Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all as we enter the season of Lent!

Some people regard Lent with aversion, as if it is a time that invites suffering, as if it is a time to get through quickly (if we only could). Lent is, of course, forty days long. If we add those forty days to the days of pre-Lent, we realize that almost twenty percent of our church year is taken up with the task of waiting and preparation. If we approach this season with a grim resolve to get through it, we will miss the necessary and joyful aspects of the season.

Over twenty years ago, I and a number of business associates took part in a series of personal growth workshops. These were designed to develop our “full potential” so that we could be more effective in our business lives. Part of the training program involved learning what was most important to each of us. One particular exercise focused on just that. We were instructed to write down things we would do if we had ten years to live. Easy enough, we thought, and wrote with ease the things we would do if we had five years to live. We were then instructed to write down those things we would do if we had five years to live. Our lists changed somewhat, but included much of what was on that ten year list. We were then asked to write down what we would do with our time if we had only a year left to our temporal lives. This list took longer; we had to focus on those things that were most important to us. Finally, we were asked to write down those things we would do if we had only six months left. Curiously, instead of expanding our lists, most of us wrote down very few items. Most wrote about being with those who meant most to them, close friends and family. It was a very revealing exercise and it taught us much about the important things in life. It is in focusing our lives on those most essential elements that we discover the true meaning of Lent.

Lent requires that we focus our attention on those things we love: God, our neighbors, our close friends. The wonder and indeed the joy of Lent requires that we eliminate all those extraneous things in our lives that get in the way of the essentials.
Lent, we are often reminded, suggests the lengthening of days and the coming of Spring. Gone are the intense struggles to survive the Winter. How well we know this, having endured a very challenging Winter here in the Northeast. But Lent signals the coming of greater light into our lives, not only the physical presence of increased sunlight, but the growing spiritual knowledge of Christ’s presence in our lives.

It is during Lent that we learn more and more of the earthly ministry of Jesus. He instructs us in the healing power of God’s love; He heals those who are suffering from physical and spiritual disease; He leads us gently and patiently to the kingdom of heaven. When we follow His path, as it is told to us through Holy Scripture, we find ourselves warmed and uplifted by His presence in our lives. But, even more, we will find ourselves strengthened for the service to God, to His Church, and to each other.

During Lent, we are not asked what we will do with the next ten years or the next five years. We are not asked what we will do with the next year or even the next six months. We are asked only about the forty days ahead of us, days we are asked to fill with the knowledge and love of God. We are asked to fill our lives with prayer, with devotion to God and His holy church. We are given forty days in which to prepare for the greatest mystery of all: the greatest mystery of our faith.

What will we do with these blessed and holy days?

--------Your Brother in Christ, +Brian

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More from Our Bishop

The National and International Scene

The national and international situation remains fairly stable. Though there are a few parishes and missions, as well as clergy, that have decided to petition for entry into the Roman Catholic Ordinariates, most parishes and clergy have decided to remain within their Anglican jurisdictions. This is the course preferred by most Anglicans, as it promotes safety and harmony.

Within the Anglican Church in America, leadership changes are taking place. A new President of the House of Bishops will be elected at the April House of Bishops meeting, which will be held in Tucson, Arizona. In addition, a new bishop will be elected to serve the ACA Diocese of the Eastern United States, following the retirement of Bishop Louis Campese.

The Traditional Anglican Communion will likely remain intact as well. Few national churches have signaled their intention to petition for acceptance into the Ordinariates.

We continue to pray for all the members of God’s holy church. We pray for those who seek to enter the Roman Catholic Church, as well as those who seek to remain Anglican. Indeed, all who recognize that, as Jesus said, “I and the Father are one,” are truly at one with the Lord and with each other. Despite any denominational differences, we fulfill Christ’s mandate when all believe the unity of the Father and the Son.

Celebration of Continuing Anglicanism

Plans are currently being made to organize a festival of Continuing Anglicanism. Tentative dates are November 3 and 4. The gathering will take place either in Boston or Hartford.

The purpose will be to celebrate the ongoing life and witness of the Continuing Anglican churches. Though unity will be an underlying theme, the purpose of the gathering will be to celebrate the richness of the Continuing Anglican presence in our country.

Pencil in the dates. More information will be forthcoming.

St Luke's Camp – 2011

As I write this article, I realize we have just completed a winter weekend “get together” with some of the teen youth of the diocese AND it's snowing like crazy outside. What a terrific opportunity to talk about St. Luke's Camp this coming summer!

While this year's topics are still being developed, I can share some of the pertinent details. That way those who may wish to attend or have their children or grand children attend can set time and resources aside when planning this coming summer's activities. Here's what we know:

Camp will run from August 14 to the 20th.
Camper costs this year will be $250 per camper.
Camp is for all children ages 7 to 15 (up to 17 with special permission)

We will be at Camp Keswick again this year, however we are scheduled to stay in an area called “The Heights”. It will be a little different setup from the past few years.

I encourage all parents, grandparents, priests, deacons, etc... to start thinking about children you know that would enjoy a week of spiritual and social growth. We have morning prayer and mass daily as well as informative lessons and activities based on our faith throughout the week. The youth also enjoy sports, boating, swimming, hiking, a game room and each other's company.

The campers (and counselors) also enjoy some of the best “camp food” you'll ever experience. Keswick has a full kitchen staff and prepares some of the best food away from home on the planet! OK, I may have gone overboard, but it's pretty darn good!

Updated information can always be seen at our website:

WWW.STLUKESCAMP.COM

Pencil it in on your calendars. The middle of August is the perfect time for everyone to re-focus their faith in Christ before heading back to school. We hope to see you (or your children) there.

God Bless

Tom Kane, Camp Counselor
Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas Anglican Church

Deo volente, Progress continues here at St. Thomas! The new tower is completely framed and the bell has been installed in the steeple.

Our special services for Advent included special Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross at 4 p.m. on Sat. Nov. 27, along with the making of dozens of wreaths after service on Sunday Nov. 28. On Friday Dec. 24 we celebrated a Christmas Eve service which was well attended.

Father Henthorne has preached lately concerning early Church history and the early development of church doctrine and faith, highlighting the conflicts between the ancient orthodox faith and Gnosticism, including the relationship between the teachings of the Synoptic Gospels and St. Paul, resolving the seeming conflict between them. Father Henthorne told us that he was trying for the Guinness World Record for the longest sermon series ever. So far, 32 weeks. We follow avidly. It isn’t boring!

Our altar guild, consisting of Siobhan Harris, Beverly Nichols, and Vicki Hart continue to serve our needs generously and graciously.

Our senior warden and subdeacon Leroy Weed has generously offered his services of eight hours of carpentry or other labor to the highest bidder with the proceeds being donated to the Church’s building fund. Bidding starts at $100.00 with $10.00 increments; so far $150.00 has been bid.

