ASCENSIONTIDE MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you read the recent statistics about religion? Religious statistics are published at a very frequent basis, certainly, but one really caught my eye recently. Statistically, it seems that, here in the Northeast, fewer people say that religion is of great importance to them than in any other part of the country. Typically, though, statistics do not tell the whole story. If you attend any of our churches - and I do so on a regular basis - you will find warm and loving congregations, a commitment to Jesus Christ and a genuine desire to build God’s kingdom. People here love God’s church. And it is, we must remind ourselves, HIS church.

There were no statisticians in First Century Judea. There was likely no need. But if there had been, how would they have looked at the religious situation? Well, they might have concluded: we have an active state religion; the emperor fulfills his devotions to the gods; there are a fair number of Jews centered around Jerusalem. But Christians? Who are they? Christians would not even have been counted. Talk about an unchurched region!

It is not in statistics that we find the truth of the gospel; it is in our hearts and our minds as we draw close to God. The gospel message reaches us in places where statistics cannot travel. Maybe because the gospel is precise in a way that the most accurate statistics can never be. The gospel opens us up to the truth of God working in the world.

On Ascension Day, I had coffee with one of our postulants. We discussed a wide variety of topics: his prayer life, his recent travels throughout the diocese and his eagerness to begin his theological
studies. At one point, he said: "it amazes me that the gospel message always seems appropriate. No matter where I am, it always seems to be perfect. That can't be accidental." It is not accidental, I agreed; the gospel reaches us where we are. Precisely.

Later that day, we returned to the diocesan office in Belchertown. We said evening prayer in the small oratory at 1 Main Street. And there it was! This passage: "For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins." It was another reminder of the perfect accidents in which we see the quiet workings of God. How strangely wonderful that the "good news" of this particular day concerned the holy priesthood to which this man had offered himself.

During the past several months, the work of our diocese has continued to expand. Your bishop has been very busy. It has been my great joy to visit parishes throughout the Northeast. This month, I will visit the farthest reaches of our diocese. I visited St. Thomas in Ellsworth, Maine on May 10. As I told the members of that congregation, it is the last time I will schedule such a visit when lobster is not in season. At the end of the month, I will visit Holy Redeemer in Canandaigua and Holy Cross in Webster, NY.

It has been my honor to ordain another deacon for our church. The Rev. Mr. William Edwin ("Ed") Kalish was ordained to the diaconate on May 10 in Ellsworth, Maine. I look forward to ordaining Herby Rodney to the diaconate at a later time.

Godly men continue to offer themselves in service to God's holy church. Our new postulants are: Ian Dunn, David Brennan, Julius Powell, Michael Cupoli and Jon Peffer.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Northeast Anglican there will no doubt be news of the upcoming Logos House Summer Program. Much prayer and effort has gone into the creation of this program, which is shaping up to be an excellent training program for clergy. Special thanks is due to Archdeacon Koller his administrative skill as registrar. Please keep us all in your prayers as we begin this new Logos House program.

Finally, let us remember to be available to the gospel - and to each other - during Ascensiontide. Jesus has ascended; he is no longer physically present with us. And yet, He has left us with extraordinary gifts: his gospel, the witness of his life, His sacrifice on the cross, His abiding love. We have been given these gifts to use, to help us understand - just a little - the enormous love that God has for us. Time to put this to use. Love God. Love each other. Build His church.

Your brother in Christ,
+Brian

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**DIACESAN CALENDAR, 2009**

*Calendar will be updated monthly.*

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

**June 19-20.**
Clericus. Alfred, Maine

**August 23-29**
Youth camp will be held
New England Keswick, Monterey, MA,

**September 1-3**
Executive Council and House of Bishops, Estes Park, CO

**October 15-16.**
Diocesan Synod. Conway, NH.

[NOTE DATE CHANGE]

**December 3-4.**
Clericus. Location TBD
ed note I’m sure we’ve all heard much of the campaign to redefine marriage to include the union of two persons of the same sex. Massachusetts has already enacted such a thing and other states within our diocese are on the edge of doing the same. Our House of Bishops recently submitted this statement to the legislature of Maine: >>

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO
LD 1020, AN ACT
TO END DISCRIMINATION IN CIVIL MARRIAGE AND AFFIRM RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
Presented to the Joint Standing Committee
on Judiciary
Maine State Legislature
Hon. Lawrence Bliss, Senate Chair
Hon. Charles R. Priest, House Chair

CHAIRMAN BLISS, CHAIRMAN PRIEST and members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, State of Maine. The House of Bishops of the Anglican Church in America would like to present this testimony in opposition to LD 1020 now before this committee.

Since the beginning of human history, marriage has been the institutional building block of society. And since the beginning of human history, marriage has been between a man and a woman, male and female. The Book of Genesis testifies to this for Christians and Jews. Aristotle (ca. 350 BC) adds his own secular testimony. “The dual purpose of marriage is unitive and procreative. It provides a structure for raising children. The political state will not be healthy without health citizens, and healthy citizens come from healthy families, comprised of mother, father and child(ren).”

Our Creator made us male and female, with the result that the physical union in marriage is a reality. Male and female really unite in a way that is impossible for members of the same sex, and that union is open to the possibility of procreation in a way that no “same-sex union” could possibly be.

Romantic “love,” we agree, is not the concern of the state. But the crux of the issue is whether marriage serves society and conforms to the will of our Creator. Gay unions cannot do this because they cannot produce good citizens, and refuse to conform to the way in which human beings were created by God.

There is an order to all things; there is a natural law—a law of reason, received from our Creator. Through this law man can comprehend his ultimate end, and the way he must live to fulfill it. God will not be mocked. To disdain his law is inevitably to invite disaster, both personal and social.

While the Anglican Church in America, part of the worldwide Traditional Anglican Communion does not support discrimination in any fashion against any human being and upholds the dignity of all, neither do we believe that the state has any right to change the definition of a sacramental gift from our Creator.

Presented and approved by the House of Bishops, Anglican Church in America, meeting in session, April 21, 2009.
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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:
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ed note As of the publication date, the registration deadline has passed, and the sessions may have begun by the time you read this. Ask Archdeacon Koller if there are any questions.
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Notes from the Secretary

Greetings from your secretary. I have some exciting news – I’ve retired and my husband and I will be returning to our home in Tuxedo, NY in early June!

My address and phone number will be changing to: 544 Eagle Valley Road, Tuxedo, NY 10987 - (845) 753-2024 My email address, linntwin1@juno.com, will not change.

As many of you know, we moved to Ohio in 2002 because of a job relocation. We intended to be here for two or three years but it’s been nearly seven! I continued on as DNE secretary but I’m certainly looking forward to our return. Standing Committee meetings will be a much easier commute!

Our years here have been happy ones and God blessed us in many ways. Most notably, we’ve made many wonderful new friends and the timing of a “downsizing package” coincided with my retirement plans very well. We’ve taken advantage of opportunities to see and do things that we most likely never would have done had we not been living here. And our church family at Trinity REC in Mason, OH will always hold a special place in our hearts.

There are a few important diocesan items that I bring to your attention.

