Christmas, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, as we approach Christmastide, we once again confront the most remarkable gift from God, a gift that is all that we could possibly imagine: a gift of eternal and abiding love from God the Father. At the center of the incredible gift of love is this: a tiny child. What child is this? Although we may know that this child is the Incarnation, God come among us in human form, we still wonder about the miracle. How could it happen? Why did God will Himself to come to us in such a frail and helpless form? Though theologians are trained to explain the Incarnation in intellectual terms, capable of discussing the birth of the Christ Child in elevated language, the mystery remains: what is this child? The child cannot be explained away, as if His birth were some ordinary event, some detail of history that happened long ago. The mystery will simply not be explained away. And each year, as Christmas approaches once again, somewhere and at some time during the season, it strikes us with a quiet and relentless force: at the center of it all is the mystery, the mystery of this particular child.

Anglicans are particularly drawn to Christmas. Great writers in the Anglican tradition have often struggled to express the nature of this holy and gracious time. Charles Dickens, in his wonderful story "A Christmas Carol in Prose" (which we often just call "A Christmas Carol"), the author tells the tale of one Ebenezer Scrooge. A bitter and heartless man, Scrooge is transformed when confronted with the spirit of the season. His eyes are opened to the needs of his fellow human beings, just as his heart is warmed by the presence of spirited messengers. Scrooge's transformation is foreshadowed by the words given to his nephew, Fred, who tells his hard-hearted uncle that he finds Christmas to be "...a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely...and I say, God bless it!"

Shakespeare, too, in his masterpiece, Hamlet, brings us a Christmas message. Lonely and fearful men, confronted with a danger they do not understand, remind themselves of the spirit of Christmas:

"Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long:
The nights are wholesome
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

Some of us will also listen to readings of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," yet another wonderful evocation of the Christmas season. Thomas is yet another writer who seeks to capture the spirit of Christmastide.

If all these great writers come close to capturing the essence of the season, they may be forgiven if they cannot portray it completely. For at the center of this "hallowed and gracious time" is the child. Even though we will never know Him fully, He knows us and cares for us, just as we seek to embrace Him and care for Him. But always, there is the wonder: why, God, have you done this for us?
And here is where we find the answer. It is in the simple birth of a child, come to warm the heart of a cold and indifferent world. It is in this child that we will come to know what it is to love. It is in this child.

A Blessed Christmastide to you all!

Your Brother in Christ,
+Brian

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**Synod 2012**

**Thursday Night, September 13.** The clergy and delegates began to arrive, got themselves settled, registered, and gathered for an informal evening of renewed acquaintance and fellowship.

**Friday Morning, September 14, Holy Cross Day.** Synod Mass was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth. The interim church (intended by the master plan to become the Parish Hall once the permanent church is built) was packed with worshippers. The seating arrangement said a great deal about the church, the clergy seated choirwise along the walls, and the bulk of the people seated between them. The Bishop celebrated (with two other bishops, Langberg and Vaughn, present), and the Rev. James Hiles preached with the Rev. Mr. Ian
Dunn serving as Master of Ceremonies. The late Fr. Henthorne was much in evidence assisting in the service.

The synod business meeting opened at 10:20 at the Ramada Inn in Ellsworth. Following opening prayers, the business of the diocese was transacted. It should be noted that nearly one hundred people were in attendance. This included delegates, guests and visitors. Two parishes, Saint Paul's Parish of Brockton, Massachusetts and St. Nicholas Anglican Church of West Seneca, New York were officially received by synod and became full members of the ACA/Diocese of the Northeast. These parishes had petitioned for membership several months ago and were accepted on a provisional basis at that time. Synod ratified their acceptance and we praise God for their reception into our diocese. It should also be noted that Saint Paul’s Parish has been an affiliated member of our diocese for some time and has contributed to the support of the diocese.

Four clergy received their licenses at synod: Fr. Luis Aguilar of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Fr. Andrew Faust of Saco, Maine; Deacon Ed Ihde of West Seneca, New York and Fr. Martin Mahoney of Rochester, New York. Father Mahoney received his certificate in absentia. We thank God for the presence of these fine clergymen and pray that their ministry among us will be joyful and bear much fruit.

Perhaps the most dramatic moments at synod came with the election of two new Bishops Suffragan. Fathers James R. Hiles and Owen R. Williams were each elected overwhelmingly to the office of Bishop Suffragan. A Suffragan Bishop is an assistant bishop, one who serves at the request of the Bishop Ordinary. The Bishop Suffragan is a man in episcopal orders, though he does not have the right of succession. Both Bishops-elect, upon their consecration, will assume responsibilities within the diocese and, when necessary, the national church. We pray that their service to God’s holy church will be rewarding and productive.

This reporter is always amazed at the spirit of unity shown at our synods, even when there is some disagreement evident. Such little problems as arise are fairly easily overcome. I’ve been to many church gatherings in other denominations where this is simply not the case.

Synod Banquet. No visit to Maine should be undertaken without the involvement of lobster at some point in the visit. The synod banquet was held on Friday evening, September 14. Many chose the lobster entree and were not disappointed. Those of us who did not pay the extra for lobster were also pleased with the meal. In every respect the Ranada treated us well. Following the banquet, several awards were presented. Peter Thomas received the Walter Kilian Award for his long service to his church on the parish, diocesan, national and international levels. Congratulations to Peter for this well-deserved award. Father Jeffrey Monroe accepted the award on Peter’s behalf and presented it to Peter on the Sunday following synod.

The late Rev. Canon Granville V. Henthorne presented several certificates to students who had completed their studies. Father Jeffrey Monroe and Deacon Ian Dunn received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB). Mr. Charles Niemi received the degree of Associate in Sacred Theology. Associate in Sacred Theology. Harry Wellsman, Patrick Desrosiers and Kevin Kelley received the Diplomate in Diaconal Studies. In one of the most moving moments in all of synod, Father John Corcoran was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity honoris causa.

Our keynote speaker for this year’s synod was The Rt. Rev. John Vaughan, Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of the Eastern United States. Bishop Vaughan’s address was superb. He spoke about his early years in Ireland, his ordination into the Roman Catholic Church and his eventual ministry within the Anglican Church in America. His talk was very entertaining, while also delivering a profound message of mission and evangelism. We were truly blessed to have Bishop Vaughan with us during this synod.

After Bishop Vaughan’s moving address (which had this former Pentecostal preacher working to restrain himself from “old time” shouts of “Amen” and “Praise the Lord”), Bishop Langberg, the “Swedish Cowboy” in a former career, entertained the delegates with his wonderful music.

Saturday Morning, September 15. Many of the delegates gathered once more at the Ramada for a closing service of Morning Prayer led by Deacon Dunn after which we all packed up and returned to our appointed fields of labor.

-----ed pacht, editor.
Much of the content taken from Bishop Marsh’s newsletter
As one man retires, another man enlists. Aiden O’Neil began his basic training with the Navy September 19. As soon as he’s completed the basic training and we know his address, we’ll start sending him routine “care packages”. God speed, Aiden, we are so very proud of you.

Jeanne Hoose and her merry band of helpers did a bang-up job with our church families’ reunion pot luck supper on Saturday, September 15. We sure have that feast thing down pat!

When our organist, Aaron James, went to Austria to compete in the 4th biannual Franz Schmidt Organ Competition in September, Grace Wang very ably substituted for him. She must have known how difficult it would be to fill Aaron’s shoes, so, she brought her husband, David Shih, who has a fabulous bass/baritone singing voice. Together they were awesome. We thought they used different last names for professional reasons, but Grace said, “No, I’m just a rebellious Cosmo girl!”

During the prestigious international Franz Schmidt Organ Competition, Aaron advanced to the final round and, although he wasn’t awarded the top prize, he is very pleased to have had the opportunity to be professionally challenged by some of the best musicians in his field and the chance to see Austria.

Ron Furrer made the trek with Dave and Kate Chamberlin on Saturday, October 20 to the western wilderness south of Buffalo to attend the fall picnic sponsored by St. Nicholas ACA on “The Hill”. Deacon Ed and Barb Ihde were the gracious hosts in their wilderness south of Buffalo to attend the fall picnic sponsored by St. Nicholas ACA on “The Hill”. Deacon Ed and Barb Ihde were the gracious hosts in their little church was chilly and rainy, but the ambiance in our little church was warm and friendly. Whether folks brought, bought, ate, or worked, it all blended to make a profitable Elegante Junque Boutique, Value Meal lunch, and Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, October 27th. This year, we’ll keep our Elegante Junque Boutique open for folks to browse and buy previously enjoyed items before and after the Choral Evensong on Sunday November 4th. Many thanks to Joyce Rice, Linda Bowen, and, well, everybody for helping to make this such a successful community outreach.

