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Sunset at Rock Point. Photo by Katharine Montstream.

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THE CONSECRATION

of the

REV. DR. SHANNON MACVEAN-BROWN

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

We're excited that the day is almost here and we hope that you can be a part of the celebration.

Anyone can watch a live online broadcast of the consecration liturgy. The link will be on the diocesan website here:

<https://diovermont.org/bishop-transition/>

Tickets are still available. To reserve your seat please visit: [Consecration Tickets](#)

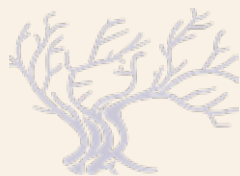
A few notes for the day of the event:

Please plan to arrive early.

- There are a variety of [free parking options](#).
- The doors open at 9:15 a.m.
- The procession will begin at 10:30 a.m. and so we are asking everyone to arrive in time to be seated by 10:15 a.m. The doors will be closed during the procession. We can't stress this enough: please plan to arrive early.
- The liturgy begins at 11:00am and will last over two hours.
- A reception will follow in the nearby Davis Campus Center.

Important contact information for those involved in the liturgy:

- Choir: Canon Mark Howe mhowe@stpaulscathedralvt.org
- Ushers: The Rev. J. Robert Spainhour holytrinityrector@myfairpoint.net
- Bishops and Vermont Episcopal Clergy: Pamela Van de Graaf pvande-graaf@diovermont.org
- Banner bearers, acolytes, lay Eucharistic ministers, and visiting clergy: Roger Nicholls rogernicholls14@gmail.com
- Anyone else, please contact tc@diovermont.org and we will direct your question to the appropriate person.



The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Announces the Formal Seating of the New Bishop

BURLINGTON, VT - On Sunday, September 29, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington will host the Formal Seating of the 11th Bishop of Vermont. Not to be confused with the Consecration held the day before, the Seating is a traditional ceremony that recognizes and invests a newly ordained and consecrated bishop.

At the Seating service, the new bishop will petition for recognition and investiture. A representative of the diocese will testify that the new bishop was duly elected and that consents to the election were received. The people will then recognize and receive the new bishop, promising to uphold the new bishop in this ministry. The new bishop will also take her place in the cathedra, or bishop's chair, a symbol of the bishop's office.

The Seating will be streamed live!

The Seating service will be streamed live on YouTube beginning at 10 a.m. A link to the live stream is available at <https://diovermont.org/bishop-transition/>. A larger than usual turnout is expected for this public service; overflow seating will be provided available in the Cathedral's lower level where participants will be able to view the livestream and participate in the Communion.

The guest preacher at the Seating service will be the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, Conn. The Very Rev. Howell was ordained in 2002 in the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic. She is a member of the Episcopal Church Latino/Hispanic Ministries Council of Advice, as well as the Board of the Society for the Increase of Ministry, and was appointed to the General Convention 2015 Task Force on Sustainability and Development of Latino/Hispanic Ministries. The Very Rev. Howell is also as a faculty member of CREDO, a wellness program of the Church Pension Group.

Rock Point Commons Welcomes First-ever Executive Director

BURLINGTON, VT - The board of directors of Rock Point is pleased to announce that the Rev. Paul Habersang has accepted the position of executive director, Rock Point Commons. Paul will be the first person to serve in this newly created role, which will take effect on October 1, 2019.



The Rev. Habersang

The Rev. Habersang brings to the executive director role a wide range of experiences in for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. His background includes sales and marketing positions at General Electric, Schneider Electric, and Morris Controls, as well as ministerial positions at Hartford Hospital, parishes within the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, and in his current role as priest in partnership at Christ Church, Montpelier.

In a letter to the people of Christ Church, the Rev. Habersang wrote, "I am humbled, honored, and pleased to have been called to this position whose primary responsibilities will include the ongoing development of Rock Point Commons into a self-sustaining ministry of the Episcopal Church in Vermont."

Rock Point Board member David McKay, who helped lead the executive director search process, commented, "Paul's appointment marks an important milestone in the history of Rock Point Commons. On behalf of the Rock Point Board I can say that we are confident that Paul has the unique gifts—skills, experience, and ingenuity—to lead Rock Point Commons into the future."

