O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

This collect from the first Sunday in Lent is very bracing. It calls attention to fasting, abstinence and to flesh being subdued to the Spirit. We are not much given to fasting and abstinence in our daily lives. We would too often rather indulge our desires, forgoing the importance of taking only the essential necessities on our journey through life.

But taking only the necessities is what Lent is all about. Many of us who serve the church do a great deal of traveling. When we travel for a day or two, we pack our luggage very differently than when we go away for a week, two weeks or longer. Over time, we learn how to pack wisely. We decide what to take with us and what to leave behind. We narrow our choices to the essentials. Those few essentials we select are designed to serve our needs and allow us to reach our destination.

During the church year, as well as in the stages of our lives, we often speak of journeys. There is the journey through childhood, the journey to adulthood, the career journey and the journey to life eternal. Lent is also a journey, a very specific passage in our Christian life. Lent has a very specific duration. The forty days of Lent represents the specific amount of time necessary for us to reach our destination, to prepare ourselves for Easter.

How, then, do we pack for this specific journey, a journey mirrored by our Lord in the desert. Jesus took very little with Him in the desert. But he spent much time in prayer. And that is something we must take with us as well. Prayer is something we must carry with us always, but it is particularly necessary during this season. Many manuals of prayer are available to us. In addition to The Book of Common Prayer, I typically consult two or three separate Lenten devotionals during this season. Each offers a certain perspective; each helps deepen my understanding of this holy season, this season of fasting and prayer.

While we should pack our prayer books and devotional material, we do need to leave some things behind. That is where fasting comes in. We can benefit greatly from giving certain things up for Lent. Don't pack them. Don't keep them in your daily schedule. Fill that emptied space with time for God.

But serving others is part of our Lenten devotions as well. Pray for the people you know. Pray for the strangers who have no one to pray for them. Use your time to serve God's people. Save the cost of that high priced latte and give the money to a charity. Use the time spent in a movie theatre or watching television to serve your church. There is always much to do in our parishes and help is always welcome. While in the desert, Jesus was hardly
idle; He thought and prayed, seeking always how to serve others. It is His focus on the essentials that we need to emulate.

Be present with the members of your parish church. This is also an essential part of your journey. These are the people with whom you travel on your spiritual journey. Pray with them. Love them. And where necessary, seek to reconcile with them. Love, worship and reconciliation are all essential items to pack for your Lenten journey.

May you all have a holy and blessed Lent. Know of my prayers for you all during this passage in time to our destination – Easter Day.

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian
Around the Diocese

Lebanon N.H.
Trinity Anglican Church

On this Sunday as I watch the snow accumulate and when some weather prognosticators are warning of yet another storm of the century (a foot this evening!), I take great comfort and assurance from our intrepid bishop who appeared for worship at the appointed time today along with the rest of the congregation—he having driven 100 miles in the stuff.

This in contrast with my son who attended a Christian Boot Camp last week along with 449 others from around the country. He reported that there were just three men from New England out of the 450—apparently the “frozen chosen” are not numerous.

What’s significant about this to me is that even though we are small in number (like McNamara’s band), our congregation looks forward to being together each Sunday. This Sunday’s Gospel was the parable of the sower of seeds. The rector pointed out in his sermon that meeting with a loving and supportive congregation is so very important in the lifelong task of developing fertile soil for the Gospel. That there were so many present today despite the weather speaks of the importance of coming together in worship and fellowship.

Having worshipped in congregations of all sizes, I am, as I think we all are at Trinity, amazed at the depth of the relationships we have developed as a congregation. Bishop Marsh often notes that the DNE is growing despite our location in one of the most unchurched areas of the country. While our liturgical style is not to everyone’s taste, we see it as a reassuring aspect of our corporate worship—like coming home.

While speaking of liturgical style and coming home, we are blessed to welcome back into our congregation Steve and Beckey Rugg and their son Neil. Steve is continuing his theological studies at Boston College and will be worshipping with us regularly as he completes his previous responsibilities.

-----Allan Wylie

Webster NY
Holy Cross ACA

Christmas Eve

The 5:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols is an Anglican tradition dating back more than 130 years. It is celebrated each year at Kings College Chapel in Cambridge, and is broadcast by the BBC all around the world. It is a series of Scripture Readings with traditional Christmas carols sung in between.

“This is a wonderful service,” Fr. Martin said. “Especially for children and for people who are not yet Christian or are in the beginning steps of their walk with Christ. I encourage you to reflect on whom among your friends, neighbors, and family members would be blessed by a service such as this. I will print up invitations in the weeks ahead to facilitate your inviting others to join with us.”

The 7:00 pm Celebration of Holy Communion was very similar to our regular 10 am Sunday Service. In between the two services we had refreshments so that the members of our church family and our guests could have fellowship together in the spirit of Christmas. All who attended the 5:00 pm Service and those who attended the 7:00 pm service were invited to join together for fellowship. And some of our members participated in both celebrations.

Calling Fr. Martin

By the Grace of God, lots of prayers, and the machinations of a variety of people, Fr. Martin’s job as a Chaplain at Rochester General Hospital has been funded through a grant by the RGH Foundation plus the hospital for the next two years. So the Mahoney Family gets to stay in Webster! The formal process of calling Fr. Martin to be our Rector can begin.

Alex Collins, Acolyte

The following is an interview with Alex Collins, one of our newest Acolytes:

Q: Why are you an Acolyte, besides, “My parents made me do it.”?
A: I’m an acolyte because it keeps me busy during church and is fun. I also get to carry the cross and put out the candles at the end of service. And I feel like a part of the church when I am up there behind the rails. Finally because I was inspired by our church’s old Deacon, Ron Furrer.

Q: Why is it important to participate?
A: Because it helps the church and its members and I’m helping father Martin who would otherwise be alone.

Q: How does it make you feel to be "behind the rail" with the Priest?
A: It makes me feel good that I am helping other people.

Q: Is there a technique to ringing/tapping the bell properly to make it sound good?
A: My technique is to ring the bell loud yet nicely. Also I let it ring out for a while for effect.

Q: What would you tell other boys about being an Acolyte?
A: It is nice to help people of the church and the priest. It makes you feel good. Also a nice bonus is carrying the cross and extinguishing the candle. People really do appreciate what I do and compliment me every day I serve.

Les Harmer, Lay Reader

“I have some random thoughts on reading the Epistles, Les Harmer recently said. “It seems to me to give the priest and congregation a break to listen
to another voice during the service. This, in turn, makes the rest of the service with the Priest even more effective by having this little break.

“It is rarely easy to read the Epistle because the translations are, at times, incomprehensible, even devoid of understanding for the reader; yet, I was recently fortunate to read 2 Corinthians 11:25 where St. Paul is talking about the suffering he went through:”…thrice was I beaten…”

“I was struck, as I read those words aloud, that I seemed to hear St. Paul’s words for the first time. My voice and the congregation became very quiet during this retelling of St. Paul’s sufferings throughout his life.

“It seems to me as I contemplate this article, that I can’t help but compare the martyrdom of those evil ones of Islam, whose purpose seems to alter the utter destruction of mankind who do not agree with them; whereas St. Paul’s martyrdom was based on the love of God for everyone in Creation.”

NOTE: Les and his late wife, Mary, began attending Holy Cross when it was still meeting in Bea and Bob Cone’s home 35 years ago.