Our prayers, hearts, and goods went out to the many victims of Hurricane Sandy. Our parishioners donated a variety of items to be sent with the Sea
Greetings from Saint Nicholas Anglican Church on the Niagara Frontier now the westernmost congregation in the ACA Diocese of the Northeast. I am told by Ron Furrer that this title was formerly held by Holy Cross in Webster, NY.

This past quarter was very exciting for us as a congregation as we prepared to greet Bishop Brian Marsh, Fr. Henderson Webb and Chancellor Walter Jones in anticipation of the ordination of Deacon Edward Ihde as our parish priest on November 17th. At this writing it is expected that well over a hundred people will be in attendance. Participants for the service were selected from our home parish, from western ACA parishes in WNY (Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross) and from two congregations formerly served by Deacon Ed in the Episcopal Diocese of WNY (St. Matthew’s - Buffalo and St Andrew’s - University Heights).

One of hurdles we faced as an Anglican Church celebrating in a former Roman Catholic parish was in transforming the liturgical space from Vatican II to a more Traditional worship space. This was accomplished by ‘traveling back in time’ and moving the altar back toward the apse and removing the presidential style seating required by Vatican II and instead, focusing worship on the altar and the cross. Also, the baptismal font was removed to the back of the church as was the tradition in the early Anglican Church. The resulting changes seem to be well received by our congregation and reflect times of an earlier era that many of us actually still remember. Even those ‘youngsters’ (actually twenty-somethings) among us remarked about how the new setting puts the entire focus on the worship of God as opposed to the community and the clergy.

Above is a photo of St. Nicholas’ interior and where we are now.

Mission-wise Saint Nicholas Church Community completed its second water collection project for Uganda this quarter. The cost of the completed project was $3,500.00. Three missionaries from the Ugandan Water Project visited us on Sunday October 21st and presented a very inspiring Christian witness about how these kinds of projects benefit generations of families in Uganda. By the time this report is published, the project will have been installed and fully operational at the Anglican Church of Maganjo in Uganda.

On All Saints Day, St. Luke’s Anglican Church (ACNA) in East Aurora (our mother church) and Saint Nicholas Anglican Church (ACA) celebrated a joint service that was well attended. St. Luke’s Church meets in a current Baptist Church in East Aurora, NY that needed their space at the same time for the same reason. Saint Nicholas was happy to share our space and welcomed new friends and renewed old acquaintances.

Finally, this quarter saw the delivery and installation of our new sign that was installed on November 9th that gives our parish not only renewed visibility but more importantly ‘extended credibility’ that we are here and here to stay. Our Roman Catholic landlord, Blessed John XXIII graciously gave us permission to place this sign outside the parish building as a semi-permanent structure. The sign was funded partially, as memorials chosen by our parishioners and partially, by a grant from the national church.

---Deacon Ed Ihde
Old Orchard Beach ME  
St. Augustine

Greetings from Old Orchard Beach! We’ve had a wonderful summer and fall and are now getting ready for Christmas and spring.

October marked the third anniversary of our parish. We will have an Anniversary Breakfast together to mark the event on December 2nd at a local restaurant. We always have a good time together and look forward to a good fourth year. We have an updated Parish Contact List and find that we have grown a bit, just as we had hoped. We have been especially blessed in that one of our newer members, Jane Haugan, has had experience as a church organist and is able to play our keyboard for us during the service. It is a blessing to have music again as part of our services and will always be grateful to Larry Morse for the legacy he left us, both in what he taught us and in the keyboard he provided for us. Music is praying twice, so our prayers are prodigious here indeed!

We had our St. Francis Feast/Blessing of the Animals on October 6th with Fr. LaMarre offering the blessing. Father was especially appropriate because he operates an animal rescue mission at his priory in Raymond. We had a garage full of animals and actually had to do two services. Two people got the time wrong and came into the church as everyone was ready to leave! So out came the Holy Water again and everyone got blessed. You can tell from the photos that we had some very friendly guests.

We have started to plan a Festival of Lessons and Carols for this coming Advent. While there’s still planning to be done, the date has been set. We will have this Festival on the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 23. This is a wonderful and spirit-filled service that hopefully will be something the entire community will want to join in on.

We’re also getting ready for spring and St. Patrick’s Day. Sub-Deacon David Brennan, world famous for his Irish Soda Bread, will again be preparing a wonderful community dinner. This will be the first time that St. Augustine’s will be hosting this event and we hope it will become an annual event that the whole area will look forward to. Here in Maine, St. Patrick’s Day will be coming at the end of a long winter and the chance to get out and share some fellowship, Irish step dancing and great food will be welcome.

Raymond ME  
The Benedictines

Fr. Kevin and Sr. Mary Francis were honored to be asked to St. Augustine’s (OOB) to take part in the blessing of the animals in early October. It was a beautiful day with 3 dogs and a cat being blessed in a touching service led by Fr. LaMarre and Rev. Mr. Al Ryan. As people were getting ready to leave, 6 more dogs (one pregnant) walked into the chapel to be blessed. The service was redone with a touching message and blessings tailored specifically for each animal. The owners were moved and the dogs gave grateful licks to Father LaMarre which, as we all know, is a doggy blessing. It was a special day for all.

One of the beautiful things about dogs is that they live each day gratefully, full of unstifled joy and unconditional love. They have no agenda, they climb no imaginary status ladder, they do not strive to “be somebody”. They, by their mere existence, have mastered the ability to just “be” what God intended them to be. They are wonderful companions and, if we are not to proud to let them, teachers. They live exactly how God would like us to live, with love, compassion, perserverence, honesty, unsquashable hope, and joy, and focused on our Master.

We are thankful for the generosity of the few who donate to the support of the animals here at the Priory. We could not do it without you.

-----Sr. Mary Francis OSB

The other day we had a dusting of snow. Some child, while waiting for the bus, scraped together enough snow to make a small snowman which lasted quite a few days. I saw her creation, standing alone in the field at the end of the road, slowly melting just like the beautiful, innocent child sadly melts out of adults as they get older. Many of us hold tight to the dark side of the child, having temper tantrums, lying and bullying others. Why is it then, that the light side of the child is so easily put away? I have to admit,
that at 58+ years old I still make snowmen, catch snowflakes on my tongue and skip rocks on bodies of water to name a few.

Jesus came to us as a child and countless times has asked that we have a childlike faith. As we move into Advent and Christmas we pray that you dig out that beautiful child as you dig out your Christmas lights and decorations and as you go into the New Year, simplify your life and focus, so you can, like a child, live in the light of Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings on you all from the Benedictines.

-----Fr. Kevin

Ellsworth ME
St. Thomas

Greetings from St. Thomas!

It was our honor to host this year’s Synod, and we would like to thank all those who made the Synod a success. Our thanks to Pat Tanashvili, who made and donated the “Exploding Stars” quilt which raised over $300.00. The winner of the quilt raffle was our parishioner David Simmons. The proceeds were donated to our church’s building fund. Thanks also to our gifted artist Bill Landmesser, who sold a painting at the Synod and donated a portion of the proceeds to the church. At the Synod Canon Henthorne, dean of Logos House, presented two of St. Thomas’ candidates for Holy Orders with certificates for their studies. Deacon Ian Dunn received his diploma for Bachelor's of Sacred Theology, and diaconal student Kevin Kelly received his certificate for Diplomate in Diaconal Studies.

With profound sadness we note the passing of our dedicated, beloved rector Canon Granville Henthorne who has recently gone to be with the Lord. We deeply and gratefully thank all of those from throughout the Diocese, including Bishop Marsh and all other clergy, friends, parishioners, and relatives who attended Canon Henthorne’s funeral. This is a time of much grieving and mourning for us. We so loved Fr. Henthorne’s grace and finesse in his celebration of the Eucharist and his sermons. In the interim Bishop Marsh is our official rector, and Fr. Frank Gray celebrates Communion three Sundays monthly with the able assistance of Deacon Dunn. On Sunday November 4 we celebrated Morning Prayer and the Litany, with a sermon delivered by Deacon Dunn. We are officially in a three-month interim of mourning and transition. We feel confident that we are in highly capable hands during this interim.

God’s blessings upon you all during this Advent and Christmas season.

------Kevin A. Kelly

Amherst, NH
St. Luke's

In September and October Father Webb ran a five-week Inquirer's Class for those members wishing to learn more about church history, sacraments, and teachings. The course was very well attended and we all learned a great deal and are thankful for the opportunity.

