Almighty and everlasting
God, who hatest nothing
that thou hast made, and
dost forgive the sins of all
those who are penitent;
Create and make in us new
and contrite hearts, that
we, worthily lamenting our
sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may
obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect re-
mission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Nearly every year, I regard the coming of
Lent with a certain apprehension. Perhaps it is
the assumption we all have at times, the feeling
that Lent must be endured, though, if we had
a choice, we’d rather avoid it. But Lent is an
important season, one we should embrace. We
all know that it is a time of preparation, a time
of prayer and fasting; it is a necessary time for
our spiritual well-being.

Lent is also necessary for our physical well-
being. Our contemporary culture seems to demand
a great deal of us. We are encouraged to be upbeat,
happy and full of energy at all times. If we are
not, we may be regarded as unwell. And there
are all sorts of remedies we may buy that will
“restore” us to our “peak performance.” But
Lent puts a halt to all this and such a pause may
be just what we need at this time of year. Lent
calls us to stop, reflect and concentrate on the
essentials. It is time for our spiritual Spring
cleaning.

I read recently that clutter, whether in our
homes, schools or offices is not only distracting,
but not good for our mental well-being. What a
perfect starting point for our Lenten meditations:
clear out the physical and spiritual clutter from
our lives so that we may focus on the essentials
in our lives.

This message prompted me to clean up my
office. My ordered office seems much more
efficient and manageable. When I enter it now, I
do so with a mind and heart more focused on
prayer. But this message came to me even more
clearly when my son, recently graduated from
college, moved into a new apartment. Shortly
after his graduation, he moved out of his Vermont
apartment and rented a storage bay. Several
friends helped him move his worldly goods into
this rented space.

He spent two months living with his parents
(we were happy to have him with us) while he
hunted for a new apartment in Western Massa-
chusetts. The apartment was found, a job se-
cured and Webster planned his move. His Dad
(me) volunteered to help with the move. We
drove to the storage unit and Webster unlocked
the door. I looked inside this storage unit for the
first time and I was not prepared for what I saw.
The storage unit was piled high with “stuff.” I
stared at the stacks of boxes, furniture, sports
equipment, books and assorted detritus and
wondered: “where to begin?” I also wondered: “how did he ever get so much stuff?” Web asked me: “Dad, are you ok?” “Yes,” I said, “are you?” We both laughed and got to work.

We realized that many items we unloaded were no longer useful. In the two short months they had been stored in that unit, they had lost whatever purpose they may have had. We asked ourselves often if a certain object was really needed. About a third of the items were set aside for a trip to the Transfer Station, a place we used to call fondly the “town dump.”

This is a common experience; we all move at some point in our lives. And we are often faced with the question of why we have saved this or that object. Why did we keep this, we wonder. But this is a question we should ask ourselves during Lent. Why are we holding onto spiritual baggage that we have no more need of? We should get rid of those inessential spiritual distractions so that we may focus on the essential things that we truly need, the necessary spiritual items that will feed us.

It is time for us to focus more clearly on God's word and on God's purpose for us. Take time, this season, to pray, to meditate, to listen to the still, small voice of God. Lent is a perfect time for such listening. It is also a perfect time to free ourselves from spiritual clutter, leaving us open to the entry of God's love more fully and completely into our lives.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I bid you all a Holy and Blessed Lent.

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

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Notes from the Secretary

The 2012 parochial report form was sent either electronically or in the mail to all parishes and missions in early February. Please return the completed form to me promptly (see my address on the report notice or in the NEA directory) so that the diocesan report can be submitted to the National Church on time.

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.

I’ll be following up with a request for updated vestry and synod delegate information in few weeks, since annual meeting dates and parish elections vary throughout the diocese.

The Standing Committee didn’t meet in January as originally scheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. The meeting has been rescheduled to February 17th.

The Standing Committee mourns the loss of Canon James Davis, who served on the Committee for many years. He was will be sorely missed by all of us in the DNE who knew him. We’re thankful for his service to the diocese, particularly for his dedication to the training and educating of men pursuing Holy Orders, serving on the Board of Examining Chaplains (originally the Commission on the Sacred Ministry) for more than a decade.

I shall always remember Fr. Davis’ booming voice. When I played the recorded tapes from Standing Committee meetings to write up the minutes, the one person I never had to replay to hear what they were saying was Fr. Davis! Our prayers are with Jean and the family. Fr. Jim, may you rest in peace and dwell in the House of our Lord.

We just weathered a very large snowstorm, and it seems rather out of place to talk about summer as I look out my window at high piles of snow. However, thankfully, summer lies ahead and with it, the summer camp program. The Diocesan Summer Youth camp is scheduled for August 4-10, 2013 at Camp Ashmere, Hinsdale, MA. Fr. Rich Dibble and his staff do an outstanding job each year providing an exhilarating spiritual experience for youth in our diocese and I urge you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. 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.

Finally, I thank so many of you for your prayers as I’ve dealt with health issues. God bless you.

Peace, a Blessed Lent, and a Joyous Easter,

——Linnea

Sunday School Materials for the asking

I have a number of Sunday School projects that I get prepackaged that I use for our Sunday School at St. Augustine's. However, we have only 2-4 children, depending on the week and I have to order items by the dozen, so I have extras. I’d like to find another parish with a Sunday School that would like to have these extra supplies.

These are little craft projects. One teaches the colors of the church, one is for Valentine's Day and two are on the Trinity. They come individually packaged with instructions.

If there is a Sunday School out there that would like these items, I have about 10 of each item and I would be happy to send them to any Sunday School teacher that wants them. They can contact me at valeriekazarian@yahoo.com with their contact information and I will send it along to them.

Sister Mary Raphael, O/OSB
Amherst, NH.
St. Luke's

New six panel doors have been added to the Sacristy, Vestry, and closet in the church which has given us an updated look as well as added security.

We saw a wonderful turnout for Christmas Eve service with 74 people attending! The church was so beautifully decorated and it added much to the worship. John Leslie, our organist, produced a wonderful program with several choir members and it was lovely to hear the descants to the old hymns (the notes of which we can only imagine reaching again!).

Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, 20 January 2013. Carol Blodgett and Nick Russell received certificates of service for their time served on the Vestry. New members Peyton (Pete) Hinkle and Elizabeth Ragan were appointed for two year terms. Sr. Warden, Chip Garre, was reappointed to a second term. Frank Williams and Jim Pinard will serve one year terms as Vestry Alternates. Mel and Lil Power will serve a one-year term as Synod Delegates and Chip and Lee Garre as alternates.

As part of our Outreach program we have decided to provide funds monthly to the Lamb's Workshop which is a preschool and kindergarten in Bedford, NH, Grace Christian School which serves the elementary grades, also located in Bedford, and Mt. Zion Christian School in Manchester which provides programs for K-12. All of these schools are providing a valuable Christian education to the youth of the area and it was the decision of the Vestry (upon recommendation of Pete Hinkle and Jim Pinard) to support these schools. Our Outreach continues with the New Life Home in Manchester which we have supported for a number of years.

Our focus as a parish for 2013 is the growth and mission of the church. Two ministries in particular have been looked at: 1) we hope to establish a choir before the end of the year and 2) we wish to resurrect our quarterly publication "The Tidings" upon an editor coming forward.

Stewardship will also be a focus for the new year. Our campaign in the fall saw a number of pledge envelopes returned which has given our treasurer a better picture of budgeting. It is also the hope to form a stewardship committee to further enhance the flow of ideas regarding the financial support of not only our local parish but the larger Church as well.

We were very pleased to hear that Fr. Hendy has been appointed Dean of The Deanery and thus is now known as The Very Rev. Dr. A. H. Webb. This appointment was made by Bishop Marsh as part of his ongoing program to strengthen connections within the diocese.

-----Submitted by Lee Garre

Old Orchard Beach ME
St. Augustine of Canterbury

Well, here we are in February and we’re supposed to be up to our necks in snow. It hasn’t happened yet, but we still have two months of winter to go so there’s still plenty of time for us to be snowed in.

Our Christmas was very spirit-filled. We had our Service of Lessons and Carols on the fourth Sunday in Advent. It was very well received and we no doubt will be planning to do it again next Advent.