For Lent this year we are having a seminar in Church History. The sessions will follow the 10 a.m. service and be held in the Logos House Library.

A blessed Lenten season to all!

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Kevin A. Kelly

Old Orchard Beach, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Augustine’s continues develop a foothold in the Southern Maine area. The mission recently received a national church grant to assist with advertising and evangelism. Most of the parish attended the installation of Father Monroe as Rector of St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Conway. He will continue as the Vicar at St. Augustine’s.

The mission is now a formal teaching mission affiliated with Logos House of Theological Studies. We sponsor the Deacon Seminar Pilot Program which has five students from St. Augustine’s, St. Margaret’s and St. Paul’s enrolled. We are also beginning to work with two priests who live in Maine who have joined us from several locations in Africa. We have also had the good services of Deacon Al Ryan from St. Paul’s who has done several excellent Deacon’s Services of Holy Communion at the mission.

The parish continues in regular Bible study, Sunday School and other activities including the continued support of the seaman’s mission in Portland. We also hope to send several young men to summer camp this year with the Diocese. Currently we are planning a spring sponsored service to honor St. Brendan the Navigator in May which will be done with the Irish Heritage Center in Portland, located at the former St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church. We will also be doing Tenebrae this Lent as part of our worship schedule. The mission meets every Sunday for services at 4:00 PM followed by Bible Study and social hour at 5:00 PM.

Our blessings for a wonderful spring and a devoted Lenten Season.

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Sub-Deacon
David Brennan

PICTURE CAPTION:
“Lord, don’t let him hit anyone with the cross.”
Portland ME
Saint Paul’s

The snow keeps falling and I am sure that is the same throughout the Northeast. The walks need shoveling and the doors need to be dug out from the drifts. But the people keep coming. One is reminded of the Pilgrims trudging to church in Plymouth that first winter.

Our congregation is growing (Thanks be to God and Father Logan) and we have new sounds during worship. A small choir now processes amongst the people, and the voices of children can be heard. The sung service, which is our gift to God every Sunday (We hope He likes it), is becoming more beautiful and bright as everyone begins to join in.

We also have two African families in the church now, which has made us very aware of the problems on that continent. We pray for the Copts in Egypt, the Presbyterians in Southern Sudan and the Anglicans all over East Africa. The English tended to be very pervasive in the 18th and 19th Centuries. You have to love ‘em.

Our annual meeting put several new members on the Vestry, and the Ladies Guild has been reinvigorated and is planning new activities. We also hope to have another breakeven year financially, thanks to our treasurer who is a genius, maybe even a magician.

We consider all these things to be gifts from God and we receive them with joy and wonder.

----------John Serrage

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

Snow, snow and more snow! Tuxedo has been a winter wonderland this year! During this season of record-breaking snow accumulations, our New York TV news programs were continually asking viewers to send in their favorite “snow” photos, so I decided to give this a try (along with thousands of other viewers in the NY Metro area). Our home is adjacent to St. Elizabeth’s Chapel and my hubby Ken took a lovely photo of the church from our front patio after a recent snowstorm. I e-mailed the photo (included herein) to ABC-TV in New York. While watching the ABC evening news later that day – lo and behold – there it was! The photo of St. Elizabeth’s had “won” a spot as one of the selected scenic snowstorm photos shown on TV that evening. I was delighted! I must admit, although the snow requires endless hours of shoveling and clean-up efforts, there is something serene and beautiful about its presence when looking at our surroundings after a new snowfall. So, I’m going to try very hard to do more thanking God for snow’s beauty and less grumbling about its inconvenience!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you blessings of happiness and good health in 2011. Once again, the Christmas season was bustling at St. Elizabeth’s. We began with our annual wreath and poinsettia sale in early December, and the giving tree project in which our parishioners donated many lovely gifts for the residents of nearby Rockland Psychiatric Center. We helped in collecting and distributing Christmas holiday baskets and other food supplies at our local food pantry. We also sent treats, needed essentials and other items to Robert Williamson and his buddies who are presently serving our country in Afghanistan. Robert is the son of parishioners, Bob and Jill Williamson. Our Sunday School children made their own Christmas cards with personal notes and messages for the troops and we sent them to Robert as well, along with a picture of the children (included herein). We received a heartwarming letter of thanks from Robert for the Christmas packages and for our prayerful support. We celebrated previously with Bob and Jill when Robert returned home from a tour of duty in Iraq, and now prayerfully await his safe return from this latest deployment. Please remember to keep Robert and all of our brave military service men and women and their families in your prayers as well.
Our children’s Sunday School Christmas pageant, held at nearby St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home, brought smiles of delight from family members and the residents who joined us to see the pageant. Afterwards, we all enjoyed carol singing and refreshments – a lovely way to begin our season of Christmas celebrations. Our beautifully decorated chapel was filled with family and friends during a joyous Christmas Eve carol service, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day Mass. We also hosted an afternoon open house on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, to usher in the New Year.

Congratulations go out to our vestry members installed at our annual congregation meeting in January: Rudy Sellitti (Senior Warden), Dorothy Schmidt (Junior Warden), Michael Collins (Secretary), Harry Prokop (Treasurer), and Vestry-at-Large members Linda Pallack, Stephani Lenti and George Kress.

We pray that our vestry, our entire congregation and all of you - our fellow ACA brothers and sisters in Christ - will work together in 2011 to diligently serve our Lord in our churches, in our homes and in our communities. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16.  Blessings to all!

--------Ingrid Magar

Amherst NH
St. Luke

The Parish of Saint Luke is moving forward with the arrival at the beginning of March of a new Interim Priest, the Reverend Alexander Henderson Webb. The new interim is a licensed psychologist and a resident of Peterborough, NH. He comes with a plethora of experience in ministry having spent his ministry in the Episcopal Church in various assignments. Bishop Marsh has given him the task of growing the parish as best as possible, focusing on bringing in more youth and families to the Amherst church. The parish will welcome him beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

Conversely, Father Christian Tutor, who has supplied to Saint Luke since May of 2009, and as Vicar for over a year, will be leaving the parish on Quinquagesima Sunday, March 6. Father Christian has fulfilled the task given him by the Bishop to spiritually care for and stabilize the parish, while retaining his other pastoral duties in the diocese: Rector of All Saints, Canon Liturgist, Dean of Saint Mary, Marriage Tribunal Judge, and Safe Environment Coordinator. Father Christian will be grateful to have some “free” time with the relinquishing of Saint Luke, but will very much miss the gentle people of Saint Luke who have called him “Father.”

