Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God be with you all as we enter the holy season of Advent. May we all use this time of preparation wisely, preparing our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel; God among us. A month's time is hardly enough to reflect upon the great gift God has given us. Truly, He has given us no less than Himself. Indeed, He has given us all.

Perhaps we might reflect upon the wonderful Advent story of the very first meeting of John the Baptist and Jesus. Infants, still in the womb, they recognize each other. The one recognizes instantly the God of his creation; the other, Jesus, responds to the joy of one who recognizes Him. So let it be with us this season. Let us recognize the God who has created and nurtures us, who will give Himself to us with a complete understanding of what will happen. And yet will still entrust Himself fully to the minds and hearts of those that He will live among for a time. And He knows that there are those who will recognize Him and reach out to Him in love, gratitude and great and abiding faith.

Reach out to Christ this season. He will reach out to you.

Your Brother in Christ,
+Brian
MEDITATIONS ON UNITY

This season, whether at Thanksgiving, Christmas or, yes, even New Year's Eve, many of us will gather in family groups to celebrate the holidays. We will attend church services and join with our close-knit church families to welcome the Christ child into our hearts once again this year. It is a special time. And it is a real, honest-to-goodness example of unity.

Think about that! When do we feel most unified, most part of each others’ world? Yes, it is when we are a part of a family. That includes our church family. Unity is at its best when people join together in the name of Jesus Christ. That is the love that binds us most completely together.

Our son, Colin, will graduate from college this year. His time of preparation for the "real world" is nearly over and he is looking at job prospects. Ljuba and I are very gratified by the fact that he seems to have a job lined up. Praise God! But during his college years, he held down a part-time job. He signed on as a First Responder at the Bennington Rescue Squad. He trained for the work, received his license and went out on emergency calls. He would be present at car crashes, assisting with emergency first aid. He carried seriously ill people to ambulances, making sure they were safely transported to hospitals. Often, he drove the ambulances.

Colin was very serious about this work. He described that the First Responder had to make many decisions very quickly. The correct decisions were absolutely necessary. One had to be focused, to act quickly and to be part of a team. The goal was always to save the life of the injured people.

During the next several months and years, our diocese, as well as our national church, will be discussing questions of unity.

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with other jurisdictions. While we are not required to make the quick decisions a First Responder must make, we are required to make the correct decisions. Above all, we must make decisions that promote the spiritual health and safety of our parishes and diocese. We must always care for each other.

It is always healthy to study documents like the Apostolic Constitution or various inter-communion agreements. However, we must recognize that these instruments are nothing more than paper and ink or images on our internet screens. The real unity comes about among God's people. That is where unity will be realized.

The First Responder knows that reading a manual may be part of his training, but that healing can only happen where he finds the wounded people. It is among the faithful people of God that true healing will take place. When we act together, as a unified parish or diocese, we achieve a unity that is truly honored by God.

Faithfully,

+Brian

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This pastoral letter comes to you after a very busy period of time. Our diocesan synod was indeed a blessing and I want to thank all who participated in that wonderful gathering. Since my last major pastoral letter of June 3, many events have come to pass that require our prayerful discernment. Accordingly, I commend the following to you for your thoughts and prayers. I request that this letter be shared with every parish in the diocese.

**OF UNITY AND CONVERSION**

Few of us would argue against the principle of Christian unity. The unity of God's people is something that we earnestly pray for and eagerly seek. Indeed, on the Day of Pentecost when the church was born, all were gathered together in one place and "with one accord." It is that quality of being in accord with each other that makes the church a healthy, functioning home for God on earth. That spirit of accord is also one that we should endeavor to create and celebrate in our parishes.

We all wish in our heart of hearts to be of one accord, in unity with each other in a bond of love that replicates the very bond of love between the Father and the Son.

I am very happy to report that most churches in our diocese are indeed of one accord, particularly as it relates to our desire to worship God in the Anglican tradition. While we are far from perfect, we do recognize the necessity of continually aspiring to join with each other in closer bonds of unity. It is clear that God has called us to be together in unity and serve His church faithfully.

Above all, we must remember that unity begins at home. Just as a family should stay together in unity, so should our parishes and diocese remain unified, committed to each other and to our common life and mission. We all know that divorce and separation causes pain and disruption to family life. Similarly, any splits or separations within the Christian family will cause pain and disruption to the lives of God's children. It is vital that we stay together.

What does seem clear to me is this: breaking our diocese and parishes apart for the sake of some imagined unity makes no sense.
We must be of "one accord" as we seek a way forward. For that reason, I discourage any parish "votes." Any such votes seem certain to produce winners and losers. Children are often placed in difficult decisions during divorce proceedings when asked to vote whether to go with their Mother or Father. How wrenching such decisions must be for the hearts and souls of vulnerable children. We must never allow this to happen to us. Rather, I ask that all parishes seek to reach consensus about the future direction of their parish. Consensus requires a parish to be of one accord. This is the Godly thing to do. Just as all of God's children are loved by God, we must love each other and seek to prevent hurt and separation. This is certainly a much more challenging task than taking a simple vote. But I do not believe that God asks us to take a simple path; God asks us to take His path. That will mean that we treat all of God's children with love and respect. It will mean treating all parishes with love and respect, creating Christian communities where no one is voted in or out. God, I believe, would have it that way.

Since the Apostolic Constitution was released nearly a year ago, many of us have sought to discern our way forward with regard to its provisions. Should we accept the Vatican’s offer to become Roman Catholics and enter an Ordinariate or should we maintain our present course? Entering an Ordinariate requires that all who do so convert to Roman Catholicism. Archbishop Donald Wuerl, the Catholic archbishop in charge of Ordinariates in this country, has made this very clear; entering an Ordinariate requires that all who do so must convert to the Roman Catholic Church.

Should any individuals be moved to seek entry into the Roman Catholic Church or Ordinariate, there are three basic options: one, you may simply join a Roman Catholic parish; second, you may write your bishop a letter seeking entry as an individual into an Ordinariate; or third, should your parish as a whole wish to join an Ordinariate, you may write to me and make that request. Should your parish be of "one accord" in seeking to join an Ordinariate, that path is clearly open. To date, I have received several letters from parishes that are indeed of one accord in seeking to remain with the ACA and the Diocese of the Northeast. These parishes have decided against entering an Ordinariate. I have not asked for such letters, but the parishes felt moved to send them along. I received one letter from a group that does seek admission to the Ordinariate. That body had reached a complete accord in its desire to accept the Vatican's offer. I asked that they send a letter to me in that regard. Upon receiving the letter, I forwarded it on to Archbishop Falk. He was, until recently, the person who collected all such requests.

As I have traveled around the diocese, I have noted that there are presently few parishes seeking entry into the Ordinariate. There may be one or two. If so, I simply ask that the parish reach full consensus with ALL parishioners before requesting admission. As I mentioned in my June pastoral, those parishes that do not wish to join an Ordinariate need do nothing.

You also should know that, as your bishop, I remain committed to Christian unity, which certainly includes the traditional Anglican Church bodies whose practices and beliefs are consistent with our own. I remain also firmly committed to the Anglican Church in America. But, even more, I remain committed to the people of the diocese I have been called to serve. May we seek always to be of one accord in our lives within God's holy church.

Your Brother in Christ,
+Brian
Synod 2010 - Diocese of the Northeast

On September 23rd and 24th about 100 delegates and guests gathered in Manchester, NH for the 19th annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast, co-hosted by All Saints, Concord, and St. Luke, Amherst.

Official activities began on Thursday afternoon with a meeting of the Diocesan Standing Committee. Following the meeting everyone had a chance to meet and greet several men enrolled in Logos House at a Postulant and Candidate reception. Please keep these men in your prayers as they progress in their studies, following their calling to serve the Lord.

Two informational sessions were held before dinner. Shyla Spear, Laudamus, delivered a presentation on clerical vestment repair and care, and a Church Mutual agent discussed insurance options for parishes and clergy.

In the evening, attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner followed by Diocesan Bishop Brian Marsh’s address to Synod. Bp. Marsh focused on the theme for this year’s Synod, “Unity in Jesus Christ” and called for all to continue praying for God’s help in bringing Christians together and seeking to do God’s will.

Dinner guests then enjoyed a wonderful play written by Bp. Marsh entitled “Teresa - The Inner Song,” featuring Jane Cormier who did an outstanding job in her portrayal of the spiritual journey of an anxious young nun.

The evening concluded with musical entertainment by our own “Singing Bishop”, Bp. Langberg.

