Recently, during an episcopal visit, a very bright young man asked me a specific question. Although I am often asked questions about everything from theology to baseball (“how about those Red Sox?”) this particular question struck me with special poignance. “Bishop Marsh,” he asked me, “if God can talk to Moses, does He also talk to me?”

I was struck by this particular question. It was asked in all earnestness; it was asked by a young person who very much wanted to hear the voice of God. This young parishioner explained that God spoke to Moses through the burning bush. But he doubted that God would speak to him through a burning bush. I agreed; God spoke to Moses in a particular way and at a particular time. How might He speak to us now?

Well, we decided, God speaks to us in love. That love is mirrored in the people we love. We recognize love that is truly of God; we recognize it all the more when we walk with Christ, study the Scriptures and seek to live a faithful Christian life. As we ended our conversation, I asked this young man, one of the youngest members of our church, to listen for a reflection of God’s messages in the voices and actions of those around him. They will certainly be there. Perhaps I was struck by this question because of a meeting I had with an old friend just three days before. David and I had been roommates during our undergraduate years. We had studied theatre and appeared on stage together in two or three plays. He had pursued a theatrical career and performs in schools. His “shows” are designed to teach students a variety of subjects: math, science, history. He designed his little plays to help make learning enjoyable. I have no doubt that he does just that. He is successful at what he does and he clearly enjoys his work.

After updating each other on our lives during the past thirty-five years (it had been that long!) we talked about our families. David described a strange and unique dream he had experienced some four years ago. Before he got too far into his story, I stopped him. I warned him that I often used stories that people told me in sermons and writings. He laughed and said it would be o.k. Then he talked about his dream. It had occurred on the night before his mother died at the age of ninety-nine.

In this dream, he saw his mother very clearly. Frail and confined to a wheelchair, she had great difficulty moving. But as David watched, a marching band came into the picture. He described it as a jazz band, a musical group playing a ragtime tune. David watched as his mother looked up. Slowly, she got to her feet. She began
following the band. As she did so, her bent frame began to straighten. She began to walk more quickly. Soon, she was marching quickly right along with the jazz band. David turned to me. He smiled and asked: “what do you think, padre? A little too cliché?” “Not at all,” I answered. “It was a gift from God. God is telling you that your Mom’s ok.” “I get that,” he said. “But a jazz band?”

“Well,” I suggested, “it might be fun. God likes fun, you know.”

David laughed. He was quiet for awhile. We sat on the deck of my home and soaked in the sunlight. It was the last sunny day we were due to have for two weeks. Then he asked: “so, what do you do?” “Well,” I said, “that’s an interesting question. But the most important thing I do is pray.” He asked what that was all about. I told him about the daily office. I told him that I recited the creed at least twice a day. He was incredulous at this. He couldn't understand why I would recite the creed every day, something I surely knew by heart. I explained that it was necessary because it was how I ensured that the theology and teaching of the church should be always present in my heart and mind. I wanted it to be near me always.

And, I told him, it helps me listen for God's voice. 

Your Brother in Christ, +Brian

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Notes from the Secretary

(I forgot to hit the “send” button in January, so missed out on the last issue of the NEA. I’ve included some of what was in that article in my column below. My apologies)

I’ve received most 2010 annual report forms. Every year it’s a real challenge trying to collect this information in a timely manner. Having this would enable me to file the Diocesan summary report to the National Church when it’s due. Reports should all have been in by mid-March and I’m still missing a few! Thanks to those of you who responded promptly. To the rest of you I’d suggest that, rather than putting it on the back burner next year, you fill it out soon after receiving it in January so it doesn’t get “lost” or forgotten. Hopefully, we’ll do better next year.

Each parish should provide me with a vestry contact (or authorized lay person) to whom a report form should be sent. Additionally, each rector receives a form, and the reporting task should go smoothly if you work together. Be sure to keep a copy for your records before sending it to me.

If elections, appointments or other changes occur after your report has been submitted, please send me updated information. In addition, please inform me of any corrections or changes in the diocesan directory as they occur. Electronic or postal submissions are acceptable (see my contact info in NEA directory).

Once again, much discussion at the last Diocesan Standing Committee meeting centered on diocesan finances and obligations. The $30 per voting communicant support for the ACA National Church can be submitted by parishes and missions to Treasurer Kathy Lippman in partial payments throughout the year or as one payment, due no later than 12/31. Your 2011 National Support obligation is based on the number of voting communicants as of 12/31/10 (i.e., as reported on the 2010 parochial report). To clarify, voting communicants are those parishioners over 18 years of age who are actively involved in the life of the parish, i.e., regularly attend services, support the parish financially (e.g. tithe, pledge or plate) and participate in church activities, as they are able. Only members meeting these criteria should be counted as voting communicants.

$30 a year breaks down to only 60 cents per week! Putting aside this small amount each week would remove the financial burden on your parish and on the diocese – imagine, such a small offering can have such a large effect!

Diocesan tithes, 12.5% of pledge and plate collections, are used to support the workings of the diocese and ensure that the diocese can meet its internal budgeted expenses. These tithes are due in the same year as the pledge and plate collections are received and are usually sent in throughout the year, either monthly or quarterly. If each parish meets its national support and diocesan tithe commitments the diocese can realize a balanced budget, after many years of an increasing deficit. Your Bishop and your Standing Committee is asking for your help in reaching this very achievable goal, and thanks those of you who fulfill these commitments each year.

In looking over the budget for areas where there might be an opportunity for cost savings, the Standing Committee cited the Northeast Anglican newspaper. If your parish is receiving more copies than needed or you can make your own additional copies on site, please let Fr. Owen Williams or Editor Ed Pacht (Trinity, Rochester, NH) know. This would help to reduce printing and mailing costs. An online edition may be feasible in the future, however, we will always make hard copies available.

A reminder - the diocese has a seminarian fund to help students studying for Holy Orders that are in need of financial assistance and your donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Diocesan Summer Youth Camp will again be held at Camp Keswick in Monterey, MA, August 14-20. The camp is in need of volunteers, particularly in administrative areas such as fund raising, activity coordinating, registration, communications, etc. Additionally, a back-up nurse is needed and counselors are always in demand for the week-long program. Help in these areas will enable Fr. Dibble and other clergy staff to concentrate on the spiritual programs for the young campers. Contact Fr. Rich Dibble for more information or to volunteer at diakonio@windstream.net or by phone at (315) 725-3745. Camper scholarships based on need are available from the Diocese – contact Treasurer Kathy Lippman.
The ACA National Synod will be held the week of September 20th in Belleville Illinois, and Trinity, Rochester, NH will host the 2011 Diocesan Synod in late September (29th-30th). Please be sure that I have delegate names and contact information for both of these events.

-----Peace and a Blessed Summer,
-------------------------Linnea Shaver

ed note: NEA is currently available online for those who wish to read it there. Back issues, as well as the most recent are being posted on the Diocesan Website, at http://www.acanedio.org/

From the Canon Missioner

I am writing a long overdue letter of introduction to all of our congregations. My name is Fr. Jim Hurd, and I am the Canon Missioner for the Diocese of the Northeast. After having served as a priest in ECUSA for 25 years, I have served several parishes in this diocese. I graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a BA in history (on the same day as Bishop Marsh), and earned my MDiv from the General Theological Seminary. I have been a bi-vocational priest my entire ministry working in the field of Data Processing.