Bishop Marsh will be making his annual Visitation on March 6, hoping to introduce the new Interim, and ushering out the old Vicar.
As has been true throughout the Diocese of the Northeast, Christmas was probably the most significant event in the life of our parish since the last edition of the NEA. While the remembrance and celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord is central, and we seem to celebrate that not only in liturgical ceremonies, but also with spates of gift giving (and pumping up the economy!), it is important, as well, to consider those who struggle during this season. The vestry, accordingly, sponsored a drive to support the Upper Valley Haven with food and monetary contributions which were significant and gratefully received. In addition, the parish made a significant monetary contribution to help a burned out family in Orford, NH.

On another front, we learned from our landlord, the Seventh Day Adventist church, that they have acquired a new site for their church in Plainfield, NH and will be moving there sometime this year. This will necessitate our parish finding yet another new home. Work is underway now to locate an appropriate facility and several have already been considered, without success.

The Niemi family has been busy in diocesan affairs over the past month. Charlie, whom many may know as one of our postulants, participated in the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Frank Bartlett to the priesthood on February 12 while the Niemi children, Ben, Spencer, Mariah, and Hannah participated in the first ever winter youth retreat at the pro-cathedral.

Finally, we are all thrilled that Steve Rugg has been accepted at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary where he will complete his studies prior to being ordained, God willing, to the priesthood. Steve, Beckey, and Neil have been a tremendous addition to the parish and we are happy for their continued presence in the parish.

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

After the hullabaloo of the Synod ended, All Saints returned to its regular and hectic schedule with the magnificent patronal Solemn High Mass on All Saints Day, November 1. in mid-December, Continuing the innovative ways in which to spread the Gospel, the parish again offered free to the people of Concord A Dickens Christmas. Hundreds attended and much good press was given to the “little parish” with a gigantic vision of evangelism. The local television station filmed the event and continued to play the program all through the Christmas Season. Christmas High Mass was, then, very well attended. People drawn by the beauty of the Service as well as the glorious music offered.

A name that should be remembered for future posterity is that of Nelson Ebo, who is a member of All Saints, and a budding international Opera star now studying on scholarship in New York City. His premier recital was hosted by All Saints 3 years ago, and he continues to sing when home from study.

The Arts Ministry Director, Jane Cormier, thought of an innovative way in which to raise money for a fund started to help the Sunday School Director of All Saints, Diane
Williamson, who was badly injured in a car accident in January. Jane decided to host a Victorian Tea at the parish of St. Luke in Amherst, NH. The tea took place on Sunday, February 13, and featured a wonderful array of homemade sandwiches, baked goods, and copious amounts of hot tea. During the tea service, Jane and her husband, Carlos Martinez, sang a number of “love” themed songs mostly from a Broadway repertoire, which delighted the attendees. Gifts baskets were also auctioned off, supplying, mostly the male winners, with gifts to give their spouses for Valentine’s Day. The final tally for the donations of the tea exceeded $800.00, not bad for a simple afternoon soiree! But that was not all the “entertainment” planned for the evening; Jane and Carlos had another surprise that would involve all the attendees.

It has been bandied around that Father Christian should have a show featuring a coffee chat style format which would bring religious subjects into everyday conversation. Carlos Martinez would watch the interaction between his wife, Jane, and Father Christian at informal situations and wanted to capture the “magic” and humor that resulted in their converse. After the tea, all the guests were invited to the church to participate in the pilot episode of the aptly named “Beauty and the Priest” (or Conversations with Father and Jane, which ever works!). The audience was encouraged to think of horrid and horribly difficult questions to ask during the show to see how Father would react to a live and potentially hostile audience. The questioners did not fail to impress. Volley after volley was hurled at Father Christian: the origin of suffering, creationism, rapture eschatology, and “how did Satan get into the Garden of Eden?” were some of the samplings. He did a fair job and his sidekick, Jane Cormier, added to the humor of the premiere. Carlos will peddle this episode to local stations as a novelty, and who knows? but maybe this will be the next Regis and Kelly or Late Night Show!

As Lent begins Father Christian and Father Williams of Trinity Pro-cathedral in Rochester, NH will host a Lenten Retreat on March 12, focusing on the aspect of Forgiveness. The Retreat is a favorite and well-attended annual event at Trinity.

Conway NH
St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. We hope all our friends are surviving the winter cold and snow. By the time this newsletter appears, I believe we will have seen the worst of the winter weather.

Following the wonderful installation ceremony of our new rector, Fr. Jeffrey Monroe, we had a very successful Christmas season, beginning with our Christmas Fair in November, which is always well attended and a good fund raiser. There was a good crowd in attendance, and many of our lovely handcrafted baskets were sold. Many folks stayed to enjoy the lunch of corn chowder, pea soup, chili, vegetarian stew and apple crisp.

On December 11, the ladies guild held their annual Christmas party at the home of Ann and John Wilcox. There were at least a dozen ladies in attendance, and everyone brought a pot luck as well as a Yankee Swap. Much fellowship and merriment got everyone in the right holiday spirit. Also in late November, the Church held its second annual “Kirkin O’ the Tartan”. All those of Scottish ancestry (or who wished they were) and who owned Scottish garb were invited to wear their tartans to church, and be blest by Fr. Monroe.

Our music director, Tracy Gardner, continues with a varied program, often utilizing the talents of our church members. In November, we were treated to a bagpipe solo of Amazing Grace, by our own Sub-deacon, Mr. Harry Wellsman. In addition, two choir anthems were
presented this season. The first was “Song of Advent” right before Christmas, and the second was “When the Lord Received Zion” in late January. Also in December, a special service “A Festival of Lessons and Carols” was presented the day after Christmas, and was enjoyed by many.

Fr. Monroe and his wife Linda took a much needed vacation to visit family in South Carolina right after Christmas. His absence was ably filled by Fr. Kevin LaMarre, O.S.B. who we were happy to welcome for the January 9th service.

On Friday, February, Fr. Monroe was featured on radio station WMVW on their 5:00 P.M. "Drivetime" segment. The spot, which was taped earlier in the day, featured Fr. Monroe talking about his assignment to St. Margaret’s, his enthusiasm for the parish and the area, and the upcoming events planned for St. Margaret’s. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase the Church to the community.

The parish continues with many of its charitable works. We have been quietly but actively supporting various missionary activities in addition to our regular support for the International Anglican Fellowship. Just a few things we have done:

Food for the Poor – We donated a goat to a poor family through this wonderful organization which is run with very little overhead by the Roman Catholics. The gift of a goat was matched by two other gifts so three goats were provided to needy families in Central America.

Seafarer’s Ministry – This is an important mission to seafarers of all nations. The ministry is handled by a not-for-profit called Seafarer’s Friend. Along with St. Augustine’s Mission, we provide Bibles, magazines and occasional funds to help them spread the Gospel and care for seamen. The organization is also supported through our own Chaplain, Fr. Monroe, as well as Chaplains from the United Church of Christ, Roman Catholic Church and Baptist churches.