The Rev. Habersang's final Sunday with Christ Church will be October 27. From that date, the Montpelier congregation will continue celebrating weekly Eucharist with supply clergy until a new interim clergy person is selected.

Regarding the transition process, the Rev. Habersang said, "I am confident that Christ Church has a very bright future. God's Spirit has set each of our hearts on fire, and that is a flame that cannot be quenched."

The Williamstown, Vermont resident holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Quinnipiac University and a Master of Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary. He is also an alumnus of the Clergy Leadership Project at Trinity Wall Street in New York City and serves as board secretary for Brookhaven Treatment & Learning Center.

St. Thomas & Grace Welcomes New Priest in Partnership

By Franci Farnsworth



The Rev. Rachel Field

BRANDON, VT – The Rev. Rachel Field joined St. Thomas and Grace Episcopal Church as priest in partnership on August 29. The position is a quarter-time role, an arrangement that will enable the Rev. Field to pursue her call as both a sacramental minister and an environmental educator and activist. The Rev. Field is part of the parish's Core Ministry Team, the group charged by the parish's leadership to address the spiritual needs of the parish. She is in Brandon for Sunday worship two or three times each month; on other Sundays, worship is led by visiting priests or lay people. The Rev. Field is also in Brandon at other times to attend meetings and build relationships with people in the parish and the community.

Prior to moving to Vermont last summer, the Rev. Field worked for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut as one of six regional missionaries who support the spiritual development and missions of parishes and lay leaders.

Rena McDonough, senior warden, commented, "We are excited by the gifts and talents that Rachel brings to St. Thomas & Grace. She has a quiet spirituality, sense of humor, passion for the environment and nature, and energy. She has experience helping groups figure out how to 'be church' in the twenty-first century."

The Rev. Field grew up as an Episcopalian. She graduated from Washington College in Maryland with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, worked as an ornithologist for a migratory bird banding station, and went to Yale Divinity School. She was ordained as a priest in 2016.

The Rev. Field commented, "I am drawn to St. Thomas & Grace partly because of the congregation's strong environmental ethic – the garden, composting, recycling, reusing. I am also excited by their vision of being in partnership with a priest, which conveys a sense of shared ministry and ministry that goes beyond the more traditional 'priest in charge' model."

The parish is planning a public welcoming event later this fall which will be announced in *The Mountain*, local news, [on Facebook](#), and via the St. Thomas and Grace website, <https://www.standg.org>.

St. James' Arlington Welcomes New Priest in Partnership

By Nancy Boardman

ARLINGTON, VT – On Sunday, September 15, the parish of St. James' Episcopal Church in Arlington celebrated the new ministry of the Rev. Mary Robinson White as its priest in partnership.

A native of Arizona, the Rev. White graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She taught school for more than 10 years before deciding to pursue the ministry. She graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and then served in parishes in Arizona and California. Her most recent parish was St. Andrew's in Albany, NY, where she had been since 2002. The Rev. White holds a certificate in Congregational Development from Seabury Western Theological Seminary, as well as a certificate of Spiritual Direction from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

She and her husband, John, who have three grown children, will divide their time between the St. James' Rectory and their home in Albany. For hobbies, the Rev. White plays the bagpipes and enjoys cross-country skiing.



The Rev. Mary R. White serves Communion on September 15, her first Sunday at St. James' Episcopal Church, Arlington.

Founded in 1764, St. James' is the cradle parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. The present structure, located in the heart of Arlington, was consecrated in 1833 to replace an earlier building destroyed by fire, and is on the National Register of Historic Sites. For more information about the parish, its ministries and community partnerships, visit <https://stjamesarlingtonvt.org>, email stjames-parishoffice@gmail.com, or [visit us on Facebook](#). The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10 a.m. (Rite II). St. James' is a welcoming church and invites all to worship with us.



NEWS IN PICTURES Across the Diocese

Photos are on the previous page.

On August 28, the Forum On Racial Equality joined students and faculty at Randolph Union High School as they began the first day of the new school year with the raising of the Black Lives Matter flag long with a brief ceremony in remembrance of the murder of Emmett Till in 1955. (See photos #1 and 2.)

