



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

November 2026



We the People - From the Rector

There is a Maine-based folk music group called "Schooner Fare" that I have listened to since 1986 when they appeared at Milwaukee Irish Fest for the first time. I loved their music and stories as a kid because they were fun. As I got older I began to realize that some of the songs were more important than just being "fun".

One of their most powerful songs, for me, plays on repeat in my head as we approach an election day. It was written in the early 80s and still resonates. Part of why I like it is because while it speaks to me and my beliefs in a very personal way it is honestly written for all of us. The title is: "We the People". Here is the chorus:

'We, the people, hand in hand
We, the people, understand
That there's an answer, there's a way
We, the people, have to say
So, send the orders to prepare
We, the people, do declare
Send the good news, send the word
We, the people, will be heard
We, the people, everywhere

As a priest I am careful to not tell people how to vote or for whom they should vote. My position requires (at least for me) that I not be partisan. That said what I will always preach and act on is the Good News of God in Christ – and make no mistake – that influences how I vote.

"The purpose of the people is what this declaration's for" says the three men who wrote this song. We have a deep privilege in this country to vote. As Christians we are meant to not be of the world – but God knows we have to live in it. So, pray for a direction for your vote that will honor God and the good news in which we live and move. Then, on Tuesday, November 3 (if you haven't voted early) go and vote. And if interested – I commend to you the remainder of the lyrics of "We the People" You can go here to read them: Schooner Fare – We the People Lyrics | Genius Lyrics 7 here to listen:

https://youtu.be/7a_NwY64DLg?si=4-kQxR4gI7NlxEOp

Kathleen+

Clocks fall back Halloween night!

All Saints Day – Sunday, November 1

Mark your calendars! We'll be celebrating All Saints Day is Sunday, Nov 1. Please bring pictures of the saints in your life who are no longer with us. We'll place them on a table near the altar to remember them & the truth that while they are not physically present with us, they make up the great cloud of witnesses who are with us always.

In Search of.....A new Treasurer!

The Treasurer works with our paid bookkeeper (who is excellent) and pays attention to the monthly bills and cash flow. The bookkeeper is responsible for the actual record keeping & check writing. The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee, leads the annual process to create the budget, & advises the vestry on issues related to Holy Trinity finances as requested. Please prayerfully consider if this is a role to which you might be called. Speak to Kathleen or Steve if you are interested.

Vestry Positions

There will be three positions available on vestry with three-year terms beginning in 2027 after voting at our annual meeting (which is Sun Jan 24 – mark your calendars). At that time we will also be electing delegates for the 2027 Diocesan Convention. We're also looking for a new Treasurer AND a new chair for our Building and Grounds Commission. Prayerfully consider if you are called to one of these ministries. You can nominate yourself or someone else can nominate you (with your permission of course!).

Diocesan Convention

Please pray for Rev. Kathleen, Natalie Good, Ada & Tim Lyman during this season of Diocesan Convention. We will meet with other representatives of convention on Zoom on Nov 5 for a pre-convention hearing of resolutions; in person on Nov 7; & on Zoom again on Nov 14 for our business meeting. Rev. Kathleen will send out links for anyone who wants to watch any of the proceedings.

Organ Recital

**Sun, Nov 1, 3 pm, St. Luke's, St Albans
a memorial tribute to Donna Costas**



Celebrating 10 Years of Pies for Bonnie

The Holy Trinity Outreach Team is excited to share that we celebrate our tenth year of making Pies for Bonnie. Over these ten years we have raised about \$18,000 to support many nonprofits that the Fournier Family have requested to honor the life of our dear friend, Bonnie.

This year's pie baking, will take place on November 12th and 13th, and we are pleased to say, we have closed our sales as we have about 112 pies ordered. We thought you would all enjoy seeing where our efforts have supported others, in need, throughout these years.