We were also able to continue our Outreach Activities for the Christmas season.

We made a donation to the local Food Bank and included a number of boxes of Christmas cards. We do this for the people who shop at the food bank and may not be able to afford to buy Christmas cards. They are always a popular item and don’t last very long at the Food Bank.

We were also fortunate enough to be able to continue our Christmas Bicycles for Foster Children for a second year. This year we were able to collect enough grant money to buy eleven bikes for foster children in York County. One person who heard about the project was moved to donate all of the helmets that were needed to go with the bikes. We worked in coordination with the York County Department of Health and Human Services to make sure needy children receive the bikes. This year we were told of five brothers in one particular family who were caring for their mother who suffers from MS. The boys had just been placed together in a foster home and these were among the children who received bikes for Christmas. This is always a fulfilling project when we are fortunate enough to be able to collect the funds needed for such an ambitious undertaking.

We were also able, through our bottle drive project, to purchase nearly one hundred fifty pairs of socks to donate to the Oxford Street Shelter for the Homeless.

One project that our Sunday School was very excited to participate in was the Snowflake Project started by the Sandy Hook Elementary School PTA.
The group wanted to decorate the new school with as many paper snowflakes as they could collect.

Our two Sunday School students worked excitedly (and with no small mess!) to make sixteen snowflakes that we sent on to the school. We are certain that they are now hanging in a class window in the new Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Our students continue to study toward their Confirmation this April.

We have plans to have a parish function each month. By the time you read this newsletter we will have had our recognition of Shrove Tuesday – which for us will be a pancake brunch together at a local restaurant. We are also trying to plan a St. Patrick's Day dinner together – hopefully homemade by our own Sub-Deacon David.

A new project that the parish is excited to begin is a Parish Profile, a document that examines who we are, describes our church, and its worship, and lays out projections about where we'd like to see St Augustine's go in growth and development. While a parish profile is normally used when searching for a priest, we are a very long way from being able to do that, so the profile will be to us a sort of "business plan", a road map for us to follow and may in the future be used to call a priest of our own. The committee, headed by S/Deacon Patrick Desrosiers, will have begun its work by the time you read this.

We hope you have a wonderful spring and we will be talking to you again soon in a few months.

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

Lebanon NH
Trinity Anglican Church

As our editor implies elsewhere, we are already heading into Lent having just gotten away from Christmas. I know an Episcopal parish which celebrates the mass using Rite I from Advent I through Easter, Rite I being a more penitential form of the mass as presented in the 1979 BCP. They use Rite II the rest of the year. For those in that parish who, like myself, prefer the more traditional setting found in the 1928 BCP, this year seems a gyp as Epiphany was just two Sundays.

In an effort to become more of a presence in the Lebanon community, the rector and vestry have undertaken a Christian education program directed at studying the historical and Biblical foundations of Anglicanism as found in the Chicago/Lambeth Quadrilateral. As with any such new program, success has been developing rather than immediate. We are now beginning to see new faces in the study group to go along with parishioners from both Trinity and Good Shepherd, Charlestown. We are looking forward to continued growth in interest and attendance.

As we have in the past, we continued our outreach to the local community at Christmas time through donations to the Lebanon School system and to the Haven. We have found that there is a continuing need in the school system for school backpacks and for the second year we have contributed six backpacks to needy children.

The Upper Valley Haven exists to provide food, shelter, education and clothing to the more than 5,000 homeless in Vermont and New Hampshire living in the Upper Valley. Trinity has supported this community service for some time and continued it's support this year during the Christmas season with donations of children's snow boots and cooking utensils, as well as a cash donation.

As we head toward Easter, we look forward to an enriched worship experience with our sister parish of Good Shepherd through an expanded worship program made possible by Good Shepherd’s new priest, Rev. Dr. David Moody, who has been so much a part of our development here at Trinity.

-----Allan Wylie

Ellsworth ME
St. Thomas

Greetings from St. Thomas!

While we continue to mourn our departed rector Fr. Granville Henthorne, we are successfully and smoothly making transition. Attendance and membership are remaining steady. Our thanks to those who travel considerable distances in harsh winter conditions. Our deacon Rev. Mr. Ian Dunn conducts Morning Prayer the first Sunday of each month, and assists Fr. Frank Gray who serves Holy Communion on the other Sundays. We pray for Deacon Dunn as he takes his written canonical exams for entrance to the priesthood.

Our vestry meeting was scheduled for Sunday February 10, but due to the blizzard that gripped most of New England the day before, has been rescheduled until Feb. 17.

-----Kevin A. Kelly
West Seneca NY  
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Lenten greetings from Saint Nicholas’ Anglican Church on the Niagara Frontier. A number of important events have transpired since our last installment in the DNE Newsletter.

Saint Nicholas Anglican Church is now in a working partnership with St. James Anglican Church in Tanzania, East Africa. The people in Tanzania live in a third world country, where good employment is very hard to come by, but they are true believers, continually thanking God because God is good to them.

Saint James Anglican Church’s outreach is primarily with widows and orphans due to the widespread devastation of AIDS/HIV infections in that country.

The church congregation there tries their best to help the widows and the children that attend services, but at times it becomes difficult to share even a single coin, because they, like us, depend on sacrificial giving to sustain them. On good days the church helps by providing bread for the women to take home where they can eat it with their grandchildren. They desperately need help in addition to prayers. Friends and supporters of Saint Nicholas Anglican Church have initiated a program to supply them with a diesel powered grinding machine, for use in grinding maize and rice and cassava. This machine will be used to generate income for the church with which the church can more readily continue to help the widows committed to their care. It is their prayer, and our prayer, that God will open the door to provide for them the means to help the poorest of the poor among us. We trust that God will provide. Please visit our missions page on our newly redesigned website at

www.anglicanchurchofsaintnicholas.org

and consider an offering to this project via paypal.

On Thursday Evening, December 6th (being the Feast of Saint Nicholas) members of the 25 piece Buffalo Silver Band performed a wonderful selection of Christmas and Marching Band music to an appreciative ‘crowd’ of approx 30 people in celebration of our parish’s fifth anniversary.

Members of Saint Nicholas provided refreshments. The evening was the first of what we hope will be many where the neighborhood is invited to participate in a free entertainment venue and to take a look at the church’s interior. We were delighted to see some new faces.

...and hopefully will, one day, welcome them as members of our congregation. A Split Club drawing was also included to benefit St. James Anglican Church in Tanzania, Africa. All concert proceeds were donated to the Tanzanian Mary Joseph Widows Fund which currently exceeds one thousand dollars.

On Sunday, January 13th (being the Feast of Our Lord’s Baptism) Saint Nicholas Anglican Church welcomed into our midst two newly baptized Christians, being Genna Rose Brunner and Thomas Ray Brunner Jr. The two children were sponsored by their family and friends. Their family (Tom and Kathy Brunner and sister, Taylor) are the newest members of our parish and are long time friends of Fr. Ed and his wife Barbara. We welcome Genna and T.J. into our fold, trusting that our Lord Jesus will help them grow more and more in the Spirit and finally be confirmed by the Bishop when the time is right.

Our congregation now sports three acolytes who come each week to help at the altar on Sundays. Fr. Ed has been showing them ‘the ropes’ a nautical term from the middle ages on how to keep the ship going in the right direction after setting sail. Luke and Devin Littler and Taylor Brunner will be trained
in all aspects of being an acolyte including presentation of the gifts, ablutions, and the proper use of bells and incense in a liturgical setting.

Pictured:
Devin Littler (L) and brother, Luke Littler (R) as they perform the service of ‘Torchbearer’ during our Christmas Eve celebration.

--- Fr. Ed Ihde

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

Time is a magical thing, isn’t it? It seems that we just celebrated Christmas, then we blinked, and now we begin Lenten preparations in only one week. We will hold our third annual “Shrove Sunday” Pancake Brunch in a few days; three weeks later, we will host a “Lenten Lunch” in a series of luncheons to be held in various area churches. The host church provides the soup and bread and dessert, and another pastor will lead us all in the program.