Friday morning began with Holy Eucharist at Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Byzantine Rite. For most, celebrating mass in a Ukrainian Byzantine church was a new experience. The church housed beautiful iconic paintings and magnificent stained glass windows, truly inspirational. It was a fitting setting for the mass, given the “Unity in Jesus Christ” theme for this year’s synod. Following mass, attendees enjoyed breakfast in the parish hall.

The Synod meeting convened with opening prayers by Bp. Marsh and Bp. George Langberg. Bp. Marsh introduced postulants and guests. Fr. David Leo (Diocese of the Holy Cross) extended greetings from Bp. Paul Hewett. Bp. Marsh briefly addressed the Synod, noting that the parishes and missions in the diocese are generally stable, some are growing, and new missions are being planted. He cited the excellent clergy educational programs being offered through Logos House and reported a current enrollment of twenty-nine men. He concluded by asking parishes to be better stewards in their financial support of clergy education and pensions, and to recognize and draw on laity and clergy resources and talents in their efforts to carry on God’s work.

Bp. Langberg then addressed the Synod, giving updates on his pursuit of a Master’s Degree in Ecumenical Studies, and the Roman inter-communion movement. He asked all continue to pray for unity in Christ’s One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church according to God’s will and timetable.

Bp. Marsh reported that two missions had formally applied for admission to the diocese, St. Francis, Deblois, Maine, and Christ Church, St. Johnsbury, VT. The synod unanimously approved both applications.

Bp. Marsh recognized several new clergy who were ordained to the diaconate during the past year, Deacons Ian Dunn (St. Thomas), Dale Bové, (Holy Redeemer), Ed Becker (Holy Cross), Robert Philp (Trinity, W. Lebanon), Allen Ryan (St. Paul), and Michael Cupoli (St. Paul). Deacons Rich Dibble and Frank Bartlett are nearing completion of requirements for ordination to the priesthood. May God bless these faithful men in their calling.

Secretary Linnea Shaver called the roll and established that a quorum was present in both houses. Business proceeded with acceptance of last year’s Synod minutes and a review of the 2009 parochial reports. Linnea stressed the importance of meeting commitments, particularly in the areas of clergy pension, education funding, diocesan tithes, and National Church support.

The meeting continued with the Treasurer’s reports. Treasurer Kathy Lippman reinforced the secretary’s comments regarding financial commitments. The largest factor contributing to the year-end deficit for the last several years has been attributed to non-compliance of canonically required tithes in support of the National Church. Kathy noted there has been an improvement in parish financial support for the National Church this year and urges all to strengthen efforts to meet obligations by the end of the year.

The proposed budget was reviewed. Fully funding national church support through parish and mission
contributions (based on voting communicant membership) will result in a budget at or near target at year’s end. A projected balanced budget was presented with the assumption that parishes and missions will meet this obligation. Following discussions and minor changes, both reports were approved.

Bp. Marsh presented two proposed diocesan canon amendments for consideration by the synod. An amendment to Canon 10 dealt with the division and meeting of two separate houses at synod, i.e., clergy and laity, and the appointment or election of officers in said houses. An amendment to Canon 8 called for granting membership to the Standing Committee for the current and successive Chairs of the House of Laity. After a lengthy debate, the discussion was tabled, and upon the recommendation of Bp. Marsh, the synod approved a motion to refer all business relative to the two canon amendments to the Diocesan Chancellor and Standing Committee for further review.

The meeting proceeded with a brief presentation by Deacon Al Ryan on the financial hardships faced by clergy in training, particularly seminarians who are full time students. Bp. Marsh requested organizing a small group with the mission of raising funds to financially assist seminarians with living expenses and Al Ryan suggested that each Dean select a point person within his deanery. Al commented that the living expenses of seminarians who go away to study full-time should be supported through diocesan funding. Fr. David Leo cited the value of a residential seminary program, noting that it provides a maximum spiritual training experience, i.e., an immersion in spiritual life.

Following a motion to do so, Bishop Marsh announced a breakout of the session into two houses, House of Clergy (HOC) and House of Laity (HOL). The Synod reassembled after approximately one hour and oral reports of the House Meetings were presented.

House of Laity Chairman Kirby Wood reported that the HOL recommended electing its own officers. Kirby reported that Senior and Junior Wardens from several diocesan parishes met at Graymoor between synods and much discussion centered on the unity movement. A similar meeting is planned for March 2011. The HOL synod session focused mainly on financial matters. Meeting financial obligations, national church support, establishment of a fundraising committee, support for seminarian living expenses, and clergy compensation were all discussed. Kirby suggested a diocesan-wide seminarian support fundraising effort by individual parishes throughout the diocese in March, and noted ham and bean suppers were economical to put on and very popular throughout New England. He reported on the success of the drive to raise funds for the Haiti church rebuilding project. An outdoor sign for ACA/DNE churches was shown by Alan Wylie and is available for ordering at a cost of $185. It was noted that the time restriction on the breakout session was insufficient to allow in-depth discussions of the topics covered. Kirby suggested that laity submit topics prior to the meeting to assist in agenda planning and noted that the Graymoor meeting allows more time for discussions and is open to all interested laity.

Deacon Ed Kalish gave a report on the House of Clergy session. Finances were also the major topic of concern for the HOC, with discussions on both the needs for parish operating funds and the personal financial struggles by clergy to support themselves and their families. The HOC recommended holding deanery meetings on regularly scheduled intervals.

Following the House reports, the synod approved the written reports distributed to delegates prior to the Synod meeting.

Some highlights follow:

**Chancellor (Walter Jones):** Chancellor Jones participated in ordination ceremonies for Deacons Bové and Becker and the appointment of sub-deacon Furrer. He continues work with Fr. Tutor (Safe Environment Coordinator) on Pledge to Protect compliance

**Board of Examining Chaplains (Canon Davis):** The BEC offered the second highly successful one-week summer program (under umbrella of Logos House), and it has the largest number of postulants, candidates and transitional Deacons in the diocese since its establishment.

**Logos House (Canon Henthorne):** Campus construction is ongoing and the library building has been completed and is in use. Current total enrollment is 42 students, 29 from within the diocese. The 2010 edition of a course catalog includes four tracks and new courses have been added. A regional weekly seminar program for diaconal candidates has been very successful.

**Archdeacon (The Ven. Dr. Alan Koller):** The Archdeacon visited several parishes as a representative
of the Bishop and provided pastoral care and counseling to clergy as requested by the Bishop. He also coordinated the second annual Logos House Summer School and attended the ecumenical service at the Roman Catholic cathedral in Portland.

**Canon Missioner (Fr. Jim Hurd):** St. Matthias, Mystic, CT is being revitalized through the efforts of postulant Merrill Perkins. New missions in St. Johnsbury, VT (Christ Church) and Deblois, ME (St. Francis) are growing in numbers. The Belchertown, MA mission, St. John the Baptist, is established and seeking new members. Options for establishing a mission in the Springfield, MA area are being explored. Fr. Hurd encouraged all to be evangelists, sharing the good news by words and actions.

**Deaneries: St. Benedict (Dean Ley):** Several clergy from the deanery attended clericus in March and June. Fr. Ley attended the ordinations of Deacons Bové and Becker, delivering the sermon at Dn. Bove’s ordination. A deanery picnic (southern tier) was held at Round Pond, West Point in June.

**Holy Spirit (Dean Williams):** Deanery clergy met at Clericus and discussed needs for establishment of missions along the Maine coast. Distance and manpower present a challenge.

**Saint Mary (Dean Tutor):** The deanery has experienced growth in churches and clergy. Dn. Bennett leads Christ Church mission in St. Johnsbury, VT and Rob Philp was ordained Deacon. All Saints and St. Luke are hosting the 2010 DNE Synod. Fr. Tutor served as an instructor at the Logos House Summer program. Deanery clergy met for discussions of needs and issues when attending Clericus meetings.

**St. Luke’s Youth Camp (Dn. Rich Dibble):** Camp Director Dibble reported that 19 campers, 8 counselors and Bp. Marsh attended St. Luke’s Camp. The camp theme “Dead or Alive” centered on the foundational aspects of personal faith. A book study program for the older campers was new this year. Dn. Dibble noted that financial resources are critical to ensuring that the camp remains in compliance with regulations. Better communications for publicizing the camp experience, a back-up nurse, more help with administrative needs and a training program for young counselors are all items that need to be addressed. Contact Dn. Dibble with questions or to volunteer.

**International Anglican Fellowship (Peter Thomas):** Peter touched on activities of the IAF over the last 12 months. He reported that the House of Bishops voted to incorporate a missionary fund. The IAF financially assists missions and those in need in the U.S. and throughout much of the world and donations are critical to its operations. The Haiti Church Rebuilding Project has been very successful in our diocese, with $9500 raised to date. Peter thanked all for their continued support.