ACA Missions – The parish now hosts two important missionary efforts. This includes Yorkie’s Closet which provides liturgical items, supplies and vestments to new and struggling missions in the Diocese. We also care for the Fr. Lester York Memorial Mission Fund which will buy supplies for parishes and missions in need.

Local Food Bank – St. Margaret’s donates food and toiletries collected and offered at Sunday Mass to the local community food pantry.

St. Margaret’s continues with its healing service on the first Thursday of the month at noon in our chapel. We are currently looking forward to our annual meeting on February 20th, and our second annual St. Patrick’s day fund-raising dinner, which proved so successful last year. A special parish sponsored community-wide music program is also planned for March 19, spearheaded by our music director Tracy Gardner.

We will soon enter the Lenten season, and hope all our Anglican friends use this time of repentance and reflection to prepare for the beauty of spring and the glory of Christ’s resurrection.

-----Maureen Sparti

Brooklyn NY
St. Joseph

Greetings in the name of the Lord from St. Joseph’s Anglican Church. I am writing to you on behalf of the congregation as it has been a while since we have submitted anything to the NorthEast Anglican. We have a web presence now which can be located at HTTP://WWW.SJAC-NY.ORG which contains a bit about our history, our events, our Sunday bulletins and a few other things. As we are blossoming in the ways of technology, please understand that our website is always under construction.

As many are aware, we have had some issues in the past regarding our parish’s spiritual leadership and have since parted ways with Father Clarke. Presently we are under the guidance of Archdeacon Alan Koller as Parish Administrator, Canon Neville Braithwaite as Pastor and Rev. Mr. Herby Rodney as the Minister of Visitations. Our Sunday worship service has a shared celebration in the sense that Fathers Koller and Braithwaite alternate altar service each weekend.

I, myself, have been set-apart as a Subdeacon but still retain all of my previous responsibilities as Acolyte due to a lack of altar staffing. One day, with God’s blessings, we will be able to bring St. Joseph back to her original glory of
being a High Church with full altar staffing. But this is not a situation in which St. Joseph is alone in. As times change and the younger generation moves towards the Joel Olsteens and Creflo Dollars of the world and away from the church, a great many parishes across the world are going through the same trials.

We are presently trying to rebuild the congregation due to lost membership caused by the above mentioned situations and have started a bible study program which will be held on Sundays at 10 AM. All are welcomed.

With these things in mind, we are counting on God’s many blessings and the spiritual leadership that is present in both our Bishop and both Fathers Koller and Braithwaite along with the guidance of our Vestry and extended Vestry Members and through the suggestions of our congregation to guide us, guard us and keep us Marching forward to Zion.

---------Mark Black, Subdeacon & Webmaster

St Johnsbury VT
Christ Church

Winter is coming to an end in the northern end of the Connecticut River Valley, with only a little effect on Christ Church. We had to cancel one service because of projected road conditions, one due to extreme cold, and one due to everybody being out of town for the holidays. That’s not bad considering the cold and snow conditions here in frigid Vermont. Attendance has been steady, and it appears we are a pretty hardy group of faithful Anglicans after all. Christ Church is alive and well and worshiping and He is faithfully with us.

This spring and summer we are looking forward to visits from both Bishop Marsh, and Fr. Hurd. We have listings of services in all the local papers as well as an ad in a local tabloid style monthly. However as yet we have had no response from these. As it warms up we plan to put out fliers in local business, and perhaps at tables at local "Farmer's Markets".

I don't know if we mentioned it earlier, but we have a "Synthia" (I think that's how it's spelled) which is a computer that hooks to a midi keyboard and contains most of the hymns of the 1940 hymnal. As there is not a piano or organ in the room we use during the winter it does a great job of covering up my "singing" so the congregation can worship.

---------Den Art Bennett

Raymond ME
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory

We at the Priory have been managing to stay warm during this long winter, and through the kindness and generosity of our animal angels have also managed to keep the animals here fat and happy as well. Truly, though I love winter for the sheer beauty of snow covered everything and the isolation that the weather imposes on us. It is a wonderful time of introspection if we allow ourselves to ponder, rather than constantly busying ourselves. It is a perfect time, to not just look, but really see, and count all the blessings that God constantly sends our way. We have had people in our lives tell us "You know you'd have a lot more money if you didn't have all those animals."......and they are right, but what they have missed in their mercenary endeavors has been the privilege of sharing a life with another creature and the great blessings and lessons found therein.
"But if you tame me,
then we shall need each other.
To me, you will be unique in all the world,
To you, I will be unique in all the world.
You will become responsible forever
and for what you have tamed.

Antoine de Saint Exupery

Spring is on the way and the lion and the lamb
will wrestle in the weather world and eventually
lie down together in peace. Let us learn from
them and do the same.

Sr. Mary Francis, OSB

Note: Masses are cancelled for the month of
March as Fr. LaMarre will be away.

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Poultney VT
St. David

A brief history by Fr. Stringer
(from the website)

In the summer of 1980 I left the Episcopal
Church - I had been Rector of Trinity Episcopal
Church in Poultney VT since 1965 but could
take no longer the changes in the Episcopal
Church - I was a teacher at Green Mountain
College and we had a house in Wells so that's
where we moved.

At the same time one-half of Trinity's con-
gregation left and formed themselves into a
separate congregation which I joined later in the
year and we became a congregation of the Anglican
Church of North America in December 1980 -
by Bishop. William Lewis.

So, one-half of our present congregation has
known me as their parish priest for 45 years -
they will not fire me or let me go! Officially I
am retired so am really a member of a congre-
gation who happens to be a priest and is trying
to look after the flock until such a day when
someone else turns up - ha, ha!! One of my
friends asked me one day, "Where will you go
when you don't go to St. David's any more?"
and I replied, "The Wells cemetery."

So as a congregation we have existed for 30
years - we started with many more members but
over the years have lost many through death,
return to the Episcopal Church and moving to a
warmer climate but I tell our people now that
we are part of the "Great Remnant" - I think we
are a faithful little group of Traditional Anglicans
with an Anglo-Catholic background, meeting in
each others homes once a month - a House
Church- we have been in the local Churches and
been forced out of all of them eventually so
became a House Church - meeting chiefly in
our own home in Wells on the 1st Sunday in
each month - Christmas, Easter and a few other
special Feasts in addition - followed by coffee
and the usual "eats."

Waterville ME
Holy Trinity

Community Outreach is happening at Holy
Trinity. Some Sundays God provides us with a
demonstration that our mission can be accompl-
ished.