The summer youth camp will be held at New England Keswick, Monterey, MA, August 23-29. Contact Deacon Rich Dibble for more information (diakonio@windstream.net or by phone at (315) 725-3745)

The Diocesan Synod will be hosted by St. Margaret of Scotland, Conway, NH, October 15-17. More information is forthcoming once plans are finalized.

--------Peace, Linnea Shaver, Secretary, DNE

ACA National Church Support

About three years ago, an article was published in the NEA on National Church support in an effort to help people understand the funding of the National Church and how the money that parishes contribute is spent. With many new parishes, priests and laity in the diocese, I thought it would be a good idea to once again include such an article for your information.

The National Church operates on a lean budget which is actually less than some parish budgets. A balanced budget is achieved by spending only funds that are collected in the previous year. For example, the 2008 budget was determined based on funds received in 2007; funds received in 2008 are the only funds that may be spent in 2009, and so on.

The ACA budget has four expense categories:

1. The first covers travel and office expenses associated with the responsibilities of the President of the House of Bishops. Approximately 22% of the 2008 budget supported expenses in this area. Funds from the travel fund were also used to assist Bishops Rodriguez and Garcia (Diocese of Central America and Puerto Rico, respectively), and their Diocesan delegates, with travel expenses for attending the two Executive Council meetings during the year.

2. The second category is the tithe to the Traditional Anglican Communion, our worldwide counterpart, and accounted for about 8% of the 2008 budget.

3. Missions, Outreach and Youth programs fall into the third category. Approximately 34% of the 2008 budget supported these efforts.

4. The fourth area, Operations, includes funds used to support publications that communicate news and information about the ACA and the larger Traditional Anglican Communion throughout the world. Additionally, operational funds may support such areas as special committees and projects, ecumenical activity, special travel, and interpreters (e.g., Spanish language). About 36% of the 2008 budget was designated for this purpose.

The ACA National Church budget is funded by contributions from each Diocese. Parish contributions to the Diocese in support of the National Church are important to the financial health of the Diocese, since the Diocese must

I am still missing many 2008 annual parochial reports. This information is past due and is needed by me in order to comply with the National Church Diocesan reporting requirements. Please send immediately if you haven’t already done so. Reports can be filed electronically (linntwin1@juno.com) or submitted by mail (to my new address if not in my hands by June 1). See related article about National Church support in this issue.
make up the difference between the calculated obligation and what it actually receives.

The total number of voting communicants as reported on the annual Diocesan report to the ACA determines the amount of the Diocesan obligation. This figure is taken directly from the individual reports submitted by each parish annually to the Diocesan Secretary. Thus, the number reported by each parish should accurately reflect the actual number of voting communicants in the parish. In 2005 delegates to the ACA National Synod in Portland, Maine approved a tithe of $30 per Voting Communicant to fund the National Church. Each parish within the Diocese should contribute this amount based on membership figures as reported on their annual parochial report. Some parishes incorporate this amount as a line item in their annual budget. Designated specific offerings or income generated from fund-raisers are sometimes used to help with this portion of a parish budget.

Ideally, each one of us should personally contribute to our respective parish annually to fund this commitment. $30 per year translates into less than 60¢ per week, or only $2.50 per month. Try placing a special “tithe box” in your home and adding loose change each day – before you know it you’ll have collected your share of the parish national support tithe.

I hope this information gives you a better understanding of how your contributions to the National Church are used, how little the amount per person is when broken down over a period of time, and that it helps to reinforce the importance of fulfilling obligations to support both your Diocese and your National Church, the Anglican Church in America.

----- Linnea Shaver

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**BISHOP LANGBERG**

**June 14.** St. David, Poulteny, VT

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**Youth Camp**

Camp will be held August 23-29, Sunday Evening through Saturday, at New England Keswick, Monterey, MA, nestled in the beautiful Berkshires.

The theme will be “The Great Commission. The charge will be $200/camper. Watch the diocesan website for more detailed information.
Around the Diocese

Poultney VT
St. David's

Our congregation is small. We are grateful to have our services at the Poultney Senior Center, on the first Sunday of each month, followed there by a congenial coffee hour.

We had our Christmas celebration the last Sunday in Advent, Ash Wednesday service the first Sunday in March, Palm Sunday in April, followed with Easter serv immersive the next week. Special consideration was given to us for that service at the Center.

We are most blessed with the leadership and guidance of our Fr. Alex Stringer and the togetherness he has brought to us all. I do so enjoy the newsletters he sends to us every month, keeping us informed on current happenings. Thank you and God be with you, Fr. Alex.

We have a number of items we no longer have need of and are offering them to any group who could put them to good use.

Old and elaborate brass lectern
Altar cross - no corpus -
24" ornamental iron
2 candlesticks to match cross, 15", for oil-filled candles
Sanctuary gong, 10" diameter

If anyone is interested: "If you want it, come and get it" basis, please call Father Alex Stringer at 802-645-1962.

---------Carolyn Grant

Schuylerville NY
All Souls Anglican Mission,

Easter, of course, was our high point since the last you read of us in this fine periodical. Father Alan Koller's sermon on the significance of the day was essential listening, a humdinger. Hilary Tann (David Bullard's wife) being an accomplished musician, accompanied our loud singing with triumphant chords on the old Steinway square grand. There was electricity in the air that grand day.

Mass was followed, after an interval of polite restraint, by a sumptuous luncheon featuring baked cold Alaska salmon, salads and desserts, not all found on the government's approved list of foods.

Being a member of All Souls sharpens one's appetite.

Now we are looking forward to Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion at noon, mission barbecue at one-thirty, evening prayer at three o'clock followed by a concert of sacred music and songs performed by the admirable Adirondack Baroque Consort. Our hymns during evening prayer will be accompanied by the Consort. The Consort is comprised of eight members playing upon late medieval and renaissance instruments including a psalterie (look it up). We are inviting the public to be with us for this event. If, dear readers, your travels take you Schuyler way that day way please join us. Warning: we are short of chairs, BYO).

---------David Bullard

Celebrate Evensong With The Adirondack Baroque Consort

Sunday - June 7 - 3 pm
All Souls Mission
The Historic Marshall House
116 North Route 4, Schuylerville, NY - Phone 666-6630
Everyone invited - Drinks & Snacks - Rotating winds served
Huntington Station NY
Anglican Church of the
Good Shepherd

We were able to make use of the VFW Hall this Easter. The members of the hall were not selling flowers this year. It was such a nice service. Fr. Joel gave a beautiful sermon. Although we do not have musical accompaniment, we were a hearty group. The remembrance of our Lord’s rising played out in our voices.

Bob Bartels had a bad accident. He broke his hip and is in rehabilitation. He is recovering rapidly. Bob is missed, along with his friend and new member of the church, Jean.

In April we were able to hold a vestry meeting, which we were in dire need of for a long time.

---------- Arlene C. Block

Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

Greetings and Happy Easter! From St. Margaret’s in Conway, N.H.!

This Spring has seen some changes taking place in the parish which we would like to share with the good readers of the Northeast Anglican.