**Epiphany Brunch**

“I can’t help but realize that we at Holy Cross have so much to celebrate,” Fr. Martin reflected. “We are blessed with a Church Family that cares about each and every one of us; where we can care for others and be cared for in the way that God desires.

“We are blessed with a beautiful church and a Church Family where we can worship God in the fullness of His truth, in the time-honored tradition and beauty of hymns and the 1928 Prayer Book.

“We are blessed with a Church Family whose members give willingly and generously of their time, treasure, and talent, to serve God, one another, and His people.

“We are blessed by all of our members who have served as ministry leaders and on our Vestry.

“We are blessed by the members of our Church Family who have gone before us – and for the gifts for which they had worked so hard and have entrusted to our stewardship.

“We are blessed by all of the people who worked so hard so that I can have a full-time position as a hospital chaplain so that we can support our family while I serve as a Priest at Holy Cross.

“We are blessed that God is willing to use us, as imperfect as we are, to be His hands, His voice, and His feet in our broken world.

“We are blessed by the children of our church family, a tangible reminder that the gift of faith is passed from one generation to the next throughout the ages.

“We need to celebrate the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, and celebrate how our generous members have participated in the Lord’s Blessing.”

Thus it was that during our Epiphany Brunch on January 11th, Fr. Martin presented each Vestry person, Committee Chairman, and, here-to-fore, unsung workers in our church family with a hand-

somely framed Certificate of Appreciation adorned with a color photo of our Lord’s House.

**2015 and Beyond**

With Fr. Martin poised to guide our Ship of Souls and with the new Vestry (Jason O’Neil, Harry Hoyen, Elsbeth Howland, Brian Shutt, Mike Collins, and Linda Bowen) taking the helm of our Ship of temporalities, Holy Cross can proudly fly her flags and set her sails toward new horizons.

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

**West Seneca NY**

**Saint Nicholas Anglican Church**

Lenten greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Church in West Seneca, NY. We have had a busy winter since our last publication in the last Northeast Anglican Newsletter. The events began in December with a visit on Saint Nicholas Day from our good friends with the Buffalo Silver Band who came for our annual celebration of our patron saint. The celebration continues to grow each year. This year we had a little over ninety guests. The Buffalo Silver Band also took the opportunity to record their recital this year at St. Nicholas and will be offering a CD collection of songs soon.

On Christmas Eve we welcomed back into our choir Kaitlin Howard who, with Julia Millard sang some wonderful solos and duets on Christmas Eve. Kaitlin is currently a freshman at Mansfield University. She performs in the Women’s Choir, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers at Mansfield.

Lent begins this year, as usual, with our Annual Pancake Breakfast with buttermilk pancakes cooked up by Fr. Ed and Barbara Ihde and served with WNY maple syrup. What a great way to start a fast!

This year in Lent we will continue our second ‘annual tradition’ of joining in the West Seneca Community of Churches ‘Lenten Journey to Easter’
Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke's

In November, as part of our parish's ongoing education program, a weekend program was put on by the Rev. James Craig of St. Thomas' Church in Fitchburg on the subject of healing. Rev. Craig and members of his team covered the topic on Friday and Saturday followed by a healing service on Saturday night.

The program was well received and well attended. Music for the healing service was supplied by Jordan and Mary Quigley (members of our congregation) and friends. Our own prayer ministry for healing goes on under the direction of Alice Kysar and Deacon Ted Powell.

Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 18, 2015. Some of the highlights of the past year include: Rector service support being increased by one deacon, two sub-deacons, and three acolytes.

It was noted that 2015 represents the 25th year of St. Luke's parish. A committee will be called to plan proper celebration and remembrance of this fact.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to retiring vestry members: Mary Quigley, Peyton Hinkle, and Sr. Warden, Chip Garre. Jennifer Coppins was presented the Rector's Award for service.

Bible studies continue on Tuesday night (currently working on "Faith and Practice") and Saturday mornings.

Financial support continues for the New Life Home for Women in Manchester, NH as well as the Mount Zion Christian School in Manchester and the Grace Christian School and Lamb's Workshop in Bedford, NH. These donations fall under the auspices of our Scholarship Fund.

New vestry members include Charles Dodd, Bill Dunn and Alice Kysar. Alternates are Doug Sleeper and Barbara Steele. Synod delegates are Chip and Lee Garre and Sue Powell with alternates Ed Fasci and Barbara Steele.

We were very pleased to have Mr. Torje Olsen of World Vision in attendance at annual meeting. He spoke about the mission of World Vision and how the faith is growing around the world. In times when the news only carries the bad; it is nice to hear about positive stories. Mr. Olsen is the son of our parishioners, Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Olsen.

On Saturday, January 31, 2015 a service in celebration of the life of Melvin Calder Power was held. Mel died on Sunday, the 25th. Mel will be remembered as a gentlemen, kind and considerate and a very active member of our parish family. He served for many years as our assistant treasurer, usher, and Synod delegate (along with his wife, Lillian).

--- Submitted by Lee Garre

Canandaigua, N.Y.
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

It's been a quiet winter so far. Lots of snow blankets the region, together with frigid temperatures, but its beauty is transcendent. This is the weather that drives us inside, and reawakens our hibernation genes. We are in the midst of our second consecutive weekend snowstorm. Fourteen inches last weekend gave us a welcome snow day the day after the Super Bowl, and an unexpected three-day weekend. Now, one week later, the snow has fallen in fits and starts, making it manageable for keeping the roads clear, but another foot will have fallen by morning.

Sadly, and unrelated to the weather, a few members are no longer coming to Holy Redeemer. Following Fr. Jim's death, Cindy has suffered illness which makes it difficult for her to travel the distance to attend. One long-time active member
also is no longer attending, and it is a loss to our parish, which struggles to exceed seven (7) parishioners on a regular basis, excluding two snowbirds.

At our January Vestry meeting, a new treasurer was appointed: John Bacon brings much enthusiasm for his new role and the confidence which the parish has shown in him, and he has just completed the first financial reports and records for January.

John also contributes his musical abilities to our small informal group of three chorists, with his wonderful baritone voice and perfect pitch, as we sing the De Profundis and all of our weekly hymns.

Chancellor Wally Jones attended the Standing Committee in January, travelling in the comfort of an Amtrak car. He discovered last year that the apprehension about the 300 mile one-way drive in inclement weather is eliminated entirely, and that Amtrak gets him there for less money than the cost of tolls and gasoline; and all while happily watching the scenery go by, reading his book, and having a delicious dinner in the diner – nothing could be finer!

Our Dress-A-Girl ministry collected and donated 57 Beanie Babies to Angels of Mercy, in Rochester, N.Y., which collected a total of more than 600 Beanie Babies. Instead of dolls, these will be put into the pockets of dresses which are shipped to Haiti and certain other countries, where voodoo is practiced.

Already 2015 is speeding by: Ash Wednesday is ten days away, and Easter follows 46 days later.

And soon afterwards, St. Luke’s Camp will begin! Please see information elsewhere in this issue, and send a child to camp this year! In the meantime, we wish you an early Spring and a blessed Easter.

----- Diane S. Jones

Portland, Maine
St. Paul’s

We are currently buried in snow, requiring almost daily re-shoveling. We can’t remember when the temperature went above freezing. But none of this had happened yet when we celebrated Christmas in relatively balmy weather. Our outdoor creche was prominently displayed, and continues to be the only Christmas religious symbol on the street. Inside the church the green and red decorations looked particularly spectacular on our newly white walls. Now we are paying for that early balmy weather.