Bishop Marsh made his annual visitation on 14 October and it was truly a day of festivities! The first order of business was the installation of the Rev. Dr. Alexander Henderson Webb as the fourth Rector of St. Luke’s. The keys to the church were presented by Sr. Warden Chip Garre and Jr. Warden Ken Miller. The Bible, Book of Common Prayer, and Books of the Canons of the General and Diocesan Synods were presented to Father Webb by Bishop Marsh.

Following the installation Bishop Marsh confirmed two of our members: Elizabeth Ragan and Edward Fasci. Twenty of our members were received into the Anglican Church in America, having been confirmed previously.

They are Peyton and Anita Hinkle, Melvin and Lillian Power, Anne Becker, Ruth Eisman, Diana Thomas, Alice and Jeffrey Kysar, Barbara Steele, Elizabeth Webb, Carol Blodgett, John Ragan, Don and Roberta Skillins, William Hammond, Colyer (Chip) and Lee Garre, Jennifer Coppins, and William Butler.
The service was attended by many family and friends and was followed by a luncheon in the parish hall.

Sunday School started at the 10:00 service on 21 October. It has been a number of years since a Sunday School program was offered and we are delighted to be in a position of offering the program again.

On 11 November David and Walker Ragan, sons of Elizabeth and John Ragan, were baptized by Father Webb.

Thanks to many hands on Saturday, 10 November the church and surrounding grounds are all in good state for the winter season. The garden and lawns have been raked and closets inside have been cleared to the walls. On Sunday there was a large stack of goods available to go home with parishioners which had previously been tucked away in our closets!

On the weekend of 1 and 2 December, Jerry Camery-Hoggatt, Professor of New Testament and Narrative Theology at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA. will be with us to conduct a program entitled "How to live an authentic Christian life in the 21st century". Mr. Camery-Hoggatt will also preach on Sunday at both the 8:30 and 10:00 services. We are delighted to have him come and are looking forward to a most interesting session.

-----Submitted by Lee Garre

Concord NH
All Saints

All Saints Day in Concord, New Hampshire was celebrated with appropriate splendor. In Thanksgiv- ing to Almighty God a Solemn Holy Eucharist was planned and celebrated. To add solemnity Father Robert Smolley from St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manchester, NH assisted.

Amidst incense, candles, and song the church was filled with praise as parishioners, guests and clergy gave corporate thanks to God with All the Saints.

The Holy Relics on the Altar for the feast of All Saints were encased in a spectacular new Triptych fashioned by Ken Miller of St. Luke in Amherst, NH with the iconographic images and gilding painted by Christopher Gosey, the noted iconographer. The Triptych was a commissioned piece from the parishioners of St. Luke, as a departing gift for Father Christian who served St. Luke as Vicar. The three panels were fashioned out of heavy old oak, the wings being old pew ends, and the central panel a depiction of St. Mary of Walsingham as Queen of All Saints. The array of Holy Relics displayed were entrusted to Father Christian from various sources, and needed a worthy receptacle to be interred. The end product surpassed expectations and the long wait for the Triptych’s completion forgotten, as the sumptuous piece visually joined the Church Triumphant with the Church Militant.

Amahl and the Knight Visitors will be performed for the City of Concord on December 22, Saturday, at 7:30 PM at the Concord City Auditorium as a joint offering and venture by All Saints Church and Just Love to Sing, whose director, Jane Cormier, is Arts Ministry Director of All Saints.

Amahl is the modern opera written to honor the visit of the Three Kings to a destitute shepherd family who offer to the Magi a resting stop on their way to visit the Christ Child. This beautiful Christmas Story highlights the need for compassion and faith, generosity and hope, as a prerequisite to welcoming Our Lord at the time of His Nativity, both in history and especially now. Some will remember this opera as a television staple in the mid-1960’s to 70’s. All Saints is offering this show FREE of charge as a way to honor Christ and evangelize through performance and song. All in the Diocese are invited to make the pilgrimage to Concord, New Hampshire and enjoy an evening of unsurpassed drama.

The Solemn Mass times for celebration of the Holy Nativity will be: The Vigil of Christmas, December 24, 9:00 PM, and Christmas Day, December 25, 9:00 AM.

Father Christian celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Religious Consecration as a Monk on the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8. Visit the website for All Saints www.allsaintsnh.com to see other seasonal details and updated schedules.
New Jersey, as we all know, was one of the areas hit hardest by Hurricane Sandy. For the most part our parishioners in Elizabeth and surrounding areas came through it well, though some of them were without electricity and telephone. Deacon Alvarez kept on top of the situation.

Tragically, in the midst of the crisis, Viviana Fajardo, a young woman who had often attended St. Augustine’s, was hit by a car and killed. On Saturday, November 3, at the funeral home, Dcn. Alvarez conducted a memorial service for her, returning on Sunday for Holy Communion and the committal service. May she rest in peace and His light perpetual shine upon her.

At the church that Sunday, in the regular service, First Communion was given to six new members, Briana, Anthony, Carolina, Elsa, Aliha, and Valeria, all to be confirmed the following Sunday. “Our church has been greatly blessed with the presence of countless new visitors,” says the Deacon, “to whom I minister the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God be all the glory and honor forever. Amen.”

“Confirmation, November 11: Early that morning everybody could feel the spirit of joy that moved around the our church. Children and young adults began arriving at 8:30 am for a final rehearsal. Everything had to be perfect. Bishop Marsh arrived at the church around 9:00 am, and after a brief examination of the confirmands gave his approval to begin the Mass. We had a total of 16 to be confirmed: Briana, Elsa, Anthony, Nelson Jr., Nicole, Stephanie, Aliha, Fernando, Celita, Cristian, Cristina, Carolina, Leslie, Diana, Kevin and Carla. Our little place was packed, there were people standing up to the stairs of the main entrance, about 130 or more. For us in St. Augustine it was a great honor to have our Bishop Marsh performing part of the Mass in Spanish, which he did quite well. Good job Bishop!

After completing the Mass and the imposition of hands by Bishop Marsh, came the photo session. Everyone wanted to have a picture with Bishop Marsh. Next we moved on to the reception hall for an exquisite meal prepared for this great celebration, a celebration with food, live music, DJ and dancing, etc. Thanks go to the Bishop and all the congregation of St. Augustine for the great blessing we had that day.

I want to express my gratitude to Bishop Marsh and his wife for their visit to our church in for our Confirmations. It was a day of joy and happiness when 16 people both young adults and kids prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament. Here are some of the pics taken that wonderful day. Be blessed!”

-----by Deacon Alvarez and the editor.
contain the sheer beauty of these two young ladies anyway. I’m wondering if I’m able to get away with that one. We shall see when this goes to print.

In October, we had a few more birthdays, Mr. Wallace Mitchell, who is pictured to the left, Ms. Evadne Banner, Mrs. Joyce Jones-Pennill and Ms. Horsford who are pictured to the right, just to name a few.

Not pictured is Mrs. Alice Trapp, who is one of the founding members of St. Joseph.

Our Administrator, Archdeacon Alan Koller is on the mend and will hopefully be joining us again in the near future. Our prayers are with him during his recovery.

October is also the time of year in which we celebrate our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service which always takes place on the 3rd Sunday at 3 PM. To the left is a picture of the children who are an integral part of our future. Look at their smiles.

The only thing that made them smile even more was the fact that within the same week was our Annual Halloween Party pictured on the left. Candies and drinks flowed aplenty, along with a few games, and even the adults seemed to have fun. We have to understand that not everything has to float around us. It’s the children that make or break us and when they are happy, we know that we will be also.

Special thanks to all those involved in the various functions that we have had this past quarter. You know who you are. Sincerely submitted,

Mark Black
Subdeacon, Postulant & Webmaster.

Lebanon, NH
Trinity Anglican Church

As we mark the end of our first year of tenancy in the Franklin Masonic Lodge in Lebanon, the vestry has made strides in formalizing our arrangements as well as in evaluating the success of our move.

A year ago, the vestry decided that Trinity should move from West Lebanon to downtown Lebanon. The move was occasioned by the relocation of our West Lebanon landlord as well as by a desire to move to a more convenient site both in terms of access as well availability of potential new parishioners. Our new site at the Franklin Masonic Lodge, being just off the green in Lebanon, seemed to meet these objectives.

Our first year has not been without growing pains. We are the first tenants the Masons have taken on, and there have been operational and procedural challenges in making things work smoothly. Perhaps the most challenging issue has been that of heating a very large space in an uninsulated building in the dead of winter. This issue has forced us to move to a dining area in the building during the coldest months. On the bright side, the Masons are engaged in arranging to have the building insulated and to have adequate heat installed.

After our first year, both the vestry and the Masons felt secure enough in our tenancy to enter into a rental contract for our use of the space, signaling our intent to continue working with the Lodge and their continued interest in our use of the space.