In the fall, Holy Trinity parishioners gathered at
one of the oldest church establishments in
Maine: St. John Episcopal Church in Dresden.
This historic building is used only for occa-
sional services and concerts, but is kept in good
repair. We were joined by the people and priest
of the Episcopal church in Richmond, This service
was held at the invitation of retired priest the
Rev. Bruce Alexander who had served the parish in Richmond and comes once a month to say Mass for us at Holy Trinity. We used our 1928 service and hymnal in keeping with the long tradition at St. John’s. The building has not been altered since it was built. It’s a new experience to sit in box pews in what has been described as a "preaching box" of a building.

God’s work cannot be stopped! Twice on Sunday, February 20th Holy Trinity proved it. Our new key to Sacred Heart Catholic Church would not work when we arrived to prepare for our 10 o’clock service. There was a momentary panic and thoughts of calling off the service, but ‘yes, we have a working cell phone, we can call the parishioners before they start driving,’ then we thought of the sacristan of Sacred Heart who lives almost next door. She arranged for us to get in. We were only ten minutes late starting our service. She told us that the same thing had happened to the Catholic service on Thursday, and being unable to get in the priest had blessed the parishioners gathered at the door, and then they all went home.

Later that Sunday, we gathered at the door of the Rose Chapel at Colby College to hold Anglican evensong service. The college student pianist who was to play the hymns for us was there, as was our Deacon Ed Kalish, however, the door of the chapel was still locked. Standing about with nothing to do, I saw another door, which was unlocked. It opened into what proved to be a walk through closet that led into the sanctuary. Six college students participated in the service, including one from the Greek Orthodox church.

In early February, at our traditional Sunday-after-church breakfast at a local café, we were surprised when the waitress told us that the man at the next booth before he left had paid for all our breakfasts! Our laughter and good fellowship must have impressed him.

In another of our outreach attempts we are pursuing advertising on local-access TV channels in the towns around our area. We are hoping those doors will open as well.

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Shyla Spear, Clerk

Rochester NH  
Trinity Anglican Church

A new year has begun at the Pro-Cathedral. At the Annual Parish Meeting, Dean Williams, in his address to the parish, established the theme for the year. This year’s theme is, “Mission as a verb.” The Parish and every Christian, has a mission to work with Jesus Christ to save souls. How can a soul be saved except they are introduced to Jesus. As St. Paul wrote to the Romans, “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

With this in mind, the Parish is going back to an old New England tradition; Morning Prayer at the principal Sunday service, once a month. This will enable visitors to come and be introduced to Christ, through Anglican Worship without the sometimes alienating aspect of a closed Communion. Our first service was February 27th. The guest preacher was the Venerable Fr. Amos Mukiza, a refugee priest from Rwanda/Uganda.

T.N.T. (aka Thursday Nights at Trinity,) our Adult Education program, finished its study of Revelation. In keeping with the parish theme, it is now working on an Evangelism and mission program. The group started out by gathering those frequently asked questions, such as, “What is an Angel-i-can?” The group is then going to develop short easy answers, and answers to probable follow-up questions. The group will then put this all together and then we will then have a Spring program for the rest of the congregation to become more confident in introducing Jesus in the Anglican tradition.
In addition, The Pro-Cathedral, hosted two Diocesan event. The first was the Ordination of Frank Bartlett to the Sacred Order of Priests. The second event was the Winter Youth Retreat. Many of the older teens who have gone to St. Luke’s Camp gathered at the Cathedral on President’s Day weekend for prayer, reflection and fun – If you can call sledding behind snowmobiles up a hill and rocketing down – Fun!!

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

As we continue to dig out our church from the surrounding ice and snow, we have to remind ourselves that Spring is just around the corner. Last fall Aare Ilves and Deacon David planted a number of King Alfred daffodils in the front yard of the Good Shepherd Church building. We now eagerly await the golden yellow blooms of this beautiful flower.

At the end of February we said farewell to Phil Turner, our treasurer, who is on a six-week mission to El Hogar an orphanage in the Honduras. This is the second time that Phil has gone there to teach mathematics to the children. This time he is submitting postings and photographs to our church website so that we can follow his adventures at El Hogar. A description of his previous trip last year is also posted on our website. http://www.goodshepherdanglican.us/. Please keep Phil in your prayers.

Scott Chase, from Springfield, Vermont, is one of our lay readers at Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist. He recently has been accepted as a postulant for Holy Orders in the Anglican Church in America. Scott is the third man from Good Shepherd in the past 8 years that has responded to the call of the ministry. We wish him well during his studies over the next few years.

Our Bible Study group now has 7 people in it, with several from other churches. We always welcome visitors who are curious to see what we are doing and who might be interested in joining us Wednesday mornings for an hour. All are welcome and the coffee is hot. For the next six weeks, we will be viewing and discussing Prof. Phillip Cary’s excellent lecture series from the Teaching Company on “Augustine: Philosopher and Saint.”

Finally, last December we dedicated our new organ at Advent Evensong led by Bp. Marsh. The service was followed by a concert and reception. The picture shows organist Ed Boadway at the keyboard of our Mason & Hamlin instrument rehearsing the choir. The service and concert went very well, and we hope repeat this type of event in the future as a modest contribution to the musical life of the community.

Pepperell MA
Church of the Holy Spirit

This is a parish of the Anglican Province in America (APA) under the jurisdiction of Bishop Walter H. Grundorf, who spoke at our last synod and at a recent retreat. As Holy Spirit is 500 miles from the next nearest APA parish, and in the interest of increasing Anglican unity, He has asked our Bishop Marsh to supply pastoral care for the parish, which is listed as an associated parish of this diocese.
The Rev. Theodore "Ted" Bolduc had been priest in charge for some time until he was recently taken from us after a long and hard battle with cancer.

His funeral was held on January 17, 2011 at St. Paul's Church in Portland, Maine. The church was filled with clergy, family and friends.

"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon him.

Fr. Frank Bartlett, was assigned to the parish immediately upon his recent ordination, and celebrated his first Mass there on February 13.

Ordination
Fr. Frank Bartlett

It was yet another gala day at Trinity Pro-cathedral, with clergy and people from many corners of the diocese arriving for a very special event. It was Saturday, February 12, 2011 and the time had finally arrived for Deacon Frank Bartlett to be advanced to the sacred order of priests.

Frank had been a deacon for almost five years, ordained to that office on March 11, 2006, and had served at St. Luke’s in Amherst NH, at the former St. Michael’s in Holderness NH, and at St. John the Baptist in Salem NH. Parishioners from all of these churches had come to witness his ordination, as well as some from Trinity where he has briefly been a curate.

The church was comfortably filled and the time finally had arrived. Trinity’s new organist began the opening hymn and the procession entered: incense, choir, clergy, Deacon Bartlett, and Bishop Marsh. All took their seats for the moving and challenging sermon preached by Dean Williams of the Pro-cathedral, and the service had begun.