**Northeast Anglican (Ed Pacht):** Editor Ed Pacht asked all parishes and missions to share their news with others in the diocese by submitting articles to the NEA. Deadlines are on the 15th day of February, May, August and November. Thanks, Ed – keep up the good work!

**Deo Gratias (Kathy Lippman):** Deo Gratias grants were allocated to St. Luke’s Camp ($500), support for residential seminarian Michael Cupoli’s living expenses ($1000) and to the IAF ($343).

**Safe Environment Coordinator (Fr. Tutor):** Pledge to Protect and The Code of Ministerial Conduct are available online or from Fr. Tutor and all clergy and parishes should comply with conditions set forth in these documents.

**Communications/Press (Fr. Monroe):** Fr. Monroe reported that Bonnie Turner is the new webmaster for the Diocesan website and thanked Walter Harrington and Charlie Niemi for their help. All DNE parishes and missions should be accessible via the website. For those not having a site of their own, an initial fee of $50 is requested for setup. An annual maintenance fee of $15 will be assessed thereafter. Fr. Monroe electronically distributes Diocesan and National news as requested by the Bishop and Archbishop, sends out press releases, schedules, changes, Yorkie’s Closet inventories (vestment and liturgical resource for those in need), and a myriad of other informative documents. Your input is crucial to his success in getting information out. Thank you Fr. Monroe for the outstanding job you do!

**House of Bishops:** Bp. Langberg briefly reported that discussions relative to the unity movement are ongoing, with the focus on the continuing pastoral care of all people.

The meeting continued with appointments and elections.

**Elected Delegates to the 2011 National Synod, Belleville, IL, Sept. 22-23:**
Primary Lay delegates are Kirby Wood, George Beatty, Betty Langberg, Allan Wylie, Carlo Savaadra, Aare Ilves, Linnea Shaver and Russ Shaver. Alternates are Ljuba Marsh, Marilyn Williams, Steve Rugg, Charlie Neimi, Mary Thomas and Bill Fleig.


**Standing Committee:** Fr. Logan was elected to a one-year term. Fr. Monroe and Ed Hart were elected to three-year terms.
DNE Officers: Officers were reappointed for one year terms by the Bishop: Chancellor, Mr. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. Shaver; Treasurer, Mrs. Lippman; Deputy Treasurer, Mr. Young; Communications Officer, Fr. Monroe; Safe Environment Coordinator, Fr. Tutor.

Board of Examining Chaplains: Fr. Davis was appointed Board Chairman for a term of one year. Fr. Koller was reappointed for a term of three years. Fr. Williams remains on the Board.

Diocesan Court of the Ordinary: The Bishop appointed Fr. Hurd for a term of four years and Fr. Ley for a term of six years.


Resolutions:
Fr. Ley proposed a resolution of thanks to All Saints and St. Luke’s for hosting the Synod.

Kirby Wood asked for a motion to introduce an intercommunion “Agreement of Communion” between the Anglican Church in America and the Anglican Province of America to the House of Bishops. The Synod approved said motion and Bp. Marsh will submit the document at the next meeting of the ACA House of Bishops for consideration.

Bp. Marsh proposed a resolution of thanks to Treasurer Kathy Lippman and Secretary Linnea Shaver.

Dn. Al Ryan called for a resolution of thanks to Fr. Robert Smolley and the parishioners of St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Trinity, Rochester, NH, and St. Thomas, Ellsworth, ME are scheduled to host the 2011 and 2012 synods, respectively.

The business meeting was followed by a brief Logos House ceremony. Bp. Marsh and Fr. Hen thorne presented certificates to Deacons Al Ryan and Frank Bartlett. Dn. Bartlett was awarded a Diplomate in Priestly Studies, having completed his coursework for the priesthood. His ordination to the priesthood will be scheduled following completion of canonical exams.

The evening ended with the Synod banquet and an address by special guest speaker, Bp. Walter Grundorf, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Province of America, Ordinary of the Diocese of the Eastern U.S.

A Saturday morning prayer service followed by breakfast concluded the events. Many thanks to all for an enjoyable and productive synod!

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

A very special presentation was made of the Killian medal in recognition of the devoted service of two of our laymen. Eugene Van Voris, formerly Chancellor of the Diocese, and Douglas Williams longtime member and worker at St. Joseph’s, Brooklyn. Such men as these are of inestimable value. Thanks to them both.

**Kyrie**

*by ed pacht*

Into the Holy Place
the servants come,
and from their sacred
dance the vapors rise,
and scented smoke
ascends on high,
reflecting in itself the candle light
that softly, warmly burns upon the throne,
where in the mists unveiled appears the Lamb.
and all the dancers stand in awe before Him,
and every voice cries out for mercy to the Lord,
as angels, winged, veil their eyes in fear,
and earth and heaven bow in adoration.

To the Lord, the Christ, the Lord,
their voices rise,
“Eleison, have mercy, hear us now we pray,
as we, unworthy, seek to pierce the veil,
to come and worship Thee!”

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Ellsworth, Me  
St. Thomas Anglican Church

Things continue to look up for us at St. Thomas!  
Construction on Route 1A has resulted in 4500 square yards of fill for our lot, providing us with much more level ground and greatly improved parking capacities, greater visibility for our buildings, and greater access to our buildings and the Logos House library. Thanks to the Sargent Corp. for the excavation; we invited their workers to our Lobster feed; twelve responded.

Our annual Lobster feed on August 28 was highly successful. Leroy Weed, captain of the Jacob Lewis lobster boat and our senior warden, donated 170 lobsters, along with other fixings. His wife Dorothy and daughter Vicki Hart prepared the strawberry shortcake, Po Hsu served the potato salad provided by several persons, and Jerry Soares provided Indian-style potato salad with curry. Leroy Weed, David Simmons, and Maggie Geary generously did the cooking, while Vicki Hart and her daughter Rebecca Jordan served the dishes. Darren Hart husked the corn, Bill Landmesser helped set up the tables, Deacon Ian Dunn was the Master of Ceremonies, and David and Ellen Simmons helped set up the tents. Pat Taniashvili made and sold her homemade blackberry jelly to contribute to the event. We even had a Russian guest, Nina Belova, a member of the St. Petersburg Amateur Opera Society, who performed a song in her native language much to our surprise and delight. The two sittings were sold out, along with forty take-out dinners, and raised over $1,600.00 for our building fund. We also had a raffle for the hand-made Orchard of Apples quilt graciously donated by our parishioner Pat Taniashvili, which raised over $338.00. The winning ticket, drawn at the Lobster feed, was purchased by Dorothy Weed. Jerry Soares was actively involved in the collection of tickets for the raffle. James Geary and his grandson Caleb helped to direct traffic. Thanks also to Hew and Ruth Crawford, Patti Dibble, and all others who contributed to this special event, as well as those who helped with the clean-up.

Several members of our parish attended the Annual Synod in Manchester, NH, including Father Granville Henthorne, Deacon Ian Dunn, Ann Geary, and Ed & Karen Hart. All had a special time, and we look forward to next year’s synod.

Work continues on our building project, the construction of our tower. There will be more news to come on this project.

On Sunday November 7 we had a surprise party for our dedicated rector Father Henthorne at Jasper’s Restaurant in Ellsworth to celebrate the milestone of his 80th birthday. This event was arranged chiefly by Siobhan Harris and Vicki Hart who provided Father Henthorne with several party gifts including a crown and a pair of glasses shaped like the figure 80. Parishioners contributed toward a gift check. Dozens attended including Father Henthorne’s wife Priscilla Henthorne, family members Priscilla Heslin, and Dylan Howard. Most parishioners attended along with Rev. Mr. Ed and Linda Kalish. It was a festive event and everyone had a wonderful time. Special thanks to Jasper’s Restaurant for their fine accommodations.

We look forward to the coming of Advent and Christmas, and there will be more to report in the next year.

---------Kevin A. Kelly
Old Orchard Beach, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury

Fall has been busy for us in Old Orchard Beach. We celebrated our first year as a Mission with a special anniversary service and a parish dinner at a local restaurant. Sunday school is back underway and we have been training our new acolyte who formally presented with his acolyte cross at our anniversary service. After trying a morning service and evening services on Sunday, we have settled on a 4:00 PM service each Sunday. Father Monroe, who is Rector at St. Margaret of Scotland in Conway, NH is also our Vicar and he returns to the coast from the mountains each Sunday to do the service and also Bible study. We all attended Father Monroe's installation as Rector of St. Margaret's on November 14th and got to meet his other parish family. St. Margaret's presented us with a wonderful new altar service book for use at the mission for services, inscribed and signed by members of the parish, as an anniversary gift. We also received a set of sacristy bells in memory of Pastor Russell Lane who passed away this last year and was a regular attendee of services. We were very happy to receive these wonderful gifts along with 25 new Books of Common Prayer donated by members of the mission.