On September 7, Bishop Thomas C. Ely and Bishop-elect Shannon MacVean-Brown paid a visit to St. James Episcopal Church in Essex Junction to celebrate the Feast Day associated with Bishop Paul Jones and the 80th anniversary of his contribution in founding the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. The commemoration included the blessing of a commemorative pole that features the word "peace" written in eight languages. (See photo #3.) The maker of the Peace Pole, John Heermans, is a leader in EPF's Palestine Israel network. Pictured from left to right in photo #4 are John Heermans, Bishop Ely, Bishop-elect MacVean-Brown, and EPF Executive Director Melanie Atha.

On September 8, an enthusiastic group from the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington participated in the annual Vermont Pride Parade. (See photos #5 and 6.) [Click here](#) to view their 2019 VT Pride photo album on Facebook.

On September 8, Bishop Ely and United Methodist District Superintendent Jill Colley-Robinson led the dedication of the new food shelf building in Sheldon, VT. (See photos #7, 8, and 9.) Last year, the food shelf served 3,919 people from all over Franklin County and the Champlain Islands. The Grants and Loans Committee of the Episcopal Church in Vermont provided Grace Church, Sheldon with a grant of \$20,835 for windows, doors, appliances, tables, and chairs.

What Multicultural Congregations Teach About Improving Race Relations

From Baylor University's Online Graduate Programs Blog

A movement is growing among Christian churches to become places of racial reconciliation and friendship between people of different racial and ethnic identities. But beyond awkwardness, racism and prejudice continue to make relationship-building across lines of race and ethnicity challenging at best and painful at worst. In fact, Clay Polson and Kevin Dougherty, social scientists at Baylor University, found that simply increasing contact may not be enough to break down these barriers. [Read More](#)

From the Office of Public Affairs

Season 2 of the podcast *The Way of Love* with Bishop Michael Curry returns September 17. [Read More](#)

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is pleased to offer UTO Annual Grants. The focus for 2020 is *Bless: Share faith, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of God in Christ with hope and humility*. Application deadline: March 6. [Read More](#)

The UTO is pleased to offer the 2020 Young Adult and Seminarian (YAS!) grants. The focus for 2020 is *Holy Gifts: Bringing together our blessings and gifts to breathe love, liberation, and life into our communities*. Application deadline: February 7. [Read More](#)

Traveling the Way of Love, Episode 5: *Pray* premieres September 24 at 3:00 p.m. [Read More](#)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Roanridge Trust Grants, used for the "training of town and country ministry and rural Christian workers" of The Episcopal Church. Application deadline: December 13. [Read More](#)

Data from the 2018 Parochial Reports is now available in English and Spanish. [Read More](#)

The UTO is pleased to offer the UTO Camino Challenge Grant. UTO will match up to the first \$60,000 in donations to create the Anglican Pilgrim Centre in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. [Read More](#)

The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church will meet October 18-21 in Montgomery, AL. [Read More](#)

EVENTS: NEW & FEATURED

Love is a Lion Tour Comes to Barre Auditorium, September 28

BARRE, VT - On September 28 at 7 p.m. the *Love is a Lion Tour* will come to the Barre Auditorium with featured artists Citizen Way and Jason Gray with special guests The Young Escape ("Love Me Like You"). Tickets are available online at <https://www.VTChristianMusic.com> for \$20 (Groups of 10+), \$28 (General Admission) and \$40 for VIPs. Group tickets are cheaper! Do you have nine friends? Are there nine other people in your Bible Study or Youth Group? Talk to your fellow church members and get nine of them to go. Then purchase 10 or more tickets at the group rate of \$20/ea, and you'll save \$8 on each ticket! Group tickets will not be available at the door, so purchase them online ahead of time.

Interfaith CROP Hunger Walks Are Stepping Up to End Hunger in Vermont This October

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the national CROP Hunger Walk movement, CROP Hunger Walks continue to raise millions of dollars each year to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. In each CROP Hunger Walk community, 25% of money raised comes back to local agencies. Across the country, over 1,600 local agencies receive funds from CROP Hunger Walks.

This year some 800 communities nationwide, and five here in Vermont, are joining together in interfaith CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Stepping up to End Hunger Since 1969." The CROP Hunger Walk was started in 1969 by a group of energized young people in Bismarck, North Dakota who wanted to mobilize their community to fight global hunger. Today, the CROP Hunger Walk is a national movement raising funds for the global hunger-fighting work of Church World Service and local hunger-fighting agencies. Last year, over 800 events raised over \$8 million dollars.