The candidate was presented to the bishop by Canon James Davis, Chairman of the Board of Examining Chaplains, the newest ordinand brought forth by a priest of more than a half-century’s experience, and the rite went forward according to the Prayer Book. After the Gospel came the climactic moment: Deacon Frank knelt before the bishop, the whole company of priests surrounded him, and at the laying on of all their hands and the words of Bishop Marsh, Franklin Bartlett became a priest of the Church of God. We all joined with him as the bishop celebrated the Mass, and the feast of the Body and Blood was administered.

After the service those present gathered in Champlin Hall for a luncheon and fellowship, a warm celebration of the unity of the diocese, and finally returned home, thankful for this day.

Fr. Bartlett continues to minister at St. John’s in Salem and also at Holy Spirit in Pepperell MA (a parish of APA under the care of our bishop), where he had his first Mass the following day.

-------------ed pacht
Deblois ME  
St. Francis Mission

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.”

“If you have men who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.”

“Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and an be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.”

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

— Francis Of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi, founder of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans, is known as the patron saint of animals, birds, the environment.

KittyKate reaching out in Thanks and Praise for the Love of Christ

--------from the website

CLERGY NEWS

The Rev. Derek Park has requested a leave of absence from his clerical responsibilities. He has been granted a leave of absence for one year.

The Rev. Mr. Richard Dibble has completed his canonical examinations. We look forward to his ordination to the priesthood.

NATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Archbishop Falk has announced his desire to relinquish his role as President of the House of Bishops. The election for a new president will be held at the next meeting of the House of Bishops. That will take place in Tucson Arizona in April, 2011.

Salem NH  
St. John the Evangelist

pictures from the website.
visits by Bishop Marsh
and by Archdeacon Koller
with Fr. Frank Bartlett
before he was made priest

Opportunities for ministry are now open in the Diocese of the West. Interested priests and deacons should contact the Bishop's Office directly:

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A poem for Lent

Inside the chambers of a mind,
are the pathways one never wants to tread,
dimlit passages leading onward to uncertain ends,
passing portals behind which unseen dangers lurk,
things one wishes one could not remember,
memories of the darkest days one has endured,
of the blackest fantasies that have gripped one's thought,
of the fears of what has once occurred in one's life,
and the fears of what might yet one day come to pass,
and as one cringes at the sounds one barely hears,
one tiptoes past those dreadful doors and presses on
presses on to where? to where?
trudging through the darkness to a destination never known,
a destination that one deeply fears to reach,
and yet one presses on, for the past is creeping from behind,
and one fears that it may overtake and seize one's soul,
but one cannot escape the perils of that journey,
not even the paths one has found,
and in those pathways one would find despair,
for one walks through the hallway of the shadow of death,
and would fear the evils lurking there.

thou art with me,
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me,
and thine presence, in the corridors of a troubled mind,
it will fear no evil though ten thousand lurk beside me,
but thou art with me,
thy goodness and thy mercy follow.

ed pacht
Humor Department

HOMELESS FUNERAL

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave-side service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back-country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost; and being a typical man I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played "Amazing Grace" the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I was opening the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for over twenty years"

Anonymous

Canandaigua NY
Holy Redeemer

Unlike our winter, this report is brief! As I write this, we're enjoying another big snowstorm, which has dumped about ten inches so far, with no end in sight. It's beautiful from inside a warm house.

Our parish is enjoying our new ownership status, and, so far, no unusual expenses. As Lent approaches, we are planning a "Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch" since evening services are difficult with parishioners living so far away. We have decided as a parish to abstain from more snow as our Lenten "sacrifice"!

We enjoyed recently a visit from Deacon Mike Cupoli, who braved the winter roads from Philadelphia to explore part of upstate New York. We understand that he has another year at Seminary to complete, and that he is visiting a number of parishes throughout the diocese. John Dodge was kind enough to put him up for the weekend, and we enjoyed some pleasant meals and conversation. Mike attended Sunday services with us, and was able to have coffee with Fr. Ambuske at Holy Cross in Webster.

Another seminarian, Ron Furrer, also visited us this past Sunday, and preached the sermon. We wish them both well in their studies, and we wish all of you an early Spring.

—Diane S. Jones
ON THE WATERFRONT

Maritime and Port Chaplains have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world as we visit ships and bring the Gospel to those we meet. In every meeting, we touch the lives of those who we meet. Recently, the following was sent along by one of the Chaplains we work with and support in waterfront ministry:

Jeff-Thanks for the box of medals...One tells another. The other comes and brings another. Then another. It is so with the Good News. There is something happening. Something going on. Something that says, you have to see this. You have to hear it. Come taste and see. Go there and check it out. What did they say in Spanish? Look at this cross? They prayed for me? You have to get one of these? Thanks be to God? I have to get one for my wife, daughter? What did they say? We have no idea. But we did know is they kept coming. They came coming while they were rushing out to go back on duty and inhaling their dinner.

Bless these hands, this ship, your family....yes, pick one out. They are from Jerusalem, Olive-wood. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In a moment all stood still and turned to God. In the rush of the night with bunkers, stores, provisions...all stood still.

I remembered my tears, that brought me to Honduras as I sat with the Bosun from Honduras. He came and sat with us for a few minutes while he ate....And then Tom asked the one he had prayed with and given a cross for him and his daughter, How old is your daughter? In a few minutes, he ran back in with a picture of a beautiful young girl...proud, happy. I pulled him aside and thought it was a perfect moment. He was rushing to get back out on deck. I took out my small metal box filled with medals that Jeff gave me and opened it with him. His eyes were wide open. He looked at the box and then me. Yes, I said pick one for your daughter. Oh my God he said in Spanish, Mumma Mary. Mumma Mary, yes this one....

Yes, this one. This Mary. This Jesus. This Spirit. This God! Strangers wander into the mess and God turns it into a feast. We are filled and they are to. A brief encounter around a Table...on the Cap Victor...

Thank you for the medals......Nash.

This was received from the Rev. Dr. Nash Garabedian, Jr., Chaplain Coordinator, Seafarer's Friend, after a visit to a ship. There is one last piece of the story. The medals he spoke of were a number of religious medals of saints and the Blessed Mother. They had belonged to Fr. Lester York, our first ACA Maritime and Port Chaplain and were part of the many items the Diocese received from his family after his passing. He always carried them, ready to hand them out as needed. While other hands may carry these precious gifts, his spirit still walks the decks with us. Blessed be God, AMEN.
Diocese of the Northeast
Logos House – 2011
Summer Residential Program
and Clericus – June 12-17

Note: PT will take place, for those who are able, each morning from 6:00 to 7:00.