Our parish is going through a period of introspection, leading us toward a parish profile and consideration for our future. Please keep us all in your prayers.

On a personal note, I lost my father the week before Christmas. We took two hurried flights to Florida in 12 days, but we were blessed during the first trip to be able to say good-bye, to say some prayers with Dad, and to feel God’s grace. We healed some family relationships that had become estranged, as my father’s, and our Father’s, love surrounded us.

The entire month of December was a blur, and it took on a totally different feeling, as we celebrated the birth of Christ in a simpler manner than usual: many fewer decorations and gifts and visits with friends. We didn’t gather in a manger, but we beheld His presence and the miracle of His love for all.

A heavy snowfall after Christmas was a stark contrast to the nearly snowless winter of last year. We are surviving the arctic temperatures. As I write this (February 6th) I notice the clump of Snowdrops outside my window pushing up through the snow. They are a calendar in themselves, appearing at the beginning of every February, in the midst of cold and dark and dreary days, giving me hope that the bleak mid-winter will surely give way to an early Spring and bestow the warmth of sunshine on my soul.

-- Diane S. Jones

Webster, NY
Holy Cross ACA

Several of our parishioners had the honor of witnessing the ordination of Edward H. Ihde to the Sacred Order of Priests last November 17th. It was truly a day full of Blessings, from the perfect weather, to the colorful pageantry, to meaningful music, to warm friendships, and to a lasting call to serve Our Lord.

Our annual parish meeting was well attended on Sunday, December 9th. There were several lively discussion, serious decisions made, and solidarity reestablished as we continue to go about Our Father’s business. Our congregation is composed of a variety of people from diverse backgrounds. Our common thread is a spiritual yen to worship together, nourish our love of Our Lord, and support each other.

Paula Neville-Quenell and Holly Hoyen did an admirable job of spearheading our Christmas Pot Luck Supper on December 16. We’ve found that where there’s food, there’s people. This event was no exception and we all had a lot of fun, not to mention fabulous food. I’m sure you’ll find several of the recipes for the edible extravaganzas as well as plain fare, in the St. Martha’s Guild cookbook, due out in the spring of 2013.

After the pot luck supper, Grace and Nora Mahoney gave each of the women a tree ornament they’d made. The girls had glued three Popsicle sticks in a triangle, then, glued a short piece of a tinsel garland onto the base and nestled a peanut in the shell on the garland. They’d added a string to the apex of the triangle and, voila, a manger tree ornament.

The next Sunday, Grace and Nora sported very clever hairdo’s. Each pulled her hair back into a bun with a piece of red garland on the end of it. Two googlie eyes plus two pipe-cleaners shaped as antlers. We all had to smile at the lovely little reindeer in our midst. We can only pray that the Mahoney family is enjoying us as much as we are enjoying having them as part of our church family.
Is any church not lovely at Christmas? Be it ever so humble with a few pine sprigs or festooned with elaborate gilt tapestries and icons, the Blessings of the Christ child’s birth can transform every thing and everyone.

We were blessed during our family Christmas Eve service this year, with the melodious voices of many young children harmonizing with our mature voices. Talk about a joyful noise unto the Lord!

On a very serious and sad note, our hearts and prayers went out to the victims of the Dec 24 morning slaying of several first responders. The West Webster Fire Hall is our next door neighbor and the incident took place near our location. We prayed for the families involved and that peace will return to our community. There were a lot of expressions of love, sympathy, and tangible goods during the immediate shock and compassion, so, while we participate in various events now, we will plan some kind of meaningful memorial service around the time of the 1th anniversary.

Do Anglicans believe in angels? I suspect the angels were in charge of our Epiphany Brunch on January 6th. After Joyce Rice posted a sign-up sheet, things seemed to take off on their own. Stratas, quiches, fruit, juices, and coffee cakes just seemed to appear and, just as quickly, disappeared, leaving only a few crumbs to attest to the feast that was.

We continue to bathe in the glorious sounds of the Dr. Walmisley’s Folly’s singers every first Sunday afternoon of the month at 4.00 PM. They are under the very able leadership of our organist, Aaron James. Parishioners rotate providing a light supper for the singers, so we tell them they are “singing for their suppers”. It is a labor of love on both sides. We anticipate excerpts of their singing will soon be heard on WXXI’s “Heart and Song” radio program.

Our Vestry welcomed its newest member, Catherine Shutt, at its first meeting on Jan20. She is an active member of our Christian Education, as well as being a wife, mother, and Third/Fourth Grade Teacher at the Sherman Elementary School in the Rush Henrietta School District. We are looking forward to her professionalism, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas.

Our annual Shrove-Tuesday-on-Sunday Brunch was held on Feb 10. This year Chris Bowen, Stu Hotchkiss, and Dave Chamberlin, manned the flippers, served, and did the heavy clean-up. Alas, some of the women did lend a hand, however, there is nothing like a man-flipped butter-milk pancake with all the trimmings.

Bon Appetit!

-----In His Hands, Kate Chamberlin, Clerk of the Vestry

Raymond ME
Our Benedictines

We all know that Lent is the season for looking deep into your soul and for making course corrections as needed, and we ALL need them, being the fallen creatures that we are. We tend to think of the negative, denial, during this time but I like to think of it in a more positive light... as a season of reflection and readjustment. We replace bad habits with good ones as we pray and meditate on all that God has done for us. Fr Kevin will be taking this to heart more this year as he is just out of the hospital from having 2 nearly completely blocked arteries and is the proud owner of a new stent and new medicines. He will be adjusting to this new turn of events with a better eating program and God help him....EXERCISE!

There are things in life that we don't like to do, but oddly enough, many of these things, when done with a cheerful attitude, offer us the most personal growth especially when we reach out to someone else who is struggling too. Lent is a time where we look inward, outward, and forward with the light of Christ as a beacon for our thoughts and actions. We thank you for your prayers as Fr. Kevin embarks on his new lease on life. Yes, life is a gift from our Heavenly Father, but our time here is on lease with an expiration date. Lent is the perfect time to "get our ducks in a row" so we can be the most use to the people around us for as long as we have. May you have a blessed and insightful Lent.

Thanks to our animal angels who have been helpful in keeping our animals fed and warm this winter. Our blind pony, Reily, whom we have had here for 14 years without incident, the official greeter, managed to nearly rip off his eyelid in Nov. in a freak accident. Our wonderful veterinarian came and reattached it not knowing whether or not it would heal. This surgery put a great dent in our funds but I am happy to report that it did heal and Reily is once again back at the gate greeting all who come. We know that money is tight for everyone right now but we are looking for anyone who would like to be a regular benefactor for these animals. We have committed to taking care of them for the length of their lives. We do all the
work...would you like to help financially?? It is such a blessing for me, personally, especially on a hard day, to know that the things I do make a better life for these animals who would be dead were they not here with us simply because they are handicapped: they were not perfect in someone's eye. I am not perfect either but I am a creature of God and so are they.

-----Sr. Mary Francis, OSB

Concord NH
All Saints

When the days are short and the cold of winter swirls about, there are bright spots within the Season that shed light and conquer the long nights of darkness. All Saints Parish in Concord, New Hampshire is known for providing a glimpse of this light and comfort.

Amahl and the Knight Visitors was performed for the City of Concord on December 22, at the Concord City Auditorium as a joint offering and venture by All Saints Church and Just Love to Sing, whose director, Jane Cormier, is Arts Ministry Director of All Saints. The amazing turnout for this free event was astounding! Hundreds filled the auditorium to witness Amahl—the modern children’s opera written to honor the visit of the Three Kings to a destitute family who offer to the Magi a resting stop on their way to visit the Christ Child—this beautiful Christmas Story highlights the need for compassion and faith, generosity and hope, as a prerequisite to welcoming Our Lord at the time of His Nativity, both in history and especially today. Members of the Parish performed major roles

Christopher Martinez played the lead role admirably as Amahl, and Carlos Martinez sang the role of the Magi, Caspar.
Jane Cormier took on the Director’s role, and Fr. Christian provided the sumptuous costumes for the Three Kings (rumored he just used pieces from his vast store of vestments!).

