Dear Friends in Christ,

A Holy Lent to all the faithful in Christ Jesus!

For some of us, the coming of Lent suggests that we will be giving things up, as is appropriate during a penitential season. We may see Lent as a time to deprive ourselves of a cherished food or dessert. We may regard this time of Spring cleaning as a time when we are, in fact, poorer materially because of a certain practice of self-denial. Perhaps those are the first thoughts that come to mind. We might instead regard Lent as a time when untold riches await us. We need only eliminate the empty spaces in our lives so that we may be filled with something infinitely precious.

It is hard to believe that Lent is upon us once again. But the life of the church has a great deal to do with changes in the spiritual seasons. For us, as individual Christians, the liturgical year provides us with the spiritual health we need to encounter the challenges the world often presents us with. Perhaps we feel a healthy need for Lent. It is, after all, time to clear the Winter debris from our souls.

Temporally, this Winter has been a very mild one indeed. At least so far. Aside from that unseasonable storm we had in October, we really haven't experienced much in the way of severe Winter weather. A year ago, it was a very different story. During February of 2011, I often took a step ladder onto the deck of our home, stood one its rungs and chipped ice off the roof. Ice dams were inevitable last year and I often wondered how that much snow and ice could ever melt before July. The ladder was a handy tool to help in cleaning the roof. So was the snow rake. They both helped me eliminate some wasteful and potentially dangerous snow and ice.

The ladder is an ancient tool. But it is still useful; it is both practical implement and, as mystics remind us, a useful theological metaphor. Many of the great mystics use the simple metaphor of a ladder when discussing the ascent to God. A ladder is indeed a useful tool for climbing to higher places. But a ladder is a curious object; between each rung there is nothing but emptiness, a certain absence.

Physicists know that every solid object is largely composed of empty space. Every chair, table, wall and refrigerator is mostly air. Perhaps the ladder is more honest than most objects in this regard; it acknowledges its empty spaces. But we are reminded that even the rungs of that ladder are mostly composed of emptiness. Not being a physicist, I find this concept a little hard to wrap my mind around. But, theologically, the concept makes perfect sense. Our world, which is, after all, God's world, is composed of things that are of God. Of course, not everything we see or experience is of God. It is an imperfect world and imperfections abound. These imperfections are the empty spaces, the things that separate us from God. It is God that will support us on our journey through this life. It is God that will help us stand during even the most difficult times in our lives. No empty space can do that. Just try climbing up a wall using nothing but empty space.

Lent is a good time to confront the empty spaces in our lives. If we are honest with ourselves, there
are many of those empty spaces, empty spaces that separate us from God, empty spaces that we are in the habit of trying to hold onto.

What are those things that keep us from God? They are often the things we believe we cannot do without. But they may well be the empty spaces that keep us from our true focus on God.

It is time, time to focus on those important and necessary things in our lives; time to open ourselves to the great gifts of God; time to embrace those eternal elements, those gifts of love that come only from God. It is time, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, to turn away from those passing and ephemeral things that may fascinate us momentarily, but that drawn us away from our true purpose in this life. It is time to embrace fully the love of God.

May this Lent be a time of reflection on God’s love and a time for expressing that love in all that we do. 
*Your Brother in Christ,*  +Brian

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**BREAKING NEWS**

**The Traditional Anglican Communion College of Bishops**

The members of the Traditional Anglican Communion (hereafter referred to as TAC) College of Bishops met at St. George Conference Center outside Johannesburg, South Africa from February 28 – March 1, 2012 for the purpose of transacting the business of the Church and of discerning a new direction for the Communion. The business was conducted strictly in accordance with the TAC Concordat.

The College of Bishops, the highest legislative body within the Communion, affirmed by resolution its faithfulness to the TAC. The TAC will remain fully Anglican. While it receives, with thanks, the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* from the Holy See, the TAC College of Bishops has voted as a Communion to decline the invitation.

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This meeting of the College of Bishops was long overdue. Over the past two years, several members of the College of Bishops had requested of the Primate an urgent meeting of the College. Anglicanorum Coetibus or the Apostolic Constitution, for example, had never been discussed or debated within the College of Bishops. Meetings of the College of Bishops had, in fact, been scheduled at least twice over the past two years. Most recently, a meeting was called by the TAC Primate for mid 2011. This meeting was canceled abruptly by the Primate. Accordingly, the meeting in Johannesburg was voted to be the overdue meeting of the College of Bishops.

Members of the College met in a spirit of prayer and with a desire to discern God’s will for the TAC. A majority of active Bishops and Vicars General who hold voice and vote attended the meeting and made several decisions of immediate import to the TAC.

The College of Bishops voted unanimously to accept the resignation of John Hepworth as TAC Primate by resolution that states: “it is resolved that he cease to hold the office of Primate immediately.” Archbishop John Hepworth vacates the Office he has held since 2003, along with the individual appointments which are the prerogatives of that Office. Such offices and positions are now vacant and subject to reappointment.

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The level of attendance at this College of Bishops meeting was exceptional. Every Bishop and Vicar General in the Traditional Anglican Communion was invited to attend this meeting. Of the twenty active bishops, twelve voted in session. Nine of the twelve churches were represented.

Finally, and most importantly, the College of Bishops resolved to commit itself to Mission and Evangelism, recognizing that the central purpose of God’s people is to bring others to Christ. Several moving statements were made by members about the need to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world deeply in need of hearing it. A program of equipping the saints for the work of Evangelism was supported by the College of Bishops with enthusiasm.

**Notes from the Secretary**

By now all parishes and missions have received the 2011 parochial report forms either electronically or in the mail. Please return the completed forms to me on or before March 31st (see my address in the NEA directory) so that I can submit the report to the National Church on time.

Please list current vestry and 2012 DNE synod delegates and include all available contact information on the 2nd page, and current licensed lay readers on page 3. If elections or appointments are made after your report has been submitted, I kindly ask that you update me with the information. In addition, please inform me of any corrections or changes in the diocesan directory as they occur. Also, every parish or mission should supply me with at least one lay email address (preferably a vestry member).

The Diocesan Standing Committee met in January. The budget was again of major concern due to insufficient 2011 obligatory contributions by many DNE parishes and/or missions to fund the canonically required DNE support payment to the National Church. A cover letter explaining how contributions are calculated, payment obligations and options was included with all 2011 parochial report forms. Please read and call or email me, Treasurer Kathy Lippman or Bp. Brian Marsh if you have questions. Steadfast compliance each year will enable the diocese to operate with a sustainable, balanced budget, and ensure the financial health of the diocese in the years ahead.

To reiterate, 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. The $30 per voting communicant contribution 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. Year 2011 national support was based on the number of voting members as reported on your 2010 annual report. Year 2012 national support is based on the number of voting members as you report on your 2011 annual report and is due by 12/31/2012.

Diocesan tithes, 12.5% of pledge and plate collections or $250, *whichever is greater*, are used to sup-
port 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 a recurring deficit. Your Bishops and your Standing Committee are depending upon your commitment in order to reach this very achievable goal, and we thank those of you who have been fulfilling these commitments each year. An added bonus will be that I won’t have to badger you and you won’t have to read this same plea from me in every issue of the NEA!

Emily Dibble has volunteered as a “youth ambassador” and will assist in developing youth programs and activities in the ACA. Kudos to Emily!

The Diocesan Summer Youth camp is moving to a new location this year, Camp Ashmere, Hinsdale, MA. It’s tentatively scheduled for the third week in August. Also new this year, the camp will be opened to youth in the ACA outside of our diocese. As always camp volunteers are needed, particularly in administrative areas such as fund raising, activity coordinating, registration, communications, etc. Additionally, 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 educational 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.

St. Thomas, Ellsworth, ME will host the 2012 Diocesan Synod, scheduled for September 13-15.

Peace, a Blessed Lent, and a Joyous Easter,
Linnea Shaver

**Around the Diocese**

**Old Orchard Beach ME**

**St. Augustine of Canterbury**

The Lord is still smiling on our tiny corner of Maine and we will soon be celebrating our second annual parish dinner. Our dear organist, Larry, has gone home to be with God, but we recently were pleased to welcome Father Kevin LaMarre to our clergy family. One of our sub-deacons, Pat Derosiers, will be ordained to the diaconate in March. Ours is an educational parish where five area diaconal candidates train each week. We have been given some Amazing Graces and continue to be a happy, thriving little community.

One of our major activities is to focus on our small Sunday School. We have several young people in the parish and each is being prepared in his own way for his future in the church.

JP Guillerault is being trained at the altar, his brother Antonie attends Sunday school and youngest brother Matthew, we’ve learned, loves to sing! We have begun to develop a nice Sunday School library of both books and video resources.

We have been blessed with a number of donations, including a number of videos, a television and a video machine. We have also had several donations of craft materials and Sunday School coloring books. These are used for educational lessons for the adults as well as the children.

We are hoping to see two of our parishioners confirmed this spring and one in September. In the past year we have learned the Lord’s Prayer as a way of getting ready for eventual confirmation and began learning the Apostle’s Creed. We have also read about several of Jesus’ parables, have celebrated several saint’s days and have learned the lessons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. A Children’s Hymnal was developed so the little ones can participate in the service music and was very popular. We’ve had to make additional copies. Also, a Children’s Prayer book was developed as a way to ease children’s understanding and participation in the actual service. We expect soon to move on soon to the Ten Commandments and Jesus’ miracles. We also hope to begin to include community outreach projects in Sunday School activities.