After careful and prayerful consideration, Bishop Marsh and I have decided that a more productive use of my time as your Canon Missioner would be to set up a schedule of visitations. This will enable me to meet with parishioners face-to-face to discuss the unique needs and concerns of each congregation. In turn this will help to enable us to develop a more effective plan of action for growth. It will also allow for more effective communication, and a greater sense of cohesiveness within the diocese, by letting our congregations know that they are an integral part of the “Body of Christ”.

On Sunday, March 27, 2011 I had the privilege and honor of meeting with the members of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Waterville, ME. We met after Mass for brunch at the Kennebec Cafe. The congregation and I then moved our meeting to the dining room of the home of Richard & Shyla Spear (where, incidentally, Holy Trinity Parish was formed in December 2004). We opened the meeting with a prayer. We then went on to discuss the unique aspects of the development of Holy Trinity Church. It was emphasized that, for Holy Trinity, a major accomplishment over the past six years has been their survival as a group worshiping together weekly. As members of the Church, they bear witness to their faith by “LIVING THE LIFE”. When there was talk of how far the deacon and others drive to attend on Sundays, the members of the congregation were encouraged to ask themselves what brings them back week after week.

We then went on to speak about the richness of Anglican tradition, and of Cranmer's liturgy. There was much talk of contemporary society with its lack of moral imperatives and its unwillingness to accept discipline. It was further discussed that the Christian denominations that seem to experience the greatest growth are those which point to scriptural sources and issue clear directions to their adherents. It was noted that main-line denominations are shedding their religious character, and becoming more like social-service organizations.

We then addressed the question of outreach, it was noted that each very quietly does things for others, and for those in the community. While this kind of behavior is not “door-bell-ringing” evangelism it is surely a significant element of the mission to which we are called. It was then suggested that contact be made with local college students and also with local-access cable television as means of becoming more visible in the community.

On Sunday May 22nd I am looking forward to the opportunity and privilege of meeting with the members of Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Canandaigua, N.Y.

STAY TUNED!


I am looking forward to making more of these personal visitations and to help encourage the building up of our missions. I want to be able to hear first hand what your primary needs
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lois Chamberlain has been called home. She died at 5:30 P.M. on Monday afternoon, May 9, 2011.

Lois was the wife of Bruce Stewart Chamberlain, the first bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast. She is the mother of our diocesan treasurer, Kathy Lippman.

Lois was a faithful and dedicated member of this diocese. She accompanied her husband on many episcopal visits and assisted the diocese in many ways. For several years, Lois served as nurse and cook at St. Luke's Camp, our diocesan Summer camp for children. Many of her grandchildren attended St. Luke's and have fond memories of their time there.

Please keep Lois' family in your prayers.

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

Your Brother in Christ, +Brian

Funeral Mass was held Friday, May 13, 2011. As befits the wife of a bishop it was at the Procathedral, Trinity, Rochester NH. Bishop Marsh celebrated, assisted by Bishop Langberg and Bishop Chamberlain’s younger brother, a retired Episcopal priest. Her ashes will be laid with those of her husband at St. Paul’s in Portland ME.

A note from the editor: I only met Mrs. Chamberlain a few times, but was impressed with her gentle and open spirit. I was still a pastor in the church across the street when I attended the midnight Mass at Trinity which was Bishop Chamberlain’s last official act as diocesan. Fr. Davis was at the altar assisting him, two devout men definitely showing their age. She spoke to me and, with love in her eyes, commented how wonderful it was to see those two old men “doddering at the altar”. I’ll not forget that.

In Christ,
—The Rev. James W. Hurd

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**WORLD CONSULTATION ON THE CONTINUING ANGLICAN CHURCHES**

Brockton/Boston, Massachusetts

All Saints' tide, November 3-5, 2011

**Thursday, November 3, 2011**

10:30-12: 00 a.m. Registration at Saint Paul's Parish
12:00 Lunch at Saint Paul's
1:00 p.m. Midday prayers.
1:30 Welcome & Plenary Session:
   *The Continuing Church: The First 35 Years.*
   - Bishop Brian Marsh,
   - Anglican Church in America
3:00 Break ~ Time to settle hotel accommodations, as necessary
4:00 Plenary II: The Spirit of St. Louis; *Theological Integrity in Communion & Continuum ~* Archbishop Mark Haverland,
   - Anglican Catholic Church
5:00 Break
5:30 Evening Prayer
6:00 Social Hour
7:00 Banquet. Location TBD
Keynote Address: Bishop Michael Gill,
   - Southern Africa

**Friday, November 4, 2011**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at Saint Paul's
8:30 Breakfast
9:30 Plenary III: *Ecumenism in the Continuum ~* Bishop Paul Hewitt,
   - Diocese of the Holy Cross
11:00 Mass at Saint Paul's
12:00 Lunch at Saint Paul's
1:30 Plenary IV: *Continuum in the Future Tense ~* Bishop Walter Grundorf,
   - Anglican Province of America
3:00 Break
3:30 Panel of Bishops: *Ten Year Plan for United Witness Within the Continuum.*
   - Q &A period.
4:15 Social Hour
5:00 Solemn Choral Evensong
6:00 Dinner & Evening *(on your own)*

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**

8:00 a.m. Traveler's Mass at Saint Paul's
9:00 Continental Breakfast at Saint Paul's
10:00 Boston on Offer

~For those interested and able, a special tour of Boston (Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall, Old North Church, etc.) by private coach can be arranged at a reasonable rate.

~Hotel rooms for a second overnight can also be arranged at the same discounted price.
**West Winfield NY**

**St. Lucy**

"After a Lent blessed with spiritual growth we are celebrating the greatest victory this Easter-tide. Praise be to God!" -----Fr. Dibble

Exciting news to report: St. Lucy’s longtime pastor, Deacon Rich Dibble has been ordained priest. See the report and profile elsewhere in this issue. -----ed.

**Ellsworth, ME**

**St. Thomas’ Church**

Greetings from St. Thomas!

Our parishioner Fred Langsman, an antique dealer, has presented a pair of brass candlesticks to our church. He offered to purchase them from Bill Pelletier, an auctioneer from Mt. Desert Island, who upon hearing of Fred’s intention to buy them for our church then offered them for free. Thanks to both Fred Langsman and Bill Pelletier.

Pat Taniashvili, who last year made and donated a quilt with an “orchard of apples” design has once again made and donated a quilt to raise funds for our building fund. Her design this year is a motif of teacups. We will have raffle tickets printed for the drawing at our annual Lobster Dinner in August. Last year’s winner was Dorothy Weed. Many thanks to Pat.

Our senior warden and subdeacon Leroy Weed performed several hours of “slave labor” to Dr. Ray and Beverly Nichols, who submitted the highest bid for his silent auction. The high bid was $150.00, donated to the building fund.