In support of the solidification of our physical arrangements, the vestry and rector have undertaken an outreach program looking to foster growth in the parish—our number one goal at this time. In addition to providing financial support to the Lebanon school system for disadvantaged students, the parish has undertaken a Bible study program centered on understanding Anglicanism as seen through the Book of Common Prayer. The initial session focused on the history of the BCP with the next four sessions focusing on the five aspects of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral.

On the diocesan level, we are honored that Terry Harwood has been appointed as a steward for the IAF. Terry has led the parish to its consistent support of the IAF and is ever faithful in highlighting opportunities for this important and valuable ministry. We are fortunate to have his sensitivity to guide us as a parish and, indeed, throughout the jurisdiction.

We are most fortunate to have our peripatetic rector, who serves significantly at the diocesan, national and international levels in the church, with us almost all of the time, and we are most blessed.
and thankful for his diligence in the pastoring of his parish. Occasionally, however, even he cannot avoid being absent and on one such recent occasion, we were blessed to have Rev. Andrew Faust celebrate with us. We are fortunate to have Deacon Rob Philp and Deacon-in-waiting Charlie Niemi to help both in assisting supply clergy and in conducting morning prayer when the rector is absent on his once a month parochial visits.

As we approach the end of the Trinity season, and indeed, the church year, we are looking forward to that rebirth of our faith, signaled by Advent, both within the parish and throughout our diocese improbably growing in the land of the frozen chosen.

———Allan Wylie

Portland ME
St. Paul’s

As I have said before St. Paul’s has a sung high church service each Sunday, performed not by professionals, but by the congregation as a whole. This is not intended as an entertainment. It is not intended as a satisfying way to begin the new week, although it does incidentally have that effect. It is worship of the eternal God in the oldest meaning of the word, going back thousands of years. We welcome any one who views the Sunday service in this way to join us.

For Advent we are learning a very ancient Mass setting that we hope God will find pleasing.

On December 8 from 9 till 2 we will have held our Christmas Fair, one of the largest fund raising events of the year. Our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is a community wide tradition, with carols at 10:30 PM and the Mass beginning at 11. Another Mass will be held on Christmas morning. All are welcome.

———John Serrage

Conway, NH
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, the leaves have pretty much all fallen, but the show was certainly spectacular!

We are so fortunate to live in one of only several places on earth where the tree variety and weather are such that we have a free show unrivaled by anything on Broadway.

The summer’s end brought many fun activities at St. Margaret’s.

The Ladies Guild sponsored a mailboat trip out of Portland, Maine which toured all the islands in the Bay. We went ashore to one of the islands and were able to walk around a bit, and viewed the family summer home of Deacon Harry and Mrs. Sally Wellsman. Several in the group enjoyed a lunch at DeMillo’s restaurant before the trip.

The only unfortunate note of the day was a fall by one of the ladies exiting the parking lot, necessitating a trip to the hospital, as well as several weeks of recuperation. We were happy to see our Senior Warden’s wife, Mary, back at church on November 18, however, and looking wonderful.

At the end of September the parish held its annual yard and bake sale. Due to unstable weather, we decided to hold the event in the undercroft. We had a good turnout, got rid of some “unwanted treasures” and provided members of the community an opportunity to get to know St. Margaret’s.

Also in September, our own choir soprano, Corine Page, sang a lovely solo “You’ll Never Walk Alone” in memory of our recently departed sister in Christ, Mickey Kropac, wife of Junior Warden John Kropac.

In October, the parish held its first ever Octoberfest celebration. We offered bratwurst, German potato salad, and other traditional food, all to the sounds of a genuine OOM-PA PA band, dressed appropriately for the occasion in hats and Leiderhosen.

A four piece German style band played traditional songs, including Edelweiss”

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With this challenge in front of us, St. Margaret’s looks forward to the Advent season with hope and anticipation that we might be able to reach out to those wanting something more lasting.

Finally, we wish all our Anglican friends a blessed Advent, a joyous Christmas, and peace and contentment in the New Year.

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Maureen Sparti Ferguson, St. Margaret’s Vestry

November saw the annual Christmas Fair, which is always a well attended event. Even though we were not slated to open until 9:00, we had early birds scouring the tables and theme baskets by 8:45. In addition to the 35 theme baskets, we also offered baked goods, hand crafted items, Christmas décor, and a selection of seasonal books. We also had pet items, including pet Christmas clothing for the all-important photos with Santa! A hearty lunch was served by the Ladies Guild, with choice of chili, corn chowder, or pea soup, delicious homemade cornbread, choice of cider or coffee, and a scrumptious dessert of homemade brownie sundae with chocolate sauce.

Also in November, Father Monroe blessed the recent marriage of Maureen Sparti, Vestry member, and Andrew Ferguson, who were married in a civil ceremony in Vermont in October. It was a lovely service, with Deacon Wellsman assisting.

We have been pleased to hear that Linda Monroe, wife of Rev. Jeffrey Monroe, has had a successful joint replacement surgery in Maine, and is on the mend. She has been moved to Piper Shores Rehabilitation in Scarborough, and is resting comfortably. We have missed Linda’s sunny personality and dry wit, and hope she is back with us as soon as possible.

On the 17 of November, the Vestry held its semi-monthly meeting. We are planning for our annual meeting in February, and there will be four Vestry seats up for election. Several ideas for outreach and recruitment were discussed, and Dr. Richard Legault generously volunteered to head a committee to research different marketing and other strategies to increase church membership, acknowledging that, sadly, church attendance is down nationally, with New Hampshire one of the states in the area with the lowest attendance. As Father Monroe noted recently, “the running paths and the ski slopes are full on Sunday morning, but not the churches.” In an increasingly secular society, it is a challenge to compete with attractions offering more immediate gratification.

Tuxedo NY
Saint Elizabeth’s

Greetings from St. Elizabeth’s. Since the last NEA newsletter, we, like so many others, experienced a “visit” from Hurricane Sandy. There were lots of downed trees and extended power outages for many in our community. We keep in our prayers all of the folks who were severely impacted by the devastating power of this storm and all of those volunteers who are giving of themselves to help the storm victims. We hope all of you made it through the storm safe and sound. At St. Elizabeth’s, we had several downed trees.

Two of these trees were enormous and were located right next to our beautifully restored chapel. Had they fallen on the chapel, the building would have been largely destroyed, but the good Lord placed them out into the open lawn where they were out of harm’s way. We are so blessed!
In October we once again had our “butterfly potato fries” concession at Tuxedo’s Community Fall Fun Day. Our volunteers did a great job and the delicious fries were a popular attraction. We were the only church in our community to participate in the Fun Day. We find that this venue offers us a great opportunity to chat with lots of folks throughout the day and let them know about St. Elizabeth’s. This year, we had an eye-catching banner with a picture of the chapel on it to hang in front of our booth (see photo). Our thanks go out to parishioners Diane and Ralph Brooks for getting this made for us. It is just beautiful!

We all extend our hearty congratulations to Fr. Bob Ley and wife Pat, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in October. May God continue to bless them with many more years of good health and happiness together, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Due to Hurricane Sandy complications, two major events that were to occur in early November were cancelled - the Arts and Crafts Fair run by our local Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, where we had a table rental space, and our annual roast beef dinner fundraiser. We hope to have the roast beef dinner in the spring if all goes well.

Our community Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service is on Nov. 20th. Our neighboring church, St. Mary’s-in-Tuxedo, is hosting this year’s service and we look forward to sharing with fellow Christians in thanking God for His many blessings. One way we are able to put this thankfulness into action is through our ongoing volunteerism at the local food pantry. The number of families utilizing this critical resource continues to grow and we are so thankful that we can provide donations and manpower to assist in this outreach.

December activities begin with our annual wreath and poinsettia sale on December 6th – 8th. Our Sunday School Christmas Pageant is planned for December 16th at St. Joseph’s Home. The children are already excited about performing for their families and St. Joseph’s Home residents on this special day.

We pray that the Christmas season will fill your hearts with joy and that the Holy Spirit will guide all of us as we serve our Lord and Savior in 2013. “Glory to the newborn King!”

