



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

MAY 2025



May the (Ministry Fair) Force be with you –

From the Rector

May 4th is affectionately known by many as Star Wars Day and the catchphrase for the day is “May the Force be with you.” To which the appropriate response is, of course, “And also with you.” This is a call and response with which many of us are familiar.

This year, May 4, 2025 is also the day we are hosting our “Ministry Fair”. It is a time when folks can chose to join a commission or a ministry which are the heartbeat of Holy Trinity and help keep us running. Our worship and our life with God happens in community and these are ways in which you can be more involved in the community. The commissions do the following (and so much more) plan events, make decisions about buildings and grounds or financial issues, and work with our outreach efforts. Ministries are most often those things that help with the running of the church services: lectors, oblations, crucifer, choir.... You get the idea. And with the ministries, don’t think “I can’t do those – I don’t know how!” Trust me, they are not complicated, you will be trained (we can even give you a book for how to pronounce some of the biblical names for places and people!) and the beauty is – even if a screw up happens, as your priest has been known to do, God still shows up and always will. There is room for everyone – even the kiddos. I am always happy to have our younger parishioners serve as lectors, acolytes, oblation bearers, crucifers, and can even train them to be chalice bearers and servers when they are older! Kids from the age of 6 and up can be included in worship in some way or another. And I’d love to have a teenager on our Youth Commission.

So – below is a list of options. Most of the committees have meetings as needed and a few have regularly scheduled ones. Think and pray about this for the next few days. Ask questions if you have them. We want and need you to be involved! *Kathleen+*

Commissions

Worship Commission	Finance Commission
Youth Commission	Outreach Commission
Fellowship Commission	Pastoral Care Commission
St. John’s, Highgate Commission	
Buildings and Grounds Commission	

Ministries

Adult & Youth Christian Formation

Altar Guild	Morning Prayer
Music/Choir	Columbarium
Acolytes	Crucifer/Server
Lectors	Chalice Bearer
Prayers of the People	Oblations
Greeters	



Text and email scams – how to tell what is real?

Last week there was a text sent to many parishioners that said it was from Rev. Kathleen – put it was not her cell number. It referenced the person by name and indicated that a favor was requested and please text back. If someone texted back they then got an email indicating that “eBay gift-cards” were needed and asking if they could be picked up. This was a scam.

We have confirmed that none of the church computer systems or Rev. Kathleen’s cell phone were hacked which is good news. There is no way to know how the numbers were obtained – and unfortunately, this happens often to clergy and churches. So, here is some advice to follow when this inevitably happens again.

First: Know that Rev. Kathleen will never ask for gift cards in this manner. The parish budget generously funds a discretionary account that is meant to be used for moments like this.

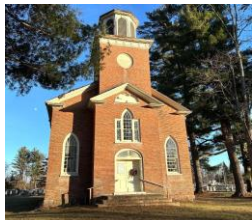
Second: If you ever receive something like this and it seems real – please contact Rev. Kathleen or the office directly, either by phone or the church email address. Please do not purchase anything or send money anywhere without confirming with a human being (not via text response to the number that texted you) that the request is legitimate.

St. John's Church

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Historical Presentation by **Jason Barney** - (MVU History Teacher) Enjoy refreshments while learning about the rich history of Highgate Falls early 1800s through stories and a slideshow featuring: • St. John's Church • Highgate Manor & the Manor Mayfair • The original hotel • The Keyes and Allen families • Dr. Baxter and more!

At 4:00 PM: Walk across the park to **tour Highgate Manor**, Savor charcuterie and continue the conversation in a grand historic setting. Donations appreciated to support: • The restoration of St. John's windows • Preservation efforts at Highgate Manor. Join us for an afternoon of history, community, and charm!



Please bring cookies, brownies and other snacks to HTC Sunday morning to be taken to the gathering



Spring Potluck

In celebration of Spring and our Parish Family, Holy Trinity will hold a potluck dinner on Thursday, May 15th, at 5:30 PM. Beverages, ice cream, and toppings will be available to make your own ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please bring a main dish, salad, or vegetable and come enjoy the fun.

If you have questions, please call Helen at 802-752-5497.

Carpool to Janet Brown Funeral

If you are interested in carpooling to the Funeral & Reception on May 10, speak to Natalie & we can try to coordinate drivers and riders.