The festive High Mass for the celebration of the Holy Nativity was celebrated with great solemnity at All Saints. Again Fr. Robert Smolley and Br. Francis of Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, joined in the celebration. Clouds of incense rose and candelabra flickered in the dark as the Holy Eucharist began. Bells chimed at the Gloria in Excelsis, and the Sacred Ministers performed their august duties as the first Offering of the Christ-Mass filled the space with praise to welcome the new born King. Fr. Robert preached a beautiful homily on the importance of the Child, and traditional hymns echoed in union with the Angelic Hosts who first sang on that blessed night.

In honor of the incredible gift of the Incarnation—in which the Word became flesh at the moment of His conception in Saint Mary’s womb—All Saints again participated in the annual Right to Life march held in the Capitol City of Concord, New Hampshire. Parishioners held aloft signs and prayed with both Roman Catholic and Evangelical Christians for a cessation of the crimes against the Author of Life. So beautiful this witness, that All Saints has been asked to participate in the 40 Days for Life, which is a peaceful prayer vigil held outside abortion clinics with the aim of ‘praying’ them out of business, with the focus being on Manchester, New Hampshire. Parishioners have signed up and have been granted Mondays in the Lenten Season as our special day of ministry and prayer.

Ministry, as we have read, is varied at All Saints. Besides the monthly healing Services at the Veterans Home in Tilton, New Hampshire, and Harris Hill Nursing Center in Concord, New Hampshire, the Senior Warden, Joann Samson, PhD, is starting the School of Healing Prayer, a program which focuses on the biblical ministry of Christ-centered healing. Joann is trained in all levels of the program and will open up the classes to all interested in learning about this significant ministry.

Instruction is important at all age levels and Fr. Christian has been invited by a number of institutions —College level to Primary—to speak on a variety of subjects and issues. In the School District of Belmont New Hampshire, he has been instructing choral classes on the history of chant and medieval monasticism. He teaches about the value of symbolism and “how” to read without benefit of the written word. It is an exercise in pointing children in the public school system to a history and lifestyle that is forgotten: one that was based on God, and created for love of Him, the beautiful sacred art and music of the Age of Faith.
Lenten-tide is upon us, and All Saints is providing ample opportunity to grow in Faith and Charity. The *Book of Revelation* is being offered as the Wednesday night (5:30 PM) study after the Holy Eucharist, and *Contemplative Compline with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* on Friday evenings (5:30 PM) after Holy Mass. Again the full compliment of Services for Holy Week will be available:

- **Palm Sunday** (March 24) 9:30 AM
  - Blessing and Solemn Procession of Palms
- **Spy Wednesday** (March 27) 5:30 PM
- **Holy Thursday** (March 28) 6:00 PM
  - Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Mandatum
- **Good Friday** (March 29) 6:00 PM
  - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- **Holy Saturday** (March 30) 8:00 PM
  - The Great Vigil of Easter
- **Easter Sunday** (March 31) 8:00 AM

All are welcome to share in the Sacred Drama and beauty of Holy Week. For more information see www.allsaintsnh.com

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**Waterville ME**

**Holy Trinity**

Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Waterville is looking forward with joyous expectation to Deacon Ed Kalish’s ordination to the priesthood. He has been our pastor for almost three years now and has completed the written portion of his canonical examination. Each Sunday he and his devoted wife Linda have driven the hundred-twenty-mile round-trip from their home in Brewer, Maine to be with us, as friend and spiritual leader. The Anglican Church is truly blessed by such committed clergy.

In January our congregation lost Heather Flewelling, our eldest parishioner. Deacon Kalish conducted a moving funeral for the wide circle of relatives and friends gathered to remember her life. At such times, one is particularly thankful for the comfort and dignity imparted by the words of the Book of Common Prayer.

Another source of strength—as well as an expression of our faith—is our music. Beloved hymns and liturgical settings led each week by our organist, Dr. Painter, encourage and inspire.

*Submitted by Shyla Spear, Clerk*

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**Tuxedo, New York**

**Saint Elizabeth’s**

We pray that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and will be blessed with a prosperous, healthy and happy 2013. December at St. Elizabeth’s was once again filled with our “traditional” Christmas season activities - our annual wreath and poinsettia sale, food collections and distributions at our local food pantry, a delightful Sunday School Christmas pageant, and joyful Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and year end services in our beautifully decorated chapel. It’s hard to believe all of that happened several weeks ago and we’re preparing for the Lenten season already!

On a sad note in December, we bid a final farewell to our dear friend, David Quackenbush. David was predeceased by his beloved wife, Betty. David and Betty deeply cared about St. Elizabeth’s and its congregation. They generously shared their love of music with all of us by funding several concerts and musical performances at St. Elizabeth’s throughout the years. Although David’s failing health had kept him from active parish involvement in recent months, he remained in touch with our St. Elizabeth’s family. He continued to generously support all of our endeavors whenever a need arose, recently furnishing a new furnace for the parish house where we have our Sunday School and significantly assisting us in achieving our fund-raising goal for the restoration of our beautiful chapel. David’s delightful sense of humor and genuine love for all of us, our St. Elizabeth’s family will remain in our hearts always and he will be sorely missed by all of us.

In January, we held our annual congregation meeting. After an inspiring opening message from Bishop Langberg, there was an enthusiastic discussion about the year ahead. Parishioners offered many great suggestions for increased outreach efforts and special events to raise awareness of St. Elizabeth’s presence in the community and encourage growth in our congregation. Several excellent ideas for programs to enrich our spiritual lives were brought forth as well. We are thankful for those dedicated folks elected to serve on our vestry this year and pray that their service will be a fruitful and rewarding experience, and that they will provide us with the leadership needed to accomplish our goals in 2013.

Also in January, we were delighted to host a most welcome visitation from Bishop Brian Marsh. We give thanks for our bishop’s Godly wisdom, exceptional leadership, and genuine concern for those he serves in the Diocese of the NE. We are so blessed to have him in our diocese. May God keep our bishop in His care as he faithfully carries out his duties throughout our diocese.

February ushers in the season of Lent, when we will once again participate in Wednesday evening Lenten services shared with our neighboring churches, with each church taking a turn at hosting a service. We look forward to this opportunity to wor-
ship and share in fellowship with our Christian friends and neighbors.

During this Lenten season, may we all take more time for prayer, meditation and quiet reflection to nurture our faith.

I’ll close with this very pleasant thought........as I write this article on a chilly winter’s night with a foot of snow on our lawn and huge icicles dangling from our gutters, a gaze at the calendar reminds me that the lovely and uplifting season of spring begins in just a little over five weeks. Praise God!

-----In Him, Caroline Dibble

**Portland ME**

**St. Paul’s**

Budd Martin, our treasurer for 5 years, died on Jan. 2, 2013, after a long illness. When he was first elected we were in dire straits financially, and with a dwindling congregation. Our new priest, Fr. Logan, began bringing in new people, and Buddy worked miracles with our budget. We became financially sound and even paid back past due diocesan assessments. Even during his last days he continued to handle our finances. He was God-sent and we will miss him greatly. We think God must have needed his accounting skills in heaven. The sung Requiem was held on Jan. 5 and Bishop Marsh was the celebrant, one of Buddy’s last wishes. The Reverend Prior Kevin Le Marre sang beautifully as Precentor. A reception was held after the service for visiting clergy and families.

We had a profitable Christmas Fair, netting $1000. Christmas services were well attended and the weather cooperated. At our annual meeting, Ed. Pettit was elected as the new treasurer and he will also continue as Jr. Warden with everyone’s help. The Ladies Guild prepared a fabulous pot luck lunch for the meeting.

We are now planning for Lenten and Holy Week services.

-----Submitted by John C. Serrage, Sr. Warden

**West Winfield NY**

**St. Lucy’s**

Greetings from West Winfield, NY!

Here we are keeping the faith. Father Rich has been asked to help out at St. Thomas of Canterbury, another Anglican Parish near Albany, NY, as they get settled after some recent changes and plot a course for the future. So at least two Sundays a month he is gone there, and a lot of his time is spent for them. We here are glad to be able to make that sacrifice for our fellow Christians. Greg Conklin has eagerly stepped up to do Morning Prayer when Father Rich is gone. We have been able to share some activities such as attending Christmas Eve service, and the contact with other Anglicans is a blessing.