First, is a bit of sad news to report…that being the departure of our rector, Fr. Michael Sclafani from St. Margaret’s. Earlier this spring, Fr. Michael accepted a call to be the rector of St. Mary’s Anglican Church in Fresno, Calif. Fr. Michael did not have much time to prepare for his departure as the people of St. Mary’s wanted their new priest in place by Holy Week, which meant that he had to make arrangements to close out his duties at St. Margaret’s, pack up some belongings and head right out to California! On Saturday, March 25th, a celebration of Fr. Michael’s ministry was held at the newly-designated Diocesan Pro-Cathedral, Trinity Anglican Church, in Rochester, New Hampshire. The mass and ensuing celebration was a wonderful testimony to Father, as the diocese was represented by many of its clergy, and the church packed with laity from all over. Fr. Michael celebrated his final mass at St. Margaret’s the very next day Sunday, March 29th.

While Fr. Michael is getting settled into his new responsibilities, his family, Peppy and Andrew stayed behind in Conway, so that Andrew could finish out his term in school, and in June will move out to Fresno to join Fr. Michael.

We wish Fr. Michael, Peppy, and Andrew all the best as they begin their new life in California in service to St. Mary’s Parish.

Our new interim priest is the Rev. Prior Kevin L. LaMarre, OSB, a monk of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory in Raymond, Maine. Fr. LaMarre, who is the Prior of the diocese’s little Benedictine community has also been serving as diocesan supply priest for some years now, as well as assisting at St. Paul’s in Portland, Maine. Fr. LaMarre’s assignment to St. Margaret’s was approved by the Vestry, and he began his term as our interim priest on April 1st and will remain on board until a new rector is called and chosen. Fr. LaMarre knows St. Margaret’s well, as he was a layman representative from St. Paul’s when St. Margaret’s was consecrated by the late Bishop Chamberlain, and later, in October 1993, Fr. LaMarre made his final profession of vows (along with Br. Ignatius, OSB) when the Servants of the Holy Family Benedictine Community was given official recognition and blessing by Bishop Chamberlain. Fr. LaMarre is grateful for the opportunity and privilege to serve St. Margaret’s during this time of discernment and searching, and hopes that by bringing “a little bit of the monastic spirit” to St. Margaret’s, his term with us will be a most fruitful one.

Holy week at St. Margaret’s was observed with the Maundy Thursday Service…followed by the stripping of the altar as the Reserved Sacrament was taken out of the church and placed in repose in the chapel during the Triduum period. Good Friday was observed with the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified followed by the
Stations of the Cross and a meditation on the Passion given by Fr. LaMarre. Easter Day arrived with great joy here as we rejoiced in the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ with the joyous Mass of the Resurrection and the area around the altar bedecked with beautiful flowers. Thanks go out to all who helped in decorating the church for this most sacred of Days!

Bishop Brian Marsh made his annual Episcopal visit to St. Margaret’s on Low Sunday, April 18th. Bishop Marsh was accompanied by Fr. Dean Owen Williams of Trinity Church in Rochester, N.H. Fr. Williams is Rector at Trinity and also serves as Dean of the Pro-Cathedral and also oversees the deanery of which this parish is a part.

Something new at St. Margaret’s is the introduction of First Friday Mass with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Every first Friday of the month, a mass will be celebrated (at 6:30 p.m.) followed by the exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity for the parish to gather in community to offer prayer and ask for Divine guidance during this time of discernment and searching. Also, in June Fr. LaMarre will conduct a parish retreat which will also be of great benefit to all who wish to attend. Fr. LaMarre has served as a retreat master many times under the auspices of the Benedictine community, so to have a parish retreat will be a special event.

Rebecca Harrington has recently instituted the publication and mailing out of a monthly Parish Newsletter, which should greatly help to keep everyone connected in the news of the parish, and is also a great way to introduce members, both new and old to one another.

We at St. Margaret’s are looking forward to being your Host Parish at the 2009 Synod here in North Conway, N.H. As most of you know, we were able to book one of the larger hotels in the area which will accommodate all of our needs for Synod.

Although Fr. Michael Sclafani has re-located to his new cure in California and is no longer our rector, his vision to host this meeting is very much alive! Please remember we welcome the “youth & children of the Diocese”. Depending on the number of young people that plan on joining us, we will make specific arrangements for them which will include Sunday School projects and “fun things to do”! Parents will be able to attend the Synod business meetings knowing that the youth are in good hands. If you have immediate questions or want additional information please do not hesitate to contact Loretta Steward at (603) - 447-3165.

We are sad to report the passing of parishioner Donald Shore recently, and ask you to pray for the peaceful repose of his soul and for the grace of comfort to his widow Fran… RIP +

Please also remember in your prayers, George Johnson and Helen Bray who are recovering from illnesses.

That is all for now from St. Margaret of Scotland Parish up in beautiful Conway, New Hampshire. If you are in North Conway enjoying all of it’s amenities, please be sure to join us at Sunday Mass which starts at 9:30 a.m.

We’d love to see you!

-----Loretta Steward / Fr. LaMarre +

Concord NH
All Saints

The inauguration of the New Arts Ministry of All Saints in Concord, New Hampshire was a roaring success! The beautiful concert given by Nelson Ebo showcased the talented and rising young tenor, as a man of great humility and God-centered life. He impressed the audience at the Concord City Auditorium with classical pieces both operatic and spiritual. Joining him on stage was the Arts Ministry Director, Jane Cormier, who is a recognized internationally
a powerful talk on a wide variety of topics. Many thanks to every one who offered us this educational, inspirational, and spiritual gift.

Easter morning - a glorious morning of celebration - Christ has Risen! The church adorned with lovely Easter lilies - candles everywhere - pews filled with out church families - the children coming up one by one to decorate a cross with fresh flowers by the altar rail - magnificent music played by our wonderful organist Steve Donohue - such a meaningful and moving morning for all!

Spring has finally spring in this corner of the world. A large crabtree on the side of the church is on magnificent bloom, and we've had lovely lilacs on the altar from a huge shrub on another side of the church. Spring is a time of renewal and, as always, we pray for our church family members who are ill, for a renewal of health. We rejoice that Dawn Wurzer has recovered from serious illness. Storming Heaven with prayers can truly work miracles. We are thankful that Claire Remington is mending after surgery. It's been a very long siege for our beloved Harry Howland - please keep him in prayer.

The totally refurbished and rebuilt Sunday School Room is almost completed. What a transformation! Heartfelt thanks to the fine, dedicated, and hardworking group of men who toiled so hard on this project. An extra special than you to Bill Wurzer for his caring, expertise, and loads and loads of loving labor.

The women of the church just held the ever-popular annual English Tea. As always it was a tremendous success. Delicious varieties of dainty tea sandwiches, tantalizing desserts, scones, various brewed specialty teas, and other tasty treats, on tables decorated with lace and exquisite china. A most lovely and refined way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon.

We are looking forward to Bishop Marsh visiting our church on Sunday, May 31. Kate and David Chamberlin will graciously be hosting Bishop Marsh in their home that weekend. Some newer members of our church have not yet met him, so it is an exciting time for everyone.

-----------Lynn Miller

Amherst NH
St. Luke's

Now that the cold weather appears to be behind us, we can all enjoy the bountifulness of God's warmer months! Happy spring and summer to all!