May Calendar

Sun 5/4- Pastoral Care, Ministry Fair

Mon 5/5- Outreach meeting, 9am

Tues 5/6- Choir rehearsal 7pm

Mon 5/12- Vestry meet on Zoom, 5pm

Tues 5/13- Choir rehearsal, 7pm

Thurs 5/15 – Parish Potluck, 5:30

Tues 5/20- Choir rehearsal, 7pm

Thurs 5/22- Open Door Dinner, 5:30pm

Mon 5/26- Office Closed

Tues 5/27- Choir rehearsal, 7pm

Thurs 5/29 – Ascension Day

Diaper Ministry Report

Opening day February 3, 2025 Open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 - 1

February, 2025

3 visitors- 6 wipes packages and 16 diaper packs

March, 2025

20 visitors- 38 wipes packages and 65 diaper packs

April, 2025

Hygiene products began: 10 taken currently

Due to the supply and demand during the first few

months, we have now had to limit it to one visit a month and a set number of product per household. **We are currently looking for volunteers to help on Monday and Wednesday for even an hour! We are also looking to gather donations either monetary or in product for diapers, wipes and hygiene supplies.**
-Mary Hartman



Welcome Home

Through the month of May we will be collecting
flatware sets cookie sheets

dish sets storage containers

cutting boards	gallon zip bags
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Collection boxes will be in the Narthex. Also a need for materials for unhoused people sleeping outdoors: tents, blankets, sleeping bags



10th Annual Martha's Kitchen Empty Bowls

This year's event will be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, St Albans on Sat, May 3 from 5-7:30pm. Pick out a handmade ceramic bowl & choice of soup for \$25 & all proceeds will go to Martha's Kitchen.



Holy Trinity Church Open Door Dinners
Thurs May 22 & June 26, 5:30 pm



Linda B's May Angels Corner from the Heart

Day 1 Angels say you are one of the good things in life

Day 2 Stumbling is part of succeeding

Day 3 Be proud of who you are; there is no one better!

Day 4 Happiness comes in all sizes, none too big or too small

Day 5 Trust yourself, you can do it!

Day 6 Dreaming is free and it pays off

Day 7 Choose to be happy today, you will be so glad you did

The angels say the earth laughs in flowers

You want a little fun that the angels will enjoy? Go outside and blow bubbles with a plastic wand

Our Angels say:

I am always with you

In the beauty of each day

In the quiet peace of every night

I am never far away

I'm there with a child's laugh

Or the hug you give a friend

I'm in the joys you share with family

And in the love they send.

In a beautiful budding flower

Or the twinkling fall of snow

I am the promises from heaven

Giving signs for you to know

I will walk with you forever

I'm the light inside your heart

Intelligence

Angels possess great wisdom & they use their minds to look into matters

Emotions

Angels are in "joyful assembly" in the presence of God in heaven moreover, they "shouted for joy" at the creation and rejoice whenever a sinner repents.

Moral Will

Angels make many moral decisions. We see an angel acknowledging God. This is good

Sing praises to the angels for the Lord is great

As I prepare with my angels and yours, I trust you to lead us in the right ways. May our hearts be gentle & kind. Keep turning our thoughts to whatever is right

Why should our angels have fate to lament, since pleasure still waits on the smile of content? Will the clouds soon disperse if indignant I frown? And the rain cease in torrents the village to drown? Will the thunder's loud peal be then hush'd into peace? And the storm, at my bidding, it's violence cease?

Our angels love us

The Seasons

We need to celebrate the seasons of love

Springtime is here with its sunshine & flowers. All nature is waking from its long winter sleep. The gardens are blooming with beautiful flowers, the songbirds are caroling melodies sweet.

Summertime

The summer comes with glaring heat. We pack our grips for the seashore trips or other recreation.

Autumn

The Harvest moon is shining bright,

The leaves are falling everywhere

How glorious is the autumn night

How cool and bracing is the air

Winter

Jack Frost is stalking through the land

The ground is covered white, with snow

We like to sit beside the fire and tales of long ago,

Be kind to one another

It always works



Graduate Sunday

If you know of a graduate, please tell Mary Wood so they can be included in our recognition in June.



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Rector's Office Hours

Tues: 2 - 7pm Weds: 2 - 4:30pm

Thursdays: 8:30 - Noon; 2 - 4pm

Friday is a Sabbath day away from work, including emails. If there is a pastoral emergency please call my cell phone 301 848-6069



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Oliver Greenia**
- 7 Daniel Wood**
- 8 Dick Hersey, Dawn Sparling**
- 9 Steve Trushaw**
- 10 Jessica Dittmar**
- 11 Kyle Trushaw**
- 14 David Wood, Samson Kenyon**
- 21 Jonathan & Martin Schotto**
- 22 Theodore Dittmar**
- 26 Julie Charland, Duncan Hadd, Alex Wirts**
- 28 Joshua Gagne**
- 30 Jon Nielsen**



- 25 Lou Anne & Daniel Wood**



JUST MARRIED

- 30 Mar Leanne Marie & David Hill**



In New Life

5 Apr The Rev. Janet Kelly Brown
Funeral May 10, 11 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Burlington
Reception to follow at St James, Essex