This year we will once again hold services on Thanksgiving and Christmas eves, have our service of Lessons and Carols and the Kirk'n of the Tartan. The parish will also loan our chief Corned Beef Cook to St. Margaret's again this year for the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner in Conway on March 12th. Perhaps a few Irish ditties will be heard again as they were last year as evidenced by the photo.

The Logos House program sponsored by the mission continues on a steady course and the five Deacon candidates have completed 1/3 of the program, ahead of schedule. We have postulants from St. Augustine's, St. Margaret's and St. Paul's attending.

The mission family continues to grow slowly but steadily and we now have a new Senior Warden, James Audiffred esq. of Saco. We have been blessed by many generous and dedicated people. Our best wishes to all for a wonderful Holy-Day season and especially a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

----------Sub Deacon Dave Brennan.

Rochester NH
Trinity Procathedral

Trinity Pro-Cathedral is preparing for Winter. The roof is being repaired. This year’s wind storms and hurricanes have created a leak over the High Altar. Stakes have been put out in case of an early snow and we are beginning to rake up the fallen leaves.

On Veterans Day, Dean Williams participated with other clergy at the United Methodist Church in Rochester in a Christian Service honoring the Veterans of our country. The Knights of Columbus were decked out with plumed hats and drawn swords as the honor guard for the various Veteran’s Groups which are based in Rochester. Dean Williams was pleased that, other than “I’m Proud to be an American” and “The National Anthem,” beautifully sung by the local high school choir, the other hymns and the “Te Deum” were decidedly Anglican.

Also, at the Cathedral we are getting ready for Christmas. Our stalwart choir, which swells in ranks to about twenty members when some return from college, is rehearsing for the various services. On Christmas Eve we have a Service of Lessons and Carols in the evening for families with children who cannot make it through the Midnight service. Usually the lessons are read by members of the Sunday School. It has been noticed that they don’t seem to have any problems with reading the King James Version of the Bible. The late evening Service which everyone calls, “The Midnight Mass” is a wonderful service of music, carols and glorious worship. The Holy Communion reinforces the reality of the incarnation because God in Christ is with us – “Emanuel.” The Dean and Members of the Cathedral wish everyone in the Diocese a Good Advent and a Holy Christmas.
West Lebanon, NH
Trinity Anglican Church,

After a conversation with our editor concerning the continuing nature of worship and its importance in the life of the diocese, I can report that perhaps the most significant news about Trinity is our continuing dedication to the offering of weekly worship services. Our ever-faithful flock continues to support both the worship and the temporal aspects of our faith.

With regard to the latter, the vestry, acting for the whole parish, has been actively involved in outreach, both locally and worldwide. As we have done in the past, we made a donation to the Lebanon school system of back-to-school backpacks and other school necessities to help those children unable to afford these supplies. Elsewhere, in response to the calamities in Chile and Haiti, the vestry contributed to the IAF relief efforts in both those areas.

As we continue to increase our presence in the Upper Valley, we have recently been able to field a Web site developed for us by Bonnie Turner of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Charlestown. Bonnie’s work has been exceptional and we are indebted to her for her help. Along the same lines, Steve Rugg has put up a Facebook page for the parish. We have already begun to see good fruit from these efforts.

Within our congregation we are blessed to have three postulants for holy orders, two of whom can be found preaching and conducting morning prayer on those Sundays when our rector (the bishop) is otherwise engaged. We are truly gratified at the quality of their preaching and take it as an indication of both the quality of men God is calling to the ministry and the quality of the educational program offered in our diocese.

Finally, we cannot let November pass without noting the increase in wisdom and stature experienced by our rector on the occasion of his birthday in the month of November. Jon and Fran Peffer provided an outstanding coffee hour for the occasion.

----------Allan Wylie

Huntington Station NY
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

On May 1st, Wynne Trenholme’s son, Paul, and his wife, who live in Ohio, came to Huntington for a visit. They are such a nice couple.

On August 15th, Wynne’s daughter Donna, who lives in Texas, came up for her dad’s 96th birthday. Donna also joined us for Sunday church service. She is such a delightful person.

Wynne’s birthday was August 13th. For his 96th, we had a cake for him at church with many candles! We are looking forward to his 97th birthday.

Wynne plans to enter the hospital sometime this month. We wish him God’s blessings and a speedy recovery.

My daughter Donna also had a cake for her birthday at church. Her birthday was August 19th.

Father Koller came for his annual visit on September 12th. It is always a pleasure when he visits us. He brings his own music, and supplies sheet music for us to use. It makes for a very uplifting morning, singing to God and listening to Father Koller’s sermon. We are looking forward to next year's visit.

To top off the birthdays, Father Joel had his apple pie to celebrate his big day on October 1st.

A few items were collected for the local food pantry, and dropped off at a local store. There seems to be a shortage of foodstuffs, since a lot of people are out of work.

-----Arlene C. Block, secretary/treasurer
Raymond ME
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory

We at the priory have been as busy as bees getting ready for the winter months that are just around the corner. The ponies and horse are getting their winter coats on, the dogs are getting friskier now that the summer heat is no longer an issue and everyone seems to be bustling in readiness for the cold and all that it brings.

Halloween has passed and Fr. Kevin has faithfully done the novena for the dead. One of the things that is especially wonderful about Halloween time, is that there is a focus on death, or mortality, that seems to evade most of the living during the course of the year. Ghosts and goblins and zombies are everywhere and those that do take pause and consider their mortality are reminded that we are all here on borrowed time and that time is short....What, in our daily living, are we doing to glorify God, to help those around us who are less fortunate, to make a difference in His name and shine His light into the world? Do we address the needs that face us each day or do we avert our eyes and pass on by? We do not have to do big things, we can do small things in a big way....as they say "It is the little things in life that count." It can be as simple as letting the bank teller know that her new hair style is pretty, or acknowledging the careful packing job of the WalMart cashier, or putting your spare change in the Salvation Army buckets and giving a smile to the faithful who stand out in the cold awaiting your kindness.

Yes, winter is on the way and the holidays are upon us. We are thankful for the people who so generously make a difference in the lives of the animals that we care for, which in turn, makes a difference in our lives, which in turn helps us to be able to care for the next one that comes to our door like Bently, the owl whom we found in the road with a broken leg. He is doing great and will probably be released by winter. This snowball of giving is what Christ exemplified in His life on earth and is the light that we can easily shine into a dark world so.....Let it snow!!

Blessings and joy from the priory!

-------------Sr. Mary Francis, OSB

Tuxedo NY
Saint Elizabeth’s

Greetings from all of us at St. Elizabeth’s! We enjoyed a beautiful fall season here in Tuxedo this year, and we hope you did as well. In a joyous occasion on Sat., October 16th, Amanda Briggs and Justin Clemenza were married at St. Elizabeth’s in a ceremony performed by Bishop Langberg. Amanda attended St. Elizabeth’s Sunday School throughout her childhood years. We pray that God will bless Amanda and Justin with much love and happiness together for many, many years to come. Amanda’s proud parents, Doreen and Elwood “Skip” Briggs and grandmother, Greta Briggs, are active parishioners at St. Elizabeth’s. Congratulations to all!

On November 7th, we rented a table space at an Arts and Crafts Fair run by the Ladies Auxiliary of our local Eagle Valley Vol. Fire Company. We had several lovely hand-crafted items for sale, donated by parishioners in our congregation. In a special project, we printed up folded note cards to sell, with a beautiful drawing of St. Elizabeth’s Chapel on the front cover. There are still some of these unique boxed note cards available. If interested, please call Betty Langberg at 845-753-2580 for further info. The chapel drawing was made by Dennis Craghan, a talented artist who, along with his wife, Audrey,
attended St. Elizabeth’s for several years while living in Tuxedo. His drawing of the Chapel was one of his many contributions in support of St. Elizabeth’s during the time he and Audrey lived in our community. The Craghans are now retired and reside in Southern New Jersey.

On November 13th, we held our annual roast beef dinner fund-raiser and a delicious meal was once again enjoyed by everyone who came out to support this event. We are thankful for the generosity of the Eagle Valley Vol. Fire Company, who allows us to use their lovely facility for this dinner each year.