Often it feels like we are a tiny outpost on the frontier here. We struggle with the challenges of passing on the faith to our children, and reaching out to the world around us. We have a significant outreach budget this year, for us anyway, and the kids are going to be in on how we use it. We are trying to think outside the box about how to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission. Hopefully we will have something interesting to report next time.

-----In Him, Caroline Dibble

**Halfmoon NY**

**St. Thomas of Canterbury**

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Halfmoon, NY, is not an ACA parish, but I have been blessed to be asked to serve as their interim rector. For several years the folks here have given me a warm welcome through various involvements. Recently they made some changes to try to reverse the decline of their parish, and I am thrilled to be part of the new plan.

The congregation is small, but what enthusiasm they have for Jesus! It is exciting to see people willing to change long established ways of doing things in hopes of getting the Gospel out better. There is a beautiful little church building and hall, and with vigor dedicated members are reworking the website, finding new signs, and developing a marketing plan. We have already put together one event on short notice before Christmas; an animal event like a living nativity, where people could interact with sheep, goats, and calves on the front lawn of the church. What a great job everyone did, and it was fun!

While I am glad to serve as priest here, an immense satisfaction comes from seeing people grow spiritually, purposefully developing initiative to do what they can when I can’t be there. You may have heard of someone who is “an accident looking for a place to happen.” Well, the members of STOC are becoming worship looking for a place to happen. We are doing the “Year of the Bible,” reading the whole Bible book by book together. People are coming forth to pitch in as needs arise. It is an encouragement. If you are near Albany, or know someone who is, check us out!

-----Faithfully, Father Rich

-----Ingrid Magar
Brooklyn NY
St. Joseph

Greetings in the name of the Lord from St. Joseph’s Anglican Church in Brooklyn, NY.

I am writing to you on behalf of the congregation of St Joseph’s Anglican Church. The following is a quick listing of some of the events that have transpired during the last few months.

We were lucky that Superstorm Sandy did not have time for us as she moved on to bigger and brighter targets near the water. We suffered minor damage such as rain, a few shingles flying and a ripped off gutter. Other than that, we are no worse for wear and would like to thank all those who called to check and see how we were doing.

In November 2012, three of our members celebrated their birthdays. They are, from left to right, Mr. David Christian, Mrs. Mryna Mullings and Mr. Matthew Horsford. All are pictured to the right after receiving a birthday prayer from our very own Rev, Canon Neville Brathwaite. My, such serious looks. We wish them the best.

Christmastime came and went and we did not have our Annual Children’s Christmas Party like we usually have, due to scheduling and such, but next year, God willing, we will continue the tradition that we have had for so many years. But that doesn’t matter because now, Archdeacon Koller is back with us and, from the amount of energy he is putting out, you would have thought that he went on vacation. We are glad to have him back.

In January 2013, a number of our members celebrated their birthdays. Mrs. Doreen Smith, whom I have yet to get a picture of, Mrs. Mavis Baptiste (pictured far left), Mrs. Nicole Nicholson (pictured middle right) & little Ms. Rhyania Heusner (being held by her daddy on the left).

As is our custom, those who are celebrating birthdays receive a special prayer from one of our priests (Archdeacon Alan Koller or Canon Neville Brathwaite) and then they get sung to. I am just waiting for Fathers Koller and Brathwaite to cut their first cd with such timely classics as Happy Birthday and How Old Are You Now. Definitely worth the money, I would say.

February was supposed to start off with a Pre-Valentine’s Day Breakfast but, thanks to Storm Nemo, it was postponed. I know that it is being postponed to a later time but that information is not available to me at the time of this writing. I’ll let you know how it went next time.

As Lenten season approaches us, we are dealing with the usual winter hazards such as snow and ice which hinder our congregation from coming in. We are continuing steadfastly in the path that the Lord has and is directing us and pray that, through our faith and works, we will continue to do what is beneficial to our members and all who come and visit us.

With that said and done, we wish all of our brother and sister parishes a Happy Lenten Season and may they prosper in the upcoming days, months and years that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ allowed us to have through the shedding of His most blessed and precious blood.

Sincerely submitted,
Mark Black
Subdeacon, Postulant & Webmaster.

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

The most significant news from the Church of the Good Shepherd this season is that we have a new priest! Bishop Brian Marsh ordained our deacon, David W. Moody to the sacred order of the priesthood on December 1, 2012 at Trinity Anglican Church, our diocesan pro-cathedral in Rochester, NH. Bishop Marsh was ably assisted at the service by Frs.
Owen Williams and Christian Tutor.

Despite the snowy day, many travelled considerable distances to be with Fr. David. His daughter Sarah and granddaughter Ruth travelled from Texas. Jeanne’s brother and sister-in-law and their children were also present as well as David’s cousin from Florida. The Rev. Kyriakos Saravelas, a Greek Orthodox priest, and his wife joined us from Beverly, Mass. Fr. Kerry is one of David’s oldest friends from their high school days at the Brown & Nichols School in Cambridge, Mass. Fr. Kerry read the epistle during the service and presented him with a stunning priest’s pectoral cross. Subsequently, Bishop Marsh appointed Fr. David as associate rector of Good Shepherd.

Fr. David is a graduate of Harvard College and received his doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University in geography. He was a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, DC for over 30 years and then served as a water resources consultant for the Organization of American States. He was ordained to the deaconate in May 2005 and has been a member of Good Shepherd since moving to New Hampshire in 2000. Fr. David, his wife Jeanne, and three cats, live in Alstead.

During the Lenten season, our Bible Study group is undertaking a study of the Apostles’ Creed. Our study is based on an excellent set of video presentations by noted theologians, such as Dr. N.T. Wright, Bishop of Durham, Dr. Alistair McGrath, Wycliffe College, Oxford, and Dr. Kallistos Ware, Bishop of Diokleia, Oxford. The series, prepared by The Christian History Institute (publishers of the Christian History Magazine), consists of 17 30-minute sessions. We believe that this is a very valuable introduction to Christianity and its beliefs for newcomers and inquirers.

On Quinquagesima Sunday we joined the Charlestown 4-H across the street at the old Town Hall for a wonderful pancake breakfast. Feasting will continue on Shrove Tuesday with the service of Evening Prayer followed by our free community Pancake Supper. On Ash Wednesday, Fr. David and Fr. Art Bennett will hold a prayer service at the Sullivan County Nursing Home. Bishop Marsh will join us in the evening at church to celebrate Holy Eucharist and distribute ashes to our congregation.

We are pleased to note that we survived “Nemo,” the blizzard of 2013 nicely. There were no power outages in our area and all fared well. We do, however, look forward to the Spring and the emergence of the bright yellow daffodils that we planted last fall.

In the meantime we pray that our brothers and sisters in the Northeast will stay warm, have a peaceful Lent, and celebrate a joyful Resurrection of Our Lord.

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

Obituary

James Davis, Priest of God

The Reverend Canon James Herbert Davis died on January 25, 2013 in Sanford ME, following a lengthy illness. He was 84 years old.

Father Jim, as he was known, was born in Saugus, Mass on November 20, 1928, the son of Laurence Frederic and Helen Graves Davis. He spent his childhood in Saugus, graduating from Saugus High School in 1947.

Following his graduation from Boston University in 1951, he attended Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin, graduating in 1954. He was then ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church of the USA in June of 1954, and was assigned to the Episcopal Church in Ansted, West Virginia. On January 1, 1955 he was ordained Priest by Bishop Campbell in Ansted, and served the diocese of West Virginia in both Ansted and Hinton; before attending the University of West Virginia to pursue advanced studies.

Following completion of his studies, he served churches in Illinois and Iowa before moving back to New England and residing in Biddeford and then
Sanford and Springvale, Maine. After returning to Maine, he joined the Anglican Church and served Churches in Portland, ME, Conway, NH and the Trinity Anglican Church (Pro-Cathedral) in Rochester, NH. Fr. Jim would also supply at All Saints in Danville, VT while visiting family in the area. It was while serving St. Margaret's of Scotland Church in Conway, NH, that he met and married his devoted wife, Jean Marie Reckus. They married in February of 1996, and she survives him. Fr. Jim was made a Canon of the Anglican Church in America.

