We have a new Bishop Ordinary, with the retirement of Bishop Langberg and the installation of Bishop Brian Marsh as Bishop of the Northeast. The service is described in a separate article. The following address, given from the cathedral (bishop’s chair) at Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester is his initial message to the diocese.

Greetings and blessings to you all. The message of today is one of welcome; welcome to each and every one; to the many friends who have traveled to this place, to clergy from other dioceses and jurisdictions. And to the strangers who may have simply wandered in, wondering what all the fuss was about. Welcome and be welcomed.

On this particular day, the church celebrates and acknowledges the permanence of the church universal. Today we recognize that the spiritual leadership of this diocese continues faithful to the ancient tradition of our Anglican Church. Though the temporal leadership may change and a different man may hold the office of bishop in this diocese, we – as the church – celebrate the form of truth that the ancient and priceless teachings and theology of our church will continue unchanged.

This is as it should be. In a time of great temporal change, it is vital that the teachings of God’s church be a solid, safe, and secure place where all can find spiritual refreshment and renewal. May we who profess the faith of Jesus Christ always offer that safe haven to all of God’s children. May we always – now and forever – be a place of welcome a place where the weary traveler may ever find renewal, refreshment, and grace.

We celebrate this important occasion by assuming the episcopal throne, an ancient symbol of the church’s teaching office. It is my hope to offer at this time a brief glimpse of the hopes
and dreams I have for this diocese, its clergy, and all its people.

But first I would like to begin with a quote. No, it will not be a quote from St. Augustine, or Thomas Cranmer, or even from John Henry Cardinal Newman. Rather, I will quote my wife, Ljuba, who said to me some three months ago: "You're taking me where on Valentine's Day?"

Yes, most of the world refers to February 14th as St Valentine's Day, but today is also called the feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. When I first suggested to the clergy of the diocese that they should reserve the feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, they invariably knitted their brows and cast their eyes toward heaven, as if imploring God to reveal to them the date; and only one of our clergy could name the date precisely. True, these saints, Cyril and Methodius, may be slightly obscure, but I think that no one present will ever forget their feast day. And, over time, it may catch on; perhaps even becoming more famous than that other saint who claims the same day.

Saints Cyril and Methodius were very important indeed. They sought to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, and they dearly wished to bridge the gulf between the Eastern and Western churches, healing the great schism that still exists, bringing people together, unifying them under the gospel of Jesus Christ. Cyril and Methodius were the first ecumenists. They embraced much. In that way, they were very Anglican in their approach to the church. We, too, embrace much in our work. We, too, seek to bring unity to God's church.

I have been asked to speak about my vision for this diocese. The first vision I have is for us all to embrace the gospel, to take it into our hearts, to let it transform us and make us new. The first and most important thing we must do is preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all evangelists. We have all been given gifts by God. We are required to use these gifts. As Samuel Johnson once said, "The Lord God put us here to DO something, not just stare about."

There are many things that I have thought about as I have contemplated the approach of this day, and a thought that has come to me over and again, a thought that is often in the hearts and minds of clergy: "Why, God, have you called me to this office?" God alone knows the answer. My task is to be faithful to God's call and to assist in the building of the church.

To the clergy of this diocese, I pledge to you my love. True, it is required of me to do this. And I will do it to the best of my ability. But I also CHOOSE to love you in the way that Jesus has taught us to love. You, my brothers in Christ, have a challenging task. But it is also a joyful task. Let us approach our work with great love and joy, and – in the unique way that only Anglicans can – with supreme good humor. This does not mean that, should any of you decide to preach a revisionist or heretical doctrine, that we will have a jolly conversation, you and I, but it does mean that I will always care for you.

To all the congregations of this diocese, to all those who serve God's church with such dedication, know that I hold you all in my prayers each day. Let us teach each other the love of God in our work within this church – this great gift we have received from God.

Let me close my address to this gathering with a brief story. It is the story of a bishop I saw many years ago. I saw him for perhaps thirty seconds. I never knew the man's name. Years ago I attended graduate school in Ohio, a part of the country that has come to be called the rust belt, but the part of the state where my school was located was actually filled with farms. At the time I drove a wonderful car. It was a ’62 Chevy, a three twenty-seven. Boy, could that car move! I'd take it out on Sundays and drive through the cornfields at an excessive rate of speed. The speed limit on Route 90 in that part of Ohio was 80 miles an hour. Nobody seemed to mind if you exceeded the limit just a little. The land was flat, the roads were perfectly straight, and, after all, what were cars for?

But, every so often, a driver would need to get off the highway and slow down a bit. You might even encounter a red light. That happened to me on a certain Sunday morning. Forced to stop at a red light, though wishing to charge ahead with all the youthful enthusiasm and horsepower my wonderful machine could muster, I was a bit frustrated.

That's when I saw the bishop. Close to where I stopped was a church. A procession had
formed outside the building and was beginning to move. The bishop, according to ancient custom, came last. A family had stopped to watch this strange procession, a couple with two small children. They took a few tentative steps toward the church, then stopped. They may have wondered about the strange creature with cope and mitre who carried a stick. Why had he been dropped into their town? Had they never seen a bishop before? But the bishop saw them, and he did something unexpected. He did something guaranteed to increase the stomach acid of every priest and master of ceremonies anywhere. He left the procession, went over to this small group of people and began to talk to them. Meantime, the procession disappeared into the church, and, as the light changed, I caught sight of all five of them walking toward the church.

It was a very brief image; a showing of something spiritual. The great 14th Century mystic, Julian of Norwich, wrote a book called "Showings". She wrote about the brief glimpses of God's love that are available to us all.

Thirty-five years ago, that little scene didn't mean much to me. It was a brief event to be seen, then forgotten, but the image stayed with me. It has grown, and it has fed me. What was it that happened on that day? I like to believe that there were people, strangers perhaps, who were gathered into God's family; people whose hesitant steps had brought them to the doors of a church, and who needed only a moment of God's grace to enter in.

Above all, my brothers and sisters in Christ, share that love, that love that has been poured out to us freely and with an abundance of grace. Love God. Love your neighbors as yourself.

Let us pray: O Lord, in you we live and move and have our being; bless and prosper the Diocese of the Northeast and all who are here assembled; may your gospel, given with love to the spiritual growth of your people, be faithfully preached in all your churches, faithfully heard by the hearts of all your people, and faithfully lived out in the lives of all who profess the faith of Christ crucified; we ask this always in your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**DIOCESAN CALENDAR, 2009**
Revised January 18, 2009
Calendar will be updated monthly.

**January 19. 11:00 a.m.**
Board of Examining Chaplains Meeting.
Trinity/Rochester

**January 24. 10:00 a.m.**
Standing Committee Meeting. Palmer, MA

**January 31.** St. Mary's Deanery

**February 14. 11:00 a.m.**
Installation and Enthronement.
Trinity/Rochester

**March 5.6.**
Clerics. Graymoor, Garrison, NY.

**April 20-23.**
House of Bishops/Executive Council.
Montserrat Retreat Center, Dallas, TX.

**May 6-8.**
Couples Retreat.

**May 16. 10:00 a.m.**
Standing Committee, Palmer, MA

**June 15-20.**
Logos House Summer Program. Alfred, ME.

**June 18-20.**
Clerics. Alfred, Maine

**October 12-14.**
House of Bishops/Executive Council.
Estes Park, CO

**October 15-16.**
Diocesan Synod. Conway, NH.
[NOTE DATE CHANGE]

**December 3-4.**
Clerics. Location TBD

The DNE Standing Committee met on January 24, 2009 in Palmer, Massachusetts.

**Left to Right:** Fr. Owen Williams, Bishop George Langberg, Bishop Brian Marsh, Linea Shaver, Secretary, Kathy Lippman, Treasurer, and Fr. Michael Scelfani.
## PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EPISCOPAL VISITS FOR 2009

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**November 8.** St. Michael, Holderness, NH  
**November 29.** Holy Trinity, Fairfield, ME, Resurrection Mission, St. Stephen

**December 13.** St. Gabriel, Hartsdale, NY.

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A New Era Begins

The Church goes on, the diocese goes on, but bishops come and bishops go, and each new bishop brings fresh vision and renewed leadership to the people of God. On Saturday, February 14, 2009, our diocese gathered at Trinity Church in Rochester NH to celebrate just such a transition. Our much respected and much beloved Bishop Langberg was stepping down from his post as Bishop Ordinary, yielding his apostolic role to another, his Coadjutor, Bishop Brian Marsh.