During Thanksgiving week, we will be joining the other churches in our community for our annual Ecumenical service, where we share in thanking God for His many blessings. We are especially thankful that St. Elizabeth’s and our neighboring churches are able to assist our local food pantry with manpower and with food donations to help those in need at this time and throughout the year. This is such a needed outreach during these difficult economic times.

In early December we have our annual wreath and poinsettia sale. Following that, we look forward to the many joyous events and services that fill the Advent and Christmas seasons as 2010 draws to a close. Our Sunday School Christmas Pageant is planned for December 19th and the children are already looking forward to this happy event. We wish you and your loved ones a most blessed Christmas and a new year filled with love, happiness, peace and prosperity. We pray that we will be filled with the Holy Spirit as we endeavor to serve our Lord and Savior in 2010. May we bring praise and glory to the newborn King! — Ingrid Magar

Poultney VT
St. David

We held our Annual Meeting on the 1st Sunday in October in our home in Wells after our coffee and excellent cakes had been enjoyed. Some illness had recently affected some of our small congregation and it was feared that perhaps we would not have sufficient persons present to constitute a quorum but, in spite of all, we managed, and had a profitable discussion anyway. Our Treasurer’s report for the past year showed that our income had increased slightly and expenses were down a little, so we are doing more than holding our own financially, and we agreed to continue our support to the various charities we have helped in the past several years. All our office-holders were re-elected to their positions, and I reported that our attendance had held steady. Our people seem to like the idea of meeting in our houses rather than rent space for a small group. In my remarks/report, among other things, I reminded everyone that in December of 1980 we became a congregation of the then Anglican Church in North America, so that in only a few weeks’ time we will have been in existence for thirty years. We started with almost fifty members and have gained a few more over the years, but have lost far more — some have returned to the Episcopal Church (12 members in one family all at once was a real knock!), some have left for a warmer climate, a few left when we became a House Church (I guess we were not “fancy” enough), and several have departed this life for that Greater Light beyond. I said that I believe those of us still here are part of the “faithful remnant” and thanked them all for their support and enthusiasm over the past year. Arrangements for services in the coming year were made and we all parted, looking forward to seeing each other again next month.

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Fr. Alexander Stringer

New Hampshire
All Saints, Concord
and Saint Luke, Amherst

The execution of a Synod, on the outset, seems to be a simple affair to manage: meeting space, worship times, dinning facilities, lodging, etc. No one (except those blessed to have run a Synod!) knows the preparation that goes behind and before the scene to create the illusion of a flaw-less presentation to the Diocese. All Saints in Concord, and Saint Luke in Amherst, New Hampshire, are no longer innocent of the fact.

With 4 months before the yearly 2010 Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast was to commence,
a change of State and venue and host had to be found. Bishop Marsh—this is termed an *imaginative reconstruction*—closed his eyes and pointed to a map of New England found his finger landing in the middle of the territory that comprised All Saints and Saint Luke in New Hampshire. Calling the Priest charged with the care of both parishes, Bishop Marsh made the plea that “this is a simple event, no problem to host.” The Priest, probably fresh from caring for unruly orphans and cooking for Nuns on that day, thought, “nothing could be harder than what I did today...we’ll do it!” He learned never to underestimate the power of exhaustion, to cloud one’s judgment. God, though, blesses the enthusiastic.

In the first month of searching, no venue could be found to fit the needs of the Synod, until the Radisson in Manchester, New Hampshire. The hotel seemed to be made to host the event: All the rooms and facilities were more than adequate...excepting where to hold the Solemn Mass? Drawing rooms and ballrooms can be fitted to Divine Worship, but there is no replacement for a *real* church in which to worship. Manchester, New Hampshire is filled with appropriate houses of prayer: 3 cathedrals (RC, Greek Orthodox, Polish National Catholic), and a host of Catholic, Non-Conformist and other Reformed spaces. Which to choose? The Priest had an idea...The Ukrainian Catholic Church of Saint Mary is a splendid house of worship. Fr. Robert Smolley, the pastor, a good friend of the Diocese of the Northeast. As Fr. Robert would recount later, “I got the call that said ‘I need your church’ not ‘can I borrow your church?’ or ‘is your church available?’ just ‘I need your church’ with no room for discussion or argument.” Father Christian is known for his subtle and direct approach, usually bearing the fruit of a new liturgical gee-gaw, but never, until now, a fully equipped church. The precedent has been set...Christendom beware!

Now that the facilities were obtained, the focus of the Synod as hosted by the Parishes needed to be decided. The obvious was to highlight the incredible talent found in the parishes of All Saints and Saint Luke. The Icons and vesture, the woodwork and performing arts, would be the theme: *The Arts and Crafts of All Saints and Saint Luke*. Our vestment maker, Lucinda Barrone, made gorgeous robes for sale, raffle, and the Solemn Mass. Ken Miller, crafted 2 new tabernacles: 1 for raffle and 1 for donation. The Iconographer, Chris Gosey, finished the images of Our Lady of Walsingham and Christ, Our Eucharistic King for All Saints, and they were consecrated at the Solemn Mass. The visual beauty made to adorn God’s Temple was evident...displayed to encourage parishes of all sizes and style that local talent is best utilized for adorning the church.

Speaking of “local talent,” the Arts Ministry Director of All Saints, Jane Cormier, who is classically trained in voice as well as stage craft, performed the inaugural play *Teresa, The Inner Song* which was written by Bishop Marsh to be premiered for the Synod. Her interpretation made the character of Saint Teresa of Avila come alive for the Synod participants. The pericope of Saint Teresa’s life in searching for the Will of God, was made more real by the beautiful musical selections chosen to highlight the struggle, petition, and triumph of her spiritual life, and mesmerizingly performed by Jane. As a closing to the end of the first night of Synod, Bishop Langberg, again, performed the more “down home” music of which he is justly famous, allowing the listeners to rest before the arduous task of Synod business would begin the next morning.

The axiom that a Synod “runs on its stomach” is true. The Radisson would provide all the lavish meals one would want...but at a price. Looking with dismay on the prices for lunch and breakfast, and dinner and coffee break, it would be a hefty price to Synod attendees if all the meals were catered by the hotel. Knowing that money is tight, another more “creative” plan was devised: The parishes would provide some meals at a fraction of the cost of the hotel. Candi, Mike, and Ruth volunteered to run breakfast at Saint Mary’s. Phyllis and Gayle would handle lunch, and Dottie, Lee, Bob, and Shirley would man the hospitality room replete with drinks and snacks. Because of the generosity of these volunteers, as well as the donations of Bob, Betty, Mike, and multiple bakers, the Synod guests had ample good food and a taste of the true hospitality that makes a Diocesan Synod great.
The call of the Bishop to the Parishes of All Saints and Saint Luke to host the Synod was a daunting task, but the generosity of the Parishes made the work worth the effort. If the Bishop should call again to some other parish with a like request in the future, be generous and answer the invitation to host Synod. Do this especially if you have in your parish a: Vestment Maker, Wood Worker, Iconographer, Event Planner, Director of Arts Ministry, Unlimited Volunteers, Ukrainian Priest with a Church, Macy’s mannequins, Talented Registrar (Angie Miller!), Gourmet Bakers, Understanding Vestry, and less than 4 months to accomplish the feat. If not, tell the Bishop to call Motel 6!

Events: All Saints will host again a free Concert for those in Concord, New Hampshire on December 11, at 7:30 PM at the Concord City Auditorium, A Dicken’s Christmas. This is a lavish performance in Victorian garb recalling a simpler time with beautiful music and audience participation. A Family Event focused on the real meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ.

Saint Luke will host on December 11 the parish fair at Saint Luke in Amherst, New Hampshire from 9 AM to 2 PM.

The Solemn High Mass of Christmas will be at 11:00 PM, December 24, at All Saints—211 North Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire—this along with the Mass at Dawn at 9:00 AM on Christmas morning at All Saints.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols with Solemn Mass at 7:30 PM at Saint Luke—3 Limbo Lane, Amherst, New Hampshire.

Conway NH
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, the long awaited day has finally arrived. On November 14 St. Margaret’s was overjoyed to witness the institution of Father Jeffrey Monroe as our new Rector. Father Monroe had served as the Vicar at St. Margaret’s for the last year, and in the spring, the Vestry issued a call to which Father Monroe responded positively. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Brian R. Marsh, Bishop, and was witnessed by dignitaries and guests including NH Governor’s Councilor Raymond Burton, clergy and invited guests from St. Augustine’s in Old Orchard Beach, and friends from Lincoln, N.H., and St. Margaret’s parishioners. A sermon was presented by Bishop Marsh, who spoke of the growth and struggles of St. Margaret’s over the years, and our renewed energy and focus that has been brought to us by the leadership and pastoral care of Father Monroe.

