**PENTECOST**

**What is the Church?**

“When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”

We know these words well. Christians are very familiar with the opening sentence of the epistle reading for Whitsunday. These words are taken from the second chapter of the Book of Acts, which is often referred to as the history book of the New Testament. We know, too, that on Pentecost the church came to be. And each year at Whitsuntide we read the passage from Acts and celebrate the church’s birthday. The church of God is almost two thousand years old! And we are part of its history.

But what is the church? What do we celebrate on the great feast of Pentecost? What is the church? Some may find this an unusual question. We all have our own understanding of what the church is. Even the unbelievers and heretics who dwell among us know with certainty what the church is all about. Those unbelievers know very precisely that a church is mainly a building. They may go there for the occasional wedding or funeral, but otherwise they likely regard it as a structure that inhabits a bit of real estate. Sure, there are people who belong to a church, but even so, the unbelievers likely regard the church as nothing more than a building and a group of people with a few books and a set of beliefs. A church could be defined as just another organization in our very secular society.

They might well be right: the church is undergoing a massive secularization. And we, faithful Anglicans that we are, must remind ourselves that the church is not just another secular club or association. It is God’s church. Pentecost celebrates this essential and timeless fact.

Pentecost also reminds us that the church is different from every other organization precisely because, through the work of the Holy Spirit, God’s purpose is most truly accomplished in this world. We may know this. We may subscribe to this message. But we, too, are highly secularized and need constant reminders that the church operates differently from any other group to which we may belong.

Several times over the past few months, I have found myself teaching the faithful about the church, what it is and how it functions. A bishop is called to teach, to oversee and, indeed, to guard the faith. At one point in my travels, I was confronted with this statement: “a bishop needs to be a good administrator.” The person who expressed this view was so convinced of his opinion that no amount of persuading would cause him to change his firmly held belief. This is where the Book of Common Prayer comes in very handy. It is an essential tool in teaching the faith. I opened my prayer book to the ordinal. I turned to the service for the Consecration of Bishops. “Show me where it says that a bishop must be an administrator,” I asked my friend. He looked. He read through the entire service. But he could not find...
it. No one could find it; administrative skill is simply not a quality demanded in the ordinal. In our secular society, we expect that our leaders should be fine administrators, good business people. The church, on the other hand, demands that its leaders be faithful, prayerful, loving and seeking always to do God's will. The leaders of the church must be about the work of God. They must listen to discern God's will. They must protect the faithful from spiritual harm. What secular organization demands such things?

The church is composed of God's people. Within our churches, we seek to do God's will. Here on earth we participate in God through the working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples very clearly that the Comforter would guide them — and us - into "all truth." That is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Trinity will GUIDE us. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit is how the church works best. We often believe we must incorporate the latest secular teaching in order to "improve" God's church. Certainly, there are structures, technology and contemporary ideas that can help fulfill the church's mission. While they may be useful, their use should not cloud our understanding of the essential purpose for which we — and His church — were created. We remind ourselves this Whitsun tide that it is the Holy Spirit, not some current management scheme, that will guide us into all truth.

As we celebrate once again the birthday of His church, we gather as the faithful people of God and embrace the guidance of the Holy Spirit.  

Your Brother in Christ,  

+Brian
It is with deepest regrets and sadness that we report the death of one of the founders and pillars of Holy Cross ACA in Webster, Helen Scott. Helen was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Charles McCullough Scott (1925 – August 10, 2011). She is survived by her six daughters, 3 sons, and scads of grandchildren plus great-grandchildren. Helen was instrumental in founding our church and participated in every aspect of our church family’s activities. Her soft spoken guidance and church knowledge will be missed as we trudge on to fulfill the work she began 37 years ago. The memorial service honoring her life was overflowing with people...and they could sing, too!

Go with God, Helen. You are a Woman of Faith, beloved and shall be missed.

Organist Search

Although Jacob Fuhrman received an offer he couldn’t refuse from a bigger church with more responsibility, he has been very helpful in finding substitute organists and hymn selections. Our current substitute is Prince Namatai Nyatanga (We call him Prince.)