The church was packed. This reporter hasn’t yet heard a number, but there was not an empty seat, though extra pews and folding chairs had been moved in, and there were many standing besides. Clergy from every part of the diocese and many guests (including Fr. Robert of St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic church in Manchester) were present, many of them vested and in the procession.

The new bishop knocked upon the door, asking admission, whereupon, with incense and candles and splendid vestments the acolytes, the choir, the clergy, and three bishops processed into the church, now designated Procathedral for the Diocese of the Northeast.

Since this diocese does not have an actual cathedral, every bishop selects one church to be the seat of his authority – called “cathedral” (or, in this case, when the designation is temporary, “procathedral”) because it is here that the “cathedra”, the “throne” or, actually, the official teaching chair, has been placed, symbolic of the bishop’s role. That is why this service is called an “enthronement, as he is formally brought to that chair, and there preaches God’s Word (see the text of Bishop Marsh’s address from the throne on the front page.)

Our new bishop, after his sermon, took his place at the Altar of God to lead us all into the celebration of the One Sacrifice once offered on Calvary, in which we, nonetheless, participate year after year and week after week. The Mass went on, the bread and the wine became His Body and Blood, and at the hands of our new bishop (assisted by two bishops and an archdeacon) we received the food of everlasting life.

The good people of Trinity had provided a wonderful repast to follow, in a parish hall crowded with those that had come. There was much good fellowship, much conversation with those we seldom see, good food, and a festive cake. It was certainly a day to remember.

Ad Multos Annos, to many years, Bishop Marsh!

 -----ed pacht
## Around the Diocese

**Concord, New Hampshire**

**ALL SAINTS**

The parish of All Saints is a place blessed by the Providence of God. Parishioners have prayed after every Holy Communion to “grow in holiness and in numbers.” The fruit of this prayer is the development of the new Arts Ministry which will be led by the internationally recognized opera performer, **Jane Cormier**, who heads The Lakes Region Opera Company. Jane approached Father Christian with a vision to “present Christ through the arts.” The Vestry heard the proposal and overwhelmingly agreed to sponsor and work at this new form of Evangelization. The Gospel of Jesus Christ will be spread through performance, music and the visual arts to the people of Concord and all of New Hampshire. It is based on the medieval foundation of the Church as sponsor of Performing and Visual Arts: uplifting the mind and heart through the genius of humans using their God-given-gifts.

![Nelson Ebo Tenor](image)

The inaugural event that will be sponsored by the parish is the presentation to the music world of **Nelson Ebo**, who is a refugee from the horror of African genocide. Nelson is on scholarship at the Hart Institute in Connecticut, honing his talent for singing. He won the **New Hampshire Opera Idol** this past Fall, sponsored by All Saints, outperforming contestants from around the nation. Nelson learned to sing in a Franciscan Monastery in Spain—a place he fled to after the murder of part of his family in Africa—listening to records and imitating the great performers who sang, for him, in a foreign tongue. His story of courage, and God’s Providence, is one that will set the tone for the Arts Ministry in presenting Christ in the Arts.

In April the Arts Ministry will present the musical **Shine** which was written by Jane Cormier, and is offered free to the people of New Hampshire. The musical is a beautiful performance in vignettes of the working of the Holy Angels among men. Not only drama and song, but the **New Hampshire Ballet Company** will perform. Father Owen Williams, Dean of Holy Spirit and the Pro-Cathedral, will construct the set and oversee the production aspect of the musical. Father Williams has a Master of Fine Arts degree from the prestigious **Cal Arts** in Southern California. The performance will be on April 19 at 3:00 PM at the Concord City Auditorium in Concord, New Hampshire.

On January 1, **Deacon Lawrence La Fleur**, passed into Eternal Life at the Veterans Home in Tilton, New Hampshire. Deacon La Fleur (93) and his wife, Jane, have been members of All Saints since moving into the parish in 2007. The Solemn Requiem filled the church with family, friends and clergy from around the Diocese. Bishop Marsh presided, Fr. Christian celebrated, and Fr. Williams and Fr. Fredrickson, Deans of Holy Spirit and St. Joseph, helped in the burial rites. He was buried with honors at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. Deacon Larry was a founder of St. Luke’s in Amherst, NH.

Father Christian, while being Rector of All Saints is also the Dean of St. Mary, hosted the clergy of his deanery on January 31 in Concord, NH. Bishop Marsh, who is part of the clergy of the deanery, also attended. The meeting started with Holy Mass and segued into a home cooked meal, and continued with a lively and fraternal discussion on the needs and mission of the deanery. Deanery meetings are planned for every quarter. Clergy have promised to attend as long as there is an ample amount of food and laughter: both are abundant in the Deanery of St. Mary!
Salem, NH
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The month of November is an important one for St. John’s. It is both the anniversary of the founding of the Church and, more recently, the anniversary of the installation of our Pastor, Dcn. Frank Bartlett. This year marked the fifth anniversary of the Church and the first anniversary of Dcn. Bartlett’s tenure at St. John’s.

While we strive to celebrate each year in a different way, this year these events were marked with a celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Following the Mass, dinner at a local restaurant was enjoyed by parish members. Dcn. Bartlett received a pen made of wood in the image of our American flag from the congregation in commemoration of his anniversary. The pen was hand fashioned by our own Eric Whitaker, Treasurer and acolyte/lay reader.

Our beautiful Christmas Eve service featured solo instrumental performances by both Scott Sykes, our organist, and Eric Whitaker that were enjoyed by parishioners and guests alike. Each year they surprise us with something new and different from prior Christmases that adds much to our joyous celebration.

During the last days of the year, Elinor Perkins, mother of Barbara Hargreaves and a St. John’s parishioner, returned to our Heavenly Father, “May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace”. Her Prayer Book burial service and interment were conducted by Dcn. Bartlett and the eulogy was given by Elinor’s nephew, “Fr. Joe”.

During January, Dcn. Bartlett had the honor of participating in the Solemn Requiem High Mass for Fr. Donald Farrell in Dudley MA and conducted a Prayer Book funeral for Fr. William McGinnis in Amherst NH. At the end of the month, he attended the first meeting of St. Mary’s Deanery with Bp. Marsh and Dean Christian Tutor in attendance.

Our Annual Meeting, at the home of Gail and Mike Dow in Windham NH, which was to be held on January 18 had to be postponed because of bad weather. Snow date was February 8.

Coming events include Bishop Marsh’s Installation and Enthronement on February 14 in which Dcn. Bartlett will participate as the Bishop’s Chaplain along with Dcn. David Moody. St. John’s Senior Warden Thomas Hargreaves and his wife Barbara received an individual written invitation and plan to attend, along with other parishioners.

On February 15 Archdeacon Alan Koller will make his second visit to St. John’s. He will be the preacher on that occasion and an informal get together will follow. We also look forward to an episcopal visit from Bp. Florence on April 26.

Holderness, NH
ST. MICHAEL’S

News from Fall 2007

The last year and a half has been one of turmoil and change at St. Michael’s. Through it all, however, we have survived and look forward to a bright future.

In the fall of 2007 our long-time pastor, Father Dean Steward, retired and moved to Ocala, Florida. We since heard from him that he’s busy down there organizing parishes. This should be of no surprise to those of you who know him.

Father John Szala took the reins in November agreeing to serve on an interim basis. We were most pleased to have him and his sermons were simply marvelous. However he encountered serious health problems and died in early December in Plymouth, New Hampshire. A funeral service was held at All Saints’ in Concord.

Suddenly we were without a priest. Fortunately two clergymen of the Diocese stepped forward and we were able to work out an arrangement whereby we could celebrate Holy Communion most Sundays with a Lay Reader filling in with Morning Prayer on the other Sundays. We are eternally grateful to Father Christian Tutor who had recently assumed duties at All Saints’ and Deacon Jeff Monroe from Holy Trinity in Fairfield, Maine for their efforts during the past year. Deacon Monroe was able during the year.
to help us nearly round out our set of vestments and church supplies using his special talents a horse trader with other parishes. We thank him for this as well as bringing his lovely wife Linda with him. Father Tutor’s insights and special brand of humor make his homilies a delight as well as instructive.