-------Ingrid Magar

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**Canandaigua NY**

**Holy Redeemer**

The Jones family just returned from a delightful overnight trip to West Seneca, near Buffalo, to witness and celebrate the ordination of our Diocese’s newest priest, in its newest parish. On a beautiful, sunny, clear, crisp fall day, we experienced, both inside and outside St. Nicholas Church, the beauty of God’s creation. Friends and family witnessed the laying on of hands by Bishop Brian Marsh, assisted by Fr. Hendy Webb and all clergy present, as Edward Ihde was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church. We were honored to be a part of this special day; Wally, as Chancellor of the Diocese, read the Preface to the Ordinal, and Cameron served as acolyte, while I captured many Kodak moments! We were joined by four others from Holy Redeemer (Fr. Jim and Cindy Ayers, Fr. Dale Bové, and John Dodge), and by three parishioners from Holy Cross (Ron Furrer, and Kate and Dave Chamberlin). We were blessed with beautiful music as organist/choirmaster Don Bliss and the lovely choir of St. Nicholas, accompanied by trumpet and clarinet and the voices of 100 parishioners and guests, filled the sanctuary with sacred sound, and the Holy Spirit was with us all. We enjoyed a delicious repast afterwards in the church dining hall, and I demonstrated great strength of character by overcoming the temptation to taste each of the 8 pies baked by Barbara Ihde, as well as all of the scrumptious desserts made by the ladies of the parish, AND the beautiful cake in Fr. Ed’s honor! (I only tasted a few of the desserts!) We are delighted for our new friend, Fr. Ed., and for his family, and his parish, and for the Diocese of the Northeast. Part of our delight is that we no longer bear the distinction of being the westernmost parish in the diocese; congratulations to St. Nicholas, which has now extended the DNE’s western fringe by another 80 or so miles, and now holds that new honor!

We continue to meet with our friends at our nearby sister parish, Holy Cross. In August, the Chamberlins hosted a joint picnic for Holy Cross, Holy Redeemer, and St. Nicholas, and a great time was had by all. We have also had the privilege of attending the Evensong service held at Holy Cross, which holds Evensong on the first Sunday of each month. It is a beautiful service and brought back memories of the Evensong services which Wally and I attended in England so many years ago.

We have begun an introspective campaign to define ourselves, to determine who we are and how we can best serve God and our community. Bishop Marsh came to visit us a few weeks ago, to assist us and to encourage us in this task. We hope to complete during
the next six months our parish profile and our mission statement. We keep hoping for explosive growth, and that has not happened. We experience small, incremental growth, only to find that the economy has forced the departure of people we had hoped would be with us for a long time and would be the nucleus of the growth for which we had hoped. But, as Bishop Marsh said, “It starts with one. Jesus works one at a time. Once you get one person, it generates three more.” so each of us is charged with inviting one person to church.

In the midst of all this, the Chancellor of the Diocese, Walter (Wally) Jones, found himself caught up in a Machiavellian mess involving the farthest west reaches of the ACA, on the Pacific coast. (see Chancellor’s separate report in this issue)

On October 17, we welcomed our newest Anglican, Lucia Clara Coppola, who joined her parents Clara and John, and siblings Gianna and Vincent. Baby Lucy made her first visit to Holy Redeemer 10 days later, and behaved perfectly! We are sad that they will be leaving us at the end of the year to move back to Detroit (the economy again: John’s employer closed its plant), and we wish them well.

We are excited about a new project which Nancy Lamberson has brought to our parish, which she is spearheading with Nancy Bové. It is called, “Dress a Girl Around the World.” This is a mission to provide every girl with at least one dress of her own by making pillowcase dresses and dolls for girls. Each dress is made from a donated pillowcase, or other fabric, and has a pocket which includes a handmade doll or small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby). These are distributed to girls in impoverished countries around the world, and in the U.S., where there is a need or where a natural disaster has occurred. The premise is that each dress symbolizes dignity, joy, health, and love, telling a girl that she is loved by you and her Creator. In some countries young girls in tattered clothing are targets for sexual abuse and sex trafficking, and they are regarded as having no value. When a girl is clothed in a new dress, she is less likely to be targeted. Each dress has a special label ironed onto it; the label is a deterrent to would-be predators who see that this girl is under the protection of an organization. The pillowcase dresses and dolls involve minimal or no sewing; all of the items used to make them are donated (new or gently used pillowcases, fabric, wide grosgrain ribbon, extra-wide double-fold bias tape, yarn, Beanie Babies, and cash donations). This is a great project to involve your friends or others, no matter how much, or how little time they have to contribute. We learned about the program from a church in Rochester [NY], and we are working with Angels of Mercy, a non-profit organization dedicated to Transformation, Restoration, and Hope for women in need. Nancy Bové got so excited about this that she’s created a new doll design which is much easier to make than the one she first tried; her design involves no sewing at all! And she’s produced over 30 dress/doll sets in only a few weeks! We encourage you to check out these links and websites:

- DressAGirlAroundTheWorld.com;
- angelsofmercy.ny; browncroft.org;
- inspiredamericanagirls.blogspot.com;
- facebook.com/BCCDressAGirl.

Finally, as the season of Advent approaches, we do have reason for hope: on the second Sunday in November, four visitors joined us for our service! Usually we have only about 10 regular parishioners, so that was quite exciting! Even more exciting is the fact that one person, Diane Parker, signed up immediately for the coffee hour, and returned the following week; and one couple, Nancy and Ron McCarty, will be providing us with an Advent concert!

We wish you all a blessed Christmas!

-----Diane S. Jones

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Rochester NH
Trinity Anglican Church

Fall has been very busy at the Pro-Cathedral. We have been resuming Sunday School and getting back into the habit of Sunday Worship. One major change, which is still in process, is the acquisition and installation of a new organ. Actually it is only new to us. A vacant church in Rochester was purchased by one of the local banks and the education wing of the church became the loan offices for the bank. Meanwhile, the Saville Organ remained in the nave, gathering dust. In the spring, the bank gave the organ to Trinity. The Saville Organ company was the first to develop an electric organ from scratch using transistor technology with the goal of sounding like a pipe organ. The organ was “state of the art” when built prior to digital processors and integrated circuits. It was decided that the organ console will be near the front of the nave and the choir has relocated next to the organ. It is hoped that we will have a dedication service and concert in Epiphany-tide.

Fall also means the beginning of the pre-Christmas fairs. The St. Anne’s Guild put on their annual fair in the middle of November. Lots of baked goods, crafts and the “Trinkets and Treasures” tables and the kitchen, with its hot dogs, homemade soups (beef-barley, corn chowder and sausage tortellini) all made for a very successful event. The women’s guild netted over $1,200 dollars.

Now we are getting set for the Advent season. Our Choir master, Dean Warden, is rehearsing the
Food Shelf. It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather to worship, praise, and thank God for his many blessings.

The following week, Deacon David and Jeanne held a Thanksgiving service for Sullivan County Nursing Home and Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd on Thanksgiving Day.

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A blessed Advent and Holy Nativity of Our Lord to all our friends far and wide.

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

The Fall has been relatively quiet for our parish. Hurricane Sandy had little affect on Northern New England. We just had heavy rains. The Fort at No. 4 closed for the winter at the end of October. Deacon David and Jeanne attended one last service and were serenaded by a piper from the 78th Regiment of Foot Frazer’s Highlanders garrison at the fort for the weekend. Our Wednesday morning Bible Study group made short work of the Letter of James. We will next tackle the great historic creeds of the Church.

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, five of us attended a Harvest Dinner at Fort at No. 4. All of the food is home cooked and contributed by volunteers at the fort and served by re-enactors. The Great Hall has roaring fires at both ends of the building, and it is aglow with candlelight. This annual dinner is a very festive occasion. Deacon David said grace before the meal for several hundred guests.

On the evening of the Second Sunday before Advent, the Church of the Good Shepherd hosted the annual Charlestown Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Six Charlestown churches were represented at the annual service. Bishop Marsh welcomed the congregation of over 40 and provided one of the reflections on scripture. Organist Ed Boadway played the “Fugue in C” by Johann Ernst Berlin and accompanied soloist Lisha Klaiber singing “I will sing new songs of gladness” by Antonin Dvorak. A collection was taken for the benefit the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather to worship, praise, and thank God for his many blessings.

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West Seneca NY
Ordination of Fr. Edward Ihde

The Rev. Edward Herbert Ihde was ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday, November 17 at St. Nicholas Anglican Church in West Seneca, New York. Over one hundred and thirty people attended this special occasion. We pray that Father Ihde’s new ministry will be will with the abundance of joy in serving God’s holy church.

Observations made by Kate Chamberlin
(parishioner of Holy Cross, Webster, who attended with her husband and her seeing-eye doh.)

This was the day the Lord had made for the Ordination of Edward Herbert Ihde To the Sacred Order of Priests, November 17, 20212 in the Anglican Church of St. Nicholas, W. Seneca, NY.

The mid-November day was Blessed with bright sunshine, clear blue sky, and mild temperatures. St. Nicholas’ spire rose proudly to welcome parishioners, families, friends, and clergy to witness this auspicious occasion.