We are in the process of listing the post with the Organ Guild and the Eastman School of Music in prayerful hope of securing an organist sooner rather than later.

Choral Evensong has been put on hold, until we know who will be our organist. In the meantime, we are running fund raisers to repair our organ to have it in tone perfect condition for whomever becomes our organist.

English Tea

Surely the Good Lord was smiling as he viewed all the men, women, and children attending our English Tea on May 9th.

Traditionally, the Saturday before Mother’s Day means, to us, our English Tea sponsored by St. Martha’s Guild. The whole congregation either helps set up tables with linens, wash our vintage cups, saucers, and tea pots with exquisite designs on them; bake tea finger foods; brew excellent tea; work in the kitchen; serve guests; and then, of course, clean up afterwards.

Many of the tea treats enjoyed by our new friends, old friends, and neighbors can be found in From St. Martha’s Kitchen, tried and true recipes from the ladies of St. Martha’s.

The weather was perfect for a successful outdoor plant sale, as well as, everyone’s enjoyment of the festivities. This year, the proceeds will go toward our organ repair fund.

THE WONDER TREE

“The Wonder Tree Family,” e-mailed Christina McNamara, the preschool programs owner/teacher, “would like to thank the members of Holy Cross Church for their support this year. Our first year has been a huge success! Students have learned to write their names and communicate their feelings. They are all ready for Kindergarten next year.

This would not have been possible without Holy Cross. You have given us a safe place to learn and grow and we are grateful.

“We have hosted two open house events so far this year. The enrollment process has started and we have several students registered for the fall already. Thank you to Paula Mahoney for helping set up for the most recent open house event and Rev. Mahoney for participating in the fun with his children. We invite members of the church to visit us on Facebook to view pictures and videos of these events and our daily activities.

“Thank you to Barbara Killian for coming in and sharing a story with us this winter. What a wonderful visit. We invite others to visit us to share a story or talent. Please email Christina McNamara atthewondertree@gmail.com to schedule a visit.”

Perspectives

The weather has probably mitigated into a lovely spring with lots of sunshine on our Spring bonnets, but, I suspect we all have an ice storm story or two!

I was standing in a warm sunny patch in the Fellowship Room at church one cold Sunday morning. The previous night's frozen rain had left ice along all the tree branches, door sills, and sidewalks.

Someone came sputtering through the door. "It's a war zone out there! The sun melting the icicles makes them fall like daggers. You could get killed if one landed on your head! The cracking ice sounds like bombs going off. I wrenched my back on that (expletive) icy patch near my car door. We've all got to be crazy to come out in this weather."

The next person came breezing through the door. "Oh, isn't that sun gorgeous streaming through the clear ice on the branches. It looks like a lacy, fairy land out there. The buildings are all sparkling with gingerbread icing on every ledge. It's wonderful!"

I don't deny there are ice bombs and slippery spots in life. I just choose not to dwell on them. I try to learn from yesterday, live today, and listen for tomorrow.

Putting things in perspective is important. It can reflect your attitude toward life. It's your choice.

Claire L. Remington
We are also saddened by the relatively sudden
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 March we celebrated a few birthdays. To the right is Sister Miller. She is pictured with Canon Brathwaite who is singing his award winning song, “Happy Birthday.” I heard that it’s been a chart topper for the last 20 years.

Also celebrating birthdays are our choirmaster and organist, Mr. Earl Morris and Ms. Luanne Rodney who are pictured to the left. I’m sure that I’m spelling her name wrong and am hoping that she doesn’t hold it against me. She is the daughter of our very own Deacon Herby Rodney and always seems happy to be at service. But then again, I’m an optimist and take a smile for the most that I can get from it when I see it.

On Easter we had a full house with everyone in their Sunday best. Here are some of the children of St. Joseph. I know that they are happy because you can see the smiles all across their faces. I tried to get them all to look straight ahead and at the camera but, as you can see, it doesn’t always work but that’s cool because, at least, they are happy.

To the left is Mr. Morris standing in front of the altar decked out with Easter lilies and tulips. Our tradition is to have the parishioners donate a flower in memory of a loved one or loved ones. Then we go out and purchase the lilies. I would really like to give Mr. Morris a standing ovation because he takes a massive amount of plants and always arranges them in such a way as to bring out the radiance of the altar.