Our thanks to the Nichols and Leroy Weed.

Our Lenten season was enriched by a six-part DVD series on Church History, narrated by Dr. Timothy George. Canon Cox and Canon Henthorne split the sessions reading and leading the discussions. Significant personages highlighted included St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Wycliffe, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and Wesley along with their pervasive influence.

Our deacon and priest-in-training Rev. Mr. Ian Dunn is currently organizing an Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study at the Seacoast Mission in Cherryfield at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The first meeting took place on May 12. More details to come.

Our Easter service was a blessing though it started out chaotically when a “new fire” from a candle set off our smoke detector. We had to shut off most of our circuit breakers to stop the alarm, and in the process cut off the electricity to our organ and started our opening hymn a cappella. Frantic maneuvers occurred in the back of the church involving tall ladders. And if that were not enough, our acolyte had such an awkward time lighting our tallest altar candles. Father Henthorne continued to sing the Exultet, though the tone of the alarm kept forcing him off pitch until the alarm was finally silenced. Fortunately, order then prevailed. Following the service, those of us who had no other plans went to Jasper’s Restaurant in Ellsworth for Easter dinner and fellowship.

A happy summer to all!

----------Kevin A. Kelly

**Charlestown, NH**

**Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd**

We joyfully welcomed the brilliant yellow blooms of our King Alfred daffodils in our church yard at Good Shepherd. They bloomed just in time for Easter and did much to raise spirits after a long, snowy winter. Deacon David says that he will plant more next fall.

Phil Turner safely returned from his mission to El Hogar, a private church school in the Honduras. He documented his day-to-day experiences in a blog on our website

<http://www.goodshepherdanglican.us/>.

We are very glad to have him back for our Wednesday Bible Study sessions. For the next
few months, we are studying the Book of Revelation.

Aare Ilves, our junior warden, celebrated his 65th birthday, on Easter Sunday, an event he calculates will not occur again until 2095. So it was indeed a special occasion!

We also welcomed several guest preachers during the past few months. Scott Chase, Charlie Neimi, and Steve Rugg all read Morning Prayer and preached on various Sundays that Bishop Marsh was away. Steve and Charlie are from Trinity West Lebanon, N.H. Their contributions to our worship is much appreciated by the parish.

Dee Blanchard, an employee of FedEx, has undertaken the wonderful project of gathering personal hygiene items, clothing and meeting other needs of the victims of the storms in Alabama and flooding in the Mississippi area. Working with the United Way, the American Red Cross, and Heart to Heart, Dee is coordinating the collection and shipment of items directly to shelters housing people who have lost their homes. We are proud of Dee’s initiative and agreed to support her efforts as a parish.

Finally, we welcomed Paul and Phyllis Olson back from Baltimore for a visit. They moved south to Baltimore to be closer to their children last fall but promised to return for a few Sundays this summer. Phyllis was our former organist at Good Shepherd and was instrumental in working with Ed Boadway to acquire our new organ.

Blessings to all and enjoy a safe summer.

Submitted by The Rev. Mr. David W. Moody

Conway NH
St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Spring has finally arrived in northern New Hampshire, although there are still pockets of snow on the ski slopes along with the greening grass. However, several warmer days and a few days recently in the 70’s have brought a surge of hope that the worst is behind us.

St. Margaret’s held its annual meeting in February and Harriet Johnson was re-elected to her seat on the Vestry. March saw the continuation of the Lenten season on March 9, when Fr. Monroe held a noon time service at which ashes were distributed. The church held its second annual St. Patrick’s Day community dinner on March 12, and it was a resounding success. We thank James Harrington for stepping in at the last minute to do the cooking when unforeseen circumstances prevented Sub-Deacon David Brennan from cooking again this year. Also in March, a parish sponsored community music program, “With a Voice for Singing” was presented by our Music Director Tracy Gardner, along with well-known local musician and vocal coach Mary Bastoni-Rebmann. A Master Class covered choral techniques, vocal techniques, and various styles of choral music from Classical to Broadway. This was an all day session, and a concert was held at 400 P.M. Fr. Monroe and his wife Linda were among the participants.

On March 13, Bishop Brian Marsh celebrated the Mass with Fr. Monroe, and presented the sermon. He also blessed our newest Acolyte, Shawn Homan, grandson of parishioner Cindy...
LeFebvre. Shawn recently completed his Acolyte training under the expert direction of Sub-deacon Harry Wellsman. We are thrilled to see this young man assisting at services for the honor and glory of God.

In April, several potluck suppers were held on Friday evenings following the Stations of the Cross. Passion Sunday saw the veiling of the crosses, and the reading of the Great Liturgy. Palms were distributed on Palm Sunday, and St. Margaret’s then began the Easter week. On Maundy Thursday, the altar was stripped. Good Friday saw the church open for contemplation and the Stations of the Cross from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. At 7:00 P.M Fr. Monroe conducted the Tenebrae service, or “Service of the Shadows”. On Holy Saturday, there was the Blessing of the New Meat at 4:00 P.M., followed by the lighting of the New Fire, and blessing of Holy Water. Easter Sunday dawned beautiful and sunny, and many were in traditional Easter finery, complete with Easter bonnets. The choir anthem was “For This Glorious Easter Morning” and the sermon was, fittingly “The Empty Cross.”

On May 8, our Sub-deacon, Mr. Harry Wellsman, delivered a Morning Prayer service in lieu of the Mass. Mr. Wellsman, who is studying for his Diaconate, gave an excellent sermon “May We Be Grateful For Your Gift”. The parish is indeed grateful to Mr. Wellsman for the gift of his devotion to St. Margaret’s, and we are confident he will continue on successfully for his Diaconate. He often graces the church services and activities with his excellent bagpipe playing.

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The Duclos, Gendron, and Sparti families, with Fr. Jeffrey Monroe
St. Margaret’s continues to be a vibrant parish. A Service of Healing is offered on the first Thursday of every month in the chapel. A new Bible Study led by Fr. Monroe will begin in late May focusing on the study of the Holy Communion service. The Bible study is open to the community, as well as parishioners. The Parish looks forward to the hope of spring and the fullness of the summer season, and wish all our Anglican friends the same.

———Maureen Sparti
——-St. Margaret’s Vestry

Old Orchard Beach, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury,

Several weeks ago on Saturday, Sub-Deacon Dave Brennan arranged to have a special Mass to honor those lost in the sinking of the Titanic, which happened 99 years ago. His grandmother and great uncle were aboard that fateful night: She left with the other women and children in a lifeboat and he stayed with the other men aboard ship. We had quite a large congregation for this special service. Dave brought all sorts of visual material to support his lecture which took place after the service, which was Evening Prayer as was done in the ship in 1912. He spoke of the recollections of those who had been aboard. We sang the Mariner’s hymn and Nearer My God To Thee, although the Sub-Deacon remarked that that last hymn, which the band was supposed to have played as the ship sank, was never played at all. He had the actual layout of the ship, deck by deck wherein we could especially see the difference between the first class passenger and the steerage. Because of the closeness of his connection to this event, his narration of the events as they occurred had a special vividness.