Theme: Anglican Identity and the Book of Common Prayer

**Sunday**
3:00 – 5:30 PM – Registration
5:30 – 6:30 PM – Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Welcome by Bishop Marsh
7:30 – 8:30 PM – Fellowship Hour

**Monday – BCP Foundations**
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – Discussion of NT Wright’s book
  – Canon Davis
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM – Rest
1:30 – 3:00 PM – The Edwardian Prayer Books
  – Archdeacon Koller
3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM – BCP from 1559 to 1928
  – Archdeacon Koller
5:00 – 5:30 PM – Break
5:30 – 6:30 PM – Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mentoring Time
7:30 – 9:30 PM – Open Discussion of the Material

**Tuesday – BCP Theology**
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – Anglican Spirituality
  – Canon Davis
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM – Rest
1:30 – 3:00 PM – 39 Articles
  – Archdeacon Koller
3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM – Catechism/Offices of Instruction
  – Archdeacon Koller
5:00 – 5:30 PM – Break
5:30 – 6:30 PM – Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mentoring Time
7:30 – 9:30 PM – Open Discussion of the Material
9:30 – 9:45 PM – Compline

**Wednesday – BCP Practicum** – Dean Williams
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – MP/EP, Lectionary, Options
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM – Rest
1:30 – 3:00 PM – The Sanctoral Cycle
3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM – Other BCP Offices
5:00 – 5:30 PM – Break
5:30 – 6:30 PM – Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer
7:00 – 7:30 PM – Mentoring Time
7:30 – 9:30 PM – Open Discussion of the Material
9:30 – 9:45 PM – Compline

**Thursday – Ordinals, Missals, and Priest’s Manual**
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – Ordinal – Bp. Marsh
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM – Rest
1:30 – 3:00 PM – The Missal – Fr. Tutor
3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM – Priest’s Manual, etc. – Fr. Tutor
5:00 – 5:30 PM – CLERICUS registration
5:30 – 6:30 PM – Dinner
6:30 – 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer
7:00 – 8:00 PM – Bishop’s Time
8:00 – 9:00 PM – Fellowship Hour
9:00 – 9:15 PM – Compline

**Friday - Clericus**
7:30 – 8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM – Church Discipline – Bp Marsh
11:00 – 12:00 PM – Eucharist
12:00-1.00 pm—LUNCH
1:00 – 2:00 PM – Closing Ceremony

Cost: The cost is $400 for the school and $100 for the clericus. A deposit of $50.00 must be received by the registrar NLT May 1st in order to reserve a seat at the school. The remainder of the tuition is due upon arrival.

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Profile
Steve Rugg

Steve Rugg is a postulant of the Diocese of the Northeast and will be attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in the Fall of 2011 seeking a Master of Divinity degree. He lives in Canaan, NH and attends Trinity Anglican Church, West Lebanon.

“The ways of God’s Providence are inscrutable but always beautiful.” Theodore Ryken

I was asked by Ed Pacht, our hard working editor, to introduce myself briefly to the Diocese for this edition of the Northeast Anglican. There can be no harder thing to write. After all, most of us spend most of our lives trying to figure out “who we are.” Try distilling that lifetime of reflection into a few hundred words! As I am a young man, I will gather up as much material as I can by beginning at the beginning.

I wish it had been said of me: “He was born with the gift of laughter and the sense that the world was mad.” It had not. Despite my mother’s insistence to the contrary, there was nothing in the least spectacular about my birth in Worcester, Massachusetts. There are pictures of the event of course, and because of these I am certain that if my birth did nothing else it made my parents pause for a moment. Births and deaths are naturally reflective moments for us (well, somebody else’s at least). My son, Neil, was born in much the same way. But his birth for me was a most extraordinary event.

Why should that be? I have done lots of things: studied at great schools, like St. John’s in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts and The Catholic University of America; I’ve been a Naval Officer and gone to war; I married the love of my life and made a home with her. I have diplomas, degrees, and awards to hang on my wall, all telling me that I did not just do these things, I did them well. Why should my son’s birth, an event where I was at best a passive observer, be more important than the things I’ve done?

It turns out that the things we do don’t affect us in the same way as things that happen to us. When we are busy doing, we don’t see or feel or listen very well. But when we are confronted with small moments of eternity, our eyes are opened to a whole new perspective. Aided by a new sight, we can see ourselves for who we really are.

I am Steve Rugg, a postulant for Holy Orders. I have a wife that loves me, in spite of my many failings.

I have a 4-year old son, who thinks that I have no failings.

I have two greyhounds; one loves only me, the other merely tolerates me.

I strive to love fully both God and neighbor (most days I have to work on the neighbor part).

I look forward to getting to know who all of you are. As I prepare for ordination, God willing and with your help, I remind myself of the motto of the Xaverian Brothers (my high school educators): “In Harmony Small Things Grow.” This is true not only for my growth, but also for our growth as a Christian community. I look forward to growing with you.
Profile
Fr. Alexander Webb

The Rev. Alexander H. "Hendy" Webb has been appointed to a one-year term as Interim Vicar at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Amherst, New Hampshire. His appointment will begin on Ash Wednesday. He replaces Father Christian Tutor of All Saints Concord who has served the parish for over a year as Interim Vicar and leaves with the deepest appreciation and good wishes of the people and parish of St. Luke's.

Though the newest priest in the diocese, Fr. Webb comes to us with a wealth of experience, having been a priest in the Episcopal Church for 32 years. He is a 1973 graduate of Amherst College and graduated from General Theological Seminary with an M.Div degree in 1978, was ordained deacon in June of that year and priest on March 31, 1979. Note that the 32nd anniversary of his priesthood is coming right up. His ministry was spent in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, the last 20 years primarily in interim and supply work. Father Webb held on for all those years, firmly committed to the Catholic and Apostolic Faith, while he watched the church he loved grow further and further from that standard. He testifies that he is happy and excited to be able to work within a jurisdiction and diocese that is truly orthodox. We welcome him among us and look forward to seeing a long and fruitful ministry in this diocese.

Fr. Webb is also a licensed mental health counselor, currently working through Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary toward a Doctor of Ministry in Marriage and Family Therapy. He and his wife Elizabeth, live in Peterborough, NH. They have three sons, Alexander II, an Episcopal priest in Southwest Virginia, Tyler, a college freshman, and Jonathan, a high school sophomore. Father Webb is a man of many interests, including photography and singing. He sings with Mastersingers USA, a four part men’s chorus that does works ranging from the thirteenth century to yesterday, and with the Monadnock Chorus of Peterborough.

--------from an interview by ed pacht
O My Mother, In my hours of darkness, I need your love and guidance. Why did you have to die so young and leave me bereft and confused?

O My Friend, why did you turn away when I did not recognize your voice and had to ask your name? Where was your friendship when I could neither hear nor see?

O, My Counselor from the Commission, Why did you restore my self esteem with talking equipment and training; just to take it away when I could not meet the impossible requirements of being employed? Where is your compassion?