On Mother’s Day, Mrs. Laverne Swift was voted Mother of the Year. She was very surprised to say the least. Pictured to the right are Mrs. Swift and myself. I may look a little surprised because I’m usually on the picture-taking side of the camera and not usually included in them.

Later that day we had our 1st Annual Mother’s Day Dinner & Dance. Pictured is the freshly decorated parish hall. I would like to give thanks to all those involved in making this fundraiser a success. We were able to make more repairs to the parish hall floor because of that fundraiser and are looking forwards to the Pre-Father’s Day Brunch fundraiser (Saturday, June 20) in order to make more much needed repairs to it.

On a somber note, Mrs. Mams Savory was hospitalized, and, at the time of this writing, has now been released. She is presently recuperating and is feeling up in spirits. Also on our sick and shut-in list are: Mrs. Loura Brebnor, Mrs. Edith Morgan, Mrs. Alice Trapp and Mrs. Grace Picart (who blessed us on Mother’s Day with her presence). Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they heal.

We have been blessed on finally receiving tax exempt status on the rectory and the removal of all the liens that were on it. We are now in the process...
On Palm Sunday we were blessed to have a string quartet which performed a number of wonderful Mozart pieces accompanied by our organist, Don Bliss.

On Easter, we invited a brass ensemble including two trombones and two trumpets to help celebrate the risen Christ. Saint Nicholas saw a few new faces and many old friends come here for Holy Week services. The week was filled with all that you might expect and more including a very well attended parish pot luck on Maundy Thursday.

-----Sincerely submitted, Mark Black, Deacon & Webmaster.

West Seneca NY
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Pentecost greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Anglican Church. Much has happened since our Christmas installment in the Northeast Anglican Newsletter.

The events began late in April when Saint Nicholas Church again hosted the West Seneca Lenten Journey for a night of Lenten observance and fellowship.

A Hundred and Sixty-four Christians of different denominations came and read the 1928 version of Evening Prayer with us. Msgr. William Gallagher, a Roman Catholic priest from S. Thomas Aquinas in Buffalo preached the sermon and Fr. Edward Ihde and Werner Funkenhauser from Saint Nicholas led the service. The night was a blessed event filled with great hymns and a vocal performance from the Saint Nicholas choir led by our organist, Don Bliss. Afterward we all enjoyed some wonderful food prepared by our parishioners and great fellowship.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week were of course the primary focus of this season.

On the First Sunday after Easter, one of our newest (and youngest) members, Chloe Rayne, was baptized into Christ’s One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

On the last Sunday in Easter we had a wonderful visit from our dear friend Ann Marie Zon. Sister Ann gave us all an update of her wonderful work as a missionary in the country of Nicaragua. Some of
our Saint Nicholas parishioners have purchased pigs and cows for Ann Marie to bestow on poor families in her work there. These items can provide necessary income through milk, meat, and offspring that can be sold. We as a church have funded a number of grade school children through first grade. In Nicaragua, one must pay to go to school, therefore the poorest of people cannot normally afford to go.

If you would like more info or would like to help, you can visit Ann Marie’s project’s website at www.projectnica.com

-----Fr. Ed Ihde

**Brockton, Mass.**
**Saint Paul’s Parish**

Our principal news and attention continues to be focused on construction of our new church proper. As is clear for all here to see the new church is moving along nicely, although slowed somewhat by nine feet of snow. That slowdown has presented us with new gas code requirements, effective January 1st, meaning that it’s doubtful that we will finish construction by the Day of Pentecost, May 24th, as anticipated. Anyone in the Diocese is welcome to drop by, walk about, look in, for which a key is available on advanced notice. Even when all work is done, however, 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 Altar, sacristy items, organ, furniture, books and so on.

The fruition of this endeavor is theological and historical. At its patron, Paul, the Parish lost literally everything for the sake of Christ, in many cases vestments from Altars and even clothing off the backs of the clergy. But true to His promise, things are being restored to us a “hundredfold”.