The CROP Hunger Walks taking place in Vermont this fall include:

Addison County, VT	10/6/2019	Middlebury, VT
Lake Fairlee, VT	10/6/2019	Fairlee, VT
Washington West, VT	10/6/2019	Waterbury, VT
Burlington, VT	10/20/2019	Burlington, VT
Champlain Islands, VT	10/20/2019	South Hero, VT

For more information, or to find a local Walk, visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org>.

'Man on Fire' Film Screening & Panel Discussion, October 10

HANOVER, NH - The ACLU of New Hampshire and Dartmouth College will be hosting a screening and discussion of *Man On Fire*, a film about Charles Moore, a man who self-immolated to protest racism in Grand Saline, TX in 2014. The film puts the town's dark past in the spotlight and untangles the pieces of Moore's protest and questions concerning racism in Grand Saline today.

The discussion after the film will include the Rev. Eric Jackson of the NAACP; Daniel Pontoh, a community organizer with ACLU of NH; and Professor James Chase Sanchez, the producer of the film. Sanchez is a member of Christ Church in Bethel, VT. This event will take place on October 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Dartmouth College. [Get full details on Facebook.](#)

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light Annual Conference: Climate Action and Food Sustainability, October 26

MIDDLEBURY, VT - The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, denominational leader and climate activist, and Professor Molly Anderson, food studies professor at Middlebury College, will be the keynote speakers for the Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL) annual conference on October 26 at Middlebury Congregational Church.

The keynote speakers will also lead workshops, and there will be additional workshops addressing Vermont water quality and climate change, advocacy for effective climate change legislation, and "Changes of Heart" for climate action.

Conference details and registration are available at <https://www.vtipl.org>

VTIPL is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to support the efforts of faith communities in addressing climate change. In addition to its annual conference VTIPL offers a monthly e-newsletter, climate change film showings, free energy assessments of faith community buildings and matching grants for energy audits and energy efficiency and renewable energy projects through the Katy Gerke Memorial Program.

Racism in America & Why We Should Care: What Is Vermont Doing to Combat Racism? Sept. 19

How far have we come as Americans in fighting racism? In this forum, we wish to create a safe space where we can speak openly and honestly as we confront the racial divisions of our past and present with the hope of reconciliation -- a potluck gathering where we invite you to share a dish along with your thoughts. Featuring State Senator Debbie Ingram, State Attorney General TJ Donovan, and Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police. Recommended Reading: Act 54. Thursday, September 19 @ 6:30 pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 273 Vermont Route 15, Jericho, VT.

Upcoming Concerts at Immanuel, Bellows Falls

Check out these upcoming concerts at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St, Bellows Falls, VT:

COLD CHOCOLATE, SEPT. 27 @ 7:30 P.M. Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own. [Tickets](#)

NORTH SEA GAS, SEPT. 29 @ 4:00 P.M. Over thirty-five years and stronger than ever, North Sea Gas is one of Scotland's most popular folk bands. [Tickets](#)

The Rev. Dr. Arnold Thomas to Present 'The Browning of America: Reconciliation or Retribution,' Oct 23

RANDOLPH, VT - On Wednesday, October 23, the Rev. Dr. Arnold Thomas will deliver a presentation entitled, "The Browning of America: Reconciliation or Retribution". This will be an evening event and will include a discussion period. The event will be hosted in Randolph, VT at a venue and time to be announced soon.

The Rev. Thomas is pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho, VT. Notable among his many accomplishments is his extensive ministry experience and involvement in numerous organizations concerned with social justice, human rights and racial justice having. The October 23 event will be co-sponsored by FORE (Focus on Racial Equality) and the Rutland Area Branch NAACP. Mark your calendar, and stay tuned to *The Mountain* for further details. [Read More](#)

There's Plenty to Do Around the Diocese!

In addition to the events advertised in *The Mountain*, there are plenty of events offered by diocesan partners such as the Vermont Ecumenical Council and Stone Church Center. Check them out!

VERMONT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The Vermont Ecumenical Council (VEC) is a diverse network of Christians in Vermont working together to serve the common good through public worship and prayer; acts of mercy and care; and loving prophetic witness for peace, justice, and the integrity of creation. The Episcopal Church in Vermont is a member of the VEC. For an update on events promoted through the Vermont Ecumenical Council, [click here](#). Visit the VEC website at <https://vecncc.org>.