In early July we held our annual church social at the beautiful home of John and Ellen Bennett in Center Harbor. Bishop Marsh was able to attend and preach the following Sunday as well.

By the fall of 2008 it became apparent that more permanent arrangements needed to be made for clergy, and with a year at All Saints’ under his belt Father Tutor was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael’s. As Father Tutor has numerous other duties in the Diocese, we still have Morning Prayer one or two Sundays each month, but we are doing quite well. In addition we have teamed up with our landlords at Holderness Community Church for weekly Bible Study and in the local Food Pantry effort.

As we go forward we are optimistic about our future. As always we will have visitors during the summer tourist season and we are working on getting better known in the area to attract year-round members. Interestingly none of our members actually live in Holderness but we draw from a number of surrounding communities.

If you find yourself in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, please come visit us for Sunday services at 8:30 AM.

Huntington Station NY
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

It has been a difficult winter. Due to the inclement weather, church services were not held on several Sundays, as ice, snow, and the unplowed parking lot made it impossible to get into the building.

Father Joel had his 70th birthday this past October. Our church presented him with a framed picture of himself reading the Bible, and with a cake. He was very pleased. Later that day his daughter Denise and his son-in-law Ken had a surprise party for him with friends and family. They brought in a karaoke machine for him as he loves to sing and has a beautiful voice. There was a wonderful buffet with a lot of great food, after which he opened his gifts. Father Joel will never forget this birthday. A big thank you to Bonnie for keeping this a big secret.

Our new member Jean had a celebration after church for her birthday, on December 29, and she was very pleased. Jean is a wonderful addition to our small group.

International Anglican Fellowship
(from interview with Director Peter Thomas)

IAF is the international missionary arm of the Traditional Anglican Fellowship, and, as such, is currently supporting the work of the church in five areas of the world:

1. The Dakota Sioux under the ministry of Fr. Francis Apple.
2. Congo: under Fr. Stephen Ayule-Melange
3. India, under Archbishop Samuel Prakash
4. South Africa, under Bishop Michael Gill
5. Zambia: under Fr. Andrew Mukuyamba
6. Guatemala, under Bishop Ruben Rodriguez

Mr. Thomas expressed to me that it is a great privilege to be working with these men of God, all of them both pastors and humanitarians, and all of them working in areas that are dirt poor. Any and all contributions are thankfully welcomed. Donations can be made through your local church, or directly with checks made out to

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ALL SOULS MISSION

Ours is a house church. The small size of our mission, some dozen members, and the historical intimacy of the Marshall House (see themarshallhouse.org) make for a uniquely spiritual experience. In this setting we were delighted to welcome Bishop Brian Marsh and his charming wife, Ljuba, Saturday evening, February 7. We sat down to a sumptuous potluck dinner with good cheer abounding. Afterward the large old dining room was transformed into a chapel where we celebrated the mass. The bishop was assisted by our good vicar, Father Alan Koller.

Later we gathered in the library for dessert and godly conversation.

Since beginning some five years ago our members have looked forward to robust discussions of Christ’s teachings and the challenge of our personal lives as active Christians. With Bishop Marsh we shared our concerns about those who question the need for church, the importance of seeing Christ in others and, among many other topics, the healing nature of faith discovered in the early church.

One member speaks for all of us as he says that spiritual fellowship is the essence of our togetherness. Another declares that finding himself between our vicar, Father Alan Koller and our bishop, Brian Marsh, he “feels no evil.” For yet another our lusty singing and fervency of prayer comprise the soul of holiness. Our pianist prays being on a remarkable spiritual adventure. Our photographer told your writer that coming into our small gathering has revealed to him the grandeur of our Anglican faith. A quiet and thoughtful member absorbs and takes joy in the revelations of God’s love he finds here. A couple who winter in the south lament that life is too short to learn all there is to know about the boundless grace of our Savior and prod us to try harder. A young woman vocally rejoices.

Bishop Marsh reflected on what he sees as his vision for our diocese, and, with cheery humor shared his love for the wisdom and beauty of Anglican worship and prayer. Likewise, Fr. Koller inserted a number of historical insights into the conversation. We are fortunate to have him and his gracious wife, Barbara, who travel from Washingtonville nearly one hundred and forty miles away to care for us wisely and with sweet humor. Although we meet as a house church and we are currently few in number, it is a large old house that has room for many more who are seeking the Lord.

-----David Bullard

Portland Me
OLDE ST. PAUL’S

It’s been a busy fall and Holiday Season for us at Olde St. Paul’s, and January was even busier. We are happy to announce that, with Bishop Marsh’s approval and support, the parish, in its annual meeting on January 18th, elected the Rev. Samuel Moore Logan as its Rector. As many now know, Fr. Logan was with us for quite a few months as a parishioner before Fr. York took ill, and so was able to step in when the need arose. In order to take advantage of the stability, momentum and direction that he brought to the parish as priest-in-charge, the parish family felt unanimously that this was the right course for our parish church. With Fr. Logan’s able guidance and direction, and no longer having to concentrate on our need for a rector now that we have one, we are now able to concentrate on doing the Lord’s work both within and without the walls of Olde St. Paul’s.

In the same meeting, Allen A. Ryan was elected Sr. Warden, replacing David Brennan who guided us through some very tough seas in
his two years as senior warden. Al brings with
him a lot of experience, having served in two
other parishes in years past as senior warden.

Our Christmas Season was wonderfully
celebrated with an ever increasing parish family.
Our Mid-Night Mass was very well attended as we
celebrated the arrival of the Christ Child. A Sol-
lemn Sung Eucharist took place with Fr. Logan
as the cele-
brant, Fr. Prior Kevin
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as deacon and
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Master of Ceremonies and Server with Daniel
“Buck” Buckley as Thurifer and Alan Dennison
serving as Crucifer. Our wonderful choir, while
small, and under the able direction of Dr. John
Serrage, our organist, sang with gusto as they
led us through the music of the Mass along with
the wonderful Christmas hymns known to all.

Immediately preceding the Mass was the Fest-
vial of Lessons and
Carols, as well as
the blessing of
the Christmas
Crèche.

We have added
a third Mass to
our Sun-
day schedule which
makes for a very busy day; services begin on
Sunday mornings with Morning Prayer at 6:30,
followed by a Low Mass at 7:00 and at 8:00.
Several of our members are faithful at praying
the Holy Rosary at 9:15 in St. Joseph’s Chapel led
by the Rev. Brother Ignatius, OSB. At 10:00, a
sung Eucharist is celebrated and we are gratified
to see that our attendance for this service con-
tinues to grow.

If you find yourself in the Portland area over
a weekend, the church is located at 279 Congress
Street, right next door to the Roman Cathedral
at the foot of Munjoy Hill. Make sure you join
us for coffee hour after the 10:00 Mass; we like
to say, tongue-in-cheek, that unless you have a
coffee hour, you’re not Anglican. We love our
coffee and the goodies that wonderfully appear.

-----Allen A. Ryan

Amherst NH
ST. LUKE’S

We begin our report on a note of sadness in
the loss of two members of our parish who were
caring and involved members of our ministry
during the formative years at St. Luke’s Anglican
Church. May they enjoy peace and love in
God’s embrace.

On January 13, 2009,
St. Luke’s
Anglican
Church lost
a beloved
member of
our parish,
Fr. William
McGinnis.
Father
McGinnis
joined his beloved wife Kay in the reward of
Eternal Life, after undergoing cardiac surgery in
Boston during the Fall of 2008 and subsequent
complications during recovery in New Hamp-
shire at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester.
He was administered to by Deacon Frank Bart-
lett during his final hours.

A simple Prayer Book service, at Father’s
request, was conducted at St. Luke on January
15, 2009. An abbreviated Communion service
followed, as requested by his five children, four
of whom traveled from Texas, Arizona and
Colorado to be with him during his final days of
his earthly life. The Communion service was
celebrated by the Venerable Alan Koller, Arch-
deacon, representing Bishop Marsh, assisted by
Deacon Bartlett. Father McGinnis’ remains
were transported to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas to
be buried beside Kay.