St. Augustine’s outreach activities began with last year’s Lenten folders. With the funds collected with our folders, which was matched by the parishioners of St. Margaret’s, along with some savvy shopping, the parish was able to make a very generous donation of more than 75 pairs of socks, tee shirts, flip flops, underwear and some personal care items to the 200 men and women residents of the Oxford Street Homeless Shelter in Portland. The shelter, although in Portland, serves the homeless needs of all of southern Maine.

In June, the church held a bottle drive which attracted a lot of attention and also collected a nice pool of funds that was also matched by St. Margaret’s. That collection was supplemented with additional parish donations and donations of bottles from a number of area businesses. The total collected was used to purchase, through a wholesale supplier, 48 backpacks for the shelter residents. Upon the delivery of the back-
packs, the Shelter’s Director said that the donations made by the parish are among the largest that the shelter receives each year.

Because our first efforts focused on the shelter in Portland, our next several projects focused on needs more local to the church. Deacon Pat began a food box so that parishioners can, on an on-going basis, donate food items to the Saco Food Pantry. As part of that several parishioners donated boxed Christmas cards. These were taken to the thrift shop associated with the Food Bank. According to Deacon Pat, they were all purchased before he left the store.

Finally, the parish was fortunate to be awarded a $500 grant. The funds were used to purchase 3 bicycles and 3 tricycles for York County foster children. Parishioners worked with the staff of the Biddeford Dept. of Health and Human Services for the descriptions of children in need and the gifts were purchased to meet the needs of the specific child. Although we were grateful for the grant, this actually represented a scaled back version of this project from our past successes, so we will begin looking for additional sources of funds for next Christmas’ project.

Lent is a season of repentance and re-evaluation. As we look back on what we’ve done this past year we find much to be pleased with and also know that there is much to do – even it that is to simply doing the same thing over again. There is humility to be found in so much that we’ve done and will be again humbled by what we will be doing. We at St. Augustine’s hope each of you has a peaceful, quiet and fulfilling Lent.

-----Ob. Sister Mary Raphael, O/OSB

Waterville, Maine
Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Our parish was delighted to welcome Bishop Marsh on January 8th for the first episcopal visit of his 2012 calendar. We again enjoyed the blessing and strength of his leadership radiating despite his increasing burdens in the national church.

Holy Trinity in Waterville has also welcomed Ben Kane whose home church is Trinity in Rochester, New Hampshire. Ben, who is attending Thomas College, and joins us whenever he can. He has served at the altar on several occasions. The congregation’s old folks say it’s wonderful to see a young face at the service.

Our lay-reader, Nick Nicholson, is back at church after suffering serious injuries as the victim of an horrendous auto accident on his way home from work one afternoon last fall. Nick’s example is an inspiration to us all to ‘keep going,’ as is that of his wife, Joan, and their daughters who bore much of the weight of his convalescence.

Deacon Ed Kalish plans again to lead an Evening Prayer service at Colby College for students there. This will be the third time we have offered an Anglican contribution to the college chaplaincy’s program of providing a variety of religious observances. The students provide the piano music and vocal soloists, while our parishioners are a nucleus of participants familiar with the ritual. Perhaps through its dignified serenity, God will speak to strangers as He does to us.

Second Best Ministries has asked churches in Maine to ‘adopt’ one foster-care child to pray for. Under their auspices, we are praying for a girl named Faith. While our group has been told nothing about Faith, except her age, 15, that is enough. We were already remembering with prayer another foster-care child, who used to come on his own to our Sunday service. (We don’t know where he is at present.) We also hope that our prayers will benefit a young man who once worshipped with us, and who is now awaiting trial on a serious charge.

This time of year we are thankful for the beautiful organ music Dr. Stan Painter gives each Sunday, for people who can still pick themselves up after falling on ice, for heat sources—when they work, and for God’s mercy in giving us the prospect of a seasonal change!

-----Shyla Spear, Clerk

Portland ME
St. Paul’s

We are having a very mild winter, but I guess most of us are. Christmas was a beautiful time as always. Lot of churches in our area have Christmas Eve services, but we still have the ancient custom of the first Mass of Christmas, so that the distribution takes place after midnight on Christmas morning. In the old days where I was growing up this was more common, and families would have parties and present opening after they got home from church.

I can tell you it is always very peaceful driving home at 1 AM on Christmas morning through the quiet city. The city is beautifully decorated but the decorations are all secular, except for the Menorah at City Hall. So our lighted outdoor nativity scene is possibly the only decoration with a true Christmas theme on Congress Street, Portland’s main street. It has had an interesting history however, over the 4 or 5 years we have had it. The first year the baby was stolen twice, so we put out a very inexpensive doll from Toys R Us. That seemed to solve the problem, but this year the sheep was stolen. I do think our display has been noticed.

We had our annual meeting and John Serrage, the organist, was elected Sr. Warden and Ed Pettit the Jr. Warden, Budd Martin the Treasurer, and Jane Richard the clerk. Most recently Fr. Logan
has taken a much needed vacation, and the African priests have been helping us at the altar, in addition to maintaining their services to the African community and our neighborhood.  

----- John Serrage

Amherst, NH  
St. Luke's,

During the Advent and Christmas seasons St. Luke's has asked the congregation to support SHARE, our local food bank covering the Amherst, Milford, and other local areas. It has been tradition that we send a check for support, but this year, under the direction of Elizabeth Webb, we are doing more in terms of our outreach. The parish has been asked to support SHARE in terms of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, baby items, and warm hats and mittens.

Our Christmas eve Eucharist with lessons and carols was very well attended as was Christmas morning Eucharist.

January means annual meeting time and St. Luke's held its meeting on Sunday, 22 January 2012. Following a single service at 9:00 am the annual meeting was called to order. Senior Warden, Chip Garre, presided over the meeting at which time committee reports were reviewed. There have been many improvements to plant during the last year and we are grateful to Junior Warden, Ken Miller, and others who oversaw the improvements. Treasurer Charlie Dodd, presented his report and the budget was passed for the upcoming year.

Certificates of Appreciation for Service were given to retiring Vestry members, Allen Gammons and Frank Williams and also to former Senior Warden, Cynthia Kilian-Ferguson. New vestry members are Jennifer Coppins, Nick Russell and Lorraine Williams. Continuing as our delegates to Synod are Mel and Lil Power.

As part of the outreach of the parish funds are sent to the New Life Home in Manchester and we were delighted to have four of the ladies attend and worship with us this morning. Following the annual meeting we had an opportunity to listen to several of the ladies about the work of the New Life Home. It is always much more meaningful to be able to put faces to a place. We are grateful to Ken and Jean Miller who have volunteered countless hours at New Life for bringing this worthy undertaking to our attention.  

----- Lee Garre

Brooklyn NY  
St. Joseph

I am writing to you on behalf of the congregation of St Joseph's Anglican Church. A continued message that I would like to push is that we have a web presence which can be located at HTTP://WWW.SJAC-NY.ORG. On it you will find our Sunday bulletins and other items of interest such as links and upcoming events.

The following is a quick listing of some of the events that have occurred during the last few months.

In November, Mr. Wallace Mitchell officially became a member of St. Joseph. We are glad to have him as a member. Unfortunately, in January, Mr. Mitchell was injured but has since mostly recovered and is now, through the grace of God and the benefit of physical therapy, continuing to recover.

On January 29th, we celebrated the birthday of two of our members, Mrs. Mavis Baptiste and Deacon Mr. Herby Rodney. After Sunday service, we all adjourned downstairs to the parish hall to break bread and spend time with one another. Seated in the center of the picture, smiling from ear to ear, is Mrs. Baptiste. She looks like she’s about to jump up because this is a young lady who does not believe in sitting around. We are not sure exactly how “young” she is but we are sure that it’s in the neighborhood of 25.

On Saturday, February 11th, we had our annual Pre-Valentine’s day breakfast which was sponsored by the ladies of the Women’s Auxiliary. Even though the weather was bad, with snow coming down, the turnout for support was definitely still worth it.

On Sunday, February 12th, we had our first Spanish Service as a joint effort with St. Augustine from Elizabeth, New Jersey. Deacon William Alvarez and some of his parish members joined us in a lively communion celebration that was definitely something worth sharing in. The local community turnout was not what we had hoped for but it’s a first time gathering and hopefully, word will spread. Maybe in the near future, we can visit them.

Mark Black, Subdeacon, Postulant & Webmaster.
Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

At the Charlestown Ecumenical Network, a group of local churches serving the Charlestown community, we had a presentation by the Director of Charlestown Emergency Management and the pastor of a Congregational Church that played an important role in coordinating relief efforts during the Alstead flood of 2005. It quickly became apparent that during an emergency there are many resources that are immediately available from the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other agencies that specialize in relief efforts. It also became apparent, that during an emergency is not the time to try and figure out how a small parish church might help the community. Advanced planning is essential. It occurred to us who attended the meeting from Good Shepherd that many of our parishes in the diocese may be in the same situation. We have fairly small congregations and limited fiscal resources, but we still want to help out and do our share during a community emergency.