Father Jim was an avid stamp collector, a lover of museums, genealogy and anything historical. He loved spending time in Boston, browsing the library, the churches, and many other places of interest to him. Researching his ancestors was of great interest to him, and he and Jean had the pleasure of visiting some hometowns of ancestors in England, as well as several cathedrals, while traveling there in the 1990s. His interest in railroads was legendary, and he would go to great lengths to ride as many trains as possible throughout his lifetime as well as share many stories about his many excursions.

While in Maine, he served as a volunteer and a member of the Board at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, where he could be found riding one of the touring trolleys, relating the history of Trolleys and of the museum. Other fond memories of his were watching the restoration of the Saugus Iron Works (where he volunteered as a guide for a few summers when he was in college), and the several summers as a boy spent at Camp O-At-Ka in Sebago, Maine. His love of cats was known by all, and one could find his cat curled upon his lap while Fr. Jim read one of his many books or magazines from his vast library. Fr. Jim held membership within the brotherhood of Masons for over 40 years. Fr. Jim was a mentor and sponsor to many within the Recovery Program of A.A. and recently celebrated his 38th anniversary. Fr. Jim served his church well with love, diligently and with enthusiasm.

Father Jim leaves his wife Jean of Springvale, ME, his sister, Patricia Davis Hoffman of Davidson, NC; his brother, Franklin Graves Davis (Diane) of Stonington, CT and his younger sister, Gretchen Davis Hammer (Kenneth) of St. Johnsbury, VT; and many nieces and nephews.

Requiem

The Rev. Canon James Davis

We at Trinity Procathedral were saddened at the passing of our former Interim rector and longtime priest-member, Fr. Jim Davis, priest of God, tireless worker for the faith, and good friend. We were touched and honored to be able to host his Requiem, to commit him sadly and joyfully to his final journey upward to the Throne. May he rest in peace!

Our thanks go to the Autumn Green Funeral Home of Alfred ME for the graciousness with which they took care of the arrangements. On Thursday, Feb. 28 the family and friends gathered there in the presence of his mortal remains, dressed as is fit, in the vestments of a priest, a task performed earlier by Frs. Williams and Tutor.

March 2, the Feast of the Purification, was the day of his Requiem, celebrated by Bishop Marsh, assisted by Bishop Langberg and Fr. Tutor, with our own Fr. Williams as cantor and several diocesan clergy present, some vested and in procession and some in the congregation. Fr. Jim would have been glad to see Bishop Ford of the Old Roman Catholic Church there also, as they served together on the Commission on Ministry when Bp. Ford was with our diocese.

The Mass was celebrated with full choir and much of the richness of ceremony that he so much appreciated, in a church filled with those who loved him. His sister Gretchen delivered a very touching tribute at the sermon time, followed directly by the Bishop’s equally touching homily. This writer was deeply moved when, at the end of the service, all his brother clergy (including those who had not vested) gathered around his remains for the ceremony of the Absolution of the Departed.

The ladies of the church outdid themselves in organizing the reception after the service, truly a testimony to the regard in which he was held.

His ashes temporarily rest beneath the high altar of Trinity awaiting their final burial at Nashotah House, the seminary that meant so much to him.
The Advent season at St. Matthias began with our friend, Bishop Edmund Jayaraj of the HCC-AR, celebrating a very meaningful service of the Holy Eucharist with us on the First Sunday in Advent. Olde Mystic Village is very festive during the Christmas shopping period, and features a Festival of Light one Friday evening in December; as the Meeting-house is used for a variety of events, including skits and community sing-a-longs that evening, evangelism is a bit tricky to pull off, nevertheless Deacon Merrill and another member were there for the festivities.

There was great response for the memorial poinsettias for Christmas, resulting in an impressive array of the flowers around the Meeting-house.

On Feb. 3, we honored one of our members, Chuck Wonneberger, as he was presented with his Lay Reader's License. Chuck is a long-time work associate of Deacon Merrill, and with his wife, Cathy, have been faithfully attending St. Matthias for several months, their presence positively enhancing the ministry there.

The winter weather has played a bit of havoc with us this year, services had to be cancelled on Dec. 30 and Feb. 10; a forecast of more snow for Ash Wednesday did not materialize, so we were able to have our evening observance, with a good turnout among regular congregants, as well as three visitors. Glory be to God!

As were many in our diocese, we were saddened with the news of the passing of Father Canon James Davis, who had bonded with and positively influenced Deacon Merrill during his postulancy and ordination process.

On the plus side, we at St. Matthias Church will soon begin a book study series on Louis Cassels' work, "Christian Primer: Adult answers to basic questions about the Christian Faith". Mr. Cassels was for many years senior editor of United Press International, and authored a weekly column, "Religion in America". This book, first published in 1964, is no longer in print; however Deacon Merrill was able to obtain several copies for the study, which promises to be very engaging!

Our wishes to all for a blessed Lenten season, Holy Week, and Eastertide!

——Deacon Merrill Perkins

Elizabeth N.J
Iglesia Anglicana San Agustin

Deacon Alvarez having moved on, St. Augustine’s is now under the pastoral care of Fr. Luis Aguilar. Photo taken at Synod.

Here are two photos of the neighborhood in which they are ministering:

St. Johnsbury VT
Christ Church

I am so sorry I was not able to contribute an article to the NEA this time, but was very happy to see that Fr. Moody sent a picture of his visit to Christ Church. It was wonderful having him there.
You have probably heard that Jim has been in the hospital for surgery and had to follow up for 6 weeks (twice a day) for infusions at the hospital. It took up much of the day getting him up there, staying for the 2 hr. treatment, and then returning home...only to do it all over again several hours later. We were both quite worn out at the end of nearly 8 weeks. Needless to say, we could not attend church for that time period.

Jim is now feeling great and we are finally back to church. Hopefully, I'll have something for the next NEA.

Thank you for your understanding.

-----Marlene Steelman

**News Notes**

The House of Bishops and the Executive Council will meet at St. Paul's Parish in Brockton, Massachusetts. The House of Bishops will meet on Tuesday, April 23. The Executive Council will convene on April 24 – 25. Episcopal consecrations will be held on April 25 (Rochester, New Hampshire) and 27 (Brockton, Massachusetts). Orthodox Anglican bishops will attend and participate in the consecrations. This is fully consistent with the Christian practice. It is also an opportunity for Classical Anglicans to come together in unity.

**April 25.** The Consecration of Owen Rhys Williams will be held at Trinity Pro Cathedral in Rochester, New Hampshire in the early evening of April 25.

**April 27.** The Consecration of James Randall Hiles will be held at St. Paul’s Parish on Saturday morning, April 27.

On December 23rd, the blessed remains of the Right Rev. Bruce Chamberlain and his wife Lois were moved from St. Paul’s Church in Portland Maine, our former pro-cathedral, to the chapel of St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church in Conway, NH. Bishop Chamberlain was the founding rector of St. Margaret’s which later served as the first pro-cathedral of the Diocese. A service of formal committal will be planned with his family and his remains and those of his wife will be laid to rest inside the chapel altar at the request of the family. Additional details will follow. Welcome home +Bruce and Lois.

**The Rev. Canon Anthony Morello, RIP.** Canon Anthony Morello of the Diocese of the West passed to eternal life, early Sunday morning, January 13, 2013. Canon Morello served as Vicar General of the Diocese of the West. He was instrumental in shepherding the parish of St. Mary of the Angels during its recent difficulties. Because of Canon Morello's efforts, St. Mary of the Angels has stabilized and has now resumed services. Canon Morello was also rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Fountain Valley, California. A Requiem Mass was held at All Saints Anglican Church on Wednesday, January 23 at 4:00 pm, Bishop Marsh celebrating.

**St Mary of the Angels Rededication** A rededication of the parish of St. Mary of the Angels originally scheduled for February 10, is now tentatively scheduled for early April.