Father McGinnis and Kay moved to New
Hampshire in mid-2000 expressly to become
members of the St Luke congregation and to be
near a daughter who lives in Warner. A short
time later Father Bill got involved in organizing
an Alpha program that was a great success.
Subsequently, Father Steward requested that
Father Bill take over the then experimental early
service he had started. Of course, Father Bill
answered the call, although he was retired. This
led to him to be the principal celebrant of the
8:30 AM services for almost two years, assisted
by Frank Bartlett (then Postulant) until he returned to Texas for a short time in 2004. Upon their return to St. Luke, Father Bill retired from parish duties, but joined the faculty of Logos House. His specialty was the training of candidates for the Diaconate in Pastoral Studies. Our own Deacon Bartlett was his first student. Father Bill was also very involved in the training of Deacon Bartlett in the art of preaching and served as his mentor.

Father McGinnis was rector of an ACA church in San Antonio, Texas before retiring to New Hampshire. He was a very simple priest, who didn’t like the “bells and smells.” His services were simple and sermons to the point. The ACA, and especially the St. Luke family, have lost a very good priest and friend.

We are also saddened by the passing of St. Luke’s first Deacon, Lawrence LaFleur, on January 1st. Deacon Larry, who was ordained to the deaconate in 1990, assisted Father Dean Steward at St. Luke’s first celebration of the Holy Eucharist on November 18, 1990. His funeral service was held at All Saints Anglican Church in Concord on January 8th.

On a happier note, the wedding of Carol Piwko and Steve Moore took place on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at St. Luke Anglican Church in Amherst with the Rev. Jeffrey Swayze officiating. Carol and Steve had met at St. Luke about 2 years prior to the wedding. Carol’s daughter, Jennifer, was her Matron of Honor and Steve’s brother, Russell, was his Best Man. Carol and Steve were surrounded by family and friends during the service and again at a bountiful buffet luncheon in the undercroft of the Church. Singing, dancing and lots of laughter were the order of the afternoon ceremony. We wish them many years of happiness and a warm welcome into the “family” at St. Luke.

In spite of the snow, ice, and bitter cold, the Service of Carols and Lessons, Holy Eucharist, and Christmas message from Father Swayze was celebrated. Our original soloist was stricken with laryngitis but a gentleman, Christ Otto, who was staying with friends in the neighborhood, had inquired if he could sing the service with the choir. As it turned out, he not only sang the Carols with the choir but he sang a solo, “O Holy Night. Our organist, John Leslie, went through the solo once with him. His voice was obviously well trained and we were moved by his rendition. Thank you to all who helped to make this Service special.

We are pleased to have Molly Horn of Franklin as St. Luke’s new Outreach Coordinator. Molly brings a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the task. At a December 7th parish outreach meeting, Molly introduced a variety of outreach activities for consideration. One of the first things she implemented was a Toys for Tots program in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve’s annual Toys for Tots program. The project was enthusiastically embraced by parish members. A canned food drive was also started and donated items will be donated to the N.H. Food Bank, the Salvation Army or the SHARE program in Amherst on a weekly basis. Molly and her committee are also working with local schools and recreation departments to identify other possible outreach programs to be considered. Also under consideration is an early summer roadside clean-up project.

The 11am Saturday morning Bible Study in the undercroft continues to thrive with good attendance and lively discussions. We are currently studying the Exodus, having recently completed Genesis. We welcome all parishioners and their guests to attend any and all Saturday discussions.

I wish to express my appreciation to Deacon Frank Bartlett and for Hospitality Coordinator Lillian Powers for their contributions to this report.

-----Gloria Zogopoulos

**Webster NY**  
**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

Our church building is a hive of activity. We’ve had Brownie meetings, SAT prep course classes, and scrapbooking classes, to name a few.

The men’s group has been extremely busy totally renovating the Sunday School areas. Their work is incredible and almost completed –
our heartfelt thanks to all these fine, hardworking men! They will soon be taking off their tool-
belts as they put on aprons to host a prelenten pancake breakfast.

Marjorie Osterhoudt does a marvelous job of creating each Sunday's bulletins. Every cover is
a unique and expressive rendition of a religious depiction of historical value and interest. Marjorie also creates a new parish directory yearly. Many, many thanks!

We thank our newest little gardener, Marguerite Bowen for doing a wonderful job of planting mums in our parking lot raised bed. She toiled so intently, with much joy, and a constant smile on her adorabe face.

Our marvelous Elsbeth Howland has graciously taught interested women of our church how to knit and crochet tiny hats for the newborns at one of our local hospitals – such a relaxing way to spend quiet time! As you stitch, you imagine the dear little ones who will go home with a sweet wee hat. Our heartfelt thanks to Elspeth.

Awhile back we welcomed newcomers Gerry and Paula Quesnell, a fine addition to our church and quite active. Paula is always willing to hostess on Sundays, and Gerry is an usher, and also a most impressive Reader with an incredible and expressive voice. He does whatever he can to help the church run smoothly. He even rings the church bell with great dignity. All summer they share flowers from their lovely gardens to grace our altar.

Another great family are the O'Neils, Jason and Allison, their son Aidan, and daughter Lucy. They quickly became very active and deeply involved members of Holy Cross.

Another newcomer, Rebecca Rowley, has joined the altar guild. She has only been on two weeks and is already a pro. Welcome to them all!

On behalf of so many and myself, I thank Kate and David Chamberlin for their many con-
tributions to Holy Cross. Kate was the Finest (with a capital F) Sunday School coordinator and teacher I've ever encountered. It was an honor and pleasure to be included on many oc-
casions with her class, always an enlightening and delightful experience. David truly lives the definition of helper – how wonderful and giving he is. We always learn a lot from Kate. Her program on 'Blind Awareness' was priceless and illuminating. Our love also to Peyton Grace, Kate's special companion. Kate is very patient with folks who can't resist petting Peyton while she is in harness. I also thank her for her great job writing for the last issue of NEA, even though she was so busy with the details of her second book being published. Thank you for everything, dear Chamberlin family!

Our utmost thank you and prayerful bless-
ings, with all our appreciation and love to Bill Birkett, our retiring treasurer, for the magnifi-
cent job he did for so many years.

Our beloved Stella Antes passed away in August. She was a pillar of our church and deeply active in every facet of Holy Cross. Enough said. If I praise her to the skies, Stella would admonish me from heaven; so I will simply say, 'Rest in peace, dearest Stella, you are loved and will be missed always.

-----Lynn Miller

Tuxedo NY
SAINT ELIZABETH'S

Greetings and prayers for a happy and healthy 2009 from all of us at St. Elizabeth’s.

The Christmas season at St. Elizabeth’s was filled with special activities and many lovely church services in our beautifully decorated chapel. We held our annual wreath and poinsettia sale in early December, and are always thankful for the volunteers who give of their time to help at the sale during this busy season. We delivered several lovely Christmas presents to the residents of nearby Rockland Psychiatric Center. The
gifts were donated by parishioners during our annual giving tree gift drive. We also sent treats and various needed essentials to our troops overseas, along with many delightful Christmas cards made by our Sunday School children. We pray these packages brought some joy to the dedicated men and women who are unselfishly serving our country in the military.

On December 23rd (snowstorm cancellation Dec. 21st) we gathered at St. Mary’s Villa (the former Hamilton family home) to enjoy the Sunday School Christmas pageant. Our hearts were warmed as we listened to the children’s recitations and saw their stage presentation of the Christmas story. Following the pageant, we all joined in singing some of our favorite carols and enjoyed light refreshments. The joy of Christ’s birth was celebrated at St. Elizabeth’s with a Christmas Eve carol service, Midnight Mass and a Christmas morning mass. We ushered in 2009 with a January classical music concert performed by the All Season’s Chamber Music Players. We extend our thanks to parishioners, David and Betty Quackenbush, who have generously supported this event for many years.

We held our annual congregation meeting and elections in January. Our congratulations and prayers for a fruitful year go out to our vestry members: Senior Warden - Rudy Sellitti, Junior Warden – Dorothy Schmidt, Secretary – Michael Collins, Treasurer – Harry Prokop, Vestry-at-Large members – Sue Van Wart, Linda Pallack and Sue Beattie. At the meeting, we began planning our church events, outreach projects and fund-raising activities for 2009. Please keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to better serve our Lord in our church, in our homes and in our community.

We are, once again, participating in our community’s annual Lenten ecumenical program. Each Wednesday during Lent, our five local churches take a turn in hosting their neighbors for an evening service and fellowship. In these days where we see so much division and controversy, even within the Christian community, it is wonderful to gather together in unity to worship and praise God, and share our faith with fellow Christians. Also during Lent, we will have a Friday evening parish meatless covered dish supper at nearby St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home, followed by a play, “The Story of Joseph”, presented by our Sunday School children.