A couple of baptisms gave us hope for a Sunday School someday. But now, celebrating pre-Lenten and Lenten services, helps us to think of Spring. A secular reason for the season along with the preparations for the Great Sacrifice our God made for us. Happy Easter to all.

----- John Serrage

Tuxedo, New York
St. Elizabeth’s

In December, we held our annual wreath and poinsettia sale and helped with holiday food distributions at our local food pantry. Our Sunday School Christmas pageant and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and year end services in our beautifully decorated chapel filled our hearts with the joys of the Christmas season. Kudos to our Christmas “greens team” at St. Elizabeth’s, who so beautifully decorated our chapel.

We were blessed to have a visitation from Bishop Marsh on the weekend of December 13th-14th. He arrived in time to join us at a Christmas concert at St. Mary’s in Tuxedo on December 13th. The concert, co-funded by our local churches, featured the Rockland County Concert Band in which our own Russ Shaver is a trombonist. All proceeds from the love offering collected at the concert went to the local food pantry and the fundraiser was tremendously successful, raising over $2,000.00 – praise God from whom all blessings flow! Bishop Marsh was also with us for Sunday Mass and a light lunch following the service on the 14th, and met with our Vestry following lunch. We are so thankful for his many years of dedicated service throughout our diocese – a true labor of love.

On December 28th, we shared in the joy of christening Eilonwy Grace Pallack, daughter of Sgt. Jason and Rebecca Pallack, and grand-daughter of parishioners Bob and Linda Pallack. A special touch at the christening - Eilonwy was wrapped in a McCaughlan tartan of her ancestors (see photo). May God bless...
the Pallack family with much happiness with their precious new addition in the years ahead. Jason is serving in the US Army 3rd Infantry, stationed at Fort Stewart near Savannah, GA. Please keep him and all of our brothers and sisters in the military services in your prayers.

On February 1st, we held our annual congregation meeting and vestry elections. We thank our 2015 vestry members for serving - George Kress, Harry Prokop, Michael Collins, Robert Davies, Carol Diedolf, Kevin Coppinger and Den. David Koller. Bishop Langberg opened the annual meeting once again encouraging all of us to strive for creative ways to grow our church and its presence in the community. Our largely secular society and the stressful, very busy lives that everyone leads in today’s world make this task especially challenging, as we all know. This will be a year of other significant changes at St. Elizabeth’s as well, as Bishop Langberg has announced that he will retire from his position as lead priest at St. Elizabeth’s in the fall. We pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we face these changes and challenges in the year ahead. We are blessed that we will still have Father Bob Ley serving us and Deacon David Koller assisting him, as David continues his studies towards ordination in the priesthood.

As part of his training, Deacon Dave has been conducting Wednesday evening prayer services this winter, and we all appreciate this added opportunity for worship and fellowship. We look forward to the Lenten season, when we participate in Wednesday evening community ecumenical services, with each church taking a turn hosting a service. It is always a joy to share God’s love in worship with fellow Christian friends and neighbors as we prepare for Easter.

Closing thoughts.........As I cope with endless shoveling and gingerly walk around hazardous icy patches everywhere, I look forward to those lovely little crocuses that will be popping up in just a few weeks. God’s promise of spring – oh, such a beautiful thought! Blessings to all for a safe, happy and healthy 2015

-----Ingrid Magar

Brooklyn, N.Y.
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.

In November a few of our parishioners celebrated their birthdays. Their names are Mrs. Doreen Christian, Mrs. Myrna Mullings and Mr. Matthew Horsford. This year they were shy and didn’t take a picture.

In November we also had our Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Congregational Feast in which the parish had a sit down dinner in which we broke bread, figuratively, with one another. It was a great gathering and many left with full bellies including yours truly. I would like to extend a very grateful thanks to the Ushers, the Picart’s and the Black’s / Dixon’s for their contribution.

In December, pictured to the left, is Mrs. Carmine Roberts who celebrated her birthday and does she not look stunning. Standing next to her is Father B. Doesn’t her smile just brighten up the room?

In January, our very own Mrs. Mavis Baptiste celebrated her 21st birthday. Pictured to the right is Mrs. Baptiste flanked by her daughter, Althea, and Mrs. May Daly.

Also in January, a few of our parishioners celebrated their birthdays. Their names are Mrs. Doreen Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Linton, Mrs. Nicole Nicholson and Rhyania Heusner. May they have many, many more in the years to come.

In February, George and Greg Banner celebrated their birthday also. The only unfortunate thing is that our Junior Warden, George, was out doing either a salt or material run for the church and wasn’t available to get in the picture with his brother and Canon Brathwaite (picture on the right). We know that Greg will carry the news back so it’s alright because when you pray for one, you have to pray for both.

Also in February, our Treasurer, Mrs. Joyce Jones-Pennill is celebrating her wedding anniversary. We wish her and her lucky better half a blessed anniversary and many more to come. Please keep us in your prayers as we are still going through some trials and tribulations as we try to keep our parish afloat. We shall overcome it as God does not give anyone more than they can bear.

With that being said, the Clergy, Vestry and Congregation of St. Josephs wish all a happy and healthy Lenten season. Sincerely submitted, Mark Black, Deacon & Webmaster.
Saco, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury

Epiphany: a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.

This is one of the definitions of Epiphany found on Dictionary.com. Before we at St. Augustine’s were snowed under several feet of snow, we were beginning to be able to experience this epiphany – the perception of Christ working through some of our simple experiences. We were able to hold our Advent Service of Lessons and Carols that was very well received. Our circumstances had been in such upheaval for the few months before that with our move to our new location at the Saco Grange that it was a blessing to have a peaceful, quiet time together to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

A few days before that, though, we were able to have (drum roll please!) our first Christmas Fair and Yard Sale! It was a “heavy lift” both figuratively and literally! We had dreamed of having a yard sale for years – ever since our founding – and we were finally able to hold it. We had worked through the month of October on “Crafty Sundays” making craft items to sell. We had a bake table and a raffle table and we even had a hot dog luncheon! We spent time in November pricing all of the donated items that went into the Yard Sale.

The room was packed! Both with things to buy and with people. They were there early looking for bargains and at 3:00 p.m. we were still going strong. It was a very successful day. Bobbie’s Homemade Baked Beans were a hit as was all of Pat’s homemade bread. I can personally attest to the high quality of the mincemeat pie! The quilt that we made for our raffle went to a young person and all of the gift cards were very popular, too. The event benefitted our building fund and our Outreach program.

Speaking of Outreach, we again had a successful Bicycles for Foster Children project this year. We worked directly with the York County Department of Health and Human Services for the names and ages of needy foster children who wanted bicycles for Christmas. We were able to help nine children this year! One of the girls had wanted a bicycle so badly that she had built her own – only to have it stolen! We were delighted to be able to give this girl – along with the others – a bicycle.

So we ended our year tired but happy. Shortly after Christmas we were snowed in and it’s been that way ever since. We hope to be able to clean out a space available to us in Saco’s downtown to use as a chapel so we can begin to have services available to people during their lunch hours. And we are planning our next Shrove Tuesday Breakfast coming up in a couple of weeks. All of this depends, of course, on the weather. But March is coming and this is just part of living in Maine. “This, too, shall pass.”

See you again at Easter!

Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

Fr. Kevin has been supplying and doing visitations at St. Margaret’s while Fr. Monroe has been on vacation as well as helping out at St. Augustine’s where needed. He has taken a much needed rest from the weekly output of his meditation instigated by a computer issue which hopefully is resolved now. The meditations will resume beginning in Lent. He will also be available to hear confessions at the March Clericus.

The snow has been brutal this year but we have managed to keep spaces cleared and our spirits cheerful with the help of our animals. The horses, especially Sage, the Thoroughbred, LOVE the snow. In spite of their respective issues, they make snow angels and have races in the pasture, jumping over (Sage the horse) and through (Oliver the pony) monumental snow banks yet thankfully, at least so far, have stayed in the fences. It is heartening to see their exuberance which shows us how far they have come while with us here. We thank those who have contributed to their care. You, literally, are saving lives, one at a time. God is so good on so many levels and his goodness is apparent in each generous soul that contributes whether it be the person that is generous with their money or the farmer that supplies us with hay. We are pieces of God’s glorious puzzle and all together we make a beautiful picture and life for these animals that would otherwise be dead.

Lent is upon us, a time for reflection and starting new habits in place of ones that are not working for us or for God. We wish you an insightful Lent and a beautiful Easter.

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

It has been a wicked hard winter here in Charlestown this year. Snow continues to pile up, and there is less and less space to accommodate the piles. We have had to postpone our annual meeting several times because of the weather. On the other hand, it has been very heartening to see how many have braved the snow and ice to come to Sunday services and Bible study during the week. New Englanders are made of tough stuff.

The calendar says that we are still a month away from the vernal equinox (March 20) that marks the beginning of spring. For some of us, who live on class 6 roads off the beaten path, the spring season can’t come soon enough. Yet, 200 years ago, about the time our church building was built, “season” had quite a different meaning. A “season” was the proper or suitable time in which to accomplish a particular task.
The countryman’s calendar took life slowly, fitting the work of daily life into the proper seasons— a season for planting, a season for harvesting hay, for cutting timber and bringing in ice to the icehouse. These activities were not rushed; they were done right. Weather and climatic conditions dictated when they were done, not the arbitrary date on a calendar.

Earlier this February, Jeanne and I had the occasion to walk home to our house during the Full Snow Moon. The moonlight sparkled off the snow and cast a beautiful silver color on our fields as we moved in and out of the shadows of the trees along our road. Clearly, it was a season to appreciate the beauty of God’s creation.

So this is the season of snow and ice, and it will remain so until the temperature warms up. Then it will be the season of running maple syrup. It will be mud time.

Weather permitting, the parish of the Good Shepherd will hold its annual pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday following Evensong. On Ash Wednesday, we will continue our study of the Psalms and gather again in the evening for the distribution of ashes and attend Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Marsh.

We wish all our fellow Anglicans in the Diocese of the Northeast a blessed and spiritually fulfilling Lent as we prepared to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Day.

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

Mystic, Conn.
St. Matthias

Saturday, December 20, was a big day in the history of St. Matthias Church, for it was on that day that our deacon, the Rev. Mr. Merrill Perkins, was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood. Over forty parishioners, friends from around the diocese, family members, and longtime friends of now-Father Merrill attended the ordination ceremony, which was followed by a parish-hosted luncheon at the nearby Steak Loft Restaurant. After a several-year hiatus, it is refreshing for the parish to again have the benefit of the full sacramental ministry!

Becky Kennedy baked one of her fabulous cakes for the occasion, and the Kennedy & Won- neberger family entertained those present at the luncheon by singing “All I want for Christmas is a Brand New Priest”. Father Merrill being a model railroad enthusiast (his bread-and-butter job with Amtrak notwithstanding), the Kennedy children also decorated a pair of N-scale railroad cars, in a style which hearkens back to the Chapel Cars of old. The decorated car sides read, “Saint Matthias Rail Division Father Merrill Perkins”.

The Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols has become an annual event for us, and attracts people from around the community, as well as ministering to the souls of St. Matthias Church.

Father Merrill led us in an informative and well-received Instructed Eucharist at the service on January 18. In spite of all the snow and the cold this winter, we have had to cancel only one service, that of February 15. it is never pleasant when a service has to be cancelled, especially on the Lord’s Day, but it seems to come as part of New England in the winter!

For those who do not yet have it, St. Matthias Church does have a new mail address: 27 Coogan Blvd., Bldg. 5 / Mystic, CT 06355.

Blessings to all during the Lenten season.

-----yours in the faith,
Father Merrill Perkins

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

Praise be to God! After months of instability, we now have an interim rector, Fr. Ed Kalish, formerly of Holy Trinity in Waterville. He served his first Sunday on November 30, 2014. At the same time, our diaconal student Kevin Kelly served as leader in Morning Prayer in Waterville for that Sunday and
great-grandchildren. Both were married for over sixty years, and both lost their longtime spouses in the last couple of years. In all those years they had never lost touch with each other. Last fall, a month after Ada’s husband had passed away, Frank invited her out to supper. The rest is history. Father Frank and Ada, may God bless and keep you, and may your example continue to speak to the world.

Waterville, Maine
Holy Trinity

At the request of Fr. Sam Logan, Kevin Kelly, a diaconal student at St. Thomas’ Church in Ellsworth, Maine served as Leader of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church in Waterville following the assignment of Fr. Ed Kalish to St. Thomas in Ellsworth. Kevin found it a highly positive experience and gained substantial skills in this temporary assignment. On Sunday after Christmas Fr. Logan offered Communion at Holy Trinity, which had been recently meeting at the theater of Woodlands Nursing Home in Waterville. He will continue to offer Communion at Woodlands monthly on Fridays.

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

All Saints held its first “Lessons and Carols” Service before Christmas. Amidst snow and cold, scripture, carols, and Patristic writings blended to create a beautiful candle-lit ceremony that was led by the Rector and sung by the Dickens’ Carolers, led by the Cormier-Martinez family. Parishioners and guests commented on the quiet solemnity imbued within this Vigil Service; a silence much needed to counteract the orgy of consumerism that is part and parcel of a secular observance. This will now be a tradition at All Saints, one particularly English, and meet and right to usher in the Christmas Season.

Solemn Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve with all the beauty and solemnity befitting the feast. Joined by Father Robert Smolley and Br. Francis of Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, the evening Sacrifice shone with mostly candle light giving comfort as the ancient rites unfolded. A new addition unveiled that night,
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Part of our new ‘Ministry on the Move’ outreach is to hold our Lenten conferences and talks in the new All Saints Annex located at 8 North Main Street in Concord. This is a new endeavor to invite foot traffic in the middle of the downtown to experience the Gospel Truth as expounded in our Anglican Tradition.

See our renewed web page for all the conferences and other events, and the schedule for the solemn services for the Lenten and Paschal Seasons. All are welcome to join in—the to quote Bishop Marsh—‘fun’ that is All Saints! www.allsaintsnh.com

Jane Cormier, the Arts Ministry Director for All Saints, was unanimously elected by the board of New Hampshire Right to Life as its new president. Her passion for the rights of the pre-born guides the philosophy she is espousing: “Change hearts and minds.” Jane was a leader in the legislative conservative party as a Republican Representative in the State House in Concord during the last two years, always proclaiming and upholding the Gospel of Life. To her the Presidency of New Hampshire Right to Life is a ministry not a job. Join with the Evangelical and Catholic supporters in congratulations to Jane as the first Traditional Anglican to hold this prestigious position. She is available to speak to any parish about the protect life, and personhood movement, and would be more than pleased to hear from our Anglican churches in New Hampshire.