We have had also the good fortune to have Father Amos Mihanda assist Father Monroe for services. Father Mihanda comes from Ruanda. He and his wife Odia are temporarily staying at St. Paul’s in Portland. Father Monroe and Father Logan of St. Paul’s are assisting in his transition in conjunction with Logos House. I have had several chances to talk with Father Mihanda. I have to tell you that he is a considerable distance over six feet tall which means that I have to look up all the time when I am talking with him and that he has a hard time fitting into the front seat of my Subaru. He has given one homily, a strong performance, clear and vigorous. He has six children, but they are all still in Africa, in Uganda. He and his wife are faced with an exceedingly difficult situation because they are anxious to bring their children here, but the cost is daunting.

The mission remains small but unusually friendly. Our visitors when they were here, seemed pleased with what they saw and heard. We are coming to the conclusion that our 4:00 PM Sunday time frame is not as convenient for many as we hoped but our Vicar is also the Rector of St. Margaret of Scotland in Conway which requires a 3 hour round trip. His service is in the morning in Conway. We are hoping that at least two of the deacon students will be ordained this fall and with one in each parish, be able to assist Fr. Monroe with services.

This fall we will be doing a special 9-11 service at the Chapel. Fr. Monroe was the airport manager in Portland 10 years ago where two of the terrorists came through. Since then he has worked on the national level to address national security issues, has testified 4 times before Congress and is the Chairman of the committee that advises the Department of Homeland Security Secretary on national maritime security issues.

We are also pleased that we have three children at the Chapel who when they first arrived were full of energy. One is now our acolyte and his brother is enjoying Sunday school. Our parish just received a gift of a new chalice, crystal cruets and a set of priest’s vestments as well as a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother. Bible study is always interesting and we hope that the summer will bring additional visitors and growth. A wonderful summer to all.

-----------Larry Morse

Portland ME
St. Paul

Early Spring in Maine (by the calendar and not reality) is a time when hearty souls do need to get some degrees F. relief for a few days. The rector and the organist and the jr. warden
all went south. Father Amos and Father Joseph (the African priests) both helped us maintain our mission during Father Logan’s absence. Then we all came together again for a glorious Easter. A large number (for us) of people also came to greet God and His Risen Son.

AS the days get warmer it will soon be time for Father Logan to sit on the rectory porch between masses on Sunday, greeting the church’s neighbors as they pass by, evangelism on a modest but very fruitful scale.

One sad event has blighted our neighborhood’s future. The R.C. Cathedral next door is closing its K-8 day school after many years of operation. What a joy it was for all of us to see the many young children laughing and running in the play yard. More importantly the school served as a place for new immigrant families to give their children Christian and English training. Parochial education is in dire straits in Maine as I assume it is elsewhere, and political correctness doctrine has a strangle hold on public education.

On a more positive note, the Ladies Guild has met and begun planning for Fall and Winter events. But first the Vestry will hold our annual yard sale on July 23, 9-2, with lunch available.

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John Serrage

West Lebanon NH
Trinity Anglican Church

As we finish out the Easter season, we at Trinity can remember the beginning of Lent when matters changed rather dramatically for us. Our host church, a Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) church, had already made arrangements to move to a larger facility in Plainfield, New Hampshire whence we had come more than a year earlier. We had the alternative to continue worshipping in the West Lebanon facility or move, as they had invited us to do, with them to the Plainfield site. While the Plainfield site offers some security in terms of a continuing relationship, it would move us away from the population in the Upper Valley.

The result of all this is that we are continuing to use the SDA facility in West Lebanon pending their success in selling it. The up side of this is that we have the building all to ourselves and the altar guild is ecstatic over not having to set up the entire altar and take it down every week or handle the brass twice every week!

The rest of us are ecstatic over not having to put out signs, set up coffee and accoutrements and all the other things which we take for granted in an unshared facility. It’s almost like having our own church, but we don’t! We are already seeking a new site!

In anticipation of this very situation, the vestry had, some time ago, considered the founding of a building fund, but had not established any support for same. The blessing in the SDA move is the vestry’s decision at its last meeting to actively fund such a building fund.

In personal matters, we are all thrilled that Steve Rugg has been accepted at Gordon-Conwell’s residential program in preparation for his intended ordination. Spencer Niemi travelled with his school class to the Heritage Music Festivals in Orlando, Florida, chaperoned (along with the rest of the group by Ben Niemi). The concert band, guitar ensemble and choir all took first place. Congratulations were in order.

Mariah Niemi would have gone as well but she developed a serious gall bladder situation from which she has completely recovered and for which we are thankful. We also give thanks for Nancy Niemi’s continuing improvement from her heart situation developed very suddenly in March.

Though it is probably not exciting to most readers, we are excited to have our original altar in place in our temporary place of worship. It is gratifying for us all to come into church and be greeted, if you will, by it.

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Alan Wylie

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

Springtime! Praise God! After a long and snowy winter, we’re now surrounded with the melodies of the birds, along with blossoming daffodils, tulips, azaleas, flowering trees and so many other exquisite examples of God’s
creation. Their beauty renews us with vivid reminders of just how awesome our loving God is!

We welcomed spring with several lovely services and events during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Our community Ecumenical services each Wednesday evening during Lent gave us the wonderful opportunity to worship and enjoy fellowship with our Christian neighbors in Tuxedo and Sloatsburg. As an added benefit, all of the collections gathered at these services are donated to the local food pantry, whose operation is so critically needed during these difficult times. Another Lenten event we held and always look forward to was our meatless covered dish supper with our friends at nearby St. Joseph’s home.

Several evening services during Holy Week, as well as an all-night vigil Holy Thursday and Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoon, offered us time for prayer and reflection. On Saturday morning, we had a nice turnout of neighborhood children who had great fun finding goody-filled eggs at our Easter egg hunt on the parish grounds. Easter morning was welcomed at St. Elizabeth’s with a sunrise service. Later that morning, the Chapel was filled with parishioners celebrating the Resurrection. Fragrant lilies, beautiful Easter hymns and an inspiring Easter message by Bishop Langberg filled our hearts and souls with joy and hope. Alleluia!

In May, we held our annual Mother’s Day weekend flower and plant sale, thankful once again for all of our parishioners and others in our community who faithfully come each year to support this fund-raiser. We’re looking forward to two special events coming up in June - Confirmation of four of our Sunday School children on June 12th and our annual parish picnic on June 26th.

The recent loss of two dear friends - Betty Quackenbush and Lois Chamberlain - left us saddened by their absence in our lives, but comforted by the knowledge that they are now freed from life’s earthly burdens and sharing a new life with our Lord. Betty was a long-time, faithful parishioner at St. Elizabeth’s and we keep her husband, Dave, and all of Betty’s other family members in our prayers in their loss. Lois was also a friend to many of us and to so many others throughout the Diocese. I, personally, will always fondly remember Lois’s happy demeanor, infectious smile and all of the fun times I shared with her at St. Luke’s Camp and at Synod gatherings. We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to all of the Chamberlain family.