The winter season has brought us several periods of very cold temperatures and plenty of snow and ice. Hence, we are all eagerly anticipating the joys of spring! We’re planning an Easter egg hunt for our neighborhood children. We look forward to joining in worship at several services during Holy Week, culminating with the joyous celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. In May, we will have our annual spring flower sale. Spring flowers – what a pleasant thought! Till then——we send our prayers and best wishes to all of you.

-----Ingrid Magar

**Cohoes NY**
**ST. ANDREW**

St. Andrew’s Anglican Church (Cohoes, NY) welcomed +Bishop Brian Marsh for his official episcopal visit on 08 February, 2009. Parishioner Connor Gallagher was installed as acolyte by +Bishop Marsh.

More Photos of the event are found on the St. Andrew's website:

www.standrewsaca.org

-----Fr. Bryon Koshgarian+

**Ed note:** From their website I note that their community involvement included the following:

**November 2008** Food Donation to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

**December 2008:**
- Stuffed Toys Donation to Equinox Youth Shelter.
- Food Donation to the Albany Housing Coalition’s Homeless Veterans Program, and Toys Donation to Toys For Tots.
ON THE WATERFRONT
Diocesan Maritime and Port Ministry

Chaplain Jeffrey Monroe, MM-Capt. USMM

This year has been fairly active since my appointment by Bishop Marsh as port and maritime chaplain in April of 2008. I have taken up the wonderful work started by the late Father York in the Port of Portland and of course in New England. The team of chaplains in New England consists of our own diocese, the United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church, Roman Catholic Church and the Baptists. The Chaplain Team is headed by Seafarer’s Friend, located in Boston, who do ship visits and minister to the needs of visiting seafarers. It is one of the most interesting and productive ministries and gives us a chance to distribute Bibles in several languages to many who visit our ports from Boston to Searsport.

This summer we blessed the high speed ferry the CAT which operates between Portland and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. We also blessed the tug Andrew McAllister which just joined the Portland Tug Fleet. Olde St. Paul’s, which is also the Maritime Church of the Diocese, played an essential role as a home parish to those who have no parish. Each year the St. Paul’s supplies palms for the ship’s visitors and hosts the annual Blessing of the Fleet and Maritime Day Memorial Service. Similar events will take place this year in May and August in Portland and we hope both Bishop Malone of the Roman Catholic Diocese and Bishop Marsh will attend. Last year, Bishop Langberg joined Bishop Malone and not only blessed the fleet but the aircraft at the Portland International Jetport’s annual air show.

Of significance was the National Association of Maritime Ministries meeting in Boston in August. We (the ACA) were asked to provide the keynote sermon at the inter-denominational service and it was an opportunity to address port chaplains nationwide and from Canada regarding these ministries. More significant however was the ability to bring forward to Secretary Chertoff’s Maritime Security Advisory Council the problems with terminal restrictions on port chaplain visits to ships. As a member of the committee, I was able to bring forward their concerns and the Committee passed a resolution directing the Coast Guard to insure that port chaplains have unrestricted access to vessels in port.

The ministries continue to those who have no home churches and those who because of their work cannot go to services on Sunday. The church comes to them and they come to us from all over the world. Unexpected deaths, lonely souls and those in need of help are looked after and I am glad that we continue in that wonderful fellowship with our fellow chaplains in expressing Christ’s love in faith to those who sail the seas and work on our waterfronts. Acta et Verba per Fidem

Raymond M E
OUR LADY OF SORROWS PRIORY

The news has been full of tragedies of late, extreme weather events and miracle plane crashes to name a few. People bond and band together in these trying times and come to people’s aid and almost always you will hear a chorus of “Thank you God” followed by "I never knew so many people cared about me.”

It is often so with those who get unexpected help, and it sometimes seems so for the animals in our care. Last week we received a new dog at the priory.

Stella is a 3 year old English Bulldog. She was born with her intestines and bladder outside her body, a hole in her heart, and "cherry eye". Her insides were sewn back inside (she still has a hernia) and she was placed in several homes, including a vet who returned her because she passed out twice. She cannot have any surgery
because of her heart, though she will need medication at some point to slow the fluid buildup in her lungs, which gives her a cough now. Stella has such a will to live and greets each day with joy and excitement, going for walks and car rides. She has a new forever home, and when she comes through the door and is greeted by the other dogs, the look on her face says "Thank you God, I didn’t know so many cared for me".

No one, human or animal, should go through this life having to wonder if they are cared about. It is chancy to reach out...and expensive...and takes our time...and interrupts our plans...and is not convenient...Christ said, "What you have done for the least of these you have done for me." What have you done for Christ lately? Take a chance...the rewards will be heavenly.

2008 Rest in peace, Lewis and Cindy (dogs), Matilda (65 year old donkey), and Lady (25 year old horse).

The daily round of work and prayer is always ongoing here at the priory. The demands of operating and maintaining a small farm with attendant animal rescue operation can many days find us offering our canonical prayers outside the monastic chapel. This is an acceptable and practical aspect of contemplative monastic living. Sr. Mary-Francis most mornings will be found reciting her morning prayers while feeding and turning out the larger animals for the day...and doing it all over again at eventide. Meantime she will be doing her daily round of outside work offering intercessory prayer as she goes. When time permits she will make her way to St. Oswald’s oratory to spend a few minutes with our Lord Jesus in the reserved Sacrament.

Fr. Kevin’s day is spent much the same way, except that his work takes him off the priory grounds to work for the local town public works department as a laborer. This winter Fr. Kevin has been privileged to serve as a supply priest to some of the parishes of the diocese in Maine and New Hampshire. He is grateful for the opportunity, as it allows him to serve the church outside the monastery, to meet many new friends, and to see old ones who attend these parish churches. He also has been assisting Deacon Monroe at Holy Trinity in Fairfield, whenever the good deacon would like to have a priest celebrate Mass there. Fr. LaMarre has long been a friend of the parish, so whenever he can go there, it’s always a sort of home-coming.

Over the past year St. Oswald’s Oratory has seen further improvements take place. The pews for our visitors, originally from the St. Joseph Chapel at St. Paul’s, Portland, were renovated and restored in the priory workshop. Also, a lectern was obtained and restored in memory of Fr. John Szala, a longtime friend of the priory. It has a special storage space for the large Bible, and Epistle and Gospel books used in our services.

Currently a beautiful cast-iron and oak communion rail is being constructed in the workshop, scheduled to be installed for Easter. It is based on some medieval monastic examples and will be a wonderful piece of liturgical art.

After many years, the Priory finally was able to obtain a small working set of Cistercian Monastic Psalters and Antiphonals that formerly belonged to a Trappistine Community. These volumes have been given a new lease on life and have been integrated into the monastic liturgy of the Priory. The attached photo shows Fr. Kevin reciting one of the daily offices from the Psalter.

As the hierarchy of the TAC goes forward in negotiations with the Holy See in Rome for intercommunion, we here at the priory are supporting this effort through intercessory prayer, sacrifice, and petition, joining with our RC Cistercian and Benedictine Brothers and Sisters in prayer that "we may all be one."

Ellsworth, ME
ST. THOMAS

Things continue to move forward at St. Thomas.

We are now combining Morning Prayer with Communion, including two additional lessons from Scripture. This allows our deacons, subdeacons and readers more chance to practice and participate.

Our weekly Bible studies after Sunday Communion have finally begun! (After several delays.) We are currently studying the Gospel of John with emphasis on the seven signs of Jesus (John 2:1-6:15).

Ed Hart, member of the Standing Committee, attended the regular Diocesan Standing Committee meeting in Palmer, MA on January 24, 2009.

We are hoping for an ambitious plan for at least three members of our parish to travel to the Sioux Reservation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota to deliver and distribute dozens of boxes of clothes that have been donated. National shipping companies do not ship there, and U.S. Postage is prohibitively expensive, so three of us may do the job ourselves. If anyone has any helpful suggestions, please email Kevin Kelly at kevinkbangor@aol.com.

Our candidates for ministry continue to move toward their goals. Ian Dunn has finished his studies for the diaconate and will be taking his canonical exams. Leroy Weed and Kevin Kelly are half-way through their studies for the diaconate, and Paul Henderson has had to delay his studies because of his work assignments. Ed Kalish has taken his written canonical exams for the diaconate and will be taking his oral exams in March.