- *2026: Diapers and Wipes & Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- *2025: Safe Roots Collective and Afterglow
- *2024: Age Well and Diapers and Wipes
- *2023: Swanton Public Library & Franklin Cty Sr. Ctr
- *2022: Hurricane Relief in Florida
- *2021: Wreaths Across America
- *2020: Non baking year /COVID
- *2019: Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
- *2018: Vermont Suicide Prevention
- *2017: Rock Point Endowment Fund
- *2016: Swanton Food Shelf & Heifer Internatl



About 20 people took part in the October Pot Luck. The food was scrumptious and the conversations engaging. Our November Pot Luck will be held on November 19th. We will start welcoming people at 5:30 and plan to eat at 6.

Crafts, Cookies, and Tea will be held on November 10th and 24th from 1-3. This is a good time to work your craft projects, but also a great time for conversing with fellow parishioners and learning about them. Do you know we have a church member who was an avid equestrian in their younger days and another who lived for a while in Arizona?

The Fellowship team will be meeting on Nov 8th after church to review roles and to plan future fellowship events. Last winter we held Sunday afternoon movies in the Parish Hall. Please share your ideas for activities with Helen or Natalie.

Helen Short



Taize at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington
Sun, Nov 8, 7 pm

November Calendar

- Sun 11/1- service at 8am without music
- Sunday school 9am, Pastoral Care 9:15
- Mon 11/2- Outreach mtg-9, Diapers & Wipes 10-1
- Tues 11/3- Choir rehearsal, 7pm
- Wed 11/4- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1, Bible study, 5
- Mon 11/9- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1
- Vestry mtg, 5:30pm
- Tues 11/10- Crafts & Tea, 1-3, Choir rehearsal, 7
- Wed 11/11- Diaper & Wipes, 10-1
- Finance Committee mtg, 3-5, Bible study, 5pm
- Thurs 11/12 & Fri 11/13- Pies for Bonnie
- Mon 11/16- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1
- Tues 11/17- Choir rehearsal, 7pm
- Wed 11/18- Diapers & Wipes 10-1 Bible study 5
- Thurs 11/19- Parish Potluck, 6pm
- Sat, 11/21 – 11 am Evan Anderson Funeral
- Sun 11/22 Formation, Advent Music, Coffee hour
- Mon 11/23- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1
- Tues 11/24- Crafts & Tea, 1-3, Choir rehearsal, 7
- Wed 11/25- Diapers & Wipes 10-1, Bible study, 5
- Sun 11/29 Advent begins, Eucharist in memory of James Mc Donald
- Mon 11/30- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1



Diaper/Wipe Ministry

The Diaper/Wipe Ministry has been very successful this year. Monetary donations are always welcome. If folks wish to give actual material donations, it is helpful to our team if you check with us to see exactly what is needed. All help is always appreciated. Bless you!

September, 2026

31 visits
45 wipes packages, 44 diaper packs
113 Personal care products

October 2026

29 visits
45 wipes packages, 33 diaper packs
113 Personal care products



Art Wall

James T. Walsh is Jill Walsh's grandfather. He worked for the Messenger, went to Norwich University, and then into the Army in the Philippines. He documented war crimes. His files are in the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, VA. When he returned to the States, he got a piece of property on the lake from the Central VT Railroad. They had gone bankrupt. He put all his heart into that camp. Every board, nail, window unique. He also sang at St. Mary's, did musicals, plays at Hyde Park and Enosburg Opera House. These paintings are him putting to paint his happy times. His nephew M. Emmet Walsh was inspired by him and went on to be famous. He's our Hero.

Painting and Pizza
Youth Service Project

December 5th

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 10:00-12:00

All Area Youth are invited to attend a painting and pizza service activity sponsored by Holy Trinity. If you are a high school or middle school student who enjoys doing something special for Senior Citizens and loves art and pizza this is an opportunity for you to do something special for seniors in our community. Each participant will paint a canvas print which will be shared with a senior who is home bound or in a nursing or rehab facility. We will end the morning by celebrating our project with a pizza lunch. All are welcome to come and bring a friend!