A buffet lunch was provided by the Ladies Guild after the service. Father Monroe was presented with plaques from both Bishop Marsh and Councilor Burton, and many good natured stories about Fr. Monroe were offered by both presenters. Father Monroe thanked everyone, including his lovely wife, Linda, for assisting him in the service of the Lord. St. Margaret’s is confident that Fr. Monroe is well able to navigate St. Margaret’s ship successfully through both clear skies and troubled waters. On the same day, we also celebrated the feast of our Namesake, St. Margaret of Scotland. St. Margaret lived from 1045 to 1093, and was instrumental in bringing much European culture to Scotland after she married Malcolm III, the Scottish king. She was renowned for her charitable works with the poor, and children.

In late August, we witnessed the baptism of Harper Ann Toomey, infant daughter of Richard and Sarah Thompson Toomey, and great grand-
daughter of parishioner and Altar Guild Director Connie Smith. We welcome baby Harper to the table of the Lord.

In other news, the Women’s Guild held their annual yard and book sale in September, and realized a profit. Some went to the Church, and a portion to the Ladies Guild. At this year’s Synod, St. Margaret’s made a contribution to Deo Gratias, and the combined funds from all parishes enabled the Diocese to donate to a seminary student as well as St. Luke’s Camp and the IAF. At the end of September, we welcomed back Fr. Kevin LaMarre, who conducted the service in Fr. Monroe’s absence.

Also in September, Vestry member Allison Bergeron, who also teaches in the Sunday School, participated in a local cancer charity, Jen’s Friends, and raised $1500. Her employer, Lupine Industries, matched the funds, and over $3100.00 was given in total to the charity, which proves services to local cancer victims and survivors. Great work Allison!

Tracy Gardner continues to provide our church with inspiring worship music, complemented by occasional soloists. We heard Corrine Page give a beautiful solo rendition of “He Looked Beyond my Faults.” in September, and in November we heard James Harrington sing “Wondrous Love” during the service following Fr. Monroe’s installation. We also recently heard two performers from a local production of “Godspell”. Taylor Hill sang “Day by Day” accompanied by Nat MacDonald on the guitar.

The Church is currently planning for the annual Christmas Fair on November 20th. Gift baskets, knitted items, and much more will be available for sale, and a light lunch will be offered as well. Two exceptional items, a custom crafted doll house, made by Junior Warden John Kropac, and a beautiful afghan, made by Corrine Page, will be raffled. The Ladies Guild will also hold their Christmas party on December 11th at the home of Ann Wilcox, who conducts the Sunday School.

Fr. Monroe continues to conduct Bible Study on Sunday after fellowship. Following the course he conducted on the Reformation, the Bible study has been focused on the epistles of St. Paul. Fr. Monroe also holds a healing service and Mass on the first Thursday of every month in the chapel.

St. Margaret’s looks forward to the Advent season, and we wish joy and blessings of the Christmas season to all our Anglican friends.

------------Maureen Sparti

Conway NH

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND INSTALLS NEW RECTOR

The Rt. Rev. Brian Marsh, Bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast, Anglican Church in America, installed the Rev. Jeffrey Monroe as the 5th Rector of St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church in Conway, NH on Sunday November 14th. The service was attended by a number of clergy and civic leaders from Maine and New Hampshire as well as the congregation of St. Augustine of Canterbury Mission in Old Orchard Beach and members from various parishes in Maine and New Hampshire. Councilor Ray Burton of the New Hampshire Governor’s Council also attended. Fr. Monroe was appointed the parish vicar by Bishop Marsh in November 2009 and the parish elected to issue him a formal call in June of this year.

Father Monroe served in lay ministries at the State University of New York Maritime College and at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He was also the Director of Outreach and Evangelism at St. Paul’s Parish in Portland and was Chairman of the Board of Deacons at Redeemer Parish in Gorham. After ordination, he served as the curate at the Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul in Portland and was the Vicar at St. Michael’s Anglican Church in Holderness, NH and Vicar of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Waterville, Maine where he served before coming to St. Margaret’s. He was appointed as a port and maritime chaplain by Bishop Marsh in 2008 and also serves as Vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury Mission in Old Orchard Beach, Maine and is a visiting chaplain at Maine Medical Center and Mercy Hospital in Portland.

Fr. Monroe holds the rank of Captain in the U.S. Merchant Marine and has an unlimited
Master Mariner’s License from the U.S. Coast Guard. He is a 1976 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and has a master’s degree from the State University of New York. He completed his theological studies at the Logos House of Theological Studies in Ellsworth, Maine and in 2009, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Logos House.

The Bishop presented Father Monroe with his Letter of Institution along with Holy Scripture, Book of Common Prayer and Canons of the Church. Senior Warden Peter Thomas presented him with the keys to the parish and Councilor Ray Burton presented a letter of congratulations.

St. Margaret of Scotland worships on Sundays at 9:30 AM. The parish holds regular Bible studies and other parish activities during the year. The parish is host for Yorkie’s Closet which provides support to missions in the Diocese and administers the York Memorial Mission Fund. The Church was also the first Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese and the first Rector was Bishop Chamberlain whose Bishop’s Chair is still in the Sanctuary.

**Webster NY**

**Holy Cross**

We have sad news from our parish. In late September we lost a valued member, Lynn Miller. We are having a Celebration of her life on November 20. Lynn was always the first to volunteer when help was needed and she was our Altar Guild. She will be missed.

Becky Rowley has agreed to assume altar guild duties assisted by Alison and Lucy O’Neil along with Elsbeth Howland.

We are having a Christmas time Bazaar in mid December. Linda Bowen recently coordinated a "Christmas Shoebox" effort. Linda is another very valuable member. She is always willing to step up for events and offer help.

---------------Paula Neville

ed. note: Lynn was, until recently, a faithful reporter to this newsletter. The warmth of her observation will be missed.

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**Waterville ME**

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

Holy Trinity originated in the 1970s as the St. Francis Mission of St. Paul’s in Portland, and we have reverted to that status through the kindness of Father Samuel Logan and the vestry there.

Since last April the Holy Trinity congregation has been worshipping in a side-chapel of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Waterville, Maine. Known to our RC landlords as the “prayer room,” this handsome space with its stained-glass windows is in perfect scale for our weekly gathering of fifteen or so of the faithful.

Deacon Edwin Kalish, with his wife Linda, devotedly drives an hour each way most Sundays each month to lead us in the sacred liturgy. They also visit parishioners and provide pastoral support. The Kalishes have added very substantially to spirited renditions of the hymns chosen by our beloved organist, Dr. Stanley Painter. On the first Sunday of each month Father Bruce Alexander, a retired priest, has joined our Deacon to say Mass. Once a month Morning Prayer is read by Richard Spear as subdeacon.

On a delightful day in July, our group picnicked at the home of Richard and Shyla Spear on the Kennebec River in Phippsburg. We enjoyed the company of Father Logan from St. Pauls, Father Alexander and his wife Margorie. After lunch, our singing of familiar songs was accompanied by Deacon Kalish on guitar and banjo. Much fun was had, and we were all introduced to “Kaiser,” a new dachshund puppy of Nick and Joan Nicholson’s. Nick and Joan have the longest association with the parish of any of us, and it was at Joan’s suggestion that Holy Trinity became our name. At the end of October, we were blessed to have Bishop Marsh visit us for Mass, and an update of our current situation. After our meeting we all enjoyed a lengthy meal with him at a local restaurant. From experience we have come to value our bishop’s friendly efficiency.

When one recalls the origin of the Mass in the breaking of bread in a communal meal, it is no surprise that many of us at Holy Trinity are becoming accustomed to a leisurely brunch at a nearby restaurant noted for its home-style offerings. Such a gathering of friends is where trivial conversation can occasionally turn to deeper topics.

---------------Shyla Spear, Clerk
Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Perhaps the most interesting news from Good Shepherd is that we have acquired a new organ. Well, perhaps “new” is not the right word. Mason & Hamlin of Boston, Massachusetts built our “new” organ in 1914. During the time that they were business (1854-1931), they manufactured more than 250,000 reed instruments, and after 1881 produced world-class pianos. In mid-October, Ed Boadway, a long-time friend of Good Shepherd, accompanied by Dea. David Moody and his truck, drove to Westbury, Long Island to pick up the organ from the home of Dr. Rollin Smith. Dr. Smith, a noted organist, generously donated the organ to our church.