Five members of our parish attended the installation of Bishop Marsh in Rochester, NH, including Ed and Linda Kalish, Kevin Kelly, Joyce Barr, and Ian Dunn. Father Henthorne was unable to attend due to tests requiring anaesthesia; his doctor prescribed no travel for a few days.

Construction on Route 1A where our church is located will make significant improvements by widening the road, but should not disrupt Sunday services on that day. There is a definite advantage of being on a U.S. route with high visibility.

-----Kevin Kelly

Rochester NH
Trinity Anglican Church

Greetings from Rochester New Hampshire.

Since the Advent edition of the Northeast Anglican, the Parish has been in its usual round of worship and Fellowship. Christmastide was a wonderful time for the Parish, having survived without too much damage the December Ice Storm. Our Epiphany Pageant and Annual Parish meeting were both postponed because of successive snow storms which made it difficult for most to get across town, much less up the hill. But finally we did have a clear Sunday at the end of January and so we packed all the postponed events into one.

In February, the parish was grateful for the honor of being chosen to be the Pro-Cathedral for the Diocese. And we were equally privileged to host the ceremonies welcoming our New Diocesan Bishop.
Canandaigua NY

Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

In November, several members of our congregation attended a Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at the Methodist Church in nearby Rushville. The service was sponsored by an Ecumenical association which includes our own Cottage City United Church, whose building we share. We were delighted to learn of this organization’s existence, and we will be exploring ways in which we can work together in our somewhat rural communities.

On Christmas Eve, we held a service of Lessons and Carols, written by Diane Jones, with narrations done by our youth: David Ayers, and Sam, Eli, and Nate Carlson; duets were sung by Cindy Ayers and Diane Jones (Adeste Fidelis with alternating verses in Latin and English), and by Diane and Cameron Jones (In the Bleak Midwinter), the congregation participating in heart and voice in this and the candlelight Mass following. Although we were joined on Christmas eve by two visitors who live nearby and had seen our ad in the local paper, our numbers have remained small, due in large part to some snowbird migration during the winter, and to the difficult weather conditions: extreme cold, ice and lots of snow, much earlier and longer-sustained than usual. We’ve had to cancel services on two Sundays.

In January, Wally attended the Standing Committee meeting in Palmer MA. He was fortunate to have good weather for traveling.

Wally and I just returned from a delightful and inspiring weekend in Rochester NH, for the installation and enthronement of Bishop Brian R. Marsh. Traveling anywhere in the Northeast in February usually means lots of snow, possibly some ice, gray skies, and treacherous driving, and a trip of some 900 miles round trip, by car, was not something we were looking forward to. But God smiled on us, and we saw brilliant sunny skies, clear roads, and not one drop of precipitation! The drive was long (over eight hours) but beautiful, with the recently falling snow accenting the trees, the fields, and the majestic mountains. We crossed into New Hampshire at nightfall, across the longest covered bridge in the US, and continued on to Rochester for our stay at the Governor’ Inn. Saturday dawned just as sunny, and the clear blue, almost cloudless skies, an almost perfect backdrop for the beautiful Trinity Anglican Church, an impressive stone structure, a perfect setting for an impressive event.

The ceremony was awe-inspiring. I will not recount here the details of the ceremony itself, as that is done elsewhere; rather, I give you my own impressions. It was an extraordinary event, and I was proud to be an Anglican; I was also proud to be married to the Chancellor, who read the Archbishop’s Mandate; and I was pleased to meet so many wonderful people, all part of our Anglican family. It was a treat to get acquainted with Bishop Marsh, with his immediate family, and with some of his extended family, and to discover in him an unassuming ordinary man in bishop’s clothing. So I think that his new title is appropriate!

The event was, at one and the same time, both medieval and modern, reminding us of the 16th century roots of the Anglican church. Wally told me that he kept thinking that Queen Elizabeth I would have been quite comfortable in viewing this service of change of command. It was bitter-sweet watching Bishop Langberg pass over the reigns of power to the new Bishop Ordinary. We wish Bishop Langberg and Betty every success as they begin a new chapter in their personal and spiritual lives, and in the life of the Anglican Church.

We also got a glimpse of the life of Trinity, Rochester. Learning how they built their church and have grown tremendously, and all the wonderful outreach that they do, has given me a sense of hope and excitement about the possibilities for Holy Redeemer. On Sunday morning, before starting our trip home, we attended Trinity’s service, and then we detoured to visit the 200-year old church, Trinity, Cornish. In the brilliant sunlight it was a glorious sight to behold, set far back from the road in a thick blanket of snow. We entered the seasonal church (which was colder inside than out!) and marveled at its simplicity and architectural features, and at the fact that this church remains open at all times. This time in daylight, we enjoyed again the long covered bridge. Our return trip was also perfect with regard to the weather, broken only by several stops at other covered bridges and country stores. Perhaps it was coincidence, but I believe that God smiled on all of us that weekend, especially on the Anglicans in the Northeast Diocese.

-----Diane S. Jones
Charlestown, NH
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Saturday before Thanksgiving found the parish assisting the Fall Mountain Food Shelf to distribute packages of food and frozen turkeys to shut-in and others in the Charlestown area. Aare Ilves and David Jennings assisted in this much-needed service. The parish also contributed funds towards the purchase of Thanksgiving dinners.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 23, 2008, Deacon David Moody participated with five other pastors of churches in Charleston and Unity, NH, in ecumenical Thanksgiving service at the Congregational Church. It was a grand opportunity to experience fellowship with other clergy and members of the community.

During Advent, members of the parish purchased and wrapped small gifts for the children of prisoners who live in southwestern New Hampshire. Incarcerated parents, through Project Angel Tree, are able to specify the general category of gift and a note that they would like to have attached to the gift. We then hand-delivered the gifts to the children’s caregiver the week before Christmas. Some of the children are living in very difficult situations, and it is a joy to be able to assure them that their absent parent still loves them. This is the second year that we have participated in this wonderful program.

In January, our sexton, David Jennings, decided that he would like to try living in another part of the country where it was warmer. We had a small celebration to commemorate David’s departure. His services as sexton, acolyte, and avid participant in our Wednesday Bible study sessions will be missed.

With David’s departure, the vestry decided to refurbish the apartment above our parish hall in anticipation of renting it to another person that might assist us as David had done. With the completion of this painting, the repainting of the entire church building will be complete. We also finished repairs to the slate roof of our building.

Of course the BIG event of the post Epiphany season was the installation of our rector as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the North East. Nearly the entire congregation car-pooled over to Rochester to witness this historic event. We are enormously proud of our bishop.

Our Bible study group has completed watching the 12 lectures by Dr. Timothy Luke Johnson on the letters of St. Paul. We are now taking up a study of Fr. Henry Nouwen’s The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality and Contemporary Ministry. This wonderful little book speaks to the benefits of silence, solitude, and unceasing prayer in the living a spiritual life and explores the teachings and advice of the desert Fathers. Finally, we look forward to celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a free pancake supper for the Charlestown community following Evening Prayer.

-----Deacon David Moody

Dudley M A
St. Columbia

January 7, 2009. Fr. Donald Farrell of St. Columbia’s, Dudley MA, died suddenly Christmas Day, having celebrated the Christmas Mass the night before, and having visited some of his people. Fr. Farrell often said that he wanted to die at the altar. Well, this was close to that. His Requiem was held in Dudley on Saturday, January 10, which (as I just noticed) would have been his birthday. May he rest in peace. Amen.

The Shepherd’s Mass for Fr. Farrell
by ed pacht

Behold the faithful shepherd, behold him lying vested for the rite that must be offered for him as he lies, as he sleeps the sleep of peace before the altar of the Lord, resting for the journey to the throne of God.

Behold the faithful shepherd, lying in the place where he desired to die, at the sacrificial altar where he often stood, and stood so very near the place to which his journey goes, at the place where that veil becomes so very thin, at which the offering once was offered at the crux of time, and oft is entered in this vale of tears, and oft was offered at the shepherd’s hands, and now for him by those who stand with Christ and reach beyond that veil, and at His Word and by His hands bring forth the Body and the precious Blood, for him, the shepherd lying there, and for the sheep that he has left behind.

Before the altar stood the shepherd with his flock, at one last Mass to celebrate the Saviour’s birth, and one last time he made his rounds and prayed,
and with their needs upon his heart lay down, and left this world, and there he lies.