One of the first things that a parish might do is develop a directory of its members that includes not only the usual name, address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, but also the same information for emergency contacts such as parents of children that should be contacted if there is an emergency. During an emergency, a church should try to take care of its own people by contacting them to make sure that they are alright and do not have an immediate needs. The list also might serve as the basis for a telephone tree in an emergency. Secondly, we should have a readily available list of names and telephone numbers of emergency management officials and other sources of information at the local and state levels so we can get questions answered. It greatly helps to have already established relationships with local officials on the list. Thirdly, we should have an inventory of the resources that we might be able to provide the community during an emergency. Can we provide temporary housing for disaster victims? Do we have meeting space for counselling or meeting with relief officials? We learned that many victims may want to tell their particular story 20 times after the event. Sympathetic listening is an important part of the healing process that churches can assist with. Do we have storage space for relief supplies? Do we have volunteers who can help distribute relief supplies or serve meals? Can we care for small children while their parents are meeting with officials or filling out paperwork? The idea is to make such decisions in advance and make this information known to the local emergency management office.

Each church in Charlestown has committed to making these decisions over the next six months. All the churches’ information will then be integrated into a single response with the contact information of volunteers, people who can open doors and provide access to space, and so on. This will allow us to work together with our brothers and sisters in the community to meet emergency needs that we could not possible do on our own. We would welcome questions or advice from other parishes who have undertaken similar planning efforts.

Our loyal Bible Study group hit a record attendance in January of 11 participants. We continue to be immersed in the Gospel of St. Matthew. It is indeed wonderful when we experience one of those “aha” moments in our study together.

We plan to have a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to precede Lent. Our senior warden will preside in the kitchen. We shall report in the next issue of the Northeast Anglican whether or not the pancakes turned out as tasty as promised. Stay tuned . . . .

We pray that you all have a blessed and spiritually rewarding Lenten season.

-----Submitted by The Rev. Mr. David W. Moody

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

The winter months here in Tuxedo have generally brought us days with moderate temperatures and very little snow – what a blessing (unless you’re a ski enthusiast)! We had our annual wreath and poinsettia sale in early December and it was, once again, a nice success. We were also thankful we could help in collecting and distributing lots of much-needed groceries during the Christmas season. In spite of the still-waning economy, many faithful supporters of our local food pantry reached out during the Christmas season with numerous generous donations of supplies.
Our children’s Sunday School Christmas pageant, held at nearby St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home, delighted family members and our other parishioners, as well as St. Joseph’s residents who joined us to see the pageant. Afterwards, we all enjoyed carol singing and refreshments to officially begin our season of Christmas celebrations. The joyful Christmas Eve carol service, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day Mass in our beautifully decorated chapel gave us all the wonderful opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with family and friends.

We held our annual congregation meeting in January and after an inspiring opening address from Bishop Langberg, we began to make plans for what we pray will be a year of growth both spiritually and in the size our congregation. Continuing outreach needs in our community give us ample opportunities to get the word out that St. Elizabeth’s welcomes all to join us, and we realize that we need to make a stronger effort to seize these opportunities when they arise. We pray that we and all of our fellow ACA brothers and sisters in Christ will work diligently in 2012 to serve our Lord in our churches and communities.

Lent will soon arrive and we will once again participate in Wednesday evening Lenten services shared with our neighboring churches, as each parish takes a turn at hosting a service. This is always a welcome opportunity to share in Christian fellowship with our friends and neighbors. As we look towards the coming of spring we are beginning plans for a new event in April – a big band dinner dance featuring the Reflections big band. Our own Russ Shaver is a trombonist in this 16-piece orchestra and this should be a delightful evening. This endeavor was originally planned for last October, but Hurricane Irene interrupted those plans. More about this event will follow as this project unfolds.

We send our love and prayers to all of you. Bye for now...........  -----Ingrid Magar

St. Johnsbury VT
Christ Church

Warmest greetings to all our fellow Anglican brothers and sisters across the northeast.

This winter has been a very quiet one weather-wise ... for us at Christ Church, St. Johnsbury, VT. We have been able to worship together each Sunday except for one week.

Because the Seventh Day Adventist church (where we meet each week) is not heated, we hold services in the downstairs hall during the winter months.

We are especially looking forward to spring this year and eagerly anticipating Bishop Marsh’s visit with us on April 15. For us to worship together with him and enjoy fellowship afterward will be an exciting time for our small parish.

We wish everyone a Blessed Easter.

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Marlene Steelman

Rochester NH
Trinity Pro-Cathedral

Thanks to the collaboration with the Choir of the First United Methodist Church in Rochester, we entered into a joint venture of Lessons and Carols on the third Sunday in Advent. We followed a very traditional form for the service, but the music was a mix of traditional and contemporary, ranging from Palestrina to Spofford and Renz. It was a spectacular and prayerful Advent event. Christmas went off without a hitch. Having done Lessons and Carols, for the first time in nine years there was a Vigil Mass of Christmas, with Midnight Mass celebrated as usual.

Yearend Surprise – Thanks to some very generous donations and a bequest, the mortgage for the Rectory was paid off. We have yet to discover the liturgical form for “the Burning of the Mortgage.” In January, at the Annual Parish meeting, a special plaque was given to the St. Anne’s Guild (the women’s guild of the Parish.) Their primary work is the running of the thrift store. Of special note, even in these difficult economic times, the Thrift and Gift shop has been able to continue its support of the parish – but it has a great effort, and that effort was acknowledged by the Vestry and the Parish to the outgoing and incoming officers of the Guild.

(Shown is Mr. Tom Kane, Junior Warden, presenting the plaque to Mrs. Jean Davis, Mrs. Toni Bodah, Mrs. Sue Fleig, Mrs. Barbara Crisp and Mrs. Sara Lovo.)
Raymond ME
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory

Fr. Kevin has been assisting at St Augustine’s in OOB since Christmas celebrating mass on Sundays and will be there until the end of March when he goes on retreat. He will be away the whole month of April so there will be no services at the Priory during that time. We are all gearing up for Lent which is always a wonderful time of spiritual evaluation and hopeful change.

We have had flocks of chickens and ducks over the years. Chickens cackle all the time, worry only about themselves, when someone new comes into their midst they cluster up into their little groups and "gossip" about the newcomer until one or two finally decide to get brave and go meet the new one. Usually, then, the most established chickens in the flock begin to pick at the newcomer and one by one they join in until very often the newcomer is so maimed it will die. Ducks are peaceful and mostly quiet. They spend much of their time peacefully lying with their head under their wing "meditating", but when danger comes they gather all together and get to a safe place and like the marines, leave no man behind. They are, always, all about the flock, never just themselves. Newcomers are shown the swimming area and where the food and shelter is. The old and sick have a friend that makes sure they have food and water and friendship. Churches have chickens and ducks....which are you?

We are so appreciative of our animal angels and are always looking for regular, long term, benefactors for our animals. All of our animals are handicapped and most have also come from abuse situations. Most of our animals like Reily, have been and will continue to be here with us for their lifetime which for a horse could be 40 years+. Reily was born blind. He has all the parts of his eyes but none of them are attached so he is only able to see slight shadows and only if conditions are right. He was brought here at 6 months old in the back of a mini van and will be 14 in May. He has adapted in a remarkable way. He is our greeter and will be our greeter until he dies. We thank those people who help make Reily's life possible and the lives of all his friends here. The animals thank you.

We wish you all a enlightening Lent and blessed Easter season..............Sr. Mary Francis.

Ellsworth ME
St. Thomas

Greetings from St. Thomas, and asking God’s blessings on you for this new year.

On the First Sunday of Advent we were graced with a visit from Father Amos Mukiza Mihanda, a native of Rwanda, now in Portland, ME. We greatly enjoyed Fr. Amos and his interesting message, and invoke God's blessing upon his ministry.

Our regular vestry meeting occurred after services on February 12, after opening prayer by our rector Canon Henthorne. Our treasurer Joyce Barr gave her report, followed by the rector's report by Canon Henthorne. Our Junior Warden James Geary gave a report on progress on our church’s tower, and other business was discussed as well, including consideration of a residence next door to our church. We decided that such a purchase was not advisable at this time due to economic conditions.

We remember in our prayers Dachi, a nine-year-old boy from the Republic of Georgia, a grandson of a friend of our parishioner Pat Taniashvili.

Dachi has a cancerous brain tumor and is recovering from a second brain surgery. We commend him to your prayers as well. A photograph of Dachi is included.

During Lent Deacon Dunn will teach an instructional series on the Book of Common Prayer, and Leroy Weed and Valerie McCadden will teach a program for children. This will be the beginning of a regular Christian educational program.

Our Lenten schedule includes Ash Wednesday at noon, Stations of the Cross on Friday at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday Evensong at 3 p.m. Our Holy Week schedule will be Monday and Tuesday at 5:30, Tenebrae on Wednesday at 5:30, Maundy Thursday at 5:30, Good Friday at noon and 5:30, and Easter Vigil on Saturday at 5:30.

May God assist you to keep this Holy Lent.

-----Kevin A. Kelly

West Winfield NY
St. Lucy

Here at St. Lucy’s we had a very thought provoking Advent led by Father Rich. This was the first Christmas Eve that Father Rich was able to do the whole Mass, which gave us all a deeper joy. Christ-
mas Eve also brought us the wonderful presence of Kathy Lippman. We missed Kathy’s husband Richard this year and we hope that his health is improving. Emily has been playing the piano for our services and Christmas Eve Service was no exception. For our closing hymn Emily decided to play Silent Night on her guitar, what a humbling and moving sound that was. It was a wonderful service rejoicing in the birth of our Lord.

Father Rich has been doing a bible study for the folks out in Halfmoon twice a month along with being able to meet and bring communion to some of the shut ins of the congregation. This has not only been a benefit to them but to Father Rich and me (Caroline) also.