STONE CHURCH CENTER

Stone Church Center offers a variety of events featuring music, art, and spirituality. Many of the events are hosted at Immanuel Episcopal Church in Bellows Falls. For an update on events promoted through Stone Church Center [click here](#). Visit the Stone Church Center website at <http://www.stonechurcharts.org>.

ROCK POINT INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE

Semi-monthly Meetings
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. First Thursdays
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fourth Mondays
Except when otherwise noted.

Rock Point Center
20 Rock Point Rd., Burlington, VT

Next Meeting:
Monday, September 23 @ 5:00 p.m.



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to read more
online*



A Women's Retreat

Friday, November 15 - Saturday, November 16, 2019

Rock Point Center, 20 Rock Point Rd., Burlington, VT



4:00 p.m. Friday, Sign-in begins

6:00 p.m. Friday, Dinner

Noon Saturday, Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Saturday, Retreat ends

Please join us for a delightful weekend in God's Word!

All Registrations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Early Bird Registration (before 10/25/19) subtract \$30 from price listed below.

Registration Rates after 10/25/10: 1 Room - \$170; Shared Room - \$140; Commuter (No room) - \$95



Pat Hobbs (left) and **Beth Greer** (right) will come together to lead us in our women's retreat, not only in the teaching of God's Word, but in worship and songs of praise. They are Christian speakers and have participated in international missions for many years. Beth also has an incredible singing voice and leads in worship and praise wherever she goes. Both Pat and Beth love the Lord Jesus deeply and love teaching from God's Word - delivering messages of love, hope, and victory!



If you have any questions, please contact **Darcy Jewett** at 802-985-2067 or darcyjewett@aol.com

Trinity Episcopal Church, 5171 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, VT 05482

trinityshelburne.org

REGISTRATION FORM
Women's Retreat (November 15 – 16, 2019)

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

HOUSING – Please select from the following:

_____ Single Room _____ Shared Room* _____ Commuter (no room)

*Roommate's Name (if sharing):

CHECK AMOUNT \$ _____ (Make payable to Trinity Episcopal Church)

Send check with completed Registration Form to:
Trinity Church - 5171 Shelburne Rd. - Shelburne, VT 05482

If you have any questions, please contact Darcy Jewett at 802-985-2067
or darcyjewett@aol.com



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

For additional details, visit the [Diocesan Calendar](#).

Every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM, Celtic Evensong at St. Mark's, 44 2nd St, Newport, VT. [Read More](#)

September 19 @ 6:30 p.m. *Racism in America & Why We Should Care: What Is Vermont Doing to Combat Racism?* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 273 Vermont Route 15, Jericho, VT. [Read More](#)

September 26 Anam Cara Sojourners presents potluck, film, brief worship service. [Read More](#)

September 27 @ 7:30 p.m. Cold Chocolate concert at Immanuel Episcopal Church, Bellows Falls, VT. [Read More](#)

September 28 at 10:00 a.m. Consecration of Shannon MacVean-Brown as Bishop XI of Vermont at Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place, Burlington, VT. [Read More](#)

September 28 at 7:00 p.m. VT Christian music presents the *Love is a Lion Tour* at Barre Auditorium. [Read More](#)

September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Seating of the 11th Bishop of Vermont at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington. [Read More](#)

September 29 @ 4:00 p.m. North Sea Gas concert at Immanuel Episcopal Church, Bellows Falls, VT. [Read More](#)

October 6 CROP Hunger Walks in Middlebury, Fairlee, and Waterbury, VT. [Read More](#)

October 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. *Man on Fire* film screening and panel discussion at Dartmouth College. [Read More](#)

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October 30 Anam Cara Sojourners themes: Samhain (Celtic New Year), Halloween, All Saints, All Souls. Food, music, topic of "Thin Places". [Read More](#)

November 3 at 7:00 p.m. Taizé Evening Prayer at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, VT. [Read More](#)

November 15-16 "Faith Unleashed": The Annual Women's Retreat at Rock Point. [Read More](#)

November 16 or 23 Anam Cara Sojourners presents Celtic Advent Retreat. [Read More](#)