The processional was resplendent for its music, colors, and grandeur. All the participants were wearing their finest vestments; from the Acolyte Cameron Jones in red, Crucifer Ethan Ihde in black, candidate Ed Ihde in white, and our Bishop in his gold and red miter carrying his unique crosier.

The pungent, burnt incense from the Thurifer, Sheldon Colleymore added to the ambiance of holiness and reverence throughout the service. Shades of the former Roman Catholic parishioners of St.
Nicholas were in evidence in the tall, vaulted ceiling, numerous pastel stained-glass windows and large cross with our crucified Christ on it. As you sat in the well-used pews, there was a feeling of roots, continuity, and peace.

The entire service was printed in a special booklet for everyone to follow along. While the read and spoken words were meaningful and informative on an intellectual level, it was the music that reached into your marrow, reaching a truly spiritual level and sending the praise, prayers, and supplications heavenward.

The trumpet, clarinet, and flute accompanying the choir, directed by Organist and choir master Don Bliss, added a depth and emotion to the many hymns, refrains, and responses.

Following the service that ordained Fr. Ed and fed our souls, congratulations, and a photo opportunity, we went down stairs to sate our Anglican appetites, share more congratulations, hugs, and promises to stay in touch.

Congratulations to Fr. Ed Ihde and his wife, Barb (whose name tag already said “Barb Ihde, Priest’s wife”).

*From the new priest*

I want to thank all who participated in or attended the ordination and wish all of you God’s Peace and Blessings. Special thanks go to Father Samuel Kahene and his group of prayer warriors who prayed for me these past few weeks and throughout this day at St. James Anglican Church in Tanzania, East Africa.

---Ed Ihde+

**News Notes**

**Deacon David Moody** will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Pro-Cathedral in Rochester, New Hampshire.

**The Rev. Mr. Czarr Freeman** has joined the diocese and has been licensed as a deacon. He will serve Saint Paul’s Parish in Brockton, Massachusetts.

**The Rev. Martin Mahoney**, who has joined the diocese recently, has been appointed interim priest at Holy Cross in Webster, New York. Father Mahoney, who was originally ordained in the Roman Catholic Church, is serving as chaplain to a hospital in the Rochester area.

We continue to pray for **Archdeacon Alan Koller**, now home after spending a few weeks in the hospital, and resuming his duties at St. Joseph’s. He will continue his responsibilities as Vicar General and Endorser of the Military Chaplains program.

**Deacon Ian Dunn** will be looking after the pastoral needs of St. Thomas, Ellsworth ME.

**St. Paul’s Parish, Brockton, Massachusetts.** On Sunday, October 28, Bishop Marsh visited St. Paul’s for the purpose of making an annual episcopal visit. During this visit, he to confirmed twelve. A reception for the newly confirmed was held at the Shaw Center in Brockton. During the reception, he took part in a Question and Answer session regarding the future of the ACA and the TAC.

**St. Augustine, Elizabeth New Jersey.** On Sunday, November 11, Bishop Marsh made an episcopal visit, confirming sixteen young people, the largest number of confirmations of any church in our diocese during this year. St. Augustine’s is to be commended for the preparation given to the confirmations and for the considerable growth this parish is experiencing.

It should be noted that the number of confirmations is double that of 2011 - in the last month alone!

**Suffragan Bishops:** Consents from both the House of Bishops and the Standing Committees of the ACA have been received for Bishops-elect Owen Williams and James Hiles. Dates for consecrations will be set for early next year. At this point, it appears there will be two separate consecration ceremonies.

**Logos House:** Because of the recent death of Canon Henthorne, Father Jeff Monroe, who had served as Vice President of Logos House, was elected by the Board of Trustees to serve as the President and Acting Academic Dean.

**National Church News**

In recent meetings of the House of Bishops, the following actions were taken.

*The House of Bishops supported a joint APA/ACA synod in 2014. The tentative plans are to hold joint worship services, while providing for separate business meetings.*

*The canons were discussed. Our new canons have been released and we are learning how to work with them. Several issues were addressed regarding difficult provisions within the new canons. We may need to revise these and will likely do so at our next General Synod.*

*A three year lectionary was approved. The three-year lectionary may be used by parishes on an optional basis.*

*Bishop Juan Garcia attended the House of Bishops meeting and signalled his intention of remaining within the ACA. The Diocese of Puerto Rico had intended to enter an Ordinariate, but after studying the
matter, decided to remain within the ACA. Bishop Garcia was joyously received by both the House of Bishops and the Executive Council.

*Approval has been given for an election synod for a Bishop Ordinary for the Diocese of the Eastern United States.

*The House of Bishops voted that clerical collars should be restricted to ordained clergy only. All others, including candidates and seminarians, should not wear a clerical collar, as this has a tendency to confuse people. Postulants, candidates and seminarians are laymen.

**The Executive Council**

*Recommended that parishes fulfill their canonical requirement of paying pensions to clergy.

*Set meeting dates for future HOB/EC meetings: Brockton, Massachusetts (April 22-25, 2013); Diocese of the West - location TBD (September 16-19, 2013).

*Asked that the Executive Council agenda be posted in advance.

*Endorsed a joint letter from Presiding Bishops of the major continuing churches.

*Supported by unanimous vote the confirmation of the Bishops-elect of the Diocese of the Northeast.

*A balanced budget for the national church was reviewed.

**Ecumenical News**

On October 6, Bishop Marsh participated, as co-consecrator of Bishop Robert Todd Giffin, Bishop Suffragan of the APA Diocese of Mid America. It has become a policy for APA and ACA bishops to participate in the consecrations of each others' bishops. The consecration ceremony was truly joyous. The lovely church in Merrillville, Indiana served as the setting for this important event. Bishop Walter Grundorf, Presiding Bishop of the APA was chief consecrator. Bishops Chad Jones and Larry Shaver, along with myself, were co-consecrators. Bishop Giffin will serve as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Mid America.

Bishop Langberg chairs a committee of ACA and APA clergy who are planning for our full reconciliation. A meeting of the committee was held recently in Atlanta. The work of this committee has been enormously rewarding. Currently, plans are being readied for a joint national synod, whereby our two jurisdictions will hold separate business meetings, but join together for common worship and fellowship. This is an exciting and indeed historic opportunity for us all. The house of Bishop has commended Bishop Langberg for his leadership of this important committee.

**TAC NEWS**

On October 6, a tribunal was convened by teleconference regarding Archbishop John Hepworth. Evidence was presented and, at the conclusion of the tribunal meeting, it was voted to expel Archbishop Hepworth from the College of Bishops and revoke his clerical licenses. Archbishop Hepworth may not serve as a bishop or priest in the TAC. This is very sad news, but necessary, given the circumstances. Those circumstances have not yet been made public. We certainly offer our prayers to Archbishop Hepworth in hopes that he may reconcile himself in some way to God's holy church.

**Chancellor of the Diocese**

**Special Report**

by Walter W. Jones

In mid-October, two DNE men participated in a sad but necessary event far from home. As Chancellor of the DNE, I served as “assessor” (prosecutor) at an ecclesiastical trial in our sister diocese, the Diocese of the West (DIW). I had been requested by Missouri Valley Bishop David Strawn, Episcopal visitor (serving in place of the DOW Bishop Ordinary who had resigned for health reasons) to the DOW, to fly to the West Coast to prosecute the case against a priest in an ACA parish in California. The priest in question had been “inhibited” (told not to perform priestly functions) by Bishop Strawn for several financial irregularities, and for a number of egregious discourtesies to his parishioners (including frivolous excommunications). There were several additional accusations against the priest, including brazenly flouting Bishop Strawn’s inhibition, but none of the accusations involved sexual misconduct. The ecclesiastical court consisted of four clergymen and one laywoman; its president was Fr. “Hendy” Webb of St. Luke’s in Amherst, New Hampshire.

The accused priest chose not to appear for trial, either in person or by counsel, but the evidence was nevertheless presented to the court. The evidence against the priest consisted largely of the testimony of several of the priest’s parishioners, and extended over a time period of about six hours on October 11. The ecclesiastical court convicted the priest on all counts, and the priest has now been “deposed”, that is to say, his holy orders have been revoked, and he is no longer a priest. To the best of anyone’s recollection, this is the first and only time an ACA priest has been deposed. We devoutly hope never again.