March brought a special event to St. Luke's. We were joined by Bishop Marsh on March 8th, who celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. Following the service, Bishop Marsh made a special presentation to Cynthia Kilian. In 2007, the ACA Diocese of the Northeast authorized the creation of the Walter D. Kilian medal to commemorate his dedicated work on behalf of the Anglican Communion. The medals are cast in silver and are numbered editions. Cynthia was presented with medal #1.

After the presentation, a delicious pot luck luncheon was enjoyed by all and Bishop Marsh spoke about the future of the Anglican Communion and answered questions from the parishioners.

During Lent parishioners were able to attend an additional Holy Eucharist on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Services were also held on Maundy Thursday, which included the traditional washing of the feet and stripping of the altar. Communion was available at Good Friday services. Easter Sunday was a glorious celebration of the Resurrection and the church was resplendent with Easter Lilies donated by many church members in memory of family members and loved ones.

On March 29th, St. Luke's held its eighteenth annual meeting. Reports, followed by discussion, were submitted by St. Luke’s Rector, Father Swayze, the Senior Warden and the Treasurer. The meeting was adjourned prior to completion of the agenda and was reconvened on April 19th.
At that time, election of Vestry members was held. Cynthia Kilian, Carol Blodgett and Marilee Horn were elected for two-year terms. Rhonda Hettinger was elected for a one-year term. James Pinard and Gloria Zogopoulos were elected as Vestry Alternates. Subsequently, Cynthia Kilian was named Sr. Warden and Frank Williams will continue as Jr. Warden Mel and Lillian Power were elected as Delegates to Synod and Cynthia Kilian and Jim Pinard were elected as Synod Alternates.

An afternoon tea was held on Saturday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. in the undercroft. Several of the male parishioners attended and discovered just how enjoyable a tea can be! An abundance of wonderful petit fours and finger foods were served, and the ladies organizing and contributing to the refreshments are to be congratulated for a wonderful event.

We anticipate a busy summer and fall. First on the agenda is St. Luke’s annual summer event, a Pot Luck Cookout planned for late June, following the 10 o’clock service. Following that will be activities by the Outreach and Fund Raising committees. The first fund raising event will be held in conjunction with the Fourth of July celebration on The Commons in Amherst. A possible jewelry/crafts event is being contemplated for September. The Outreach committee continues its food drive for needy families and is planning a roadside clean up event.

--------God’s blessing to all, Gloria Zogopoulos

Charlestown, NH

Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

It is June and time to plant our window boxes, paint window blinds, and start mowing the lawn.

During Holy Week, we held Maundy Thursday Tenebrae led by Deans Art Bennett and David Moody. On Easter Eve, we were pleased to welcome Fr. John Westcott who celebrated the Holy Saturday Liturgy and the First Mass of Easter for the combined parishes of Good Shepherd and Trinity Cornish. Thank you, Fr. Westcott. Bishop Marsh celebrated a glorious mass on Easter morning.

At the coffee hour following mass, the parish belatedly presented our bishop with a purple biretta as a gift commemorating his installation as bishop ordinary. On Good Shepherd Sunday, we held our annual parish meeting during which we greeted six new members of the Church of the Good Shepherd family. This is a great blessing for us. We marked Ascension Day with Evensong.

Bp. Marsh and his wife Ljuba and Den. David and Jeanne Moody attended a three-day clergy and wives retreat at the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY in early May. This gave all participants an opportunity to worship together, and appreciate the significant contributions that clergy wives make to our ministry.

The Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd occupies a brick building built in 1824 by Stephen Hassam (1764-1861) to house the first bank in Charlestown, NH. Construction, including the granite vault, cost $2,400. Mr. Hassam also built town clocks and was noted for his eccentricity. On June 11, 1850, the bank was burgled and the burglars bungled the job.

On this coming June 23, 2009, the Charlestown Historical Society, located across the street from Good Shepherd, will hold a “Voices from the Past Cemetery Walk” during which re-enactors, in period dress, will tell the stories of notables at their grave sites in Forest Hill Cemetery just up the street from the church. One of these historic personages is Stephen Hassam. After the walk, participants will be invited to tour the church building that he built, learn the story of the burglary, and visit the vault. Of course, we hope that some will return to attend church services. Opening our historic building several times a year for tours has proved to be a wonderful way to meet members of the community and support the historical society.

--------Deacon David Moody
famous operatic soprano. She matched Nelson Ebo’s professional performance and added a glint of seasoned artistry to the concert. The secular papers were awash with praise, and the name of “All Saints Anglican Church” gained a positive notice as a purveyor of the Arts.

Scarcely had the first concert ended, when the Arts Ministry presented to the people of New Hampshire, again, at the magnificent Concord City Auditorium, a free fully staged Musical called *Shine* which was written and directed by Jane Cormier. The premise of the musical is the interaction of humans with the realm of the angelic: the constant interplay of all parts of Creation seen and un-seen. The Cast of the show was comprised of professional and amateur singers and actors, the **New Hampshire Ballet Company** signed on to perform the outstanding staged dances that interpreted the action of the Holy Angels in both Joyous Creation and Spiritual Lament. The sets were constructed by members of the Vestry of All Saints, and the hospitality tables manned and supplied by parishioners. The scope of the undertaking for both performances was daunting and sometimes exhausting, but the goal of presenting **Jesus Christ** through the medium of the Arts, was a success. All Saints is continuing the free offering of concerts and other performances throughout the year, utilizing the parish facilities as well as, the Concord City Auditorium.

The Seasons of Lent and Holy Week offered ample times for spiritual growth and renewal for the parish. Confessions were heard every Sunday, Holy Eucharist offered daily, and the full compliment of Holy Week Services performed: Palm Sunday with the solemn Procession of Palms and Passion Gospel, Maundy Thursday with the washing of feet and the Eucharistic Procession, Good Friday simple and somber amid the Veneration of the Cross and Petitions, and the stripped down reception of the Holy Communion. All Saints was privileged to join in Lent, St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manchester, New Hampshire, and its Pastor, **Father Robert Smolley**, in the beautiful Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified. Father Christian co-presided at this traditional offering of the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Churches of the East during Lent. The crowning glory to the whole of the Lenten Season and Holy Week is the Great Vigil of Easter.

**Bishop Brian Marsh** joined the parish of All Saints for the Great Vigil on Holy Saturday Night. Adding to the Solemnity of the occasion was Fr. Robert Smolley, and **Brother Francis**, both from St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church. The lavish Rites of the Great Vigil were carried out in all dignity combining the beauty of Latin West and Byzantine East: Bishop Marsh consecrating the Fire, Candle and Water, and Confirming, Father Christian chanting the **Paschal Exsultet** and baptizing, Father Robert singing the Prophecy Collects in Slavonic tones and Proclaiming the Resurrection Gospel amidst clouds of incense, all culminating in the First Solemn Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection in which priests and Bishop clothed in gold and silver brocades, offered the Paschal Sacrifice anew. The Church was packed for the 2 ½ hour Vigil: The music performed gloriously for the Feast of Feasts, and welcoming into the Church, Two regenerated by Water and the Holy Ghost, and Four Sealed by the same Holy Spirit. If not enough to gladden the Church on that night, Bishop Marsh officially raised to Canonical Dignity, Father Christian, as **Canon Liturgist** for the Diocese of the Northeast.
All Saints is trying to live the Liturgical Life of the Church in celebrating to the fullest all the Feasts and Fasts of the year. True Theology is taught in this observance as, the Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi (how we worship, expresses what we believe) guides the priest and faithful in knowing and loving God through worship, and offers to the world an authentic, historic, Catholic observance. Please check our website: www.allsaintsnh.com for the schedule of events for the Arts Ministry and the Liturgical schedule for special Masses and Festivals. Everyone is welcome at All Saints! All we ask is that you help us to proclaim to the world that, Jesus Christ is Lord!

