickles: July 24th 6:00-8:00

Salsa: September 4th 6:00-8:00

Applesauce: September 25th 6:00-8:00

Please register for workshops at office@holytrinityswanton.org or call Kiley between 9-2 at 802-868-7185



All workshops will take place at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
38 Grand Avenue, Swanton, Vermont



August Angel Stories by Linda B.
Straight from the Heart

Day 1 Even the smallest step with our angel will move us forward

Day 2 Stress isn't the boss of us, you are

Day 3 Clouds still have silver linings

Day 4 You and our angels have so much to be proud of

Day 5 Life can be even better than you imagined

Day 6 Hope unlocks dreams

Day 7 Be someone amazing; it's you

Take a moment to leave your worries behind and lose yourself in loveliness

Do not be jealous of sinners because your angel will always be with you

He answered your angel's prayer because we trusted in the Lord

May all who love you when the sun rises in its strength

Lord, I am glad that the more you give our angels will take hold on your behalf

As I prepare to enter the rest of my day with my angels may my pace be slow and unhurried, ever aware of your presence

with me. May my mind be active and clear, noticing the gift of every moment.

May my heart be gentle and kind showing compassion of myself & others. Our angel is always with us.

Angels are called Gods Heavenly host because they function as Gods Heavenly army. Employed as a military force to accomplish HIS will and engage in HIS battles.

Angels are called Holy ones because they are set apart from sin and set apart to serve God.

Some angels are called Watchers because of their unique role in observing what is transpiring on planet Earth.

Remember always be kind to one another.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Lou Anne Wood**
- 13 George Murphy**
- 14 Madison Dittmar, Charlie Moore**
- 15 Laura Wood**
- 22 Luca Lontine, Ella Brousseau**
- 31 John Fournier**



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Sandy & Dick Hersey**
- 10 Paul Leduc & Thomas Bruso**
- 12 Mary & David Wood**
- 13 Wally & Kathleen Good**
- 28 Suzy & Hugh Kenyon**
- Shelley & Shawn Robtoy**



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