St. Lucy’s will be participating in the National Day of Prayer in May. We hope that our efforts are effective in some way to further the Kingdom of God.

All of us here at St. Lucy’s wish you a soul searching Lent and a Joyful Easter.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Alleluia!

-----Respectfully submitted, Caroline Dibble.

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Canandaigua NY

Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

It is mid-February, and we’re finally having some snow. We’ve had virtually none this winter -- unheard of in the Northeast! -- and I’ve missed it! Our family Christmas gifts to ourselves, all new cross country skis, boots and poles, stand unchristened in a corner, looking forlorn. By contrast, when I wrote this report a year ago, we were in the middle of a 10-inch snowfall, with no end in sight! Less than 6 inches is predicted for this weekend; we pray that travel is safe for Bishop Marsh and others coming to Western New York to celebrate the life of Father David Ambuske, who died just a few days before Christmas. We are sad at the passing of this quiet, yet remarkable, man, who accomplished so much, and gave of himself to others in his modest way. Although our parishes are fewer than 30 miles from each other, we did not see each other often enough to appreciate Fr. David’s virtues, until we read in our newspaper a tribute to him after his passing. It made me realize how little we actually know about so many people with whom we interact. We know that life is short, yet we act as though we have unlimited time in this world. The service at Holy Cross was, indeed, beautiful. We braved the heavy lake-effect snow (which Bishop Marsh now knows is like being ambushed in a cloud of white when everything appears so serene!) to remember Father Dave. Bishop Marsh gave a beautiful eulogy, and we enjoyed a delicious luncheon and fellowship afterwards.

Several months ago, several of our prayers were answered when our membership grew by two: Chuck and Cheryl Farnsworth moved to Canandaigua from Colorado, and have given us the gift of their music ministry; Cheryl plays the organ, and sings, and Chuck has a beautiful baritone voice. Cheryl quickly formed a small choir-- from our very small congregation-- and now fully half of us are up there singing. In mid-December, we had our musical debut with an Advent Carol concert on a Friday evening. Chuck placed over 40 luminaria around the property, lining the driveway, parking area and walkway, and it was a magical sight to behold as we drove in that evening! We had a few guests at the concert, and lots of home-baked goodies afterward. Now the Lenten season is upon us, and we will hold our 2nd annual "Shrove Sunday" Pancake brunch next week, and celebrate Ash Wednesday a few days later. We wish you all a wonderful Easter season.

-----Diane Jones

Concord NH

All Saints

Our annual performance of A Dicken’s Christmas under the leadership of our Arts Ministry director, Jane Cormier, was performed at the 900 seat Concord City Auditorium with a very English vision of Christmas. The community of Concord, and the surrounding metropolis, have made the performance of A Dicken’s Christmas a holiday tradition. This year was the largest attended performance to date with hundreds enjoying the hospitality of the parish and our sponsors. A full cast of performers, including a children’s chorus dazzled the attendees, ushering in the Christmas Season for the Capitol City.

In January, there is a remembrance throughout the nation calling to mind the Rights of the Unborn. Again, this year Father Christian and members of All Saints marched and prayed for the opening of the minds and hearts of people to re-think the government approved attack on the pre-born. Marching amidst evangelical and Catholic churches, praise songs and Hail Mary’s united in a common cause. This year there were a number of counter-protesters who formed a line of opposition in which vicious remarks and physical violence were perpetrated against the
pro-life marchers. Brother Francis of Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Manchester, NH, was shoved to the side and Father Christian and Father Robert Smolley, also of Protection Church, were verbally abused as they led the prayerful march. The march this year was the first in which such vocal and physical opposition was made since Father Christian began attending in 2006.

Father Christian was invited by the prestigious Catholic College of Saint Mary Magdalene in Warner, NH to give the keynote lecture during Christian Unity Week in January. The President and faculty greeted him warmly and the assembled student body along with guests and visitors, listened to the hour lecture on ecumenism entitled The Anglican Ordinariate: a Lesson in Ecumenical Charity. A lively and interactive question and answer session followed, and a reception held in which the conversation of unity was discussed late into the afternoon.

Father Robert Smolley, a good friend of All Saints, celebrated his 30th Anniversary of Ordination with a solemn Divine Liturgy on January 28. All Saints parishioners attended and Father Christian gave the banquet benediction held in the undercroft of Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester, NH. The beautiful commemoration united the traditions of the Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, Melkite Catholic and Anglican Churches in the celebration of the unity of the priesthood. Ad Multos Annos!, to Father Robert and his parish of Protection of Saint Mary.

The Lenten Season brings with it a time of renewal and regeneration. The Parish of All Saints is embracing the time of renewal. Through the gracious mercy of God, a building came open at the time that the contract with Concordia Lutheran Church expired in January. Within the span of a week the new multi-purpose worship and fellowship center was fitted out and ready for occupancy. Time and sacrifice made the effort seamless as Divine Worship continued without interruption from one venue to the next. Many generous contributors gave church furnishings and crafted needed objects necessary for the smooth operation of the parish. With the acquisition of the new space comes the blessing of being able to have a morning Mass, so the new time for All Saints Sunday Mass is 10:00 AM. A whole compliment of Holy Week Services will now be able to be celebrated without need to share a space. Check out the website www.allsaintsnh.com to see the schedule for Holy Week and the remainder of Lent, and come see the new elegant and sumptuously accoutered All Saints Church when you are in Concord. Our new location is 124F Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301. It's in the South End, just a few minutes off I-89 Exit 12S.

**Mystic CT**
**St. Matthias**

Attendance has been steady throughout the winter months (the favorable weather this year has been a big plus!), we are blessed with a small but dedicated congregation. Several visitors were in attendance during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Day service being well-attended. We will be conducting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, hourly from noon to 3PM, and plan to have the Meetinghouse open for visitors extra hours during special events weekends at Olde Mistick Village. Please be sure to call on us if you're in the area!

-----Deacon Merrill Perkins

**Elizabeth NJ**
**St. Augustine**

**Ordination of Pastor Alvarez**

On January 29, 2012 in the Parish of St. Augustine Church it was our pleasure to invite community members to witness the Ordination of Pastor William Alvarez as a Deacon in the ACA Diocese. The ceremony was conducted by his Excellency Rev. Bishop Marsh in conjunction with members of the ACA Diocese of the Northeast.

Pastor Alvarez was presented for ordination by The Very Rev. Robert Ley, Archdeacon Koller read the certificate of ordination and presented Deacon Alvarez with his preaching certificate. The Rev. Alexander "Hendy" Webb served as chaplain and con-celebrant. The Most Rev. Brian Marsh ordained Pastor Alvarez and also served as celebrant of the Mass.

As the new deacon wrote: “We had a great celebration on my Ordination Day. The Church was full, no seats available, around 110-120 attending. The Ordination began at 10 am followed by a Mass led by Bishop Marsh. Present were Father Bob Ley, Archdeacon Koller and Father Alexander Webb. Bishop Marsh
Conway, NH
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, there has not been too much snow and winter here in the mountains, and it hardly seems possible then that we are already entering the Lenten season, the first harbinger of spring.

However, our winter at St. Margaret’s was a busy time. Right before Thanksgiving the church held its annual Christmas Fair. This is always a profitable fundraiser for the church, and brings out the local bargain hunters for an early jump on their Christmas shopping. As always, the gift baskets made up by the women of the parish are a big sale item.

Our thanks go to the people who organized this event: Charlotte Whiting, Mary Thomas, Allison Bergeron, Rebecca and Jim Harrington, Ann Wilcox, Loretta Steward-Whitehead, Maureen Sparti, Fran Shore and Rosemary Grigorovich Barsky.

Also in November, our Subdeacon, Mr. Harry Welsman provided a vespers service for Thanksgiving.

On November 27th, the Church was pleased to witness the baptisms of Nathan and Patty Lane, the grandchildren-in-law of Vestry member John Kropac and his wife Mickey. We welcome them to the table of the Lord.

In December the parish Christmas party was again held at the home of James and Rebecca Harrington. A festive time was had by all. On Christmas eve a lovely service was held, and the church was aglow with lights, a traditional tree and colorful poinsettias.

In January we resumed our Bible study group, held after services and coffee on Sunday. Also in January, the ladies Guild held their annual luncheon. This year we gathered at the home of Peter and Mary Thomas in Madison. A pot luck was served, and

preached and I translated.

Ordination and Mass was followed with a potluck lunch for which the congregation made various typical foods of around 7 different countries.

On Sunday, Bishop Marsh performed the mass with a little help of myself. He did Mass in Spanish and, let me tell you, his Spanish reading was great, excellent! For me it was a terrific experience, an excited moment. God is good all the time, all the time God is good.”

The parish was very enthusiastic and some emotional moments were shared during the ordination by the parishioners. Most of the spectators were impressed by this magnificent event. It took a whole month of preparation from the vestry and the community to gather and make the proper arrangements to prepare the altar and the celebration after Mass. The after Mass celebration was prepared to properly welcome the Bishop and the Clergy present. This event was a wonderful opportunity for St. Augustine to share with members of the diocese. We provided great meals from different countries and our maximum attention in developing an extensive good communication by interacting with the Diocese, the community, the vestry, and the clergy. This was an unforgettable treasured moment that will remain in the minds of the vestry, and the community members of St. Augustine.