**ed note:** for the sake of theological precision, it needs to be noted that deposition does indeed have the full legal and practical effect mentioned by Chancellor Jones, and the person is entirely removed from all the privileges of priesthood, to be accounted a simple layman. Theologically, however, he is still a priest, but one forbidden to exercise his office. His ordination itself cannot be revoked, and if he were ever to be reconciled and the deposition lifted he could be readmitted to priestly state with no ordination needed. However, it would be rare for enough trust to be regained for such a restoration to occur. Unless that should happen, it is as a simple layman that he must live.
Musical Notes

Music in the Small Parish

Christians who use the offices of the Book of Common Prayer for their daily devotions begin each morning with the words of the Psalmist: “O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise. . . O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.” These words should be taken at face value: the services of the Prayer Book can be spoken, but they are really intended to be sung. Since the first Book of Common Prayer was compiled more than 450 years ago, its liturgical texts have been set to music by hundreds of composers, forming the core of the Anglican musical tradition. Anyone who has attended Choral Evensong in one of England’s great cathedrals will have some sense of the grandeur and beauty of Anglican liturgical music at its best.

Few parishes can offer a program of liturgical music that matches up to cathedral standards, however. It is often difficult to carry on a music program in a small Anglican parish, where budget limitations often make it difficult to buy a good-quality organ or to pay the salary of a skilled music director. How can we adapt this great tradition to real-world limitations?

There is, of course, no single solution to this problem; every parish has its own unique makeup and different resources at its disposal. The most radical solution, however, might be to view the limitations of the small church as a blessing in disguise. The earliest Christians, after all, did not have pipe organs or organists in their places of worship; they met in secret, and the music they sang was unaccompanied plainchant, a tradition they borrowed from the psalm cantillation of the Jewish synagogue. Many of the familiar tunes in modern hymnals stem from this plainchant tradition, and were originally intended to be sung without any instrumental accompaniment. The tradition of using organ to accompany congregational singing became normal only in the eighteenth century, and then only in certain parts of the world: in the Eastern Orthodox churches, for example, instruments are generally not used in worship services.

Singing without accompaniment in church can often feel like a stretch: most of us are not used to singing in this way, and it is easy to feel uncomfortable and exposed without an accompanying instrument to provide harmonic support. But unaccompanied singing has its own distinct advantages; without an instrument leading the tempo of a hymn, singers in the congregation are freed to listen more carefully to each other, to breathe together and to establish a natural, speechlike rhythm. To sing in this way is to feel a unique sense of connection to the people around you, and to experience something of what it must have been like to worship with the earliest Christian communities.

Whether we choose to sing with an organ, with a piano or without accompaniment, however, by our music-making we are obeying the Biblical imperative to praise God with song. The many mentions of singing in the Scriptures, especially the commandments to “sing unto the Lord” in the Psalms, make it clear that music is not merely an optional adornment to our services, but an essential part of Christian worship. In his history of the early English Church, St Bede the Venerable tells the story of a swineherd named Cadmon, who received a supernatural vision in which a mysterious man instructed him to sing a hymn about the First Creation. Cadmon refused, saying that he did not know how to sing. “Nevertheless,” the man said, “you must sing.” The Old English song that Cadmon wrote upon awakening is the first known hymn in our language, and his story remains an inspiration to reluctant singers everywhere: just as he must sing, so must we.

-----Aaron James, organist and choirmaster, Holy Cross, Webster NY

Historical Notes

St. Michael’s, East Wakefield NH

A Vanished Mission

One of the several missions that pioneered in our diocese was located in East Wakefield, New Hampshire, meeting in what had been the East Wakefield Grade School. One of our members at Trinity, Rochester, Mrs. Toni Bodah, grew up in the area, attended the school, and later was part of the mission. Much of the following is in her words. In answer to a question about the school, she responded: [ed]

“Yes, I did attend school there--for 6 years! We had one teacher for all 6 grades! A large class would have 4 students. I can remember one girl who was always the only one in her class! While I was there, we probably never had more than 20 students. I only remember one teacher at the school--Edith Horne.

Mrs. Horne ran a very tight ship. We started each morning by listening to a record--maybe some John Philips Sousa or an Aesop's fable. A music teacher from the School District came around once a week. Eventually, we had a television and could
watch Jeopardy during lunch. I'm still an avid Jeopardy fan!”

In the early eighties, when I was pastor of a tiny Pentecostal Church in Rochester, I had occasion to drive up that way a few times and took note of the mission’s sign, St. Michael’s Anglican Church. Though I was intrigued, I never had the chance to visit. Recently a friend and I went up that way just so I could photograph the building, with a view to preparing this article.

Presently it is being used by a group called Faith Renewal Fellowship Church. I took my pictures, after which we picnicked on the property in what certainly looked like a schoolyard. I had found out that Mrs. Bodah had attended the mission and asked her for remembrance of it. This is her response:

"The mission (St. Michael's) began in the mid-70's, probably shortly after the 1976 synod. It was made up of a handful of prior members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sanbornville (my Mother included). I began attending in 1978 or 1979, when my husband and I moved back to the area. I believe Fr. Herman Nelson (later to become a Bishop) was conducting services at that time. Eventually, we were served by then Deacon Dean Steward, Fr. James Livingston, and finally Fr. Daniel McAughey. In fact, Fr. McAughey did double duty as our organist! Although we had a number of visitors now and again, the main congregation probably never numbered more than 10-15. That didn't stop the ladies from organizing bake sales and rummage sales!

Members dwindled during the mid-1980's. Some people moved; others passed on; and others returned to their former parish. I left in 1988 to attend Trinity Anglican (then on Nutter Blvd). At the time my 2 young children were the only children at St. Michael's and I wanted them to attend Church with others of their own age. It was not much later that the mission folded, and Fr. McAughey went on to assist the diocese in other parishes. [now serving a parish in Georgia - ed] I know that's not much information, but I'm afraid it's as much as I remember! I'm not really sure where all of the paperwork from the mission wound up. Probably collecting dust in someone's attic...

I probably will leave out a number of people, but here are some of those who attended: Virginia Sparhawk (my mom); Herb & Ida McKinney; Barbara Rouleau; Adele Schweizer & kids (my sister); Leola Blackwood; Cindy Howard & kids. Other than Fr Nelson, the Deacon and priests had family who attended with them.

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God of Covenant
by Deacon William Alvarez

I Kings 8:22-26 "Our God is a God of covenant."

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:
23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:
24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.
25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before thee with all their heart:
26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

One of the first things Solomon did when he appeared before the presence of God in prayer was: "spread forth his hands toward heaven." as a sign that the Creator of the Universe is the one to whom he dedicated his prayers, followed by adoration and exaltation, recognizing the lordship, power, grace, mercy, providence, giving worship and praise to the One true God. Giving to God all the glory and honor
because He deserves it. It is in verse 23 that Solomon mentions the word 'covenant' in his prayer to the Almighty, but also recognizes that God's covenant with man is only for those "who walk before Him with all their heart." There is no place here for the hypocrite, the liar who causes division and discord among brethren, the envious, the spiteful, etc., the covenant and mercy is for those who walk uprightly before Him. Between verses 24-26 is where Solomon brings to God's mind His promises to his father David.

At this point I want to apply God's word to our daily lives. When we enter into the presence of God we must do so with a heart "contrite and humbled," with reverence and respect, but above all with faith, knowing that He is listening; worshiping and praising Him with all our heart, mind and spirit. And as God is a covenant God, we have to remind Him of His promises to us (not that God has forgotten but that it pleases Him to remember them). What is the responsibility of God for us His children? To keep the pact He made. And what is our responsibility to Him? to BELIEVE. God has promised in His covenant to heal all our sickness, supply all our needs, take care, look after our souls, to make us more than conquerors, guide us through our trials and tribulations, and give us victory. So with all those promises that are part of His deal to those who "walk before Him with all the heart," my responsibility and my duty is just to BELIEVE, to rest in Him, to wait on Him. As the apostle Paul said:" In Christ we are more than conquerors." Do not despair my brother, though the night is dark. He walks with us during the day in a pillar of cloud and by night in a column of fire, we are not alone, and though we walk through the valley of shadow and death, not fear evil, because the Lord of glory is with us. Hallelujah! He is risen and has given us the victory. Do you believe in God? I do. Get up every morning in His mercy and go into prayer, reminding God of His promises to you. Remember: God is a God of covenant, an everlasting covenant. God bless you always.

Granville Henthorne+ RIP

The Rev. Canon Granville Victor Henthorne, Jr. DD died peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor, Maine after a brief illness. His family was at his side at the time of his passing along with Fr. Jeff Monroe and Deacon Ian Dunn.

Canon Henthorne was a faithful servant of Our Lord and we will all miss him. At the time of his passing, he was Rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine. He served as well as President and Dean of Logos House of Studies and Canon Theologian of the Diocese. His energy and enthusiasm for Classical Anglicanism was truly an example for us all.