**Rochester NH**
**Trinity Anglican Church**

Spring has been a time of great joy for the parish. We had two children born to parishioners and are soon to be baptized – Aubrey Christine Perkins and Ethan Michael Smith. We give thanks to God for the health and safe delivery of both mothers and children. As the Pro-Cathedral, we bid farewell to Father Michael Sclafani at a “Celebration for Ministry” service. We wish Pepe, Andrew and Fr. Michael a safe journey and best wishes in his new ministry.

The Youth Group has begun a new course of study called “Generation Change.” The premise for this study produced by Dave Ramsey is “We’re raising a generation that spends money they don’t have to buy things they don’t need to impress people they don’t even like! It’s time for a change!” By incorporating Christian values and stewardship these teens can begin their adult lives with a Christians rather than material outlook on life, money and career.

A similar program for adults is Coming This Summer....

**Financial Peace University Course**

**Q:** What is it?

**A:** Financial Peace University (FPU) is a course designed by syndicated talk show and radio host Dave Ramsey. Dave is a financial advisor and has created this course to teach people, both young and old, how to handle their finances. His teachings are based in common sense and Christianity and can help you “win” with money.

This course is open to the community as well as members of the congregation.

Parish picnics, outings and other opportunities for fellowship will complement our traditions of worship and praise as we move through the Summer.

**Webster NY**
**Holy Cross**

The men of the church put on a great pre-Lenten pancake breakfast! It was a fine demonstration of their cooking skills. No smoke alarms went off - that's always a positive sign. The meal was enjoyed and appreciated by all. Kudos to the men!

We had a very impressive Lenten series presented each Sunday before the service began. Each week a different church member delivered
Salem NH
St. John the Evangelist

This spring has been quite busy for St. John’s both in the community and in the Diocese. On February 15, we enjoyed a planned visit from Archdeacon Koller and his wife, Barbara. In addition, we were pleased to welcome the Very Reverend Robert Ley, Chairman of the Board of Deans and Dean of the New York area Deanery, and his wife, Pat. Holy Communion was celebrated by Archdeacon Koller and Dcn. Bartlett; a most enjoyable fellowship followed.

On Palm Sunday, after our customary Holy Communion, some of us proceeded on to a lamb dinner and celebration of The Feast of the Paschal Lamb presented by the Saint George Chapter of Rose Croix at the Masonic Temple in Manchester, New Hampshire. In attendance were Tom and Barbara Hargreaves, Mike and Gail Dow as well as Dcn. Bartlett and Geri. On Palm Sunday 2010, Tom Hargreaves, along with a Massachusetts Chapter of Rose Croix, is planning to celebrate the Feast of the Paschal Lamb at a Massachusetts Temple. Both Tom and Dcn. Bartlett will be taking part in the service. We welcomed the Easter season with a beautiful Easter Vigil on Easter eve. We were treated to a solo musical performance by Eric Whitaker, a duo performance by Eric and Scott Sykes, our organist and a hymn sung by a guest soloist.

Also during April, Dcn. Bartlett and Geri were offered the opportunity to attend a networking meeting that encompasses religious and community service groups in Salem NH to better provide for existing needs without duplication. Cooperation was encouraged among groups and several contacts were established whereby St. John’s has been invited to work with various groups to assist in meeting the needs of the community.

On April 26 St. John’s was honored to welcome Bp. Langberg to our church for an Episcopal visit. Unfortunately Betty was unable to attend as planned due to sudden illness – we all missed her presence and prayed for her speedy recovery. We broke bread with the Bishop, enjoying a turkey dinner with “all the fixings” prepared by the ladies of the parish. Eric Whitaker proved to be an excellent host, serving dessert as his wife, Beth, made an early departure.

During the first week of May, Dcn. Frank and Geri attended the first Clergy/Wives retreat of the Diocese held at Christ the King Retreat Center in New York. The retreat leader, “Fr. Joe” Wilson, inspired us all with his presentations centering on relationships and communication. Fr. Robert Frederickson presented the film “Fireproof” which set the tone for the retreat. We were entertained one evening by our own professional musician, Bishop Langberg. The music was wonderful and many couples were seen on the dance floor. Our thanks once again to Bp. George for his willingness to play and sing for us. It was a wonderful experience for clergy to enjoy each others’ company in an informal setting and to learn foremost the importance of taking time from normal duties to relax and refresh ourselves.

At the Memorial Day remembrance of our fallen servicemen in Methuen, Massachusetts, Dcn. Bartlett has been invited to give the keynote address at the cemetery services. He will also be walking in the parade with other veterans.

St. John’s is looking forward to its first wedding in June. The marriage of Geoffrey Hargreaves and Anna Heisler will be held on June 5. Dcn. Bartlett is the celebrant.

Cornish NH
Trinity Church moved to West Lebanon

After four years of a somewhat nomadic existence, Trinity is looking forward to a more permanent site for worship. Since our planting in August 2004 by Good Shepherd Charlestown, we
have worshipped in the summer at the Trinity Church building in Cornish; and in the Grange Hall in Plainfield in the winter, owing to the somewhat Spartan nature of the facilities at the Trinity church building. As the Grange could no longer afford to keep the building heated on the rent we were paying and as the Trinity church building has reverted to the town ownership, the vestry thought it opportune to seek a more permanent worship site.

“At just the right time” the vestry became aware of the availability of the Seventh Day Adventist church in West Lebanon and, after considering a number of alternatives, concluded that this facility offered the best opportunity for parish growth and a more permanent worship site. Our first service in West Lebanon was on May 24 and we look forward to the development of this new chapter in the growth of our parish. The Seventh Day Adventist church is located at 99 Maple Avenue.

While looking forward to this new experience, we look back as well to the Trinity church where we hosted the diocesan synod just two years ago. This is a wonderful worship space and we shall miss it.

One aspect leading to the vestry’s decision to move is a new ministry to Dartmouth students hosted by Rob and Beth Philp, one of the diocese’s postulants. With the relocation of the parish to West Lebanon, we look forward to being able to support the Philips’ ministry with a site for Anglican worship.

Finally, in the area of milestones and celebrations, Connie White (Mrs. Senior Warden) recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Beth Philp put on a sumptuous coffee hour to help in the celebration.

Ellsworth, M E
St. Thomas

Our annual parish meeting occurred on May 3. Joyce Barr gave the treasurer’s report. Our senior warden Leroy Weed contributed a lobster steamer for which we are grateful. Mike McCadden, our junior warden, reported on our construction plans for this summer. Father Henthorne gave a report concerning changes to the highway where we are located and the issues they have raised. A motion was raised and accepted to improve handicap access at the suggestion of David Simmons.