Fr. Christian was invited to an all expense paid trip, with a number of selected clergy from around the nation, to travel with Governor Mike Huckabee to Poland, England and Southern California, on a spiritual journey to the places that formed St. John Paul II, Margaret Thatcher, and Ronald Regan. The whirlwind trip was to awaken the minds of the clergy in attendance the virtue of hope—a virtue that is sorely needed—one that shone in the above leaders allowing them to transform and renew their countries informed by their varying Christian confession. Fr. Christian, to note, was the only priest of any denomination: Roman, Orthodox or Anglican in attendance. Surrounded by traditional Catholic faith and imagery in Poland and England, he had a grand time explaining the mystifying imagery and its accompanying theology to the mostly evangelical clergy. Looks like Fr. Christian may have a side job as a tour guide…he is always willing to work for free room and board!

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Conway, NH
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, I hope that by the time this newsletter comes out we are no longer looking at the 8 foot piles of snow out the window. I don’t think I have ever seen so many back to back snowstorms. I’m just glad I’m not in Boston. They are pretty much at a standstill down there.

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The day after the Fair, we held our annual “Kirkin O’ the Tartan” or “Blessing of the tartans”. Those who claim clan ancestry, or who want to join in the celebration are invited to wear any clan related attire to receive a blessing. Our Deacon, the Rev. Mr. Harry E. Wellsman, came in full dress kilt, and Fr. Monroe wore his Glengarry as well. Many in the congregation, including this writer wore their clan affiliation. I am a first generation Scot, and affiliated with the McLaughlin clan.

On Gaudete Sunday, Mr. James Harrington sang a beautiful rendition of “O Come to Set us Free” accompanied by Mr. McDonald on the drum. Mr. Harrington is a trained vocalist, and Mr. MacDonald, the nephew of our choir director, is a trained musician on several instruments. Wow, does it get any better than trained professionals, including our music director Tracy Gardner, as members of the parish? St. Margaret’s is truly blest!

Our Christmas services were well attended. There were three of them, as Father Monroe added a “Midnight Mass” at 11:00. There were more than a few brave souls at the late Mass, which I heard was wonderful. Our music director, Tracy Gardner, never fails to deliver a wonderfully varied program. A total surprise was Fr. Monroe's solo of “All Through the Night” accompanied by Nat MacDonald on the guitar. Also performing were Wendy Kropac on the tambourine and Nat on the drum accompanying the choir to Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Of course, the usual hymns were also sung by the congregation. What would Christmas be without “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen,” “The First Noel”, and all the rest.

During the holidays, the church had a box at the back for donations to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. We are always pleased to contribute to worthy charities, and Christmas seems an especially good time to do so. Also during the Christmas season we had our service of Lessons and Carols on December 28. There were 9 lessons, read by different members of the congregation. Again, a beautiful and edifying service.

In January and February, Fr. Monroe and Linda took a well-deserved vacation. They were gone from January 7 to February 12. In his absence, the Rev. Mr. Wellsman conducted Deacon's Masses, and Fr. Lamarre came over from the Priory to conduct services as well. We are always pleased to hear Fr. Lamarre's sermons as well as his stories of life at the priory, and the rescue work he and Sister Mary Frances do with the animals. On February 14 we said goodbye to our brother in Christ, Mr. Bruce Roberts, age 94. Bruce had been a faithful Christian and member of St. Margaret's for many years, even serving as an acolyte under Bishop Chamberlain in the chapel, before the church was even built. Many family, church, and local friends braved the snowstorm to come out for the service. As Fr. Monroe said “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

We have seen several new faces at St. Margaret's, and we are hopeful that they find a new church family here. Although a small parish, St. Margaret's is rich in fellowship and devotion to the Lord. Our congregation is rich in talents, which have been generously shared those with their fellow Christians.

We now are preparing for the Lenten season, with Ash Wednesday fast approaching. We look forward to this season of contemplation as well as the renewal of spring and the joy of the risen Christ. We wish all our friends warmth, safety, and encouragement as we get through the last of the winter season.

--- Maureen Ferguson

Brockton, Mass.
Saint Paul’s Parish

Lenten Schedule
SHROVE TUESDAY, February 17, 7:00 p.m. Pancake Supper
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18, 12 Noon & 7:30 p.m., Litany of Penitence with Solemn Eucharist
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT (February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25), 7:00 p.m. Supper and Bible Table Talk (Based on N.T. Wright's Lent for Everyone; N.T. Wright's brilliant little book is recommended again this year, as it's based on Mark's Gospel, from which our readings are assigned for this Lenten season — and which is chock full of brilliant insights). The Table Talk will focus on one of the passages from Mark for the following Sunday.
WEDNESDAYS 8:15 Stations of the Cross
CONFESSIONS By appointment or before any stated service throughout Lent.

BAPTISM — The next traditional date for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is Holy Saturday/Easter Eve, April 4th at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Easter Vigil.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT — The 142nd Annual Meeting of the Parish was conducted on Sunday, December 14th, following the 10:30 service. Acting in accordance with the By-laws, the following persons were elected — Officers: Deirdre DeVine, Senior Warden; James Hinds, Junior Warden; Kato Kabuji, Treasurer; Euphemia Jones, Clerk, each for one-year terms — Vestry-persons: Philip Adegoyin, Mark Cowell, Darlene Habich-Yimer, and Ann Rateau, each for three-year terms. They join nine others who constitute the Vestry for 2015
CONSTRUCTION AWARENESS — As is clear to see, the new church building is moving along nicely, and it can now be stated with some degree of confidence that work should be completed by the Day of Pentecost, the end of May; a move-in date will have to await a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Brockton and a logistical plan for the rather complicated relocation of the organ, furniture, books, etc.; a call will go out for volunteers. Even more important, however, is a necessary Parish-wide sense of what Jacob felt on awaking from a vision of a ladder going up to heaven in Bethel, a cry "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven"

-----from the parish newsletter

Rochester, N.H.
Trinity ProCathedral

But... I am a little tardy in writing my thoughts from "the hill". I have fond thoughts at this time of year about the 13 years I spent in Florida. But, oh well here we are and my wife tells me "we love it"! Life goes in cycles and on this Sunday (15th Feb.) I found in a local store seeds and dirt for planting reminding me that spring is (just) around the corner and that is good news!

Trinity is going through a change. We have done one service which has brought the two congregations (i.e. 8am and 9:30) together at 9am. Numerically we are growing and people are smiling and that is good news.

As we approach the season of Lent we begin with Shrove Tuesday pancakes and sausage followed by the renewal of marriage vows with a sip of champagne.

On Ash Wednesday we will have two services, and on subsequent Wednesday evenings will have our traditional ‘Stone Soup Suppers’ (soup and teaching).

Life goes on and we are so looking forward to Easter and the Resurrection and, God willing, wearing spring clothes and that is and will be good news! I pray that your season leads to a joyous Easter and warm weather!

In His service!  

-----Fr. Andrew

Weather has been a problem this year for us as for many other churches. Due to the snowfall our Epiphany pageant had to be put off for a week, but it was held at last, taking the place of the sermon, and our children did a fine job.

Next the bishop was scheduled to come for our annual meeting, and both the meeting and the visit were rescheduled for the following week due to more snow. He came and we met.

This past Sunday it snowed yet again and services were not held. Spring is coming, and none too soon!  