Canon Henthorne was born in Providence, Rhode Island on November 9, 1930. He received his BA from Boston University in 1952. He was awarded a Bachelors degree in Sacred Theology from Berkeley Divinity School in 1955 and a Masters degree in Sacred Theology in 1967. He was granted an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Logos House in 2008.

Ordained to the priesthood in March, 1956, he served parishes in the Episcopal Church until 1980. He served as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral of St. John in Providence, Rhode Island from 1955-56. He served as Rector of All Saints, Warwick, Rhode Island from 1956-59, Trinity Church, Portland, Connecticut from 1959-72 and St. George's Episcopal Church in Central Falls, Rhode Island from 1973-80. He went on to serve St. Thomas in the late 1990's and was responsible for the building of their new church in 2006 and the Logos House Library last year.

Canon Henthorne is survived by his wife, Priscilla, and two children, Priscilla and Robert.

His funeral service was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine on Saturday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m, the bishop celebrating. Internment was in Rhode Island on Monday October 15th.

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

Logos House New President

The Rev. Jeffrey W. Monroe has been elected by the Board of Trustees as President and Acting Dean of the Logos House of Theological Studies. He fills the position left vacant by the recent passing of the Very Rev. Granville Henthorne, DD, the seminary’s founder. Fr. Monroe will be responsible for the administration and development of the Seminary’s programs.

Fr. Monroe has a strong academic and administrative background and served as Vice President of the Board. He was an assistant professor in the State University of New York (SUNY) system and associate professor in the Massachusetts State University system. He also served as Chairman of the Department of
Business Administration/Marine Transportation and Graduate Studies Program at SUNY Fort Schuyler and Professional Education as Director of the Center of Maritime Training at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He was a lay chaplain for students at both institutions where he was heavily involved in campus ministries. He was also a visiting lecturer at the Boston Museum of Science, and an adjunct at the Muskie School of Public Policy, University of Southern Maine. He currently administers and lectures in the Certified Port Executive Program recognized by the Canadian Association of Professional Engineers and is the logistics educator for the Canadian Department of Defense. Fr. Monroe was recently one of two finalists for the Presidency of Maine Maritime Academy.

Fr. Monroe is a 1976 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and has a Master's Degree from the State University of New York. He also has Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degree from Logos House and a Federal Master Mariner Certification as well as numerous professional certifications. He served Logos House in the Diaconal Instruction Program and is mentor of Pastoral Theology. He will continue in his roles as the Rector of St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Conway, NH and a maritime and port chaplain.

"My fundamental goal will be to build on the foundation of what Fr. Henthorne's vision created," said Fr. Monroe. "The key to growth will be good administration, skilled and expanded faculty and academic programs that reflect the need for highly qualified and well educated clergy.” In addition to the institution’s administration, he hopes to develop a Board of Visitors to foster close cooperation between the national churches of the TAC, develop lay and continuing education programs, develop on-line education programs and insure that the work in progress by current students is evaluated in a timely manner. “One of my first objectives in addition to addressing current student course work will be the expansion of the current faculty to insure we bring a wide range of experienced talent to the table as our student population grows,” Fr. Monroe noted.

Logos House is an independent institution affiliated with the Anglican Church in America (ACA), and under the patronage of the Traditional Anglican Communion. The Seminary was founded in 1998, at the request of and with the support of the late Bishop Bruce Chamberlain, Diocese of the Northeast, ACA. The mission is focused on the education of candidates from the Traditional Anglican and other theologically conservative jurisdictions for ministry as Deacons and Priest in Parish and other Pastoral settings. The seminary currently educates students from multiple continuing Anglican Church jurisdictions and several nations outside of North America. The study center and library are currently located in Ellsworth, Maine and programs are built around the Oxford Tutorial Model, based on remote learning and distance education. The program is geared to men who are in full-time secular employment and have experienced the call to part-time or full-time Ministry in the Church.

Chaplain’s Report

Since the Chaplain group in Northern New England is so small, maritime, port, police and fire chaplains have been providing each other with pastoral support and assistance for quite some time. The chaplains group is expanding and we are happy to have Scdn. Dave Brennan from St. Augustine's join the team. Dave completed his training with the Maine State Police and is now the police chaplain for South Portland, Maine. Dave along with Fr. Jeff Monroe, conducted the funeral service for US Coast Guard Veteran Steve Searcy who was also a retired police chief. Fr. Monroe and Scdn. also conducted the burial at sea for Capt. Susan Clark, 48 year old Portland Harbor Pilot who passed away suddenly in September. Her ashes were committed offshore by Two Lights State Park near the area where Capt. Monroe's parents were also committed to the sea. In late October, Fr. Monroe did the funeral and burial for US Army Veteran Anthony Lawson. Anthony died at home at age 32 after serving in Iraq.

Fr. Monroe was reappointed to serve as the Chairman of the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee, reporting to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. This is his 4th term on the committee and his second as chair. His current term will expire in 2015. He is the first chaplain nationwide to serve in that capacity.

The Rev. Dr. Nash Garabidian (UCC), who is the Northern New England Port Chaplain for Seaman's Friend has been recovering from a broken ankle
which he sustained while in Las Vegas (we did not ask—what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas). He is almost fully recovered and continues to administer the ship visitor program. He will also be working with Logos House in supporting their Pastoral Ministry Practical Service component for chaplains. He worked with Dcn. Mike Cupoli who participated in a trial program as part of his CPE training. Nash recently became a chaplain for the Portland Police Department, Maine’s largest City and seaport.

Ship activity is down but expected to increase over the next several years. With the holidays coming, activity picks up as the port sees seamen from all over the world come to Northern New England ports. Many of them have been away from home for long periods and deeply miss their families. The work of the chaplains brings them a little bit of home and caring which is always appreciated.

Blessings for the Holy-Days and the New Year.

-----Linda Mallik
Parishes and Missions

Connecticut
Mystic: St. Matthias—Sun 10:30
(at Old Mystic Village, Coogan Blvd.)
Mail to: P.O. Box 293, Mystic, CT 06355
Dcn Merrill Perkins (860) 391-2497

Deblois: St. Francis
Fr. James Dunmond 1069 Rt 193 (207)638-2441

Ellsworth: St. Thomas - Sat 3pm, Sun 10am
(373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)667-2001.
Fr. Frank Grey, Dcn Ian Dunn

Old Orchard: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Sun 10am, (Cathedral Pines Chapel, 156 Saco Ave),
Deacon Allen Ryan, (207)229-8700.

Portland: St. Paul
Sun 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.) (207)828-2012. Fr. Samuel Logan
Fr. Amos Mihanda, Dcn Bro Ignatius, Dcn Al Ryan, Dcn Michael Cupoli, Fr. Joseph Bizimana

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

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

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New Hampshire

Amherst: St. Luke - Sun 8 & 10am
(3 Limbo Lane) (603)672-6054.
Fr. Alexander H. Webb

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

Concord: All Saints’ - Sun 10am
124F Hall Street (New location) (603)545-9079 Fr. Christian Tutor OSA.

Conway: St. Margaret of Scotland - Sun 9.30am
(85 Pleasant St.) (603)447-2404
Fr. Jeffrey Monroe, Dcn Harry Wellman

Manchester: St. Paul's
Sun 8 & 10:30am (603)649-1176
Fr. William F. Dunlop, Dcn Steve Sessions, Dcn Nick Lawton

Rochester: Trinity - Sun 8 & 9.30am
(180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121
Fr. Owen Williams

Lebanon: Trinity—Sun 11am
28 Maple St. (413)323-6445.
Bp Brian Marsh, Dcn. Robert Philp

New Jersey

Elizabeth NJ: St. Augustine—Sun 10am
Pastor William Alvarez (908)230-6389

New York


Canandaigua: Holy Redeemer -Sun 10am
(4575 Rte 364 - East Lake Road).
Fr. James Ayers. (585)334-3512,
Fr. Dale Bove (585) 905-3084

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

Tuxedo: St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am
(38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley)
Bp. George Langberg. (845) 753-2580
Fr. Robert Ley (973) 962-6849

Webster: Holy Cross - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road).

West Seneca NY: St. Nicholas. Sun 10am
(2783 Seneca St.), Dcn Edward Ihde 716-609-1919

West Winfield: St. Lucy (10265 US Rte 20)
(315)725-3745. Fr. Richard Dibble

Vermont

St. Johnsbury: Christ Church—Sun 10.10am
(54 Southard St.—SDA church) Fr. Art Bennett cell 603-504-5631

Wells: St. David—1st Sun 9.30am. A house church, usually at 18 Mountain View Court.
Call Fr. Alexander Stringer (802)645-1962

Associated Anglican Parish

Pepperell MA: Holy Spirit (APA),
contact Fr. Frank Bartlett (603)232-7940
### Clergy Anniversaries

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