An interested party has looked at our property for sale in Roque Bluffs and may be making an offer.

May 10 was a very eventful and joyous day at St. Thomas. Bishop Marsh ordained Ed Kalish to the diaconate. Several of his friends and relatives also attended, and the church was full.

The Bishop also confirmed Ian Dunn.

We celebrated with a cookout. Many parishioners donated various food items. Valerie McCadden planned and co-ordinated participation in the event and presided at the grill. The church presented Ed Kalish with several vestments including a full set of deacon stoles, an alb, and a cincture, and everyone signed the card.

Joyce Barr has contributed a 10x24’ tnet for outdoor events. This is greatly appreciated and will be well used.

There have been many donations to our building fund. The first phase, to be completed this summer, is to build the road up the ledge to the site of our proposed new church, also giving access to Logos House and completing the Logos House library. For construction of the new
church we plan to lay the foundation for the
tower first, which will contain the choir room,
sacristy, parish office and rector's consultation
room. This will be a highly significant step for us.
The next phases will be the classrooms, office
and chapel space of Logos House then finally
the residence.

Our Bible study on the Gospel of John ends
on May 17. On May 24 Ann Geary will be leading
a weekly study on the writings of C.S. Lewis.
We look forward to an eventful and fun summer.
We hope that some of you will join us!
-------Kevin A. Kelly, St. Thomas, Ellsworth

Dudley, MA
St. Columba's Anglican Church

When Fr Donald Farrell unexpectedly passed
into Life Eternal last Christmas Day, Fr John
Wesley Westcott III was honored to be asked by
Bishop Marsh to serve St. Columba's Anglican
Church as interim. It is hard to believe that
nearly six months have passed and what a ride it
has been! In addition to dealing with our grief
over the loss of Fr Donald, the congregation has
reflected on the future options for the church.
We have read and discussed "The Great Divorce"
by CS Lewis. We co-sponsored the first joint
Good Friday vigil and service with the Nichols
College RC community which was a great
success. Several RC churches in the area have
closed and are up for sale and St. Columba's is
considering whether any might make a better
home for us. We will be launching a mail outreach
program beginning in early September to let the
community know of our existence. Fr Westcott
is negotiating with Nichols College about offering
CE programs to the student body. And Fr.
Westcott has agreed to continue to serve as
Vicar of St. Columba's for at least the next year.
However, due to extensive construction at Nichols
College, our chapel will be closed for July and
August. If you would like more information
about St. Columba's or have questions, please
call Fr Westcott at 860-243-3606. Our Sunday
Mass is at 10 a.m..

Latham NY
(formerly Cohoes)
St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Anglican Church has moved to
a new place of worship, using The Blessed Virgin
Mary of Czestochowa National Catholic Church
in Latham, NY. The pastor and members of
BVMC (for short) graciously offered to share
their sanctuary space with St. Andrew's parish.
Sunday Mass is at 11am.

The new worship space is centrally located
in the Albany Capital District area, and is easy
to find from any direction. St. Andrew's rector,
Fr. Bryon Koshgarian, and BVMC's pastor are
members of the Society of St. Michael, a group
of clergy dedicated to the Anglican Catholic
tradition. Also, both priests belong to the North
Colonie Clergy Association, which supports
fellow clergy in an ecumenical setting.

The members of St. Andrew's Church have
been active in supporting community organiza-
tions such as the Northeast Food Pantry, Toys
for Tots, local civic groups and the Albany
Maritime Ministry. Fr. Bryon, who served in the
US Navy and Reserves, has been a volunteer
Chaplain at the Albany Port ministry program
for several years.

With the active support of +Bishop Marsh and
the Diocese of the Northeast, St. Andrew's has
been renewed with confidence; and in the spirit
of Christ will continue it's work in His Vineyard!

For more information regarding St. Andrew's
Anglican Church, please visit our website at
www.standrewsaca.org or email Fr. Bryon at
frbryon@standrewsaca.org

Thanks and God Bless, Bryon+

Tuxedo, NY
St. Elizabeth's

The warm sun is shining down on us, trees are
providing welcome shade, the grass is green,
and spring flowers are blooming
everywhere in Tuxedo - how beautiful! We hope you, too, are taking the time to enjoy the magnificent beauty of God’s handiwork this spring in the towns where you live.

Our first spring endeavor was our flower sale during Mother’s Day weekend. Despite the fact that plants are now sold in every supermarket, Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe’s, etc., etc., our sale was very successful and profits even surpassed last year’s proceeds! We have many patrons who make the extra effort to come to our sale in support of this annual project. What a blessing!

Our next fund-raiser is a first-time venture for us. We’re having a chicken barbecue at our local community park on July 25th. We’re making a big effort to publicize this and hoping it will be a very popular event in our community, so it can become an annual tradition for us, much like our fall roast beef dinner that so many local folks look forward to.

Our annual parish picnic will be on June 28th. We’re fortunate that Fr. Alan Koller can reserve a pavilion for us at a lovely recreation complex within the military grounds at West Point. We begin the day with an outdoor Mass at the pavilion. After the service, our parish families spend a wonderful afternoon in fellowship - enjoying picnicking, swimming, boating and just plain relaxing - a welcome break, indeed, in our busy lives!

In other news, our beloved Bishop Langberg will be traveling to Rome for three weeks, late June to mid-July, for a course related to his religious studies in an advanced degree program. During his last week in Rome, wife Betty and their grandson, Eric, will be joining him there. Please keep the Bishop and his family in your prayers, as they embark on this wonderful experience.

In closing, our thanks and prayers go out to Bishop Marsh as he pursues the many duties required in his position as our new Bishop in the ACA-DNE. We pray, also, that St. Luke’s Camp will have a great summer session that blesses many children in our Diocese, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the fall at the Diocesan Synod.

Ingrid Magar

**Fairfield M E Holy Trinity**

A good deal has taken place since last I wrote. For me, the most compelling "activity" was a quadruple by-pass in January — which effectively put me out of operation for many months. And the truth is, I’m still not back to where I wish I were. One thing I did learn — or that impressed itself on me to a new degree — was the way in which a good congregation is a special and powerful form of family. There was real strength to be gained from knowing the congregation was praying for me and was looking forward to my return to the congregation. The deacon visited me regularly in Portland hospital and he brought communion to my home when I was housebound. About this special effect, I recommend to you an article in the Washington Post, 5/8/09, entitled "A Faith for the Nones," by Michael Gerson. * I have to tell you that I felt as if I were coming home when I first stepped back into church after all those months of absence.

Let’s see: The Bishop came during Advent, the second time he has visited us. We talked, among other things, about the relation of the ACA to intercommunion with Rome. And we had our Lessons and Carols for Advent. At that time, we put together 55 "shelter kits" for the Preble St. Shelter. We contributed to the purchase of a goat and 50 chickens as part of the Roman Catholic Church’s Food For The Poor, in Central America. We also contributed to an animal shelter in New Sharon for animals seized by the Humane Society. We also contributed books, magazines and Bibles to the "Seamen's Friend."
We have this addition: Father Glidden from St. Stephen's in New Sharon joined our congregation at Easter when St. Stephen's was closed as a mission. With him came a vestry member, John Frary, whom we added to our vestry.