In addition, we at St. Augustine felt that for the first time since our memorable founder, Father Daniel Lucas, passed away in 2007, we finally have the support of a wonderful diocese which has opened their hearts and their arms to our humble community to ordain Pastor William Alvarez. One person that we would like to thank for his vision and mission is Bishop Walter Grundorf, from our former APA Diocese, who without a doubt introduced St. Augustine to Bishop Marsh, when we asked for his help. St. Augustine has no words to thank these two wonderful men of God, who were instruments indeed to help in the achievement of Deacon Alvarez’ ordination.

-----compiled from reports by Deacon Alvarez, Liz Nigrinis of the Vestry, and Bishop Marsh

St. Augustine's Anglican Church is a largely Hispanic parish. It hopes to develop additional Hispanic missions in the greater New York City area.
once again the ladies of the parish were able to showcase their culinary skills.


Amid the food and fellowship, the ladies discussed plans for the upcoming year with regards to outings and fundraisers.

On February 5, a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother was dedicated during the Mass. This antique piece was donated to the church by Nancy and Larry Cassidy in memory of their aunt and Godmother Marie-Anne Paillard. St. Margaret’s is appreciative and honored to have this generous gift.

We are looking forward to the ordination to the Diaconate of two sub-Deacons: Our own Mr. Harry Wellsman, as well as Mr. Patrick Desrosier from St. Augustine’s in Old Orchard Beach will be ordained by Bishop Marsh on Saturday, March 10 at St. Margaret’s. A luncheon will be served following the ceremony. The Bishop will also visit the church on Sunday, March 11.

We will begin the Lenten season on February 22 with a Penitential Service for Ash Wednesday at noon. During the coming weeks we hope to reflect on our spiritual needs and prepare for the growth and renewal that comes with the resurrection of the Lord. We wish all our Anglican friends a Happy Easter and look forward to the bloom of spring.

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

Lebanon NH
Trinity

Life is full of surprises and has a way of keeping us on our toes—some would say vital! Nevertheless, nothing should deter us from our daily and weekly worship of God.

When Trinity moved into its new digs at the Franklin Masonic Lodge in Lebanon, NH, we thought we had settled for a while, and indeed, we have. However, it has not been without “interesting experiences.” For those unfamiliar with the Lodge, it is situated in an old church building complete with stained glass windows, and when I say old, I do not jest. While fully plumbed and supplied with electricity, the building has much in common with the old Trinity Church building in Cornish, that is to say it has no insulation and the walls are paper thin! Worshipping in the great hall has been a bracing experience and has, in fact, forced us to move to the included dining room for worship and fellowship. Temperatures seldom reached into the 60s on Sunday morning.

As the Masons had just replaced their heating system, this situation is as much a surprise and as distressing to them as to us. We are happy to say that they are working diligently to improve the situation and hope to be able to use the hall by the next heating season.

Indeed, we look forward to a continuing relationship with the Masons and have obtained their agreement to place a sign proclaiming our worship site on their building. That sign will be mounted momentarily. For the information of other parishes, the sign was procured with a grant available from the diocese for the purpose of advertising.

As mentioned in the last issue, we are happy to welcome back on a full time basis Dcn. Rob Philp and his family, Beth for her baking, Kristan for her hospitality, and Jonathan for his acolyting. We have also welcomed Fr. Job Serebrov and his wife Mari into the congregation and have already benefited from their hospitality at Christmas as well as Fr. Job’s extensive knowledge of the early church. Fr. Job comes to us from an Orthodox and Jewish tradition.

The congregation has been blessed with prosperity in recent months and has been able to make several donations to local efforts including support of ministries allied to ours, the local LISTEN center heat program and significant support for the effort to reunite Fr. Amos with his children.

We will be deep into Lent when this is published and we look forward to the contemplative and rejuvenating penitential season with its culmination in the celebration, once, again, of our redemption in the sacrifice and raising of our Lord and Savior.

-----Alan Wylie

-----Maureen Sparti, St. Margaret’s Vestry
Webster, NY
Holy Cross ACA

Our Christmas season started off on a sad note with the death of our Priest, Fr. David Joseph Ambuske on December 21st. He served in the US Army, became a Jesuit Priest, a McQuaid High School teacher and Vice-Principal, a drug rehabilitation counselor, and our first permanent, part-time rector.

The Holy Spirit must have been guiding Fr. David’s hand 34 years ago, when he was driving home and turned on the radio to a station he’d never listened to before. Bea Cone was being interviewed about the fledgling Anglican Church several families were trying to establish and they were looking for a dedicated Rector. Fr. David phoned her and said: I want to be your priest.

Sermon on the stump:
August is the month for the annual parish picnic for Holy Cross ACA.

Circa 1988, everyone was ferried to the little island in Sodus Bay where the VanVoorhis family had their summer home. In due time, folks sat on the steps of the porch and Fr. Ambuske hopped up on the remaining stump of a large tree that had been cut down. Linda (nee VanVoorhis) Bowen reported that as they all sat and listened to his ‘sermon on the stump’, they were regaled with the splendor of the panoramic background of the bay, little sail boats, and God’s many Blessings.

In the many interviews Kate Chamberlin did with members of Holy Cross, all of the ‘long-timers’ remembered and commented on this once in a lifetime, memorable gathering of the faithful.

Bishop Brian Marsh led us in a Memorial Mass on February 12 in our little church on Bay Road. Another memorial and scattering of his ashes will be held at the Chapel of Camp Good Days and Special Times, Keuka Lake; where Fr. David was the camp chaplain.

The Holy Spirit is still with Holy Cross, as Ron Furrer (our Sub-Deacon) and Gerald Quenell (our Acolyte/Lay Reader) are conducting Morning Prayer for us with Fr. David Harnish (ACNA priest) from All Saints as a supply Priest on hand to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us. Aaron James, our organist, provides wonderful music to enhance all of our services no matter who is at the pulpit.

We are prayerfully investigating our options for calling a new priest to Holy Cross. Eugene VanVoorhis, our Sr. Warden, is the chairman of our Search Committee. Our first task is to develop a parish profile to assist us in the interviewing process, as well as letting potential candidates know who we are, then, to complete a questionnaire to know what our parishioners want in their priest and programs.

Our Epiphany Brunch and Beyond was ably spearheaded by Holly Hoyen and Elsbeth Howland on Sunday, January 8th. There was a plethora of breakfast and not so breakfast like items on ye ol’ groaning board. It was a fabulous time of faith, fun, and fellowship that brought our church family together to kick-off the new year.

Our annual Shrove Tuesday brunch will be held on Sunday, February 19 and is being spearheaded by Barb and Tom Nicholas with Tom Nicholas Mike Collins, and Eugene (of the famous blueberry pancakes) VanVoorhis flipping pancakes until everyone has eaten his/her fill. Traditionally, this event is run entirely by the men of Holy Cross, giving the ladies a welcome treat and rest.

With the enthusiastic and able leadership of Joyce Rice, we have become active in the many community based events of the Webster Council of Churches. Our Deacon-to-be, Ron Furrer has been authorized by our Vestry to attend the Council’s luncheons on the third Tuesday of each month. It is a good way to join our neighbors in ministering to our community.

St. Martha’s Guild met on January 29 to map out their events for 2012. We are all looking forward to their efforts on the English Tea on May 12, a Pot Luck Supper on September 15, an Elegant Junque Sale on October 13, a Harvest Concert and luncheon in November (TBA), and our church family’s Christmas Pot Luck Supper in December with gifts for our youngest Anglicans. It is a certain fact that the Devil will find no idle hands at Holy Cross ACA, Webster, NY.

----Kate Chamberlin
Father David Ambuske

The Camp Good Days and Special Times’ family lost a very dear and special friend today – Father David Ambuske – who has been a part of our family and my life since my daughter Teddi’s diagnosis with a malignant brain tumor 33 years ago.

No family is ever prepared to deal with the loss of a child, but when Teddi, as most nine-year-olds would do, started talking about and asking questions about what heaven was like and what was it like to die, it was a little beyond my abilities to answer those questions. At the time, David was the Executive Director of the Monroe County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and was an advocate for children in Family Court and knew my first wife. She thought that he would be the perfect person to talk with Teddi and to his credit he took the time out of his busy schedule a few times a week to come over to our house and help her deal with those difficult questions regarding faith.

I liked David from the moment I met him. He was ordained as a Catholic Priest and also had his MSW from Fordham University. He left the priesthood, but when he realized how much he missed that special calling he became an Anglican Priest and opened a small church in Webster, but his job and passion were always young people.

After spending time with Father Dave, Teddi decided that she wanted to be baptized and Father Dave officiated at her funeral. That summer, of the original 63 campers, 28 had lost their battle to cancer, including Teddi. At that time, we had no offices, we had no staff members – everyone was a volunteer - and we were still utilizing Camp Eagle Cove, a private boys and girls camp, in Inlet, New York in the central part of the Adirondack Mountains. When we arrived for the start of camp that summer, there was a big cloud that hung over all of us, as volunteers were looking for the campers they had befriended previously, only to find out that they had lost their battle with cancer, and our campers from Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse were looking for the friends they had made, only to find out that they had lost their battle with cancer.

One of the young ladies who was volunteering that summer at camp came up to me and said, Mr. Mervis we need to do something, we can’t pretend that these children didn’t exist. I told her that she didn’t need to tell me, as one of those children was Teddi. When I asked what she thought we should do, she said we should have a memorial service. Again, this was a little bit beyond my capabilities, so I called Father Dave who was in Downtown Rochester and told him I needed a favor. I explained what was happening and again to his credit he left work, got in his car, and drove all the way to Camp Eagle Cove. When he arrived, we gathered everyone together and had a memorial service. As soon as Father Dave completed the service it was as if everyone felt they had been granted permission to have fun and enjoy the good days and special times that we had planned for them.