-----ed pacht
News Notes

During the past year, we have accomplished a great deal. Among the accomplishments:

The ACA and the APA convened general and provincial synods at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. This concurrent synod represents yet another tangible step in our journey toward full, organic union. It represents a move toward reconciliation with our brothers and sisters of the APA. Such organic union will not happen overnight. But we are taking very tangible steps toward union.

Another example of mutual cooperation occurred in early December. On December 3, bishops from four Continuing jurisdictions met in Athens, Georgia to discuss educational issues. Bishops Marsh and Hiles of the ACA, Bishop Paul Hewett of the Diocese of the Holy Cross, Bishop Chandler “Chad” Jones of the APA, Bishop Craig Botterill of the ACCC (TAC in Canada) and Archbishop Mark Haverland of the ACC met to discuss ways we might cooperate in the education of men for holy orders. This was a first step in developing a high level educational program that utilizes the gifts of each jurisdiction. It is another positive example of mutual cooperation between churches of the Anglican Continuum.

The General Synod ratified an amended Concordat of the Traditional Anglican Communion. This amended Concordat limits the authority of the Primate, recognizing that, in the Anglican tradition, authority is vested within both the national church and its constituent dioceses.

TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The College of Bishops holds a teleconference during the first week of each month. Recent teleconferences have dealt with the following issues:

Education of Clergy

Ratification of the TAC Concordat by national churches

Action on approval by the College of Bishops of two Bishops-Elect for Central America. The vote on this matter should be accomplished within the next two weeks.

Approved a new set of By Laws for the International Anglican Fellowship

Action on approval of three new board members for the International Anglican Fellowship. Approval on this item should be accomplished shortly.

NATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

The House of Bishops and Executive Council will meet between April 20-23 in Phoenix, Arizona. The host parish is the Church of the Epiphany, Phoenix. Members of the House of Bishops and Executive Council should have received information regarding hotel accommodations.

The Fall meeting of the Executive Council will be held in our own diocese on September 1-3. The host parish will be St. Matthias in Mystic, Connecticut.

Clergy

The Rev. Merrill Perkins was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at St. Matthias Anglican Church in Mystic, Connecticut. The ceremony was followed by a reception at a local restaurant. Father Perkins was presented his ordination certificate and license to preach. Many family and friends attended this important event. We pray that Father Perkins’ ministry may be of great service to God’s holy church.

Postulants and Candidates

Mr. Kevin Kelly has passed his canonical examination for the diaconate. He will meet formally with the Standing Committee on Saturday, January 17. By the Grace of God, Kevin will be ordained in April.

Spring Clericus (March 5, 6) will be held once again at Graymoor in Garrison, New York. (by the time you read this it will have occurred). The program for this particular clericus promises to be very interesting and useful. The Board of Examining Chaplains will meet at 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 5. Several clergy from other jurisdictions have expressed an interest in joining the ACA/Diocese of the Northeast. They, along with other men who are exploring a call to holy orders, should plan on meeting with the Board of Examining Chaplains.

Parochial reports are due to Linnea by Ash Wednesday! Please take a few minutes and complete these essential reports.

St. Luke’s Camp will be held from August 9-15 at Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale, Massachusetts. Many thanks to those who are working hard to make this camp a success again this year. Father Rich Dibble will direct this popular camp experience. The camp planning team includes: Allan Wylie, Diane Jones, Father Ed Kalish, Ed Pettit and Deacon David Koller. Many thanks to all who are dedicating their time to ensure that our camp is fully enrolled.

Diocesan Synod will be held on October 1-2 at St. Joseph’s Anglican Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Episcopal Visits. The following visits have been confirmed:

March 15. St. Margaret of Scotland, Conway, New Hampshire. Episcopal visit and confirmation

April (date TBD). St. Thomas, Ellsworth, Maine. Bishop Hiles will visit and ordain Kevin Kelley to the diaconate.


November 8. All Saints, Concord, New Hampshire. Episcopal visit and confirmation.


The Rev. Nelson B. Skinner passed to eternal life. Father Skinner, a graduate of Hobart College and Nashotah House seminary, had served parishes in New York and Wisconsin. He was ordained to the diaconate in April, 1962 and the priesthood in November, 1962. A longtime priest in the Episcopal church, he was also licensed by the Province of Christ the King, The Anglican Church in America and the Diocese of the Holy Cross. For many years, he served the parish of St. Mary the Virgin in Liverpool, New York, which was, for a time, a part of this diocese. Father Skinner and his wife, Beverly, had been married for fifty years. The couple have three children and several grandchildren. "Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon him."

Our chaplains continue to work with not only seafarers but also local police and fire departments. Sdcn. David Brennan just received his reappointment as police chaplain to the City of South Portland, Maine from Bishop Marsh.

Chaplains also worked with the American Legion to add a Viet Nam War Memorial at St. Margaret’s in Conway, NH. In past years, a number of destitute veterans have been buried with small hand built wooden urns for ashes. A company headquartered in Montreal with a manufacturing plant in Atlanta has volunteered to manufacture urns at no cost to vets. The company, GAL Aerospace, manufactures composite interiors for commercial aircraft. The urns are provided free of charge to vets’ families through the maritime and port chaplains. The maritime and port chaplains have also handled armed forces veterans’ burials when military chaplains are not available, as well as funerals for seafarers, fishermen and longshoremen.

-----Linda Mallik

Fr. Bryon Koshgarian, one of our nonparochial clergy, after two years of unemployment, has recently accepted a position as an administrator with Vanderheyden, Inc., a nonprofit agency assisting children and young adults with special needs.

The Chaplain’s Corner
Maritime, Port, Police and Fire Chaplains

Winter has set in and with the holy-day season behind us, we are looking to spring activities. In May the Chaplains will be encouraging and participating in various memorial services. These include Armed Forces Day and Sea Sunday in remembrance of Merchant Mariners. They have been posting information about Merchant Marine Memorials on the www.portpro.org web site. Ship calls have been down in most Northeast ports but Seafarer’s Friend continues to meet the needs of seafarers calling on New England seaports.

A significant advance has been the continued pressure by port chaplains on the Department of Homeland Security regarding seafarer shore leave. The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee which reports to the Secretary of Homeland Security introduced a resolution last year for the US Coast Guard to clarify shore leave access for seafarers. Many terminals were not permitting seafarers to leave vessels. Fr. Jeff Monroe, Capt. USMM chairs the committee and through their efforts, the Coast Guard has now published a new rule that prohibits a terminal from preventing shore leave to foreign seamen.

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Baptismal Font
Available for a church in the diocese.
Contact Bishop Marsh.
Notes from the Secretary

It’s been quite a winter since mid-January! Lots of snow and bitter cold temperatures. However, the amount of snow we’ve gotten to date is nowhere near what many of you in New England have had to deal with. Our prayers for your safety go out to all of you. For you baseball fans, a glimmer of hope - spring training is just around the corner.

The 2014 annual parochial report form was sent either electronically or in the mail to all in early January. If you haven’t done so, please return the completed form to me (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.

Please complete the form in its entirety so contact information (vestry, synod delegates, etc.) is up-to-date, and keep me informed if/when changes occur.

2014 financial obligations to the diocese and the national church should have been sent to treasurer Kathy Lippman by now. If not, please comply. Your stewardship is critical to the Church at all levels. Address any questions to Kathy or me and we’ll do our best to answer them.