Finally, I wrote a position paper for our church on LD1020, legislation proposing the legalizing of same sex marriage. In addition, the archbishop and the bishops formally submitted their objection to the Judiciary Committee in the matter of this legislation. The legislation passed, for Maine has become bluer than California, but this is not the war, but just one battle. Petitions have immediately been created to rescind this vote by placing the issue on the fall ballot. We shall see what the people think. The polls have showed that the majority of the residents are firmly against ssm. This battle will only heat up as the year goes on, especially since the California Prop 8 vote has been upheld.

We have discussed this issue inside the congregation. We are loath to be portrayed as "homophobic," for this utterly falsifies our position, but the matter is so polarized now that if one is not absolutely for ssm, one is pilloried immediately as bigoted or homophobic by the liberal factions.

It appears that we will be going ahead in helping the chapel's trustee to effect repairs to the roof of the chapel. When work is to begin, however, remains to be seen.

Moreover, we have begun to discuss how we can grow our congregation. In Maine, which is fairly actively anti-Christian, such outreach activities are not easy to develop. Nevertheless, I hope that when we next report to the NEA, we have some substantive steps to take in this direction.

I am sorry to say I can't find my camera. The fact is that I had a great picture of Marianne Marple planting peas. (She had just finished planting potatoes.) She looked exactly like someone out of a Corot or a Manet. Well, I will find the camera sooner or later and will print the picture when I do. Sorry Marianne! I muffed this one! 

---Larry Morse

**News Notes**

**Brooklyn, NY, St. Joseph.**

On May 23, Fr. Carlton C. Clarke was instituted as Rector of St. Joseph's. At the Same service the Rev. Mr. Herby Rodney was ordained to the sacred diaconate. Bishop Marsh was accompanied by Fr. John W. Westcott as Chaplain and Dean Robert Ley, who read the Letter of Institution.

from St. Joseph’s website: We are small and growing parish and continue to be motivated and nourished by a spirit of prayer to guide and maintain our parish. We invite you to join us for Faith Formation for adults and children at 10am, Holy Communion at 11am and lunch free of cost at 12.30pm each Sunday.

**Portland M E, Olde St. Paul's**

On June 28, the Rev. Samuel Moore Logan is to be installed as the new rector of St. Paul's, Portland ME. Fr. Logan has been serving as interim since the passing of Fr. Lester York.

**New Sharon M E, St. Stephen**

Breaking news, quoted from Larry Morse's report from Holy Trinity, Fairfield:

"We have this addition: Father Glidden from St. Stephen's in New Sharon joined our congregation at Easter when St. Stephen's was closed as a mission. With him came a vestry member, John Frary, whom we added to our vestry."

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*Note: The article he mentions may be found online at http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/07/AR2009050703056.html, and is certainly worth reading.*
CLERGY & WIVES RETREAT

On May 6-8, seven clergy of the Diocese of the Northeast and their wives gathered at the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, N.Y. for a three-day retreat.

The event, organized by Archdeacon Alan Koller and his wife Barbara, provided an opportunity for participants to worship and study together in a beautiful rural setting. Fr. Robert Frederickson brought a copy of the very moving film, “Fireproof,” for viewing on Wednesday evening and suggested how the film might be used in our ministry to the community. Fr. Joseph Wilson from Brooklyn, N.Y., led three periods of reflection on scripture with the theme of becoming the listener that God wants us to be. Morning and Evening prayer were read each day. Bishop Marsh celebrated Mass on Thursday noon. In the afternoon, we visited neighboring St. Mary’s Convent for tea with the sisters and in the evening, after a candlelight dinner in the Library of the retreat center, we were entertained by Bp. Langberg and his acoustic guitar accompanied by his backup band-in-a-box. The music surely brought back memories of our youth.

From the Board of Examining Chaplains

The Board strongly urges any aspirant to ordained ministry to cultivate a devotional rule of life. Here his mentor can be helpful. Among other things, the aspirant should endeavor to read daily the offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. These offices have been in the Book of Common Prayer since the 16th Century, when the seven daily offices of Psalms and Scripture were combined into the two Prayer Book offices. These are descended from the monastic offices used for centuries in chapels of monasteries and convents. In turn, they can be traced back to their Old Testament origins.

The Prayer Book has rubrics (in the secular world they’d be called ‘stage directions’) helpful to those seeking to make use of the Daily Office. There is quite a bit of latitude for the person willing to avail himself of it. Although most would pay especial attention to the practice of the aspirant’s own parish, it can be of help to be familiar with the options and variations allowed by the rubrics. After all, an aspirant may find himself supplying in a parish where the norm may be different.

The Daily Offices are the established worship services of the Church and have been such for centuries. They are in addition to the Holy Eucharist, the normal formal sacramental service. The Offices may be used by anyone, whether cleric or layperson. They may be said or sung. When said they should be said calmly and with as few distractions as possible (sometimes difficult in a busy household!). They draw heavily on Holy Scripture. Even the collects and other prayers contain phrases from Scripture. If an office is omitted, it should not be made up the next day, lest the office become an end in itself, but the person should read each day’s office as it comes. Remember that the lectionary in the front of the Prayer Book will help. If you are unsure about holy days, consult an ordo calendar. There have been attempts to print books [and even to post websites] containing the scriptural selections for the year.

This may all seem complicated, but it isn’t. It may seem a bit mechanical at first to someone starting out -- but try it; stay with it for a few days until it becomes second nature. Many people do not read enough Holy Scripture. The Daily Office, of practiced regularly, will expose us to a large amount of Scripture. Each office has, besides the Psalms, 2 readings, 4 each day, 28 each week. It does add up - and that does not include the readings at each Eucharist, nor the Scriptural phrases woven into prayers and liturgy.

----------Canon James H. Davis SSC, Chairman
The Postulant’s Corner
by Michael Cupoli

His Grace, Bishop Marsh, invited me to write a brief article about my journey for this May issue of the Northeast Anglican, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share with you all! This article is the first piece in what I hope shall become a regular column in the Northeast Anglican, contributed to by myself and the other Postulants in the Diocese.

I was Baptized a Roman Catholic, the first son in a mixed marriage, my mother Irish and father Italian. I remained in the Roman Church until I graduated college, at which time I joined the Episcopal Church. A few years later I re-connected with an old friend, Brian Marsh, and began attending services with the ACA, and have been happily doing so ever since!

My journey towards Holy Orders began while I was still a practicing Roman Catholic, and attending St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, MA. I felt called to Holy Orders and explored and discerned that calling through several years, and with the help of many fine clergymen whom I owe great thanks. I was very close to joining the Roman Catholic Diocese as a postulant, and ready to go off to seminary after high school. However, I was persuaded by an aunt not to do so, but to wait until after completing college.

Towards the end of my undergraduate studies, I once again began discerning my calling, but there were several issues which halted my further advancement towards orders in the Roman Catholic Church. It was about at that time I was introduced to the Episcopal Church.