This service became a tradition and a part of our culture here at Camp Good Days and to this day, on the opening evening of each session of camp, we hold an optional memorial service at the beautiful and peaceful Outdoor Chapel at our own Recreational Facility on Keuka Lake. Father Dave never let us down, continuing to conduct these services each week, throughout the summer.

Over the years, I have watched this kind, gentle, and caring man officiate at the funerals of our campers and volunteers and seen him marry volunteers, baptize children of volunteers, and provide the blessing and invocation at so many Camp Good Days’ functions and special events. Father Dave married my children, baptized my grandchildren, and even married my current wife, Wendy and I some 16 years ago.

Over the years, Camp Good Days has served more than 43,000 campers from 22 states and 27 foreign countries and Father Dave was the spiritual advisor to Camp Good Days. We never could have become the organization that we are today if it were not for his willingness to always be there, sharing his skills as a clergyman and social worker.

The loss of Father Dave will be a huge void, one that will be very difficult, if not impossible to fill. I am so deeply saddened and my heart is broken, especially as it is so close to Christmas, but I take comfort in knowing that the memories I have of David and the example he always set of kindness and compassion will remain with me forever. Father Dave walked the walk and he did God’s work here on earth. All of us whose lives he touched will be forever grateful for having had the blessing of knowing him.

-----Gary Mervis, Chairman and Founder.
(lifted from the camp’s blog.)

Rev. Canon Clyde H. Cox, Jr.

With great regret we note the passing of Canon Clyde Cox, 80 in Bangor, Maine. He died in the Eastern Maine Medical Center on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. Funeral services were held on Saturday...
December 3, 2011 at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine. Rev. Canon Granville Henthorne officiated at the Burial Service and celebrated the Requiem Eucharist. Rev. Mr. Ian Dunn, and sub-deacon Leroy Weed assisted. The sermon was delivered by Canon Cox’s long-time friend Mr. Bill Landsmesser. Many of Canon Cox’s family, friends, and colleagues were in attendance.

At the time of his passing, Canon Cox was serving as the Associate Dean of Logos House of Theological Studies. He was the Director of the Anglican Studies Program, and instructor in Church History and the New Testament. Dean Henthorne recalls Canon Cox as a “close friend” and “my right arm.” He characterizes his friend and associate as a man that “was always willing to take on additional responsibilities.”

To those of us that knew him as our teacher, colleague, fellow staff member, priest or pastor, Canon Cox was a fine Christian gentleman, and a true friend. He will be greatly missed and fondly

Profile
David Koller, Postulant

Like the vast majority of Christians, my life has always revolved around the Church. The one thing that sets me apart from most is my having been born to a Protestant minister. Growing up as a preacher’s kid (PK) in a church parsonage, I witnessed the joys and struggles of ministry, and the private and public life of the clergyman. From infancy to the age of 11, my circle of friends were also PKs. Being a preacher’s son, I was always held to a higher standard of behaviour. I can say that I mostly succeeded, with the exception of having sold chocolate bars to the people in the pews during Holy Communion and muddying the church lawn.

For the first time, in September 2000, I left home and moved to the United Kingdom. It was there, for the first time, that I began my quest to find a denomination I felt comfortable in. My spiritual journey in England began with my discovery of Anglicanism. I found the Anglican liturgy and reverent style of worship wonderful to behold, but was not enthusiastic for the liberal messages preached from the Church of England’s pulpits. This caused me to look elsewhere for reverent worship and sound preaching.

That quest brought me to the Serbian Orthodox Church, where I worshiped for two years before returning to the United States in 2009. During my time in Britain, my father made the decision to pursue Holy Orders in the Anglican Church in America, and that was how I became aware of the Traditional Anglican Communion and the Continuing church movement.

My experience in the Church of England and the Serbian Orthodox Church helped me to cultivate an appreciation for ancient liturgical traditions, and is what led me to answer my calling to the priesthood in the ACA. I am very happy to pursue Holy Orders at St. Elizabeth’s Memorial Chapel under the mentorship of Father Robert Ley. I deeply appreciate the support of the congregation and Bishop George Langberg, and wish to thank Canon Henthorne for his support.

YORKIE'S CLOSET

The Dean Lester York Memorial Mission Fund, often referred to as "Yorkie's Closet," is a Diocesan program under the Bishop that provides clergy, seminarians and parishes with clerical clothing, vestments and a variety of items such as altar books, prayer books, hymnals, chalices, and other valuable liturgical supplies. The inventory changes frequently and all items are received and stored at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Monetary contributions are also accepted and are used to purchase needed supplies, shipping and other basic costs.

This ministry is a continuation of the ministry started by Fr. Lester York who as Dean of the then Pro Cathedral of St. Paul's in Portland, made an effort to see that new missions always had the basic materials they needed for worship. He always provided what he could from extra items he had on hand as well as often reaching into his own pocket to purchase something for a mission or parish in need.
Whenever the parish had a yard sale, he would look over everything the night before, buying those little items needed for worship such as cruets, trays and other items adaptable for use at the altar.

In his memory, this important ministry continues as an outreach effort from the Office of the Bishop and administered by the Order of St. Brendan the Navigator. In the past year, Yorkie’s Closet has provided new clergy with used but good clerical clothing, altar vestments, tabernacles, chalices, prayer books, hymnals, clergy vestments, furnishings, altars, and a host of other important items. The Order has built altars, tabernacles, a columbarium, and a number of other church furnishings. Working with Valerie Kazarian of St. Augustine’s and Shyla Spear of Holy Trinity, Yorkie’s Closet provides altar vestments including linens, burses, veils, superfrontals and some vestment repairs. For those missions in need, these items are provided free of charge. For parishes, they are provided less expensively than can be purchased retail.

Parishes and missions can request items from the stock at Yorkie’s Closet and if items are replaced by the parish, the material comes back to the Diocese for use by others. If a parish has extra items, they are encouraged to send them into the Closet, as a number did when we were asked to provide one of our Army Chaplains with prayer books and hymnals.

If you have items to donate or would like to support this outreach ministry, or if you have a request for materials contact Fr. Jeff Monroe at St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church. Monetary contributions or surplus items may be sent to St. Margaret’s Church (designated for York Memorial Fund), PO BOX 1555, Conway, NH 03818.

To the parishes, individuals, and others who have supported this important work, THANK YOU!

Profile
Fr. Job Serebrov

A staunch believer in “Take every opportunity God allows you to have and use it to His glory,” the Reverend Job Serebrov has been blessed with a variety of opportunities to do just that. Raised as an orthodox Jew in New Jersey, Fr. Job began questioning the tenets of modern Judaism as a teenager. While majoring in history and medieval studies at Rutgers, he began his search for the truth in earnest. He found the answers he was looking for at St. Stephen’s, a conservative “Anglo-Catholic” Episcopal parish in Plainfield, N.J. Serving as an acolyte there, he became very comfortable with 1928 Book of Common Prayer worship. But because of instability in the parish and the Episcopal Church in general, he later joined an Antiochian Orthodox Western Rite parish that had split off of St. Stephen’s. Immersed in the life of the church, he felt called to go into the ministry. Since he was so new to Christianity, Fr. Job thought it best to give his faith time to grow before going to seminary. So he headed to law school in eastern Kansas, where the only Orthodox church in the area was an Eastern Rite parish an hour away. Fr. Job made the trip weekly. With his law degree in hand, he pursued a Master’s in Theology at St. Vladimir’s Seminary in New York and subsequently served in seven Eastern Rite Orthodox parishes.

Over time, Fr. Job became uncomfortable with several theological issues or practices in Byzantine worship that had not been part of the Western Rite worship at St. Stephen’s, which had its roots in Anglo-Catholicism. He found that Eastern Orthodox beliefs and practices – such as the veneration of icons and relics and the physical change in Eucharistic elements – ran counter to Scripture and early Judaic-Christian traditions of the church. Other problematic issues were the subservience of Scripture to Holy Tradition; higher criticism, which is forbidden in Orthodox Judaism; the diminishing of St. Augustine’s theology of sin, redemption, and predestination; and interpretations of church canons that varied by priest, bishop, and jurisdiction. After leaving Eastern Orthodoxy, Fr. Job spent years in prayer as he sought to find a church that maintained the correct balance between the apostolic faith and the Scriptures without altering Christianity’s ancient Judaic theological roots. His search led him back to orthodox Anglicanism.

During this search, God allowed Fr. Job to hone his administrative skills in the secular realm. He has practiced law for more than 20 years, clerked for a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, and served as director of the Office of International Development for a major university, where he worked primarily in southern Africa. More recently, he was appointed by a state governor and then the president of the United States to environmental and agricultural administrative positions. In September, Fr. Job and his wife, Mari, moved from the Washington, D.C., area to a mountain retreat in western New Hampshire so they could be closer to their daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. They also have a son in the Coast Guard, an energetic Portuguese water dog, and a very large, extended family in southern Africa.
Mari, the daughter of evangelical Protestant missionaries, is a public relations consultant and a writer/editor. She has written several church resource books, magazine articles, and devotionals, including two that are part of The Grandmother’s Bible (one ironically is about Job’s wife), published a few years ago by Zondervan. On a historic note, a number of Mari’s ancestors were Anglican clergy, including Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of Canterbury under Queen Elizabeth I.