Congratulations to Fr. Richard Dibble upon his recent Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr. Rich has had the opportunity to meet and work with many folks throughout our Diocese during his past several years serving as the director of St. Luke’s Camp. We are so thankful for his devoted service in the ACA. Fr. Rich, may God bless you and your family in countless ways, as you continue your journey serving Him in His Church.

In closing, all of us at St. Elizabeth’s send our best wishes and we pray that God will bless all of you with a safe, healthy and happy summer.

-------------------Ingrid Magar

Webster NH Holy Cross

Kudos and Bravos to our Holy Cross organist Aaron James

On Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM our Holy Cross organist Aaron James gave a recital on the magnificent, newly refurbished theater organ in Christ Episcopal Church, downtown Rochester.

Aaron is a student at the EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, Department of Organ and Historical Keyboards. The recital was presented as part of the requirements for the Master of music degree (Performance and literature).

The recital’s programme not only listed the pieces he would be playing but gave a brief history of the piece, the composer, instruments, and how Aaron would be interpreting it all. It was a wonderful evening of sounds from soft, swaying music to the roof shaking cacophony where it sounded like Aaron might be using hands, feet, elbows and possibly his chin with all the stops pulled out!

We celebrated our organist's graduation on Sunday, April 10. We had a cake and balloons.
Marlene and Jim Steelman have their first great-grandson. His name is Joseph Burlington. He was born May 10, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in Waterbury, CT. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz and was 19-3/4" long. His mother, Megan (their grand-daughter), and father, JP, are doing well and are as happy as can be. Of course, it goes without saying that they are elated. Of course just to make sure he got some extra attention Jim had a knee replaced a few days before.

Dcn Bennett

Hats on for Bishop Marsh
The ladies of Holy Cross ACA, Webster, NY donned their spring hats in honor of Bishop Brian Marsh's visit.
back: Bishop Brian Marsh
middle, l. to r.: Joyce Rice, Helen Scott, Janet Donahue, Marjorie Osterhoudt, Kate Chamberlin with guide dog Peyton Grace, Anne Hotchkiss, Jeanne Hoose, Barb Nichols
seated: Mary Harmer

Next Sunday we are to host visitors in the Webster Town Historic Tour. Last year our Church was awarded an Historic plaque. Anne and Stuart Hotchkiss prepared a very nice brochure to present to the visitors. Anne is our archivist and can always provide us with our history. She does a great job keeping us organized. In June we are preparing for our Annual English Tea.

-------------Paula Neville and Kate Chamberlin

St. Johnsbury VT
Christ Church

Spring has arrived at last. A rather looooong cold winter has past and we and our hosts have been able to move out of the basement classroom, which has heat, back in to the church proper. Of course we will miss Dcn. Art trying to keep a straight face during the doxology while looking at the Ff-fox, Gg- Gorilla wall trim that was directly over the Holy Table.

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Buffalo ‘n Camel ‘n Dolphin ‘n Elephant, watched by a Fox and a great big Gorilla, Hippo-yawn-potamus standing beside them, over the door where computers are found, there in a place where we’d like to giggle, where chuckles we stifle cause us to wiggle, He comes down, rejected, derided, the day He was killed, so out of place in the world that He made, He comes down, and on that Table in that place, Heaven comes down and we ascend, and all derision comes to an end, and the Gates swing open wide.

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I couldn’t resist this one

Rochester NH
Trinity Procathedral

Some brief notes from Trinity, Rochester

The time since the last NEA has been busy, sometimes difficult, and always rewarding.

I’m writing this due to the illness of our rector, Fr. Williams, who is recovering from a bout of pneumonia. We expect him to be back in action well before you receive this.

Fr. Davis has also been ill with a congestive heart episode and was hospitalized, but is now back with us.

Aaron, best of luck in your future endeavors with lots of hugs, love, and Godspeed.

We all enjoyed our Easter Service. Our Altar Guild, Rebecca Rowley and Alison O’Neil outdid themselves in the decorations and general presentation of our Church for the service. We are lucky to have them.

Bishop Marsh paid us his annual visit on Sunday, May 15. As always we enjoyed his presence. We had a nice luncheon afterward.
There have been several deaths and funerals, including a founding member, Robert Young, father of the very active Steve Young, and Georgianna Pacht, my own mother, whose funeral I conducted (by family request) in Meredith as a layman, with a Requiem said here by Fr. Williams. The procathedral was also the site of Lois Chamberlain’s funeral, reported elsewhere.

Lent and Eastertide have been a time of spiritual growth and deep worship. Our traditional Stone Soup Suppers preceded by Evening Prayer and followed by a talk are always a high point of Lent, as was the Day of Reflection conducted by Frs. Williams and Tutor, and, of course, the solemn services of Holy Week are always a blessing.

St. Matthias holds its Sunday worship at 10:30AM at the Meetinghouse in Olde Mystic Village in Mystic, CT. Close by to the Village are Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, the USS Nautilus, Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. If your summer travels bring you to Southeastern Connecticut, be sure to join us on Sunday mornings!

----------Merrill Perkins, Lay Missioner

**Mystic, CT**

**St. Matthias**

Holy Week provided a shot-in-the-arm for the ministry of St. Matthias Church in Mystic, CT. Lay Missioner Merrill Perkins conducted the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, every hour from 12 Noon through 3PM, drawing a total of 21 people to the four offerings of the Stations.

The Rev. Dr. Bob Gallagher celebrated our Lord’s Resurrection with us on Easter Sunday, with 20 people coming from as far away as Southport, CT (75 miles away!) for the service of Holy Communion.

Since Holy Week, Sunday attendance has been double what it was previously, and an earlier service time is hoped to draw more people to our devoted congregation.

St. Matthias has been meeting regularly in the lovely chapel in Waterville. Our schedule has been changed a little to allow us to have Mass on important Sundays. Our usual Morning Prayer on the third Sunday of the month interfered with celebrating Mass on important Sundays such as Palm Sunday and Trinity Sunday which this year both fell on third Sundays. With the onset of summer we will return to our regular schedule.

We are thinking ahead to a summer parish picnic at the coast.

Our deacon, the Rev. Mr. Edwin Kalish has been talking with the college chaplains at Colby College here in Waterville. He and his wife Linda attended a gathering at the Colby Chapel to hear religious and gospel songs.

----------Shyla Spear

**Waterville ME**

**Holy Trinity**

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On Sunday, March 27, 2011 there was a productive meeting after Mass with the Canon Missioner. Fr. Jim Hurd. See his report earlier in this issue.
Concord NH
All Saints

The Great Fast of Lent is a time of personal renewal and spiritual growth. The Parish of All Saints presented conferences on every Wednesday during the Lenten Season entitled “A Call to Greatness.” Mid-week Holy Eucharist was followed by talks which used an interactive style which allowed the attendees to join in the conference, exchanging ideas and thoughts with Father Christian who led the discussions focusing on the role of the Christian in the world and the vocation of the baptized to evangelize. The event was so well received and attended that more of these conferences will be held throughout the year to facilitate Christian learning and spiritual development.