I began worshipping in the Episcopal Church, and for a time was happy there. I met many good people, and some excellent men of the cloth, several of whom continued to help me through my continued discernment. I was introduced to prayer book worship, and began to find all the joyous pieces of Anglicanism. However, it was not long before I began to see the problems, perversions, and the directions that church was heading in. This all became too clear when my church called a female priest and her partner to lead our congregation. The death knell on my time in the Episcopal Church came not only from the Tibetan prayer bell from the altar sounded by my church’s new priestess, but from the pro-choice activity of the congregation and diocese.

More to come next issue...

Please consider contributing to the Bishop’s Seminarian Fund, to assist all of our Postulants and Aspirants to Holy Orders.

From the Editor

Yet another quarter-year has gone by. As I close out this issue, we have celebrated the mighty acts of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. We have gathered in our churches to watch with the Apostles as the Lord of all ascended to His throne on high.

We have gathered week-by-week and have walked day-by-day in the presence of Him who saud, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth,” and commanded us to take His Word to the whole earth.

As I write this it is the Eve of Whitsunday, of Pentecost, and we shall be remembering that day when the Holy Ghost fell upon His people, and filled His Church with power from on high, power so that we can do as He commanded.

This goes to press, still lacking news from several of our churches. We would all appreciate knowing what out brothers and sisters are up to, how the Lord is blessing, and what trials may beset you. I’m looking forward to hearing from everyone by August 15 for the September issue. As always pictures are welcome.

Thanks to all who submitted this time, and to all who will be submitting in the future.

In Him, -------------- pacht ----------
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A last minute submission that really deserves a close reading. God's church survives through efforts such as she describes. ---ed

Canandaigua NY
Holy Redeemer

After the joy of Easter, we were saddened by the death, a few days after Easter, of our dear friend Rosa Persons. Rosa's health had been in decline for some time, but her spirit and smile and indomitable sense of humor remained strong despite her illness. She loved butterflies, and I liken her spirit to the determination, courage, and endurance of those fragile creatures. We will miss her.

Spring was welcomed with great delight. We survived a winter that was longer and colder than usual, with fewer than a dozen regular parishioners; while it was quiet, it was also more intimate, and there were more goodies per capita at the coffee hour! On May 3, Holy Redeemer celebrated its 5th anniversary with a cake and a special prayer, and we changed to a later service time to accommodate our host church when they resumed their seasonal services. The return of our four snowbirds, the Boves & the Lambersons, effectively swelled our ranks considerably. Preparations are presently underway for Bishop Marsh's first visit with us on May 30. We look forward to our Saturday morning service and brunch.

Inherent in the nature of a small congregation are a few parishioners who wear many hats. Such parishes do not enjoy the luxury of many committees, or, indeed, of any subcommittees. There is no need for an organizational chart, simply because there are so few people to list, and they all fall under the direction of the Rector. The big things, of course, are left to the Rector, to the Rector's Warden, to the Vestry, to the Altar Guild, to the Organist/Music Director, to the Financial person, or to the Buildings & Grounds chair, each of them with a specific set of duties and responsibilities, pretty clearly defined. But there are many more things which need attention, not necessarily under a particular committee, myriad little things which everyone notices only when they do not get done, and, without a watchful eye, never would get done.

In order for the parish to run efficiently, it is important to have someone who looks out for these things, and quietly steps in to get them done. In families they're called "Mom"; in college, resident advisors or "house moms". At Holy Redeemer there is a special person thought of (at least in my mind) as our "House Dad". He reminds us when it's time to make our monthly food donations, and takes care of delivering those canned goods to the local food cupboard. He gets to church early each Sunday to set up the coffee pot for the coffee hour (a real blessing for those of us who aren't morning people). He empties the trash at the end of the coffee hour, and takes it home to dispose of it. He checks our supplies to see when we're running low on various items, and then takes care of buying them, or making sure someone does. He assists me with publicity by writing and sending to the local newspaper briefs about our upcoming services. Our "House Dad" is John Dodge, who will probably be annoyed and slightly embarrassed to receive this attention, preferring, as he does, to remain in the background, quietly attending to things. The truth is, we couldn't function effectively without him. Besides assisting at Mass (especially while our subdeacon was in Florida for six months) and continuing to serve on the vestry, John has also filled in on a few occasions recently (in Fr. Jim's absence) to conduct Morning Prayer.

We love him dearly for his organization of us in our semi-annual "mass cleaning of the church." He gives us fair warning, a few weeks in advance, and comes prepared with all the necessary tools and supplies. I never thought that it could be fun to clean or wash windows, but John makes it fun, and time passes quickly with this fellowship. Everyone pitches in, climbing ladders, crawling under pews, even picking up the many pinecones from our parking lot (thanks, Sam, Eli, Nate, and Cameron). It is a treat to see the men stand back proudly, surveying their faultless windows, and we're all pretty proud to see the wood gleaming and all the other surfaces sparkling with the reflected glory of our industrious spring cleaning.

----------Diane S. Jones
The Sirens of Good News

By Christopher Dornin

If the god of the world were dark, teachers would lose even their vestigial authority. Wolf and man would enjoy conjugal vows and stark hopes no love could destroy. Children would learn wrong from fatherless boys who ruled the playgrounds by fear. The image of God would die in tens of millions of wombs. So much blameless murder would slaughter the world soul. Its orphans would call evil good and Eve God. Their synods would abolish sin. The wail of their good news would rouse the beast from its tomb. A black dove would brood on the wasted martyrdom. Its wings would shroud the sun. Its talons would sweep other flesh from the wind. Flies would strafe the roads its ministers had run. The dumb would fish with brooms in the deeps of flooded rooms where the lamb would swim with the shark if the god of the world were dark. If the god of the world were dark, and God were correspondingly dark.


Ascension

Death has done his worst
and has seemed to triumph,
and Life was prisoned in the cold dark tomb,
but from that darkness Life burst forth,
and from that tomb in radiance Beauty walked,
in beauty and in power,
in the wisdom of the timeless age,
and in the freshness of unshackled youth,
He walked once more among us,
and the flesh which now His life contains,
does not veil, does not hide,
does not conceal the glory that is ever His,
the glory making every living thing alive,
in vibrancy that mere mortals cannot stand to see,
and, standing on a holy mount revealed as who He is,
Life ascends to stand before the throne,
and, standing there, to permeate all life with Life,
to be with us, embracing us, and calling us to Him.
to live,
to live.

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 Henthorpe

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

Portland: St. Paul
Sun 7, 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)
(207)828-2012. Fr. 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. Dcn. 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)216-1902
Fr. John W. Westcott

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)672-6054.
Fr. Jeffrey Swayne, Dcn Frank Bartlett

Charlestown: Good Shepherd - Sun 9am
(20 Summer St.) (413)52-1580.
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. Kevin LaMarre OSB

Cornish: Trinity - Sun 11am (moved to West Lebanon, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 99 Maple Avenue) (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 - Sun 11am (moved to Latham). 250 Maxwell Rd, PNC church)
(518) 253-2291, Fr. Bryon Kosherian

Elmhurst (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 (Marshal 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

Poultney: St. David - 1st Sundays 9.30am
(at the Senior Center) (802)645-1962
Fr. Alexander Stringer.
He is Lord, Ascended, Reigning, Saving, Giving Power. Alleluia!