In addition to his new assignment as associate priest at Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Fr. Job is working with Bishop Marsh on several administrative projects. He also does legal consulting and is an appellate judge for an Indian tribe. Open to whatever opportunities God brings his way, Fr. Job plans to start a Master’s of Sacred Theology in July through Nashotah House. As his heart is in Africa, he also hopes to be able to work, in the future, with church plants to Africans in the U.S.

**ed note:** The following article is lifted from “The Epistle”, the newsletter of St. Paul’s in Portland.

**From A Rector’s Desk**

*Fr. Logan, St. Paul’s, Portland ME*

This was my fourth Christmas as Rector of St. Paul’s. I have served as deacon, priest, curate, vicar, or rector of eight churches, more or less, and I have never experienced such delight as in my nearly four years here.

What happened before was that the agony of the death of the Episcopal Church intruded upon my desire to be a faithful shepherd of souls. On the one hand, the process of learning how to minister to the needs of the Christian people is difficult, and on the other hand, when ones assumptions about what the Church of Christ is are challenged in the grossest possible way, agony results. So my years in the Church’s ministry have been full of sorrow. At St. Paul’s sorrow has been greatly outweighed by joy.

I know that many of you have walked the same road, sure of the blessedness of your religion, but horrified by the incredible events within Anglicanism in the last half-century. We are fighting a war that seems prophesied by Scripture, and how fascinating (the fascination of horror) it has been to watch the forces of evil seize the holy places, and contaminate them. Like the Maccabees, we have beheld the abomination of desolation in the Temple.

We saw worse in the secular world in the twentieth century, and neither has the first decade of the twenty-first century seemed like the kingdom come. In the Church we have been touched by spiritual evil, the great danger being that we might be seduced by the new spirituality posing as Christianity. In the world we have beheld the death of millions.

Those of us who resisted the spiritual dangers of our time, or who fell over the cliff and were miraculously lifted back up to the heights, give thanks for what we have in the body of continuing Anglicanism, but look out in horror at the destruction of souls that seems continually to grow worse. There are, however, signs of hope.

For one, to be parochial about it, our congregation is increasing. The growth seems to have two sources. We receive into our communion people who will not bow the knee to Baal, and recognize that Saint Paul’s is a community fighting to proclaim the Gospel in power. And we receive another group, people who have tasted the food of demons, and are come to the place where they may be fed with the food of angels.

I take it for granted that you who belong to that first group will be drawn to us. You have eyes to see with, ears to hear with, so naturally you are going to come to a place where the Christian religion has not been corrupted. Wrong.

I forget that the Prince of this world is very powerful and seductive. So let me correct what I just said. Super-naturally, but God’s grace, you have come to us; just As – not naturally, but supernaturally – St. Paul’s has been preserved to this time. I am wrong to see your coming as an ‘of course’ event. Thanks be to God that he has led you here.

The second group coming to us has been endangered both in soul and body by the wiles of Satan. You are fighting for your lives against the forces of evil, and you find Saint Paul’s a refuge from the evil that has tried to eat you for breakfast. It is a great joy to me – as you perfectly well know – to have you among us. Thanks be to God that he has led you here.

I think that what is happening in our time is that the dreadful things that have happened are enabling people to see the Christian faith in a new light. What was considered to be old and conventional is now
revealed to be revolutionary. We are in an age that in some ways parallels the experience of the Roman Empire in the first centuries of Christian history. In a time when the traditional societies of the Mediterranean world were being dissolved, and the old verities by which people had lived were disappearing, the faith that Jesus is Lord was proclaimed, and allowed people to find themselves, and to lead lives that made sense.

Some of you know that I am fond of the songs of Cole Porter. He wrote,

In olden days a glimpse of stocking
was looked on as something shocking,
but now, God knows,
anything goes.

That’s right, and, oh, what it leads to. What we had at Lessons and Carols in the Night of Christmas, were some other songs of which I am fond. For example,

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their brave delight:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the celebration of Christmas this year. The reason that I enjoyed it so much was because I watched many of you enraptured by the story which is old, very old, and yet is eternally new by the work of the Holy Spirit.

By this faith, God working in us, we shall move mountains.

**News Notes**

**Diaconal Ordinations**

By the Grace of God and the consent of the people, Mr. Harry Earl Wellsman and Mr. Patrick Marcel Desrosiers will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by the Most Reverend Brian R. Marsh, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America (ACA). The ordinations will take place at St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church, 85 Pleasant Street, Conway NH on Saturday March 10th at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Wellsman of Parsonsfield, ME is the son of Harry and Lillian Wellsman and graduated from Belmont High School in Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Boston University where he earned degrees in Journalism and Public Relations. He is also a veteran of the United States Army where he served in the Presidential Honor Guard and as a parachute qualified Special Forces Officer. He has over 20 years of service in the church and served 14 years as a Eucharistic Minister in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Mr. Desrosiers of Saco is the son of Bertha and Marcel Desrosiers and graduated from Biddeford High School in Maine. He began his theological education at St. Joseph’s College where he received a Lay Ministry certification. He has a teaching certificate and has over 30 years of service in the church serving as an altar server, Eucharistic Minister, Pastoral Assistant, Youth Minister, Parish Master of Ceremonies and Lector. He was at one time chairman or member of all his local parish committees, was a member of the Charismatic Pastoral Council for Biddeford and for York County, was a member of the Bishop’s Advisory Board and the York Deanery.

Both completed their diaconal studies at the Logos House of Theological Studies this year. The men served recently as sub-deacons at their respective parish churches, Mr. Wellsman at St. Margaret’s in Conway, NH and Mr. Desrosiers at St. Augustine of Canterbury in Old Orchard Beach, ME. Both have been assigned by the Bishop to continue to serve those parishes.

**Diocese of the Eastern US Elects Suffragan Bishop**

The Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America, the Most Rev. Brian Marsh, has announced that the Rev. John Vaughan was unanimously elected Bishop Suffragan at the annual synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States. The synod was held at St. Barnabas Church in Picayune, Mississippi on January 18-20.

Father Vaughn was born on February 22nd 1957, in Dublin Pike, White’s Cross, County Cork Ireland and is the fifth of ten children born to John Vaughan and Eileen McCarthy. He received his Primary education at Blackpool Boys National School (Brockelsbey Street Academy) and his High School Education at the School of Commerce In Cork City Ireland. After High School in 1974 Fr. Vaughn enlisted in the Irish Army where he served for three years as an infantry man and had training as a medical orderly. Upon completion of military service, Fr. Vaughan worked at St. Stephen's Hospital in Sarsfield's Court Cork. He began his studies for the priesthood in 1979 at St. John's College Seminary in Waterford Ireland. Fr. Vaughan has diplomas in Philosophy and in Theology from St. John's College as well as a Degree in Theology from St. Patrick's Pontifical University in Maynooth Ireland.

In 1985 Fr. Vaughan was ordained to the Roman
Catholic priesthood at St. Michael’s Church Upper Glanmire County Cork Ireland. Shortly after Ordination he left Ireland and relocated to the United States to serve the people of the archdiocese of Miami Florida. In 1990 Fr. Vaughan took a leave of absence from the Roman Catholic Church and in 1994 Fr Vaughan transferred to the Episcopal Church where he ministered for ten years. In 2005 he transferred his qualifications to the Anglican Church in America where he served at St. Patrick’s Church in Port St. John, Florida until being appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of the Eastern United States in 2011. He is a resident of Titusville, Florida and has one son.

He will be consecrated Bishop at a special service planned for later this year after approval by the House of Bishops of the National Church.

DEUS SYNOD

The Diocese of the Eastern United States will hold its annual synod in Picayune, Mississippi on January 18, 19 and 20, 2012. The host parish is Saint Barnabus Anglican Church. The Rector, Father Jonathan J. Filkins, and his parish are to be thanked for offering to host this important event. A confirmation and an ordination to the diaconate will be part of our gathering.

NEW MISSION

Father John Vaughan, Vicar General of the DEUS, reports that a new mission has been organized in Orlando, Florida. St. Finbar’s Anglican Mission held its first service on Rose Sunday, December 11. If St. Finbar seems unfamiliar, Father Vaughan assures us that he was the patron saint of the City of Cork in Ireland.

BISHOP WILLIAMS RETIREMENT

Bishop Daren Williams, fourth bishop ordinary of the Diocese of the West, retired last month after nearly six years in episcopal service. Bishop Williams had experienced several health issues in recent years and believed that retirement was in the best interest of the church. He will relocate to Wisconsin, where one of his daughters lives. We send our best wishes and prayers to +Daren and Joy. Bishop Williams, though retired from the duties of a Bishop Ordinary, will remain active in the House of Bishops. He will also continue to serve as chair of the national church’s committee on education. In addition, Bishop Williams has expressed an interest in serving as Episcopal sponsor of any monastic orders that currently exist or may become active in the future.

ANGLICAN YOUTH PROJECT

Emily Dibble has embarked on a project. Her goal is to gather information from other young people about the challenges to their faith they face in everyday life. There is a need for help in understanding our own faith better and articulating it to others. There is also a need to have some solid and specific input from the Church concerning issues all of us, especially young people, face today. Times have changed drastically since the 1950’s, and our approach to passing on a vibrant faith to future generations must change as well. We have to wake up to the fact that we are near extinction if we do not do something now. This project hopes to serve all Anglicans of any jurisdiction that will participate. It will ask youth about what they are facing and pass these items on to the leaders of the churches who will participate, and press them for Godly insight to apply to these issues, and get that insight back to the youth. It will hopefully be somewhat like a pump system, pumping the specific needs for wisdom to the leaders, and their help back to the youth. The main vehicle for this will likely be email.