O My Minister, Why did you avoid me when I shared my most private desire to not have awakened from surgery. Where is your understanding and faith?

O My School Superintendent, Why was I not hired in that class for which I was the most qualified and available? Could it be that you are more blind than I? Where is your sense of what is right for the children of our District?

O My Daughter, How can you treat me so warm and lovingly when we are home alone but then treat me as an invalid when we are with others? Where is your true love and respect for your Mother?

O My Sons, I know it is right for each of you to cleave unto your chosen woman, but must you discard and ignore your Mother so ignobly?

O My Husband, How can you calmly lay beside me snoring when I am in such turmoil? When will I find eternal sleep?

O My God, my God, Why have you forsaken this child in the darkness?

In a moment of quietude He answered: “For renewal, my child, for renewal.”

And so I reflected: There has been renewal of important family ties; renewal in a strengthened marriage and renewal of my faith that, truly, the Lord is in charge of my life.

Amen.

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**2011 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**
(March through November)

March 6 Clergy Wives & Families
March 13 St Joseph, Brooklyn NY
March 20 Deceased DNE Clergy
March 27 The Persecuted Church
April 3 Resurrection, Rockport/Camden ME
April 10 TAC in Africa & Asia
April 17 Good Shepherd, Huntington NY
April 24 St George, Easthampton MA
May 1 Police & Emergency Services
May 8 Parents
May 15 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Old Orchard Beach ME
May 22 Trinity, West Lebanon
May 29 Deceased Veterans
June 5 St Margaret, Conway NH
June 12 Continuing Anglican Churches
June 19 Trinity, Rochester NH
June 26 Holy Trinity, Waterville ME
July 3 One Nation under God
July 10 St. Stephen's, Fairfield ME
July 17 All Christian Leaders
July 24 St. Augustine, Glendale, Queens
July 31 DNE Summer Camp
August 7 Other ACA Dioceses
August 14 St. Francis Mission, Deblois, ME
August 21 Christ Church, St. Johnsbury, VT
August 28 Students & Teachers
September 4 Christian Homes & Families
September 11 Holy Cross, Webster NY
September 18 All Bishops, Priests, & Deacons
September 25 St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brockton, MA
October 2 Vocations to Ministry
October 9 Diocese of the Northeast
October 16 St Luke, Amherst NH
October 23 Holy Redeemer, Canandaigua NY
October 30 All Saints, Concord NH
November 6 Veterans
November 13 St Elizabeth, Tuxedo NY
November 20 Active Duty Military
November 27 Christian Efforts at Unity
Board of Examining Chaplains
from the Chairman

One Saturday night my phone rang. It was one of my West Virginia parishioners who was a faithful attendant at the small coal town where I served at the time. “What status does an unbaptized member have?”

I later learned she had called a couple of other priests with this same question. I had previously been asked to officiate at the marriage of the teen-aged daughter of a prominent local family. I had politely declined because neither she nor her intended husband had been baptized. I had told her she should be attending services and should have been in the last inquirers’ class.

Of course, you know that the answer can be found in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. See #1 below.

Some years ago at a canonical examination Bishop Chamberlain handed the candidate a Prayer Book: “Where would you find the lessons for today?” The man looked very embarrassed and whispered, “I don’t know.” He passed after an experienced priest worked with him.

The answer is below (#2). Of course, you knew the answer, didn’t you?

Answers:
Offices of Instruction, page 290.
Psalms and Lessons for the Christian Year, pages x-xiv, with the appropriate rubrics.

To many people will look at the BCP as a manual to use during the service, and not as a compendium of the faith of our Anglican tradition and also a manual to enhance private devotion (among other things).

What takes place between our baptism and our funeral? If we are working in our faith journey, a lot of growth should happen. Our worship together must be a growth experience. We must be active worshipers who do more than simply inhabit a pew. (Hebrews 10:25)

N.T.Wright, the Anglican Biblical scholar, who some of us have heard at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, who was recently the recipient of an honorary degree from Nashotah House, has recently written a manual, After You believe. Summer session participants may purchase a copy from Fr. Davis at his cost.

Archdeacon Koller has information about Summer Session in this issue. Please make early application.

---------James H. Davis, SSC

Clergy and Postulants

The third annual Logos House Summer School for postulants and clergy will take place June 12-17 at the Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alfred, ME. The theme for this school will be Anglican Identity and the Book of Common Prayer. The cost will remain at $500 for the entire week with a $50 deposit due by May 1st. Contact Archdeacon Koller, the registrar, for further information.

Our second clergy/postulants and wives retreat will take place July 25-27 at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY. This year our retreat leaders will be Bishop and Mrs. Walter Grundorff. The cost is yet to be determined. Please contact Archdeacon Koller, who is the organizer of this event, for further information.

---------Blessings, Archdeacon Koller

NOTICE
To All Parishes

A reminder

Parochial reports are due on Ash Wednesday. If you are reading this and have not yet sent your report in, well, since this issue is a little late arriving, that deadline has passed.

Please submit all reports as quickly as possible.
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

Deblos: 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

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,
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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) 443-6629

Massachusetts

Belchertown: St. John the Baptist
Sun 9am (at Masonic Bldg, 1 Main St.)
(413)273-1415, Fr. James Hurd

Easthampton: St. George - 2d & 4th Sat 5pm
(at Trinity Lutheran, Clark St. & Rt. 141).
(413)273-1415 Fr. James Hurd

Pepperell: Holy Spirit (Anglican Province in
America), 1 Tucker St
Patrick Marr, Sr. Warden (978) 391-4184

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

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

New York

Brooklyn: St. Joseph - Sun 11am (123-131
Arlington Avenue). Canon Neville Brathwaite
(718) 756-1258, Archdcn. Alan Koller (845)
496-2804, Dcn. Herby Rodney

Canandaigua: Holy Redeemer -Sun 10am
(4575 Rte 364 - East Lake Road).
Fr. James Ayers. (585)334-3512, Dcn. Dale
Bove (585) 374-6629

Glendale (Queens): St. Augustine
Fr. Neville Brathwaite (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.

Mar
01 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, D 1997
10 - Fr. David Ambuske, birthday
11 - Dcn Frank Bartlett, D 2006
13 - Fr. Jeff Swayze, birthday
24 - Fr. Granville Henthorne, P 1956
31 - Fr. Alexander Webb, P 1979

Apr
03 - Bro Dcn Ignatius OSB. birthday
17 - Bp Robert Harvey C 1980
23 - Fr. Robert Ley, D 1994

May
01—Mr. Rob Philp D 2010
17 - Fr. Robert Ley, P 1998
30 - Fr. Neville Braithwaite, birthday

Next Issue in June
Deadline for submissions will be around May 15.

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