All Saints celebrated the Eastern Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified with Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manchester, New Hampshire. Father Robert Smolley hosted and cooked a wonderful meal for All Saints in a reception held after the service. The two congregations mixed freely and shared the beauty of Catholic tradition, uniting East and West for an evening, a foretaste of the Unity Christ wished for His Church. The sharing of prayer and social events among the congregations goes beyond the “dialogue” often done in lip-service to Christ’s Command, and actually has formed a bond between the clergy and faithful who feel welcome at each other’s parishes and events that make the two Catholic churches truly One in heart and faith.

The full complement of Holy Week Services was celebrated at All Saints with all the ceremony and solemnity due the greatest week of the Church’s Liturgical Year. The glory and passion of Holy Week culminated in the Great Vigil of Easter with Bishop Brian Marsh presiding at the Holy Saturday event. Salvation History unfolds on this night as light and water, prophecy and creedal affirmation terminate in the first strains of the long awaited “Alleluia, Christ is Risen!” The joy of all of Christendom is contained in this night, and All Saints presented Ryan Anderson to receive the fullness of the Holy Ghost. The strains of Gounod’s Mass in C was expertly presented by the choir and a full congregation joyfully participated in the Paschal Mystery.

The ever-successful Arts Ministry, under the direction of Jane Cormier, is presenting for the first time in the United States, the fully staged opera by the French composer, Massenet, Mary Magdalene, in English, at The Concord City Auditorium on July 22 and 23. The scope of this undertaking is to bring the beauty of the classic composers to the people of New England—composers who wrote for the Glory of God—allowing them to hear the Truth of the Gospel in song and stage. Our budding opera star, Nelson Ebo, will sing the part of Our Lord. Nelson is home for the Summer at All Saints, having won several prizes in competitions in New York City over this last year. His studies will continue in the Fall when he attends The Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on a full scholarship of $70,000. An Associated Press article will be released on his life and amazing talent in June.

Every Sunday in Paschaltide at All Saints is an extension of the glory of that first Resurrection Sunday. It is planned to celebrate all the Great Feasts that follow Paschal-tide with solemnity due their rank in the Church calendar. All in the Diocese are welcome to attend the Feasts, and experience the hospitality and richness of the liturgical life of All Saints. Especially we invite you to our Corpus Christi celebration on Sunday, June 26, when we give corporate thanks to Our Lord for the gift of Himself in Holy Communion.

Please visit our website at www.allsaintsnh.com for Mass times and information.
Raymond ME  
Our Benedictines

Well, in spite of the dreary weather, spring has sprung here at the Priory.

Wild ducks are nesting in the swamp and around the pond area, the hawks and owls are having their fledglings and glide silently through the sky day and night in search of food. The deer will be showing off their babies in the pasture soon, turkeys are abundant and the wild birds have a nest in every available spot in the barn eves. There are daily miracles to be seen out every window if we only take the time to look and really see all the beauty God places before us. SO much goes on unnoticed and un-appreciated right before our very eyes every day. It is my prayer, that like the brave crocus, you will lift your eyes out of the darkness of winter and away from your electronics and really SEE the world around you. It is God's gift to us all. Happy Spring!

We also want to say a huge thank you to all of our Animal Angels for helping our animals get through the long winter. These people are few in number but extremely generous. We are very grateful to them for their kindness.

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

Canandaigua NY  
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

Ten of us braved the snow and celebrated early the beginning of Lent, with the imposition of ashes on Quinquagesima Sunday, followed by our first Shrove Sunday pancake brunch! We enjoyed pancakes, maple sausages, OJ, fresh strawberries, kiwi, oranges, bananas and grapes, and, most especially, the camaraderie of our church family. Despite the steady snow-fall outside the windows, it was warm and Spring-like inside as we prepared for the Lenten Season. We studied the Aramaic version of the Lord’s Prayer, led by Nancy Bove, which was extremely interesting and poetic. The four week study gave us a greater appreciation of the words of this prayer that we say so often. Holy Week was celebrated with Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday our Resurrection service was begun with the Blessing of New Fire, and the Chanted Exsultet. Cameron and I were honored to attend the Ordination of Rich Dibble to the sacred priesthood, and to witness the love and grace that enveloped us all on this very special occasion. I will never forget the look on Father Rich’s face as he watched his daughter Emily sing a beautiful, moving solo right after Bishop Marsh had ordained him. I was also moved by the special, individual blessings which Father Rich bestowed upon each of us at the end of the service.

Congratulations!  
---------Diane S. Jones

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 of St Joseph’s Anglican Church. We have a web presence which can be located at HTTP://WWW.SJAC-NY.ORG. As we are blossoming in the ways of technology, please understand that our website is always under construction. I update it weekly with our Sunday Bulletins so that those who cannot attend are at least aware of the readings that we are doing along with any events that may be going on. I am always open to suggestions in ways to make our website more vibrant, alive and somewhat up to par with the ever changing technology.

It was recently announced to me by our dear NEA editor that I have been chosen as one of this quarter’s profile pick. I was amazed and a bit concerned as I could not 1) sit still long
enough to write anything down due to the ever changing diapers of my foster daughter and 2), while still in the process of writing my thesis for my Masters in Library Science, could scrape up any time in which to write anything besides the thesis. I was blessed by the option, given to me by Ed Pacht, to be interviewed.

The bible study program, which is held on Sundays at 10 AM is starting to become regularly attended and will, hopefully, increase in the continuation of the ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through thoughtful teachings of His word by Archdeacon Koller.

We had an eventful Easter Service with the pews being full to capacity even though personally, I would love to see it Standing Room Only. It’s a shame that these situations only occur during the 4 major times of the year (Christmas, Easter, Palm Sunday and Mother’s Day). I know that there’s another time of the year, but for the life of me, I can’t remember which day it is. Maybe it’s because I’m trying to come under the wire with this posting, that I can’t think straight.

Accompanying you will find a picture of our altar. As you can see, we love flowers and each and every one is donated by a member of the parish in memory of a loved one.

Our congregation is starting to increase by the members returning and by an occasional visitor who comes in. Personally, I believe that if you can hook their attention by just being friendly, they’ll come back and that’s what we need in order to grow and prosper. We have repast each and every Sunday and that gives us time to fellowship with both old and new members and visitors alike.

I know that I mentioned it during the last quarter’s NEA but I feel that it needs to be known. The congregation would really like to thank Archdeacon Koller and Canon Neville Brathwaite for their continued ministry of the Lord’s words through their shared celebration of alternating altar services each and every Sunday.

With that said and done, this is just a little something to let our fellow members of the diocese know that we are still alive.

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Mark Black
Subdeacon / Postulant & Webmaster

News Notes

CLERGY NOTES

The Rev. Mr. Arthur Bennett will, by the Grace of God, be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood ("Canon 9" provision) on August 14 at Christ Church mission in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Final details will be worked out at a later date.