But this sad Mass is filled with joy, for all the shepherd sought to know and see and touch, lies close before him, just beyond that veil, and he shall rise, and pray, and see His Face, and so, by faith, shall we.

Amen.

St. Columba’s is presently under the care of Fr. John Wesley Westcott III.

Mystic CT
St. Matthias

St Matthias opens doors for Shrove Tuesday
The church is the center point of the Olde Mistick Village shopping center. They designed the community to appear as a mid 1880’s European village. With the economic turn the streets that were once filled with shoppers has turned into a quiet respite place where one comes to feed the ducks and meander around. With the doors open and a sign welcoming those passing by to “come in and light a candle and say the Rosary” St. Matthias offers a place for rest, prayer and meditation two days a week. We have folks from all walks of life and religious backgrounds come in and visit. Greeting them and inviting them to sit and relax has offered a real comfort and even inspired some to stay for Mass that day.

To reach out further into the community the parish is offering a Shrove Tuesday Pancake lunch and the following day will offer the Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon. Bringing community together through Christ can even be done through the trying economic times by just opening the door and saying come on in.

-----Fr. Robert Frederickson, priest in charge.

Manchester CT
Ascension

Church of the Ascension launches Bell Campaign
On February 14th the Church of the Ascension in Manchester, CT launched a fundraising campaign seeking to raise money to install a “Church Bell”. The evening began with a five course meal that was prepared by “Chef Maria” a parishioner of the parish and a great cook. Following the meal a presentation was made regarding the “Bell Campaign”. Fr. Robert explained that once installed the bell will ring each day for those who gave a donation in memory of and/or in thanksgiving of a loved one. Also the bell will be used to call the community together for worship, the elevation of the elements, weddings and funerals. “We hope to use this as another way of letting the community know we are here” says, Fr. Robert, Rector of the parish. The evening concluded with the showing of the movie “Fireproof”. The dinner alone raised almost $700.00 but more importantly, it was a blessed way to bring couples together giving them a night out.

-----Fr. Robert Frederickson

IN THIS ISSUE

Here is evidence that the Diocese of the Northeast is alive and well. We’ve come through another year in times that are very trying, both spiritually and economically. In an orderly and God-blessed transition we have installed a new chief pastor, whose message to us is full of both hope and challenge. We continue to announce the Gospel of salvation, to teach the Catholic Faith, and to participate in the Holy sacraments. Our parishes, though sometimes struggling, continue to witness to Our Lord and to minister in his name. Many imaginative ways of sharing His love beyond our own doors appear in the parish reports you’ve just read. This editor believes that we have a great deal to be thankful for.

There are reports from most of our parishes here, though there are a few we didn’t hear from this time. Please, everyone, try to have something for our next issue. Descriptions of ordinary parish life, reports of special events, thanksgivings and prayer requests, and pictures, pictures, pictures, are much desired. You can send by email, or by regular mail or you can telephone me. If you aren’t comfortable preparing a completed report, let me have some idea of what’s going on, and I’ll write it up.

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NEWS NOTES

New Sharon M E, St. Stephen
St. Stephen’s is a small congregation meeting in a room of the Public Library, under the leadership of Fr. Glidden, assisted by their layreader John Frary. They maintain a food bank, open to all every Monday, and ready to make emergency deliveries at other times.

Ansonia C T, Resurrection
The parish began in the 20s in Fairfield, but lost its building in the process of leaving the Episcopal Church 13 years ago, eventually buying its present building. Bishop Florenza, whose pro-cathedral it is, came to our diocese with several of his parishes. The parish has a regular movie night for parish families, and is planning this spring to open the undercroft as a safe haven for teens, with various activities available.

The Deanery of St. Mary met on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the apartment of The Rev. Dean Christian Tutor. Fr. Tutor celebrated Mass in his chapel followed by a delicious lunch. Clergy agreed that they are indeed fortunate to have such a good cook as their dean. Lunch was followed by a time of fellowship and reflection about the goals of our deanery and our ministry. In attendance were Bishop Marsh, Fr. Tutor, Fr. Bolduc, and Deacons Bartlett, Bennett, and Moody.


The DNE Standing Committee met on January 24, 2009 in Palmer, Massachusetts.

Left to Right: Fr. Owen Williams, Bishop George Langberg, Bishop Brian Marsh, Linnea Shaver, Secretary, Kathy Lippman, Treasurer, and Fr. Michael Scafani.

From the Board of Examining Chaplains

After ordination, a Priest or a Deacon is presumed to know many things. How to officiate at the altar is but one, as visible as that ministry is to the congregation. But there are other things as well: parish calls, marriage counseling, how to handle conflicts within a parish, clergy ethics, how to run a vestry meeting – and other subjects in addition.

Many of these matters are not dealt with even in a seminary curriculum. There seems to be too little time combined with too much to cover.

The Logos House summer program is designed to meet this situation. We now ask that aspirants of whatever category – deacon candidates, postulants, men attempting to discern their vocation, me4n who have been ordained but feel the need for a refresher – plan to attend. For those in secular employment it may mean using some vacation time. For those in fulltime ministry, the vestry may be asked to allow (and pay for, if need be) time to participate. If finances are a problem, the Bishop Ordinary should be communicated with.

The week (as can be seen from the schedule printed elsewhere in this NEA) will include lectures, the devotional routine for the Daily Offices and Mass, and time for formal and informal discussion; the last two days will also include the summer Clericus. The Alfred campus of Notre Dame Institute offers a degree of privacy conducive to prayer and meditation plus study.

It is necessary to have some idea to know who is coming. Yes, if you are not heading for ordination, but simply interested in the subjects offered, you are welcome to sign up. Attendance does not commit either you or the diocese.

Another reminder – Embertide letters are due four times a year (March, June, September, December). These are to be sent directly to the Bishop Ordinary from each postulant and candidate. Keep a copy for your own records. This is a canonical requirement!

-------------Rev. Canon James H. Davis, SSC Board of Examining Chaplains
Two letters to God

a little story from Kate Chamberlin of Holy Cross, Webster NY, for those of us who find ourselves feeling overwhelmed and useless.

January 3,

Dear God,

May I come home now? It is winter here. Each time I try to shovel a path so the dog can go out, the drifts keep getting higher and higher. My life is like that. I keep shoveling, but I'm always snowed under.

As I was taking care of my terminally ill Mother, I couldn't put in enough substitute teaching time to meet the deadline for eligibility in the Teacher's Retirement Fund. She died. I will have no pension.

I chose to stay at home while my children were little. When the youngest one was in Kindergarten, I made my move back into teaching. I became blind. I had to give up my position.

Aside from being 6 units short of qualifying for Social Security benefits in a few years, how can I help pay off the Home Equity Loan we used to put the boys through college if I'm not employed?

My teenage daughter is in the reject the mother mode. It's more than I can bear.

And God, on top of all that, there are some pins in my NEC pin writer that don't work. Couldn't I come home now? I don't think there will be a spring for me this year.

Your daughter, Kate

January 4,

Dear God,

It's me again.

Last night an ear infection ruptured my daughter's ear drums. She clung to me. I held her close. I am so glad I could be there for her.

This morning, the librarian at the Public Library called to ask me if I would talk to the Book Jammers Club about being blind and using a guide dog. She'd even lined up a driver for me.

In the afternoon, my son popped in for a visit. He brought up the mail and read it to me. Organic Gardening Magazine sent a check for my article they published in their December issue.

On his way up to fix my pin writer, my son said, "Hey, Mom, did you know the Amaryllis has two blossom stalks poking through?"

OK, God, OK. I get the message.

This child of yours has a lot of work yet to do right here. Thanks, God.

Now, as soon as I find that shovel ...

Love, Kate

His Name is James

by Ed Pacht

February 4, 2009. Wednesday Noon Mass. Father James Davis, eighty years old with well over half a century in the holy priesthood, celebrated noonday Mass. I saw...