Mr. Boadway then renovated the organ that has one manual, seven sets of reeds, and is foot-pumped. Mr. Boadway has been working on reed and pipe organs since 1957 and recently completed his 62nd year as a church organist.

On Sunday afternoon December 5, the Anglican Church Good Shepherd will hold Evensong followed by a short concert by Mr. Boadway and soloist Ms. Lisha Klaiber of Proctorville, Vermont. Bishop Marsh will dedicate the organ prior to the service. We hope that local members of the Charlestown community will attend the service and concert and share in light refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

On November 7, after Holy Communion, we celebrated Bishop Brian Marsh’s birthday with a cake in the parish Hall.

In mid-November, we hosted a meeting of the Charlestown Ecumenical Network (CEN) Steering Committee in our parish hall. Dea. David and Aare Ilves are members of the committee that guides the bi-monthly meetings of the network. Recently, the CEN had focused on support of the Food Mountain Food Shelf and obtaining affordable public transportation in the Connecticut River corridor between Charlestown, Claremont, and Lebanon. The CEN sponsored a “Harvest Walk” to raise funds for the Food Shelf. Parishioners Phil Turner and Dee Blanchard participated on the walk. Dee, and her dog Midnight, raised $400 in sponsorships for Midnight’s participation. The parish also purchased turkeys for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf that feeds those in need from Charlestown and six other towns in the Fall Mountain region. During Thanksgiving week, the Food Shelf will distributed 1,000 turkey-dinner baskets of which 200 will go to Charlestown.

Finally, on Saturday, November 20, Dcn. Art Bennett, Dcn. David, Jeanne Moody, and Dee Blanchard attended the annual Harvest Dinner at the Fort at No. 4. in Charlestown. The colonial-style dinner was cooked over an open hearth and made us give thanks to God for the bounty that we enjoy in our great land.

Good Shepherd wishes you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent Season.

-----------Dcn David Moody

Canandaigua NY
Holy Redeemer

We have only one announcement, but of an event of great import:

It’s official!! We are the proud owners of a church building and land!

In a historic event, the transfer of ownership from one church to another took place on November 10, 2010, when the Cottage City United Church made a gift of its building and grounds to Holy Redeemer Anglican Church. Our attorney, Chancellor Walter Jones, could find no legal precedent in New York State for such a transfer. Cottage City is dissolving because its pastor and many of its parishioners are aging, retiring, passing away, or heading south. We have enjoyed our relationship with them during these past several years.

We at Holy Redeemer are so few (although faithful and dedicated) that we are deeply apprehensive whether we are up to all the challenges, financial and otherwise. Please keep us in your prayers, and rejoice with us!

Our sincere best wishes to all for a blessed Christmas.

-----------Diane S. Jones
News Notes

Parishes and Missions

St. Luke's in Amherst, New Hampshire will soon be looking to recruit a new rector for the parish. A parish profile has been completed and the congregation has finished a year of interim clergy. Father Christian's term as Interim Vicar has been extended to May, 2011, during which time the parish hopes to call a new priest.

St. Joseph in Brooklyn, NY is currently being served by interim clergy, following the resignation of Father Carlton Clarke. Archdeacon Alan Koller and Canon Neville Brathwaite are providing administrative and pastoral care to this parish during its time of transition.

Olde St. Paul’s, Portland: New service schedule: Matins & Litany, 7:30 am, Low Mass 8 am, Sung High Mass at 10 am. Holy Rosary is prayed at 9 am. Dcn Al Ryan (207-229-8700) is now on staff.

St. Michaels, Albany, and St. Gabriel, Hartsdale NY are closed.

Clergy and Postulants

Deacon Frank Bartlett has passed his canonical exams for the priesthood. He has received the endorsement of both the Board of Examining Chaplains and the Diocesan Standing Committee. Accordingly, he will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests after the first of the year. The date for his ordination has not yet been established. Please keep Frank and his wife, Geri, in your prayers.

Father Ted Bolduc continues in our prayers. He has been struggling with some serious health issues and will need our ongoing support. Please keep him on your prayer list. He and his wife, Deb, welcome prayer and other gestures of support - cards, letters, email messages.

Three postulants have been advanced to Candidacy status. This is the next step toward ordination, which may happen as soon as six months after candidacy is granted. These three are: David Brennan of St. Augustine of Canterbury in Old Orchard Beach, Maine; Ron Furrer of Holy Cross in Webster, New York; Merrill Perkins of St. Matthias in Mystic, Connecticut.

Mike Cupoli continues his studies at seminary in Philadelphia. Synod, Deo Gratias, Trinity/Rochester and several individuals have been generous in their support to Mike and our future clergy. Many thanks for all who have contributed. We have made an excellent start, but our work is not yet over. We will need to develop additional means of supporting those who offer themselves to the service of God's holy church.

Diocesan Website

If you haven't seen our diocesan website, please do so. It is garnering all sorts of positive feedback - both national and international! Many thanks to our new webmaster Bonnie Turner and all who helped assemble this outstanding site.

www.acanedio.org/

Bonnie is working with each parish and mission to make sure they have a web page. Please work with her to insure your web pages are kept up to date, or, if you already have a web site, that they are properly linked.
St. Luke’s Camp Experience 2010
by Diane S. Jones

When I agreed to be a counselor for St. Luke’s Camp this year, I did so with the expectation that I would help others. I would supervise and be a mentor to young women, at the same time that I would be nearby to ease the transition of my 9 year old son’s first time away from home at a summer camp. And, I admit, it would be an opportunity for me as well, to experience my first time away at camp, since I’d never had that chance while I was growing up! It was an experience that I shall never forget, and I know that Cameron will remember it always. He was sad that we had to leave it all behind.

Nestled in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains, New England Keswick’s setting is truly God’s country with a crop of cabins on the hillside, surrounded by enormous trees, punctuated by small white bridges to keep our feet dry as we traversed the grounds from one activity to the next. Lambeth Hall, the dining hall and central meeting place, is impressive, with its expansive ceilings, huge stone fireplace, large loft area for games, and an enormous deck overlooking the lake. Meals were all delicious, plentiful and varied, served by a friendly and accommodating staff, and consumed with great pleasure. Lake Grandahl (also called Stedman Pond,) at an elevation of 1583 feet, is dotted with hundreds of white and yellow water lilies, and a variety of colorful wildflowers, along with an apparent abundance of fish, evidenced by the Great Blue Heron seen stalking them each morning.

We began each day arising at dawn (and after mastering the feat of getting 14 females through 2 bathrooms in less than an hour!) with a short hike up the hill through the dewy grass to the lovely Courtney Chapel for Morning Prayer. Then it was breakfast at 8 am, followed by play rehearsal (“Dead or Alive,” written by Bishop Marsh,) classes and activities, Mass at 11:20, lunch at noon, sports and classes and crafts in the afternoon, dinner at 5, hurried calls home from the “Telephone Tree,” the only spot where cell phone service seemed to exist, another class, a final activity, closing prayer circle at 8:20, then Devotions in the cabins. We swam and canoed and played parachute games and volleyball; we prayed and listened and thought and sang; we took a scavenger hike with creative scriptural clues hidden along the way (thank you, Tom Kane!); we built wooden treasure boxes thanks to carpenter Deacon Rich (and many used hammers and nails for the first time ever!); we made beautiful St. Luke’s Camp tee shirts and other crafts (thank you, Caroline and Tammy;) we attempted a campfire at the lake and ended up racing up the hill to roast marshmallows in the fireplace as a sudden lightning storm arose; we shared music (thanks, Fr. Owen) and wrote skits and poems and vocal productions, and performed them with great enthusiasm; we shared our lives with humor and gusto and patience and understanding and love.

Note: This report and the pictures with it did not arrive on time for the last issue, but they certainly merit being shared with the diocese.
We saw old friends and met many new ones. We explored our faith and learned how to be truly alive. We shared talents and laughter, hopes and dreams, and even some tears, and we drew closer to each other every day. We began as strangers and ended as a family. I went with the expectation that I would give of myself, and I was honored by what I found and took away. “For it is in giving that we receive...”

St. John 1

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2The same was in the beginning with God.
3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not...
11He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

A Meditation

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” When we hear these words it is easy to apply them to others, but are they perhaps words addressed to each of us? Are they perhaps words we all need to hear? I know that I do.

“He came unto his own?” Who are his own? Isn’t that just what we claim to be—the people of God? We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. He comes to us, week by week in the Eucharist, and, yes, day by day in our prayers and even in the common activities of our daily life.