The Rev. Joseph Bizimana Desire has been received from the Charismatic Episcopal Church. His bishop has transferred him formally and he has been incardinated into the Anglican Church in America and the Diocese of the Northeast. Those who attended our recent clericus in Graymoor, New York will remember the powerful sermon Father Bizimana delivered at Evening Prayer. At present, Father will assist St. Paul's Church in Portland, Maine.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Henderson Webb Father Webb, the Interim Vicar at St. Luke's has received his doctorate from Gordon-Conwell Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. We congratulate Hendy+ on this notable achievement!

POSTULANTS AND CANDIDATES

Mr. Mark Black was accepted as a postulant for holy orders. Mark is a parishioner at St. Joseph’s Anglican Church in Brooklyn, New York. He has been serving as a subdeacon. Please keep Mark in your prayers as he discerns his call to holy orders. Mark is featured in this issue.

Mr. Patrick DesRosiers was also accepted as a postulant for holy orders. Patrick is a parishioner
of St. Augustine of Canterbury Church in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Please keep Patrick in your prayers as he discerns his call to holy orders.

Mr. Stephen Rugg, as many of you know, will attend Gordon-Conwell seminary in the coming academic year. Steve was featured in the last edition of the Northeast Anglican.

SUMMER CLERGY TRAINING PROGRAM
In place of the Summer Clergy Training Program an augmented Clericus is to be held in Alfred, Maine, June 15-17. The topic will be "Anglican Spirituality and the Book of Common Prayer." This program is a part of the path to ordination, which is one of "formation," a process that should encompass academics, prayer, worship and parochial work.

ST. LUKE’S SUMMER CAMP
St. Luke’s Summer Camp will again be offered at New England Keswick in Monterey MA. This program is an outstanding example of Christian camping and should be a must for all campers. This year, the camp is being made available to children from the Diocese of the Eastern United States. The DEUS camping program is currently on hold, so children from that diocese have been welcomed to attend our camping program. Information and registration materials may be obtained from Father Richard Dibble.

LOGOS HOUSE
Logos House of Studies is about to go national officially. When the House of Bishops meets at the end of April, it is expected that Logos House will be recognized as our national seminary. It is anticipated that regional centers will be established to provide mentoring and academic support for students and candidates for holy orders.

NATIONAL CHURCH
The House of Bishops met in Tucson, Arizona on April 26-7. As everyone certainly knows by now, our own Bishop Marsh was elected President of the House of Bishops and Bishop Langberg was re-elected Vice-President.

Father John Vaughan has been appointed Vicar General for the Diocese of the Eastern United States. Father Vaughan will provide administrative oversight to the diocese until the election of a diocesan bishop.

National Church Newsletter Bishop Daren Williams has re-established a national church newsletter. This has just been received and will be disseminated during the upcoming Standing Committee meeting and, where necessary, mailed to clergy. The newsletter is currently available only in hard copy, but in the future will be made available through electronic means.

LATE NEWS: Old Orchard ME
St. Augustine of Canterbury Church has received a historic gift that recalls the strong Anglican Community that existed in Old Orchard Beach. Bishop Brian Marsh, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America gave the parish an Altar Service Book that had been used at the Church of St. John’s By the Sea which dates back to the 19th century. The book was originally given to that parish in 1938 in Memory of Ella Neal Scheele (1879-1938) who was a member of St. John’s Parish. The presentation was made on the Bishop’s behalf by Father Jeffrey Monroe, special assistant to the Presiding Bishop. The Altar Service Book will be used as part of the regular service of the church. James Audiffred and Sub-Deacon David Brennan received the gift on behalf of the parish.

WORLD CONSULTATION ON THE CONTINUING ANGLICAN CHURCHES
Please note the schedule elsewhere in this issue. This is an important conference sponsored by St. Paul’s in Brockton MA. It is all too obvious that we continuing Anglicans are divided into a number of separated jurisdictions, and that this just shouldn’t be. This conference is a chance to hear and consider the thoughts of bishops and others from various groups and for us all to get to know one another. If at all possible, reserve the dates November 3-5 and plan to be there. Details regarding registration costs and other such matters will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

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Profile
Charlie Niemi, Postulant

Have you ever thought of going to seminary?

It was about fifteen years ago when I was asked this seemingly innocuous question. (I have found as I get older, that those are the most dangerous ones.) The idea was not one I had thought of, although I enjoyed teaching and what preaching I had done. The call was there, and it had now been cemented in my mind. (More on that later)

If you reviewed my biography to that point, I would not have been the first one that people would have thought of when thinking of a future clergyman.

I was born and raised in the town of Ashby, Massachusetts (at the time, a teeming metropolis of 1100 souls) by parents of entirely Finnish descent, and little church involvement. I was educated in the local schools to ultimately become a machinist. As with everything, God had other plans, and He directed me to college, where I was first exposed to computer software, which would be the basis of my career, and met my future wife Nancy. (The one who led me to the Episcopal Church)

Profile
Mark Black, Postulant

One of our newest postulants, Mark Black is 41, a resident of Brooklyn NY, and a member of St. Joseph’s parish. He is a PC Network staff member at the New York Public Library, has just submitted his thesis (on the library’s use of e-books) for a Master’s in Library Science, and expects to have that degree by the time you read this.

Mark lives with his wife (16 years as of August) Deborah, a two month old foster daughter and a cat, and likes to say, with a smile, that those three ladies have the domination of the home. That expresses well his servant’s heart. He’s been a member of St. Joseph’s for nearly 20 years and an acolyte for the past 14. He tells the story of a good friend, Brother Maurice Usher, who had been serving as acolyte there until he was attacked and beaten and ultimately died as a result. Mark did not have a desire to be up front, but he stepped right in to fill a gap, and it all started from there. He discovered that being a servant at the altar led him to seek more ways to be of service, and began to help the parish in any way he could, looking for needs and filling them. He has been Junior Warden for some time now.

As the years went by, Mark felt more and more impelled toward something more, toward a degree of ministry beyond that of acolyte. As a result he has been a subdeacon for about a year and has become a postulant for holy orders, seeking to become a deacon, a word which (if you remember) comes from the Greek for a servant.

It was a distinct pleasure to interview (by telephone) such a man for this profile. May God bless him as his journey continues.

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Fast forward to 1996 – I was a father of three kids under the age of 10, and here I was, praying about seminary. I started by going to a seminar at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA called “Going Forward in Ministry” - it inspired me, and I came back all charged up about the idea.

But that wasn’t exactly where He wanted me to be. Not yet.

I spent the next few years learning the lesson that ministry is a family thing, and ordained ministry even more so, and being advised by our rector and others to consider that “Your family is your first church, and that’s where to start – Once that church is established, God will lead you to your next church.” (Remember that, Hendy? That was the best advice I’ve ever had.)

God also had more challenges in store, too - another baby came along in 1998, a Master’s degree in Computer Information Security and a move to the Carolinas in 2004, and finally coming to the Upper Valley area of New Hampshire in 2005.

As my children realized in a discussion with Deacon Rob Philp, our family has been to 30 churches since 2003, when we left the Episcopal Church. As a family, we’ve discovered a lot about His call to mission, and His call to clergy, and their families. And what a biblical church is. The ACA fits that bill.