Summer lies ahead and with it, the summer camp program. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help with the program in any way you can, including administrative areas (e.g., fund raising, activity coordinating, registration, communications) and/or serving as a counselor. Any amount of time you can give to this endeavor will be greatly appreciated and it’s a wonderful opportunity to play a part in the spiritual growth of our youth.

Contact Allan Wylie (allan.wylie@gmail.com) for more information.

St. Joseph’s, Brooklyn, NY will host the 2015 Diocesan Synod – mark October 1-2 on your calendar. Details regarding lodging, pricing and the schedule will be made available once arrangements are in place.

If you haven’t done so, I encourage you to visit the ACA and DNE websites. They offer many links and a wealth of information on diocesan, national and global issues in the Church.

-----Peace to all of you, Linnea

The Way of the Cross in Verse
by ed pacht

1. Jesus Is Condemned Before Pilate

Before the judge stands the Judge
to be judged by one He knows,
whose heart He knows, whose sin He knows,
whose everlasting fate He holds.
Yet stands He there,
in solemn, strength-filled meekness stands
before the judge who can find in Him no fault,
and yet, with fresh-washed, tainted hands, condemns
the King of glory to an ugly, shameful death,
a death the King has never earned,
to crush Him
for me., for, tempted, He has never sinned,
but stands the spotless Lamb of God,
for me,
and takes upon Him all my guilt
and every blot of blackness in my soul,
and judgment takes He on Himself,
— my judgment, fully earned
— just judgment,
for the sins that I have done,
and the grinding wheels of justice roll,
to crush Him
for me.

2. Jesus Takes up His Cross

The Son of God goes forth to war,
His everlasting weapon bearing,
thorn-pierced brow and whip-scarred back
a wooden weight of sin upon him,
as he goes upon His road,
marching forth to battle,
driven, hounded, mocked, derided,
marching forth to battle,
deep in pain, exhausted, bleeding,
marching forth to battle,
marching forth to certain death,
marching forth to battle,
under the weight of every evil,
marching forth to battle,
bearing my guilt and all it requires,
marching forth to battle,
for me.

3. Jesus Falls the First Time

Stumbling as He marches forward,
weighted down by all my sin,
feeblly falling in His weakness,
weakness taken on for me,
taken on, replacing glory
that He freely laid aside for me,
freely choosing my great burden,
falling to the earth He made,
bruised and battered, scraped and marred
with the wounds that I should know,
bearing what I could not bear,
bearing it for me.

4. Jesus Meets His Mother

On His painful path He labors,
hated, harried by their scorn,
beaten, bruised, in suffering walking,
then beholding eyes of love.
O Mary, mother, loving, holy,
there’s a sword that cuts thy soul,
a bleeding heart and furrowed cheeks,
the mark of tears that will not dry,
for God’s own Word that thou wast given,
from thine arms is torn away.
Simeon’s prophecy so fearful,
has at last arrived in full,
and thou, O mother, must in sorrow
watching, yield Him, sacrificed
For me.
5. Simon Takes up the Cross

Impatient with the slowness of His struggle,
His cruel guards reach out for aid,
and, random, call upon a watcher,
standing quiet in the crowd.
Simon, African, of Cyren’,
not precisely volunteer,
yet not refusing, takes the burden,
wakes with Him that dismal mile,
helps to bear salvation’s altar,
and, helpless, stands to watch Him die;
and, though the Saviour, lone, will pay the price,
yet it is not alone He dies,
but at the hands of evil men,
and with the help of faithful ones,
and in the eyes of those who love;
and so he climbs the fateful hill,
for me.

6. A Woman Wipes His Face

Simple woman watching by the roadside,
watching as His blood runs down
and mingles with the sweat now pouring,
as He labors in the scorching sun,
with her modest veil now reaching,
tenderly she wipes that visage,
cleans that kind, contorted face,
whose eyes with pain and love look on her,
an image then forever printed
on proffered veil, and on surrendered heart.
O Jesus, print thyself upon me,
mark my soul with tender grace,
let me ever with thanksgiving
know thy love and labour there once given,
for me.

7. Jesus Falls a Second Time

Stumbling as He marches forward,
weighted down by all my sin,
feebly falling in His weakness,
weakness taken on for me,
taken on, replacing glory
that He freely laid aside for me,
freely choosing my great burden,
failing to the earth He made,
bruised and battered, scraped and marred
with the wounds that I should know,
bearing what I could not bear,
bearing it for me.

8. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

The man of sorrows, stumbling, bleeding,
a pitiful, painful sight, is seen
by women mourning for His troubles,
weeping and wailing for that, His pain,
wishing most deeply to bring Him comfort,
blessed release and restoration,
and He …
more pitied them, the condemnation
earned and deserved and surely to come,
the sufferings earthly and everlasting,
the judgments He came to earth to undo.
And there in His labours, and there in His pain,
the suffering Saviour prayed,
for me.

9. Jesus Falls a Third Time

Stumbling as He marches forward,
weighted down by all my sin,
feebly falling in His weakness,
weakness taken on for me,
taken on, replacing glory
that He freely laid aside for me,
freely choosing my great burden,
failing to the earth He made,
bruised and battered, scraped and marred
with the wounds that I should know,
bearing what I could not bear,
bearing it for me.

10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments.

Once the Lord wore robes of glory,
shining with eternal light,
once inhabiting the highest place,
sitting on the sapphire throne,
receiving honour from the angels,
as was but his own just due.
Now his garments wrested from him,
scorned and smitten without choice,
lying naked before sinners,
he has laid it all aside.
Humble in our weakness see him,
as he gives himself to die,
for me.


The nails!
The iron nails!
The sounds!
The pounding sounds!
The flesh and bone and wood transfixed,
as to that cross the faultless One
is fastened to that tree to die,
for me,
and, in his pain he sees the ones that hurt
and kill his tortured frame,
and sees, forgives, and prays for them,
and for me.

Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason
Jesus, hath undone thee.
’Twas I, Lord Jesus,
I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Heermann 1630, tr. Bridges 1899

12. Jesus Dies.

In the center of all moving time,
it is the moment on which all depends,
the axis of all ages that have ever been,
or ever shall become,
and all creation groans,
and every angel ceases work,
and all that is and was and will be
watches as the Saviour hangs,
and withes and breathes his earthly last
upon that blessed cursed tree,
for me,
and dies.
13. Jesus is Taken from the Cross.

Darkness in the midst of day,
a shaking of the earth beneath us,
a little band of lost and weeping friends,
come to carry him they loved away.
Gently from the cross He’s lowered,
gently to his mother’s arms,
gently wrapped and gently carried,
to be shut from light of day.
Gone the Son of blessed Mary,
gone the King they once had followed,
gone the Saviour, Friend, and Teacher,
the blessed One who died for me.

14. Jesus is Buried.

And so to death He has descended,
sealed within the cold, dark tomb,
and in the minds of His disciples,
naught is found but cold, dark gloom.
And Satan’s hosts now dance with glee,
thinking that theirs is the victory,
but there in the darkness walks the Son
shining His light on every one,
that will receive
and will believe,
and souls in prison
are now set free,
for death is dead, and life alive,
and sin is conquered,
and I am saved,
and thankful I am for what He did
for me.

A Meditation for Lent

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --
What dark transgression?

2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite,
they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this
mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted, --
God is committed.

6. There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.

7. O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

8. O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

9. For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder, --
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee?
Can I requite Thee?

10. Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers
most lowly
All fires unholy.

11. But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, oh, let Thy Spirit win me
And reign within me!

12. I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.

13. Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me;
I shall not fear what man can do to harm me
Nor death alarm me.

14. But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness.

15. And when, dear Lord, before
Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

Herzliebster Jesu
By Johann Heermann, 1630
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863
#143 in The Lutheran Hymnal (1941)

I remember from my youth as a Lutheran how we
would sing all fifteen verses of this hymn during a
Lenten Communion service, and how deeply it moved
me. We have a shorter (5 verse) version at #71 of the
Hymnal 1941 (Tr. Robert Bridges) that is actually
quite different, but also very moving. I just felt like
sharing these beautiful words. ------ed
We are all so conscious of the recent weather (as shown in many of the reports) that this little gem written by my sister seems appropriate.

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Wind
By Virginia Cote

A strong gust of wind blows
sending snow off the roof
swirling around, in the driveway.
I hear its roar
as it circles the house
and heads off into the woods.
The naked trees of winter
whip back and forth
their trunks held strong
by roots deep in the earth.

The snow storm has passed
but the winds have not.
I stand in my warm house
looking out the window
mesmerized by the sight.

A calmness settles in
showing splashes of sunlight
and shadows dancing on the banks
but again, another blast of wind
takes us into another whiteout.

Across the street, in the swamp,
I see the snow blow from one end
all the way along to the other,
showing me the strength and speed
of these blizzard winds.

The birds are out there
visiting my feeders.
How they manage to fly
and not be tossed about
I do not know.
They hang on to the feeders
as they rock back and forth.
They sit in the trees
and move with the sways.

I try to imagine what it would be like
not to have this warm house.
I shiver at the thought
and thank God for what I have.
This warm house is standing strong,
strong against the fury of God’s winter.
St. Luke’s Camp 2015

As I sit here watching the fluffy white stuff pile up in my driveway, it is hard to imagine that it is time to begin thinking about St. Luke’s Camp in August(!) Yes, we are already working on making this year’s edition of St. Luke’s the best ever. A dedicated team of counselors and others who support the camp have been working on ideas to improve last year’s well received camp.

We have again reserved the site at Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale, MA for August 9-16 and Fr. Dibble has set the theme for this year as Loving God, Loving One Another.

You will find a brochure elsewhere in this issue of the NEA. Please look it over and be sure it is posted in your parish. Applications for the camp should be appearing in your parishes by the time this NEA is published. Applications are also available at the St. Luke’s Web site (http://www.stlukescamp.com/news.php).

While application forms can be filled out online, we require final applications to be submitted in signed paper form. Tuition for the camp remains at $275 with $100 due with the application prior to June 30 at the latest ($25 late fee after June30) and the remainder at check-in. Scholarships for the camp are available and we are happy to say that no child has ever been turned away from St. Luke’s for financial reasons.

We’re also looking for counselors this year. If you are over 17 and would be interested in spending a week with some great people and some great kids in a Christian environment, please contact Fr. Ed Kalish at ekalish@myfairpoint.net.

St. Luke’s has received universal accolades from counselors and campers, one of which, from Cameron Jones, appeared in the last NEA and another of which is elsewhere in this edition. This is a wonderful opportunity, not only for your children, but also for grandchildren and children outside the ACA who would enjoy a safe and wholesome camp experience centered around Christian formation with an Anglican perspective. Please review the brochure and use your imagination as to what St. Luke’s might mean to a child you know. I’m happy to answer questions at allan.wylie@gmail.com.

Sean Wonneberger’s letter to his parish after last year’s Camp

Dear St. Matthias,

I had the best time at St Luke's camp. I slept in the cabin Malachi. There were two rooms in Malachi, one for the campers and one for the counselors. There were 4 people in Malachi other than me: Cameron, Joe, Danny, and Josiah. I took my first kayak at St. Luke's camp by the end I was soaking wet but I still like going on the kayak. The play this year was about stuff. I was Beano the person in the play who just played video games all day. That is how I got my award as the best Beano. One day it was raining so I practiced for the talent show it was a skit a very interesting skit it was called Sasquatch, Green Monkey, and Jesus. I was the green monkey. Josiah was a great piano player. I made a T shirt that said, St. Luke’s Camp 2014, after that I wanted to make it more creative so I put a lot of colors on it. I stumped the bishop four times and got first place I would’ve got more but the bugs gave us a hard time. I learned a lot about God and praying. Thank you for sending me to St. Luke's camp.

Love, Sean Wonneberger
2015 THEME: DATES: August 9th—15th, 2015
“Loving God, Loving One Another”
Receive religious instruction that is relevant to your life and the challenges that you face every day.

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A week in the woods with GOD ~
A lifetime of grace and truth and memories!
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EXPLORE your faith through Morning Prayer, religious instruction, Holy Communion, and evening devotions, in a safe and healthy environment, in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts.

DISCOVER your inner creativity and talents while you paddle a canoe, do arts and crafts, act in a play, make costumes or props, swim in the lake, compete in sports and the beach Olympics, learn archery, perform in our talent show, sing campfire songs, roast the perfect marshmallow, and make many new friends.

EXPERIENCE walking through the dew-filled grass in the early morning walk to the chapel, wholesome and hearty meals in the dining hall, picnics and campfires on the beach, closing prayer circle at day’s end, sleeping bags in bunk beds in the cabins, and new relationships as you play and pray, all in a safe and healthy environment, with experienced ACA clergy, lay leaders, counselors, and nurse, and Camp Ashmere staff.

What makes kids return to St. Luke’s Camp year after year?
A third year camper, age 11, says, “I like Morning Prayer. Even though I don’t like getting up early, it’s fun to walk up the hill to the chapel. It’s only a short service, and I enjoy praying; then I like running down the hill and racing everybody to breakfast! I like religion classes, and learning archery, and playing games with friends, and making new friends every year. I like it that there are no TVs and no electronics allowed, because we get to interact with each other more. And I like the food!”

Open to youth ages 7 to 15

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

**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) . Fr. Martin Mahoney (585) 236-7190

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

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

**Vermont**

**St. Johnsbury:** Christ Church—Sun 10am (54 Southard St.—SDA church) Fr. Art Bennett cell 603-504-5631

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

**Associated Anglican Parishes**

**Halfmoon (Clifton Park), NY:** St. Thomas of Canterbury—Sun 10am (242 Grooms Road ) Fr. Richard Dibble (315)725-3745
Clergy Anniversaries

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

Jun
13 - Bp. Owen Williams, P 1998
14 - Bp George Langberg, P 1986
14 – Dcn Mark Black, D 2014
15 - Fr. Alexander Stringer, D 1952
17– Fr. Alexander Webb, D 1978
21 - Fr. Robert Ley, birthday

Jul
06 – Dcn Merrill Perkins, birthday
06 – Fr. Ed Kalish P 2013
06 – Fr. Ian Dunn P 2013
11 - Bp George Langberg, C 1998
14 - Fr. Alexander Stringer, birthday
16 – Dcn Merrill Perkins D 2011
23 - Fr. James Dumond, P 1992
23 - Fr. Christian Tutor, solemn vows 93

Aug
04 - Fr. Christian Tutor P 2007
08 - Fr. Jeffrey Monroe P 2009
14 - Dcn. Michael Cupoli D 2010
14 – Dcn. Allen Ryan D 2010
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Next Issue in June
Deadline for submissions will be around May 15.