**DEUS Synod.** The synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States will be held at St. Patrick’s Anglican Church in Titusville, Florida from February 19-22, 2013. An Election Synod for the new diocesan was held as part of the synod, Bishop Suffragan John Vaughan being elected Bishop Ordinary, his enthronement being scheduled for Friday morning, February 22. Please keep Bishop Vaughan and the people of the DEUS in your prayers as they take this important step in their service to God’s church.

**DEANERY APPOINTMENTS.** The rural deaneries have been redesigned and new appointments have been made. These are as follows:

- **Deanery of Maine, the Very Rev. Samuel M. Logan, Dean.** The Deanery of Maine comprises the seven parishes and missions within the State of Maine.

- **Deanery of Vermont and New Hampshire, The Very Rev. Alexander H. "Hendy" Webb, Dean.** The Deanery of Vermont and New Hampshire comprises the eight parishes and missions in Vermont and New Hampshire, along with the parishes of Brockton, Massachusetts and Mystic, Connecticut.

- **Deanery of Western New York, The Very Rev. Richard Dibble, Dean.** The Deanery of Western New York comprises the five parishes and missions from Albany to the Pennsylvania border. The New York area has been divided into two deaneries, given the size of the state. Included in this total is the parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, which will be included as an associated parish.

- **Deanery of Southern New York, The Very Rev. Robert Ley, Interim Dean.** The Deanery of Southern New York comprises the four parishes and missions in the New York City area, including the parish of St. Augustine in Elizabeth, New Jersey. I have asked Fr. Bob Ley to serve as dean in a temporary capacity.

**ST. LUKE’S SUMMER CAMP.** It is not too early to set your schedule for Summer Camp. St. Luke’s Camp has been set for August 4 - 10. This is an excellent week of camping in a Christian setting. The education is exceptions, the performances fun and entertaining. Many campers return year after year. Join in support of this excellent camping experience, which is superbly led by Fr. Richard Dibble.
Winter has been very hard on Trinity Anglican Church. It seems that every other week, the Sunday bulletin reads, “We pray for the Repose of the Soul and Holy progress of ….” There have been some upbeat moments. The Saville Organ has been moved into the Church and is now functioning and enhancing our 9:30 Service. The Choir Director and Organist, Dean Warden, has dusted off his organ shoes and is polishing up his pedal board skills. As of this writing we have yet to schedule the dedication and blessing of the organ and recital. With Lent quickly approaching, it seems we will have to wait until after Easter. Meanwhile, the choir is again going to collaborate with the choir of the First United Methodist Church in a performance of John Rutter’s “Requiem.” The presentation is planned for some time during Holy Week.

Near the end of January, during the Sunday service, Abigail Noell Pollard was made a child of God and an heiress to the Kingdom is a very joyful baptism.

Thanks to a bequest from the family of Richard Wiley we began a frontal project. With special thanks to Kim Riley, Sara Lovo and Elizabeth Temple who began the sewing on the project. Thanks also to Lucinda Borrone, who completed the project and also sewed a new black funeral pall. The parish now has a full complement for the seasons of the church including a rose frontal and super frontal; truly a work of art. May we all have a blessed Lent.

Saint Luke’s Camp
August 4-10, 2013
Hinsdale, MA

This year’s theme:

Renew, Keep, Redeem!

Plan on sending kids age 7-15 for a week of growth in Christ and FUN!

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“Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.

Remember
whence you came and where you go, remember.
Remember
you are not a self-made one, remember.
Remember
that by my hand you come from dust, remember.
Remember
that your days on earth will end, remember.
Remember
that you shall return to dust, remember.
Remember
that by your sin you have earned death, remember.
Remember
that by my son you will have life, remember.
Remember
the cross, the resurrection, the everlasting love, remember.
Remember
with repentance and with thanks and praise, remember.

—ed pacht

from the Presiding Bishop

Necessary Days

In our worship on Ash Wednesday we express sorrow for our sins and recognize our wretched state. Such words may hit us with great force; they are in fact designed to shock us into awareness, to provoke us to a healthy change. Such change will take time. A transformation that requires us to gain new and contrite hearts will not happen over night. It is why we are given forty days.

Forty days is a very precise figure; the days of Lent are calculated with a certain accuracy that is rarely reserved for other seasons. The number of days in Advent, Epiphany and Trinity are variable.

True, the Christmas season has twelve days, but the Biblical number forty is reserved only for the Lenten season.

Our empirical age regards numbers with a certainty that often transcends spiritual reality. But the number forty had a very important meaning to the ancient Hebrew people, a meaning that said more than a sum of individual digits: "forty" meant "a sufficient time." Lent is more than a number of days; it is a reminder to us that we have been granted a sufficient amount of time to pray, meditate and empty ourselves of all the unnecessary "transgressions" that get in the way of God's purpose. These are necessary days, days that are important for our spiritual and physical health.

Each year at this time, I take a certain book off a shelf in my study. It is called The Days of Lent. It was written by a Nineteenth Century bishop, The Rt. Rev. Frederick Dan Huntington. Bishop Huntington's book offers a brief meditation for every day in Lent. It is a supplement to the daily office, reminding me of the importance of using the days of Lent for prayer and meditation.

It is my prayer that we may all use the necessary days of Lent by putting ourselves in a right relationship with God. We do this not by numbering our virtues, but by acknowledging our imperfections and transgressions. Removing these from our lives will free us to do the work we have been called to do. This is the purpose of the necessary days of Lent.

A Blessed and Holy Lent to you all.
Your Brother in Christ,
+Brian

T

urn ye even unto me, saith the Lord, with all your heart, and with fasting and with weeping.

S

pare thy people, O Lord.

W

ash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

S

o God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

H

e was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
Can you imagine what it is like to be totally blind? I am a pure bred Yellow Lab and I’ve been trained to guide a blind person. My Lady and I met in April, 2004, when I was two-years old, and have been going all over the place together. We have flown to San Antonio, Texas to experience the Alamo and a big cathedral; walked the Boston Freedom Trail and prayed in Old North Church; escorted three grandchildren to reunite with kin and soak up the ambiance in San Rafael, CA; perused the aisles in BJ’s; and every Sunday, attend church.

Have you ever noticed the different odors that are in a church? When I take My Lady to church at Holy Cross ACA in Webster (NY), I air-scent the parking lot and head for the side stairs, stopping at the little ramp between the lot and the walkway. She’ll say, “Peyton, upstairs.”, although I already know where to go.

At the foot of the stairs, I wait to be sure the young children aren’t playing on the steps or the older folks aren’t still slowly going up the wooden stairs.

As she feels the first step with her foot, and before she tells me, “Peyton, forward.” I have a chance to take a quick sniff of it. Each step has a different smell. Sometimes they smell sour from the wet boots and shoes or like crushed fall leaves or freshly cut grass. Once it smelled really bad from guess-what-they-stepped-in! (I know it wasn’t mine, because My Lady always picks up after me.) Once at the top, she’ll feel for the door latch and open it for us. The indoor air sometimes smells like cleaning stuff people use in the bathrooms.

The kitchen is on our left and has great coffee and snack aromas wafting out. I know to take My Lady into the big church area after she visits with the folks in the kitchen.

In the church the odor is very different. At first you notice the coolness and quiet of the large room. The rug just smells like the steps but when I hold my head up, I can smell the cleaning polish that was used on all the pews.
On our way down the main aisle to our pew, I like to hold my head up very high to smell the incense. Ours is an old church that has had many services in it. Not every service uses incense but the scent is always there. Once when the minister was swinging the incense holder, I got some drops of it on me. I smelled really good for several days.

I know where our pew is, because it smells like me. I lie down under the pew, where no one will hear me snore during the sermon or my little woofs as I dream away the time. I also like to rest my chin on the kneeler.

As we leave our pew to go up for communion, I like to straighten my hair. My Lady has been told that, if the sun is shining through the beautiful stained glass windows just right when I shake, a golden orb forms around me. When we get to the altar rail, I like trying to get a whiff of the wine. Better yet, someday, I want to snatch a wafer, but, I know My Lady would be very embarrassed if I really did get one. Sometimes it is really hard to concentrate. One morning, I couldn’t resist stopping to sniff a lady’s boots as she knelt at the rail. I got into trouble, but, Man, I’d never smelled horse stuff before.