Some Possible Ideas...Please bring your own too!

All events are free to all participants!

Join us for
**VELVETEEN ART
AFTERNOON**



December 6th 2026

Children ages K-6th grade are invited to enjoy an afternoon exploring the story of the Velveteen Rabbit. Children will join us to watch the movie and complete an 8 x 10 painting. Children younger than 5 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Parents are welcome to drop children off and take a few hours to shop. Sign in /out sheets will be required. Workshop will be conducted by Jacey, a local art educator.

Free to All Children

Holy Trinity Church Swanton, VT
RSVP 802-868-7185



Open Door Dinners
Friday Nov 20, 5:30
Memorial Methodist Church

Vestry Update, Oct 19

*Nominations will soon be open for three vestry positions; treasurer; chair of buildings and ground; delegates to diocesan convention 2027. Please consider if you are called to one of these positions - talk with Rev. Kathleen or any vestry member. Voting will be at our annual meeting, Sun, Jan 24

* Finance committee is working on the budget for 2027. Vestry will approve it and it will be presented at the annual meeting

*Part of budget development is our stewardship campaign. Forms are on the table in the narthex. Bring forms to the office, mail them in, or place them in the plate. On Nov 22 we'll do a final blessing over all that we have received.

* St. John's Highgate - The first wedding happened this month; two more are already booked for 2027 with a third likely on the way. They have also submitted a grant to assist with the repair of the windows.

Our Little Rose Brighth Reyes

Thank you so much to the entire Holy Trinity congregation for writing and for your continued support of Brighth. Your generosity has played an important role in helping her achieve one of her greatest goals: completing her high school education. Through your support, we have been able to help transform her life and open the door to new opportunities. Brighth is currently living in our Transition Apartment off campus, a safe and supportive home for young women who are continuing their university education while taking their first steps toward independence. After completing our Life Skills Training Program, she began working as a third-grade homeroom teacher at a local bilingual school. At the same time, she enrolled at the university to pursue a degree in Logistics Engineering, with classes beginning this coming October 14. Brighth has grown into a determined and hardworking young woman, and we are confident that she will continue to thrive as she balances work, university, and this new chapter of her life.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support of our transformative work. Your generosity allows us to continue giving young women like Brighth the opportunity to dream, grow, and build brighter futures. May God continue to bless you and everyone at Holy Trinity for your kindness, generosity, and commitment to our girls.

In His Service, Mayra Arguelles
Assistant to the Executive Director, OLR



My Guardian Angel Corner for Nov Straight from the Heart from Linda B

- 1- Today is full of fresh possibilities
- 2- You are a bright spot in someone's day with your angels
- 3- Your efforts are adding up beautifully with your angel
- 4- You have handled so much and you're still shining
- 5 - Take time to enjoy the little things
- 6 - You have got this one step at a time
- 7 - something wonderful for you & your angels is unfolding today

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained "I'm praying but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I am saying all the letters and God can put them together for me because he knows what I am thinking.

Sing praises to God and sing praises to our King.

Turn on your favorite music today & sing praises to God.

Angels awaken my mind to possibilities

On earth, in heaven and in myself

When someone we love passes from mortality. It eases the pain to realize we have not lost a friend but we have gained an angel

God committed the care of all men & women & all things under heaven to angels

God is at work night & day; always follow him
Be happy with what you have. God always loves you and your angels

Dear God, as the luminous sky holds a million scattered stars, please hold my thoughts and keep them with you

Angel of God my guardian, dear to whom his love commits me here ever this day. Be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Once angels are created they never cease to exist.

Be good and always believe in angels. They will always be there to help you



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 John Farr

7 Eleanor Wirts

8 Madeline W. Martin

9 Methederow Abui

10 Marcalah Whalen

11 Ellen Lamos

14 Molly Hartman

17 Emmett Dittmar

26 Jacob Greenia, Eagan Murphy



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