“And his own received him not.” Do we? Do we receive him as he desires to be received? Do we hear and receive his word and obey it? When we have been forgiven, do we change? Do we recognize him in the poor, the hungry, the naked, the imprisoned, the despised? do we receive him in them as we would receive him face to face?

I find myself fearfully challenged by this verse, very much aware that, as one of his own, I do not always receive him, and yet he continues to come.

“And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” He continues to come. He is with us, among us, within us. May we behold his glory this Christmas as we never have before, and may we receive him as we never have before.

Editorial

Sunday, November 19th, 2010, I’m struggling to get this issue put to bed today, more quickly than I’ve had to do so up till now. less than a full week after the deadline. The object is to deliver parish bundles at Clericus on December 2, and thus save a great deal of postage. With thanksgiving approaching this week, the printer needs to have the copy tomorrow to have it ready for that date.

Thank you all for your cooperation. While we still have some parishes and missions not heard from, the response has been good considering the tightness of the time, and the host of confusing issues we have all been dealing with.

To those who did submit, a sincere thank you. To those who missed this issue, the next one is coming. Deadline is February 15. Please get your reports in on time. Thank you.

To all a blessed and Holy Advent and a joy-filled Christmass.

And a Reminder

Fr. Davis and the Examining Chaplains would like to remind all the postulants that Ember Days begin December 15, and the Bishop will be looking for your ember letters.
Another in our series profiling clergy and people.

PROFILE

Merrill Perkins, Lay Reader and Postulant

Merrill was born July 6, 1956, in Austin, Minnesota, where his father was attending a technical college. Two years later, the young family moved to Old Saybrook, CT, where his maternal grandfather, the late Rev. Edward Merrill, was rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

"Growing up in the church", Merrill sang in youth and adult choirs, was an acolyte, and usher; in later years he was a church school teacher, Alpha course facilitator, home Bible study group leader, and participated in teaching ministries at Grace Church, and at All Saints Charismatic Episcopal Church in Bridgeport, CT; also served on parish commissions and vestry, and from 2001 through 2005 was Minister of Music at All Saints CEC, serving for a time also as that congregation's treasurer and Administrator.

Merrill displayed a talent for music at an early age, began taking piano lessons at age 9, and taught himself to play guitar when he was 18. He has devoted his musical abilities (such as they are!) in the service of God's Church for over 36 years now.

Merrill has worked for Amtrak since June 1976, first as a laborer in the New Haven, CT, locomotive shop, then for 9 years as a locomotive dispatcher in New Haven; he then worked as a Ticket Agent for about 24 years, where he viewed his job as "a ministry to the traveling public". On May 17, 1980, he was married to Jennifer Jane Wood; they have two adult children: John, of Harrison, Tennessee, and Sarah, of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

"As a youngster, I often heard, 'You ought to be a priest as your grandfather!'; and I would reply to myself, 'Not me!' Obviously, the Lord had other plans for me ..."

Merrill had a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit in May 1974, in the early months of the Charismatic Renewal at Grace Church. Almost immediately he developed a deep hunger for God's written Word, and a fresh appreciation of liturgical worship. Seeds were also being planted for a future in ordained ministry: He was approached by clergy on several occasions regarding the vocational diaconate. "Initially (in 1978) it seemed to be a spiritual 'nudge'; years later, as again and again the diaconate was brought up, I began to give it more prayerful consideration. But between my job, family responsibilities, and service I was already engaged in with the Church, I was content being a 'faithful Churchman'."

In December 2005, his wife went into nursing care, afflicted with advanced stages of Multiple Sclerosis. Initially angry at God because years of prayers for Jennifer's healing seemed to have gone unheeded, Merrill soon realized that, relieved of the burden of her physical care, he was more available for God's service than he had been in many years. He soon began theological studies with the now-defunct Catholic Anglican Church, while carefully weighing severing ties with his long-time home parish.

Long distressed at the overall situation in The Episcopal Church, Merrill finally "jumped ship" after TEC's 2009 General Convention. "Over the years I had periodically attended Pentecostal and 'Bible' churches, as well as the CEC congregation in Bridgeport; each time, in due time, the 'faith of my fathers' drew me back to the church of my father's. As I sought God's will last year regarding 'where do I go from here', I felt the words of Jeremiah 6:16 being impressed upon me:

'Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein; and ye shall find rest for your souls.'

'I had known of the Anglican Church in America for awhile, in fact I had visited St. Matthias Church a few times over the years. Long story short, on August 30, 2009, I met Bishop Marsh when he made his visitation to St. Columba's in Thompson, CT; the rest, as is said, is history."

Merrill was soon thereafter accepted as a Postulant for Holy Orders, and commenced theological studies through Logos House. After certain clergy earlier this year went over to another jurisdiction, Bishop Marsh appointed Merrill as Lay Missioner to St. Matthias Church in Mystic, CT.

"I know that placing a church in the care of a layman is most unusual, but it was a rather extraordinary circumstance, as at that point I was the only representative of the ACA in the entire State of Connecticut. I cannot help but believe how my many years and various experiences in the Church, have been a long season of preperation; and the words of Mordecai in Esther 4:14 are often on my mind:

'Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"
Parishes and Missions

Connecticut

Mystic: St. Matthias—Sun 11.30
(at Old Mystic Village, Coogan Blvd.)
Fr. James Hurd, Merrill Perkins, Lay Missioner
(860) 391-2497

Maine

Deblois: St. Francis
Fr. James Dumond (207)638-2441
Ellsworth: St. Thomas - Sun 10am
(373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)667-2001.
Fr. Granville Henthorne
Dcn Ian Dunn, Ed Kalish

Oakland: S. Stephen - Sun 10am
(41 Church Street)
(207)799-5141 Fr. Lewis Glidden

Old Orchard: St. Augustine of Canterbury
- (June-Sept) Sun 9am MP, 5pm HC
(Cathedral Pines Chapel, 156 Saco Ave)
Fr. Jeff Monroe (207)799-5141

Portland: St. Paul
Sun 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)
(207)828-2012. Fr. Samuel Logan
Fr. John Corcoran, Dcn Bro Ignatius,
Dcn Al Ryan

Raymond.: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory
Sun 9am (Easter through Oct.) or Sat 5pm (Nov through Palm Sun) (4 Shaw Road)
(207)655-4441 Rev. Prior Kevin LaMarre, OSB

Rockland: Resurrection Mission
(at members’ homes.) (207)236-2421. Fr. Frank Gray.

Waterville (formerly Fairfield): Holy Trinity
Sun 10am (chapel, Sacred Heart RC, 70 Pleasant St.) Dcn Ed Kalish (207) 989-2117, Subdcn Richard Spears (207) 443-4638

Massachusetts

Belchertown: St. John the Baptist
Sun 9am (at Masonic Bldg, 1 Main St.)
(413)737-0840(408,861),(499,871) Fr. James Hurd

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. Christian Tutor, Dcn Frank Bartlett

Charlestown: Good Shepherd - Sun 9am
(20 Summer St.) (413)552-1580.
Bishop Brian Marsh.
Dcn's 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. Jeffrey Monroe

Holderness: St. Michael - Sun 8.15am
(at Community Church, Rte. 3)
(603)232-7940 Dcn Frank Bartlett

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/4pm Summer (at Tenney Methodist) 290 Main St. (603)232-7940 , Dcn Frank Bartlett

West Lebanon,: Trinity—Sun 11am
(Seventh Day Adventist Church , 99 Maple Avenue, ) (413)552-1580.
Bp Brian Marsh, Dcn. David Moody

New York

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

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

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

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, Fr. Albert K. Jungers

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
A House Church. Call (802)645-1962
Fr. Alexander Stringer.

St. Johnsbury: Christ Church—Sun 10.10am
(54 Southard St.—SDA church) Dcn. Art Bennett
cell 603-504-5631
Clergy Anniversaries
My list is woefully incomplete and probably inaccurate. Please help me get it right.  ed.

Dec
06 - Bp Brian Marsh, D 1997
06 – Fr. Frank Grey, D 1997
08 - Fr. Christian Tutor OSA, vows 1987
14 - Bp George Langberg, D 1985

Jan
01 - Fr. James Davis, P 1955
19 - Dcn William Morrill, birthday

Feb
02 - Fr. Christian Tutor OSA, D 2007
15 – Bp Robert Harvey birthday 1916
22 - Fr. Owen Williams, D 1998
23 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, birthday
24 - Fr. Alexander Stringer, P 1953

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Deadline for submissions will be around February 15.

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

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