We do not know where this will lead but it is hoped to provide useful information to all youth and all who work with youth who will get involved.

This won’t work without your help. What can you do? Pray for this effort. Then get young people to email Emily to get on her list at onfire4god@windstream.net and encourage them to get and stay involved. If you are involved with youth or have useful input about issues facing young people today, drop her a line.

Thank you, Father Rich+

ON THE WATERFRONT

Over the last several years, Maritime and Port Chaplains have been challenged by the new regulations
regarding Port Security and how those regulations are being applied at the more than 10,000 marine terminals, in 361 commercial seaports throughout the United States. Crewmen have been forced to stay on board ships with no shore leave and chaplains have been restricted from accessing the ships. The National Association of Maritime Ministries in America (NAMMA) has worked hard to try to get the regulations interpreted in such a manner to eliminate these restrictions.

In June of 2010, the Secretary of Homeland Security appointed the first ever Chaplain to lead the committee responsible for advising her on national maritime security. The Rev. Jeffrey Monroe, Captain USMM and Maritime and Port Chaplain in the Anglican Church in America was appointed to lead the 22 member industry based committee that advises the Department of Homeland Security on all matters related to ship and port security. The actions of the committee impact the US Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection, FEMA and other federal agencies.

Since 2010, the committee has tackled a number of significant issues including the impacts on port chaplains and ship’s crews. As a result of the committee’s work, access issues have been eased through the direction of the US Coast Guard working with terminal operators and crew access to shore leave has been relaxed. The efforts of NAMMA which include chaplains of every Christian denomination have been an important part of the committee’s agenda and will continue to be addressed under the current chair.

Each year tens of thousands of ships visit US ports and the Gospel is spread and pastoral care provided by hundreds of chaplains throughout the US and Canada. In addition, chaplains’ worldwide work to care for seafarer needs and rights and provide spiritual support. The Anglican Church has been a leader in these efforts since the early 1700’s. Chaplains and ship visitors provide Bibles, do Bible study, offer the Sacraments and provide pastoral care to thousands of seafarers each year, many times right aboard ship. Many parishes, including several in the ACA Diocese of the Northeast, support these efforts through financial contributions and providing books and magazines as well as personal care items. In Portland, St. Paul’s Church serves as the Mariner’s Chapel and clergy from St. Augustine of Canterbury in Old Orchard Beach provide spiritual support to mariners and the fishing community in Southern Maine.

Seafarer’s Friend in Portland, Portsmouth and Boston coordinates chaplain activities and the sailors who come to these ports and the ACA provides the support it can to help them in this important and Gospel based work.

Prepared by Linda Mallik

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Many years ago when I was a lowly curate, I was leaving the office to visit one of the parishioners who was terminally ill. The Rector stopped me and asked me to make sure that the lady had made a bequest to the parish. I was uncomfortable, but he reminded me that this task is in the Prayer Book. On page 320 of The Book of Common Prayer, at the bottom of the page there is a special direction for the Minister.

The Minister is ordered, from time to time, to advise the People, whilst they are in health, to make Wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave Bequests for religious and charitable uses.

Anyone familiar with Dave Ramsey, the Christian financial planner, knows he advises anyone over eighteen to have a will. You don’t want the government to tell your loved ones what to do with your stuff. This is good advice. Dave also mentions the importance of giving to the church. “And no one ever saw a U-haul following the hearse.” Yet according to one website, “Why do less than 2% of Christians leave deferred gifts to their churches? Studies report the two top answers are: they have not been asked, and they don’t know how!”

As uncomfortable as it may seem: you are being asked. Will you please consider making a bequest to your Parish and/or your Diocese? It is good stewardship and for the glory of God. Next, how do you make the bequest. It is very easy and there are several options. Just add a few lines to your Last Will and Testament or a codicil, if you already have one.

"I give, devise and bequeath to The Diocese of the Northeast of the Anglican Church in America,* located 1 A Main St., Belchertown, MA 01007, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation and organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts for the purpose of supporting the Diocese:

a. The sum of $___________.

b. The following described property:

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…and/or…

c. _____% of the balance, residue and remainder of my estate.

There are additional directives that can be specified, endowments or funds. This is one more way that you can support your Parish and the Diocese in building up the Christ’s Kingdom on this side of the veil.

*(The Diocese is being used as an example.)

Fr. Owen Williams
Tell your kids and grandkids
the adventure continues!

We will be holding our camp session this
summer August 12-18 at a wonderful new
venue in Hinsdale, MA.

Our theme for this year will be “Stand.” We
will be learning how Christians should stand in
a world that wants to keep them down.

All this along with a great deal of fun in
God’s creation with
daily spiritual education and worship,
sports, crafts, waterfront, singing,
campfire and
THE TALENT SHOW!

More information will be available soon at
stlukescamp.com.

Send kids.
Send young Christian volunteers.
Send money. Send something!

Contact Father Dibble with questions at
diakonio@windstream.net
or 315-725-3745.

The responsibility belongs to all of us to pass
on a vibrant faith to the next generation. God
bless you one and all.

—Peace, Father Rich Dibble+

The Ecumenical Order
of St. Brendan the Navigator

The Ecumenical Order of St. Brendan the Navigator
was founded in 2004 at the former Anglican Cathedral
of St. Paul in Portland, Maine. The Order was established
to allow men and women to provide service to God’s
Holy Church through works of our hands by faith.

Since its founding, members have sponsored St.
Patrick’s Day dinners, built altars and church furnishings,
undertaken repairs to church buildings and property,
held retreats, and enjoyed fellowship with each other
on numerous occasions in God’s service. The order
is open to all Christian men and women who desire
to serve God with their hearts and hands and help
each other in our life’s voyage of faith. Members
include bishops, priests, deacons and laymen.

The order is named for Saint Brendan of Clonfert
(c. 484 – c. 577) called “the Navigator”, “the Voyager”,
or “the Bold” and is one of the early Irish monastic
saints. He is chiefly renowned for his legendary
quest to the “Isle of the Blessed,” also called St.
Brendan’s Island. He was one of the Twelve Apostles
of Ireland. Saint Brendan’s feast day is celebrated on
May 16 by Catholics, Anglicans, and Eastern Orthodox
Christians. In 484 Saint Brendan was born in Ciarraghe
Luachra near the port of Tralee, in County Kerry, in
the province of Munster, in the south west of Ireland.
He was baptized at Tubrid, near Ardfort, by Saint Erc
who who ordained him priest in 512. Between the
years 512 and 530 St Brendan built monastic cells at
Ardfort, and, at the foot of Mount Brandon, Shanakeel.
From here he is supposed to have set out on his
famous seven years voyage for Paradise. The old
Irish Calendars assigned a special feast on March 22.

Our Voyage in Christ is one of simple explo-
ration-exploring a prayerful life in God, God’s word,
and God’s work. We are open to clergy and laymen
alike and have no special demands, except a desire to
grow deeper in faith, live a good Christian life, and use
our talents in God’s service. (You don’t have to be
Irish either). We gather as we can to address the
needs of the church and assist when called upon in
our Lord’s name. Recent new members include John
Kropac of St. Margaret’s, Patrick Derosiers and Val-
erie Kazarian of St. Augustine’s, and Fr. Kevin La-
marre of Priory of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows.

For further information contact: Sub-Deacon
David Brennan, Grand Commander, Order of St.
Brendan the Navigator (OSBN) at 207-712-2992 or
at dbrennan@maine.rr.com.

Tabernacle in process and finished, built for St.
Prisca’s to replace the tabernacle going to St. Paul’s
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

Ellsworth: St. Thomas - Sun 10am
(373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)676-2001.
Fr. Granville Henthorne
Dcns Ian Dunn, Ed Kalish

Old Orchard: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Sun 10am , 4pm HC (through June)
(Cathedral Pines Chapel, 156 Saco Ave)
Fr. Jeff Monroe (207)799-5141
Rev. Prior Kevin LaMarre, OSB

Maine

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

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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

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

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

Massachusetts

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

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

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
(55 Jefferson Ave.)
Pastor William Alvarez (908)230-6389

New York

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

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

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

Liverpool: St. Mary the Virgin - Sun 8 & 10
Wetzell and Morgan Roads (315)652-3538
Canon Nelson Skinner, Fr. Albert K. Jungers

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) . (585)467-6029
Fr. David Ambuske

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

Vermont

Poultney: St. David - 1st Sundays 9.30am
A House Church. Call (802)645-1962
Fr. Alexander Stringer.

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

Associated Anglican Parishes

Pepperell MA: Holy Spirit (APA),
(1 Tucker St.) Fr. Frank Bartlett, Patrick Marr,
Sr. Warden (978) 391-4184

Brockton MA: Saint Paul’s (FIFNA, AMiA)
Sun 8 & 10:30. (701 Pleasant St.) 508-588-7285
Fr. James R. Hiles
Clergy Anniversaries

My list is woefully incomplete and probably inaccurate. Please help me get it right. ed.

Mar
01 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, D 1997
11 - Fr. Frank Bartlett, D 2006
24 - Fr. Granville Henthorne, P 1956
31 - Fr. Alexander Webb, P 1979

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

May
01 – Dcn. Rob Philp D 2010
07 - Fr. Robert Ley, P 1998
07 – Fr. Rich Dibble 2011
30 - Fr. Neville Braithwaite, birthday

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

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