Sometimes people call to me and pet me. I try very hard to ignore them so I can keep My Lady safe. The hardest people to ignore are the sweet little old ladies who think I am really adorable. I want to stop and be petted by all of them but I know my duty as a working dog. I don't really mind because I know My Lady and I will have lots of time to socialize during the coffee hour.

Coffee Hour always follows the church service. Sometimes My Lady takes off my harness and I can play with the children and be petted by all the adults. They are always amazed at how well I know to behave in harness and when to let loose! My favorites are the children who are my height. I like to surprise them and lick their faces. Usually there are some cake or cookie crumbs to be tasted if I aim right for their chin. Stephen is afraid of me and won't come face to face with me. He thinks that I don't know he is the one who pets my tail while I am licking someone else's face!

I have been in several churches and they seem to smell alike. Perhaps it is the incense. Or maybe it is a combination of coffee, wine, flowers, incense, and such wonderful loving people. I like to take My Lady to church, but, I’m older now. I forget some things, and my arthritis makes it really hard for me to get up and down the stairs and the hard wooden floor. I’m going to retire soon. It will be hard to watch My Lady leave the house with my younger replacement; however, I’ll snooze and stay by the heater until that pup brings My Lady home. I’ve had a blessed life and now I’ll have a relaxing retirement.

Music Notes

The Theology of the Hymnal

Many parishioners’ principal knowledge of theology comes more from the hymns they have sung over the years than from what they learned in Sunday school or catechism.”

(The American Organist, March 2010).

One of the most characteristic elements of Anglican worship is its tradition of robust hymn singing. To be part of a large congregation enthusiastically joining together in a stolid English hymn tune like “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven” is to experience a seemingly timeless tradition of the Anglican church. It is surprising to discover, then, that the first widely accepted hymnal used in the Church of England was published only in 1865. For more than three hundred years, a period lasting from the Reformation until the late nineteenth century, there were no Anglican hymnals and no place for hymns in the liturgy of the Prayer Book.

The late introduction of the hymn in Anglicanism does not stem from any puritanical dislike of music, since at the same time the English church was maintaining a tradition of choral singing second to none. Instead, the avoidance of hymns stemmed from a conviction that the pride of place in Christian liturgy should belong to the Bible, and that the best hymnal for the Church was the book of Psalms. Any hymn composed by a human author would be at best a pale reflection of the inspired Biblical text, and at worst a means of spreading heretical teaching. Thus, for generations, Anglican laypeople grew accustomed to a musical diet consisting entirely of Psalms, which were translated into a regular poetic meter for greater ease of singing. These “metrical psalms” now have an old-fashioned feel, and have largely fallen out of favor; a few, however, are still sung today, including William Kethe’s translation of Psalm 100 (“All people that on earth do dwell,” #278 in the Hymnal 1940).

Few people today would wish to exclude hymns entirely from the liturgy. Nonetheless, the sixteenth-century opponents of hymns had a point. When we join together to sing a text in a church service, the text becomes imprinted on our minds in a way much more powerful than the effect of words alone. This power places tremendous responsibility on the clergy and musicians who pick music for worship services, since whatever the hymn teaches – good or bad – has the potential to influence the beliefs of the worshippers at a deep, subconscious level. This means that the texts of the hymns we sing need to be carefully scrutinized, since many hymns teach doctrine that is theologically problematic. For example: this
Christmas I took part in a carol-singing event using the current official hymnal of a prominent American Protestant denomination, and one of the carols we sang was “Once in royal David’s city.” As we sang the second-last verse, I was surprised to discover an unfamiliar line:

“For the child who seemed so helpless
Is our Lord in heaven above.”

Needless to say, this line was not part of the original hymn. In its traditional form (#236 in H40), “Once in royal David’s city” expresses the paradox that Christ was at the same time a helpless child and the second person of the Trinity; far from claiming that Christ “seemed” to be helpless, it insists that he really was “little, weak, and helpless, / Tears and smiles like us he knew.” Whether intentionally or not, the editors of this modern hymnal have used their position to teach thousands of Christians that Christ merely seemed to be a mortal man, one of the most ancient and pernicious heresies in Christian history.

There is a real need for discernment in selecting appropriate hymns for Christian worship, since any incorrect teaching in the hymn’s text will be amplified and lodged in the memory by its musical setting. Yet this same phenomenon has a positive aspect; a hymn text that is sound in its teaching and rich in its theological imagery is even further enhanced by the addition of music, and by the experience of singing it in the liturgy. And since many hymns in our repertoire were originally written as poems before they were set to music, a book of hymns can provide excellent material for private reading and meditation. One hymn that would richly repay study, particularly during the season of Lent, is “Praise to the holiest in the height” (#343 in H40). The seven verses of Newman’s hymn explore the image of Christ as the “second Adam” who becomes man to repair the damage caused by human rebellion against God. The same “flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail” (v. 3) are united to God’s “very self and essence all-divine” (v. 4) in the person of Jesus Christ. At the crux of the hymn, the tightly-constructed fifth verse, we sing of the “generous love” that allowed Christ to undergo “the double agony in Man for man” – a suffering which is “double” because it includes not only the experience of physical pain but also the emotional anguish of being betrayed, abandoned and humiliated. Following Christ’s example, we are called to endure our own hardships, to “suffer and to die” if necessary (v. 6), in the knowledge that whatever evils we experience have already voluntarily been accepted by Christ. The hymn thus ends where it began, in an outpouring of praise to the God who is “in all his works most wonderful, / Most sure in all his ways!”

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**Gluten Free Communion Wafers**

In recent years more and more people are being diagnosed with gluten intolerance or Celiac disease. While some Roman Catholic churches refuse to use gluten free wafers for those who need them, with great gratitude, that is not so in the ACA. Gluten is contained in wheat. It comes with the package so to speak. Modern wheat isn’t at all like the wheat of Christ’s day. So our wafers do not represent an exact replica of the bread broken at the Last Supper. However that may be, for the gluten sensitive, our greatest Christian ‘feast’ is off limits. Taking a Communion wafer may cause days of illness and every exposure to gluten means more intestinal and neurological damage. Luckily for those who need gluten free wafers, whether lay or clergy, a substitute gluten free wafer is now available.

How to handle gluten free wafers is not universally known among the clergy. Here are a few things everyone should know about the disease and how gluten intolerance can be gracefully handled during Mass. First, there is a wide variance in sensitivity to gluten. Some people can tolerate a little gluten (or they think they can). For some people the merest speck of a gluten crumb can ruin several days of their lives. Therefore cross-contamination is important to avoid. A crumb from a wheat communion wafer can land on a gluten free wafer and render it a threat to health. What this means for Holy Communion is that the two kinds of wafers must be kept strictly separate, as a small error may have large consequences, and thus clergy need to take care how this is done.

It is the responsibility of the parishioner to inform the clergy of their need for gluten free wafers. Explaining their sensitivity can avoid misunderstanding and disappointment for all concerned. Offer to come first to the rail, or last, or always to stand in the same spot, to make it easier for the priest and altar servers. Don’t be afraid to murmur, ‘gluten free please’ if you are unsure the right host is offered. If you are super sensitive, ask the priest to be super careful to be sure his hands are clean of crumbs before handling your wafer.

The communicant can smile their thanks for the care the clergy take for them. These days, I always smile my thanks remembering all those years of deprivation when I took communion in one kind only.

Gluten free wafers are not expensive, but for the church its an added expense. Consider donating a box a year to the church. Almy sells wheat (gluten) free wafers. In the 2012 catalogue they are item #70014 and a box of 50 costs $12.00 plus shipping. You can reach Almy at 800-225-ALMY or on the web at www.alm.com.

--------Shyla Spear, St. Paul’s, Portland ME
Talents Among Us

This is a traditional icon of St. Michael the Archangel, written by the hand of Ruth Corcoran, wife of Fr. John Corcoran. She has done many others.
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Call Fr. Alexander Stringer (802)645-1962

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