The old priest, 
robed in vesture of an age long past, 
stands before the timeless place of timeless sacrifice, 
preparing there to be the voice and hands of Him, 
whose life, and death, and rising, 
an unbroken moment fill, 
and join the broken, sullied earth 
to the blessedness above, 
in that one and true and everlasting Sacrifice of love. 
The old priest with his old hands 
reaches for the round bread, 
and, as he has so many times before, 
stands before the timeless place 
speaks old words ever new, 
his old voice in perfect union 
with the voice of Him who died, 
his old hands becoming those 
of Him who sits upon the throne, 
whose everlasting Voice now rends the veil of time, 
and breaks the border 
separating us from joys to come, 
and the old priest steps forth, and we with him walk on, 
and enter into that blest city of the everlasting King, 
and there is light, 
and there is light, 
and there is light. 
And, at those ancient hands we feast, 
and know the Lord, 
but soon the blessed time must end, 
the ancient hands must clean the plate and cup, 
and, leaning on his cane he leaves the place, 
and leaving knows that he shall come again, and again, 
until one day the light shall call, 
and, leaving nevermore that blessed place, 
the ancient priest shall be forever young, 
and so shall we.
Logos House -
2009 Summer Residential Program
For Holy Order Candidates:
June 14-19, 2009
Notre Dame Retreat Center,
Alfred, Maine
Registration Deadline is May 1, 2009
To Register or Further Information Contact:
Archdeacon Alan M. Koller
(845) 496-2804
akoller@frontiernet.net

Sunday
3:00 – 6:00 PM – Registration
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Dinner
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Evening Prayer
7:30 – 8:00 PM – Welcome by Bp Brian Marsh
8:00 – 9:00 PM – Fellowship Hour

Monday
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – Homiletics; Church Music
11:00-12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM – Rest
1:30 – 3:00 PM – Homiletics; Church Music
3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM – Homiletics; Church Music
5:00 – 5:30 PM – Break
5:30 – 6:00 PM – Evening Prayer
6:00 – 7:00 PM – Dinner
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mentoring Time
7:30 – 9:30 PM – Study and Preparation
9:30 – 9:45 PM – Compline

Tuesday
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – Homiletics; Church Music
11:00-12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM – Rest
1:30 – 3:00 PM – Homiletics; Church Music
3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM – Homiletics; Church Music
5:00 – 5:30 PM – Break
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**Clergy and Wives Retreat**

When: May 6-8, 2009
Where: Christ the King Spiritual Life Center; Greenwich, NY
Cost: $300 per couple. Some subsidies may be available by request to Bp. Marsh.
Convener: Archdeacon Alan Koller
Retreat Leader: To be determined

Schedule:

Wednesday
3:00 – 6:00 PM – arrival and check-in
6:00 – 7:00 PM – dinner
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Evening Prayer
7:30 – 9:30 PM – “ice-breakers” and fun evening

Thursday
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM - breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – morning program
11:00 – noon – Eucharist
12:00 – 1:00 PM – lunch
1:00 – 3:30 PM – afternoon program
3:30 – 4:30 PM – tea with the sisters of the Community of Saint Mary
4:30 – 5:30 PM – free time
5:30 – 6:00 PM – Evening Prayer
6:00 – 7:00 PM – candlelight dinner
7:00 – 9:30 PM – music and dancing

Friday
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 AM – closing program
10:00 – 11:00 AM – departure
Parishes and Missions
Connecticut

**Ansonia: Resurrection** - Sun 8 & 10am (6 Church St.) (203)734-6025
Bp. Rocco Florenza, Dcn. Daniel J. Griffin III

**Manchester: Ascension** - Sun 10:30am
(43 Spruce St.) (860)643-7674.
Fr. Robert Frederickson

**Mystic: St. Matthias** - Sun 10am
(at Old Mystic Village, Coogan Blvd.)
(860)643-7674 Fr. Robert Frederickson

Maine

**Ellsworth: St. Thomas** - Sun 10am
(373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)667-2001.
Fr. Granville Henthorne

**Fairfield: Holy Trinity** (Asa Bates Chapel,
Ten Lots Road, Center Fairfield) (207)799-5141
Dcn. Jeff Monroe.

**New Sharon: St. Stephen** Sun 10am (Library,
Rt. 2) (207)779-1108. Fr. Lewis Glidden

**Portland: St. Paul**
Sun 7, 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)
(207)828-2012. Fr. Samuel Logan

**Raymond: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory**
(4 Shaw Road) (207)655-4441
Rev. Prior Kevin LaMarre, OSB

**Rockland: Resurrection Mission** (in members’ homes) (207)244-9683. Fr. Frank Gray.

Massachusetts

**Belchertown** - Sun 10:30am (at Masonic Bldg.
1 Main St.) (413)737-0840, Fr. James Hurd

**Dudley: St. Columba** - Sun 10am
(at Nichols College Chapel) (860)779-3476.
Fr. John Wesley Westcott III

**Easthampton: St. George** - Sat 4pm
(at Trinity Lutheran, Clark St. & Rt. 141).
(413)737-0840 Fr. James Hurd

**New Hampshire**

**Amherst: St. Luke** - Sun 8 & 10am
(3 Limbo Lane) (603)672-5054
Fr. Jeffrey Swayne, Dcn Frank Bartlett

**Charlestown: Good Shepherd** - Sun 9am
(20 Summer St.) (413)552-1580.
Bishop Brian Marsh.
Dcn. David Moody & Arthur Bennett

**Concord: All Saints** - Sun 1pm
(at Concordia Lutheran, 211 North Main)
(603)545-9079 Fr. Christian Tutor OSA.

**Conway: St. Margaret of Scotland** - Sun 9:30am
(85 Pleasant St.) (603)447-2404
Fr. Michael Scifani

**Cornish: Trinity** - Sun 11am (summer at
833 Rt. 12A, winter at Grange Hall, Plainfield)
(413)552-1580.
Bp. Brian Marsh, Dcn. David Moody

**Holderness: St. Michael** - Sun 8:15am
(at Community Church, Rte. 3)
(603)545-9079 Fr. Christian Tutor OSA.

**Rochester: Trinity** - Sun 8 & 9:30am
(180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121
Fr. Owen Williams

**Salem: St. John the Evangelist** - Sun. 1:30
Winter/4:30 Summer (at Tenney Methodist) 290
Main St, (603)898-7611. Dcn Frank Bartlett

New York

**Brooklyn: St. Joseph** - Sun 11am
(123-131 Arlington Avenue)
Fr. Carlton C. Clarke (914)629-1616

**Canandaigua: Holy Redeemer** - Sun 10am
(4575 Rte 364 - East Lake Road). (585)334-3512
Fr. James Ayers.

**Cohoes: St. Andrew** - Sunday 10am
583 Boght Road (at Reformed Church)
(518) 253-2291, Fr. Bryon Koshgarian

**Elmshurst (Queens): St. Augustine**
Fr. Neville Braithwaite (718)756-1258

**Hartsdale: St. Gabriel** - Sunday 8:30am
130 North Central Ave. (at St. Paul’s UMC)
Fr. Carlton C. Clarke (914)629-1616

**Huntington Station: Good Shepherd** - Sun 10am
(VFW Hall, 210 West Pulaski Road)

**Liverpool: St. Mary the Virgin** - Sun 8 & 10
Wetzel and Morgan Roads (315)652-3538
Canon Nelson Skinner

**Schuylerville: All Souls** - Sun 10am
136 Rt. 4 North (Marshall House)
(834)496-2804 Fr. Alan Koller

**Tuxedo: St. Elizabeth** - Sun 10am
(38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley) (845)753-6407.
Bp. George Langberg.
Fr. Robert Ley, Fr. Alan Koller

**Webster: Holy Cross** - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road) (585)467-6029
Fr. David Ambuske

West Winfield: St. Lucy (10265 US Rte 20)
(315)822-3952. Dcn. Richard Dibble

Vermont

**Poulteny: St. David** - 1st Sundays 9.30am
(at the Senior Center) (802)645-1962
Fr. Alexander Stringer.
**Clergy Anniversaries**

My list is woefully incomplete and probably inaccurate. Please help me get it right.

**March**
- 01 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, D 1997
- 10 - Fr. David Ambuske, birthday
- 11 - Dcn Frank Bartlett, D 2006
- 13 - Fr. Jeff Swayze, birthday
- 24 - Fr. Granville Henthorne, P 1956

**April**
- 03 - Bro Dcn Ignatius OSB. birthday
- 23 - Fr. Robert Ley, D 1994

**May**
- 17 - Fr. Robert Ley, P 1998
- 30 - Fr. Neville Braithwaite, birthday

**Next Issue in June**

Deadline for submissions will be around May 15.

Projected regular deadlines will be the 15th day of Feb, May, Aug, & Nov

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