I never thought I’d be working on Holy Orders - after 2003, I never thought my family would be back in a liturgical, apostolic succession-based, orthodox church. But here we are.

We’ve been blessed with the people we’ve met, and the time we’ve spent. I have been enlivened by working with Logos House on the diaconal program and look forward to the adventure of ordination.

And about that question - asked so long ago? It was like a rock in my shoe, nagging at me to do something about it. Now that I am able to work toward ordination, I feel more blessed every day, and thank God for the gift of doing so, and the call to do His will is satisfied. It has been a long trip.

After a lot of wandering, I have found where I wanted to preach and teach His most excellent word.

And, it is nice to be home.
Profile
Fr. Rich Dibble

The Rev. Richard Scott Dibble is a native of upstate New York, graduating from High School in Clinton NY in 1986. He is a self-employed contractor, having started his contracting business (Sunshine Construction) in 1989, and also a small scale farmer and landlord.

In his personal life Fr. Rich is, above all, a family man, having, as he says, “married the most wonderful woman in the world, Caroline VanDyke in 1993.” They have five children, Emily (1996), Abraham (1997), Joseph (1999), Elijah (2002), and Ruth (2006), all homeschooled by Caroline.

Fr. Rich is one of the humblest people I know, and it is very difficult to get him to say much about himself. When I contacted him for this profile, I received the bare facts and this moving statement:

“If there is something meaningful for me to say it would have to be to reassure you that it is not necessary to be perfectly successful in every endeavour you try.”
God grows us much more through our failures than anything else. He is there in our daily struggles. He loves you and wants you to grow closer to Him, and sometimes this can only be done by walking with you through hard things, be they external or internal. Seek Him and you will find Him, but probably not the way you expect.

Children are hungry to hear about God and how His word can be applied to them. You will bless them if you talk with them about deeper Godly things that most people are uncomfortable opening up about.”

He answered a call to ministry and was ultimately ordained deacon in 2000 at the Church of the Resurrection, in Ansonia, CT, then part of the Anglican Province of Christ the King, became involved in ACA in 2002, serving in St. Lucy’s Mission centering from his home in West Winfield NY, and, since 2005, has been director of our St. Luke’s Camp.

**Ordination:**

Deacon Dibble became Father Dibble just a few weeks ago, ordained to the sacred order of priests at the hands of Bishop Marsh on May 7, 2011.

The service was originally scheduled for Trinity Procathedral, Rochester NH, but it was decided that it would be best held closer to his family and his place of ministry.

The facilities of St. Thomas of Canterbury Anglican Church, Halfmoon NY (a parish of a small body known as the United Anglican Church) were graciously made available.

(The ordination pictures were taken by Mr. Lawrence White, who has graciously allowed their use.)

Father Rich Dibble, a perspective from some of his children, comments collected by Caroline:

My father is the perfect picture of what God can do when you let him. He has grown immensely in the past few years. His journey to the priesthood is marked with trials and temptations, along with blessings and growth. He is a great preacher and constantly shows God’s love to us. My father can turn anything into a school lesson. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we learn something. –Emily

I think my dad is one of the best people I know. He is not always the pleasantest person to be around but we all have weaknesses we need to change. He has a great sense of humor and he does a lot of nice stuff for us kids. He does spend time with us and helps us with lots of things. I’m very glad that my dad is my dad and I wouldn’t want anybody else to be my dad. –Joe

I like my papa being a Father Papa. I like to shave with him. He plays games with me, and tells me stories when we snuggle together in the morning. I give him hugs when he needs them. He takes me to work with him sometimes. –Ruth

My papa loves me. He helps me fix things, and he is a genius! –Elijah

Abe was speechless.

_and this from his covering note:_ “It has been a typical week with broken cat bones, mechanical failures, and malfunctioning septic systems etc., but God loves us.”

________profile by the editor
The Gospel according to John (Wayne?)

by Fr. Rich Dibble

Note: This article was intended for the Lenten issue, but didn’t make it. The editor feels it contains thoughts that are always timely.

Recently I read a book where the author illustrated scriptural points with movies, and it bothered me. I understood that he was only trying to connect with his readers by using something they would understand, but it seemed so light to me, almost sacrilegious. Then my thoughts had some light shown on them by verses such as Mark 4:33, “With many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.” Jesus illustrated his points by stories, something the culture could grasp too, so maybe I shouldn’t so readily condemn it.

As I read from Isaiah this morning I can’t help but to make a connection with one of our favorite movies, again. Isaiah repeatedly brings up how the people have ignored God and really don’t take any stock in the idea that they will have to answer to him. In their hearts they have chosen to abandon him and their seared consciences have relegated him to powerlessness.

Recently we watched True Grit. This is one of our favorites; it is a man’s movie. John Wayne plays the part of a tough federal marshal, Rooster Cogburn, though he has become a drunk, old, fat, and one-eyed. He is tied up with a pugnacious young girl who has hired him to bring her father’s killer to justice. The killer has fled into Indian territory and joined himself to a gang of dangerous outlaws, headed by a man named Ned Pepper. During their escapades the girl is actually captured by the outlaws. She had been questioning whether she had done the right thing by hiring Cogburn since she made the deal, with all his handicaps. All through their adventure it is repeatedly brought up that he is an alcoholic, old, fat, greedy, somewhat dishonest, and one-eyed. The evidence piles up in her mind that he will be ineffective. She kept trying to find some reason to keep believing in him, grabbing for any evidence she could that he had a quality she called “grit.” At the point where he appeared to abandon her to her captors, she had to give up on him. But then his partner rescues her and she watches as he doubles back to cut off the outlaws.

It is the classic western scene, four of them are on one side of a clearing and he is alone on the opposite side. They want to pass and he wants to bring them to justice. He asks about the girl, and Ned says he won’t answer for her safety. Cogburn insists, “You will answer for her.” His partner calls down that the girl is safe and Cogburn should flee the dangerous men. Ned asks if Cogburn will yield the road, and with this chance to save himself, we see for the first time his real character. Without hesitation he calls out to Ned, “I intend to kill you in one minute or take you back so you can hang at the judge’s convenience, now which’ll it be?” He tells the other outlaws that he has no warrant for them, only Pepper at this time, and they should get out of the way if they don’t want to get killed. They take it as a bluff, and Pepper gets indignant, answering, “Those are pretty bold words for a one-eyed fat man.” At this, Cogburn loses his patience and restraint and tells his opponent to fill his hands and begins charging at the four, all guns a-blazing. Well, you usually know how it’s going to end.

What does this have to do with Lent? Well, don’t we often relegate God to the same status as Rooster Cogburn; washed up? Doesn’t the world often want to believe he is so far out of shape and the odds are so much against him that we can simply forget about him ever bringing us to justice? Isaiah tells us, “One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one…” and , “...he shall break it as the breaking of the potter's vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare.” But we can also rest in his mercy if we are his. We do not need to fear the world's judgment of God. He is God, and he is more sure to win than even John Wayne. May we work to grow in Him, trusting Him and not the world which dismisses Him. Then we may rest in hope, assured of His mercy and grace.
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