More important than any preoccupation with these matters is our prayer that the Parish will sense in all this what Jacob felt on awakening 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” (Genesis 28.17).

Spiritual construction is our primary concern. In the midst of physical construction we had a very beneficial Lent, Holy Week and Easter. For example, 13 women gathered for a Lent Quiet Day. Scriptural accounts of Christ’s journey from Caesarea Philippi to his entry into Jerusalem were read and reflected upon, hymns were sung, and prayers and praises were offered. On Wednesday evenings during Lent a light supper was shared followed by Bible Study and the Stations of the Cross. And on Saturday the Great Vigil of Easter was celebrated. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

-----Patrician Ferrick

**Saco, Maine**
**St. Augustine**

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)

Dear Fellow Travelers,

When last we met St. Augustine’s was preparing for its long, dark winter. It was early December and we were just entering Advent looking forward to Christmas. Well, our winter certainly was one for the record books! If the Law of Averages is truly a law, next winter should be a breeze!

While winter certainly saw us slow down here we were not completely still. We had our Shrove Tuesday Breakfast with a gathering at a local restaurant. This has become for us a time of sharing as we know gathering during the winter is difficult.

But Lent also allowed us to provide our first (and hopefully not last) Children’s Lenten Reading Hour at our local library. There was a reading of “The Donkey That No One Could Ride” with books provided to all by the author. It was a delightful event. After the reading we shared a song - “This Little Light of Mine”. Each child was given a small
Have you ever noticed that if you hold a pretzel upside down it looks like a hug? We did and there were hugs aplenty shared—both literally and figuratively.

What a wonderful event! We hope to make this at least an annual event—if not a regular part of our Children's Ministry.

Our Easter was beautifully celebrated by Father LaMarre and our Easter season has been busy with organizing and housekeeping. We are still getting used to having a vestry but we're getting the hang of it and things are going smoother as time goes on.

Our Vicar, Father Monroe, has been in the process of moving the York Memorial Mission Supply Closet. It is being moved from its present home at St. Margaret's to our space in downtown Saco. We have been busy preparing a parish/Mission office there. Furniture is expected next week and we will continue our “getting organized” process.

We did get a bit of bad news last week. Deacon Al Ryan, who has been with us for nearly three years, has resigned effective December 31 so we will be soon getting new clergy. That is always a nervous process but we've been through it several times and we're grown so much in the past year—in terms of maturity—that we are now more used to “Thy Will Be Done.” While a nervous process I suppose it is a good exercise in patience and humility.

Our Outreach efforts have been very active. We have made a special donation to the Saco Food Pantry and delivered needed toiletries to the needy students at our local high school. We received a donation of hundreds of toothbrushes and toothpastes from the local dentistry school which will be distributed to the homeless students we serve through several projects. We received a very generous grant that completely supports our Bicycles for Foster Children project for this year! We are very excited about that. We still have our summer projects to undertake. We will be having our first Bottle Drive this coming Saturday. The project we are focusing on right now is our Backpacks for Homeless Children project. We hope to expand the project this year to include more students. The details of our summer yard sale have to be firmed up but that will all happen with time.

I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Remember? “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Just when you think you've got everything under control and on schedule, God pokes in and says, “Ah, excuse Me. Remember Me?” So for now we watch for his time to sow and a time to reap—a time to find and a time to loose....

Wishing you a pleasant journey from your Sisters and Brothers at St. Augustine's.

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas Anglican Church

Greetings again from St. Thomas!

We welcome the warmer weather, and we welcome our summer parishioners as we look forward to their return. We were plagued with numerous cancellations during the previous inclement winter, and even on Easter Eve there was much snow and unpleasant traveling conditions.

Once again our parishioner Pat Taniashvili has sewn a quilt which she has generously donated to our church, to be raffled off at the end of the summer. The quilt is titled “Non Sibi Sed Patriae,” (“Not for Self but for Country”), the same words inscribed over the doors of the U.S. Naval Academy. The raffle tickets are one dollar each or six for $5.00, with proceeds going to the International Anglican Fellowship (IAF). Those wishing to purchase tickets may contact St. Thomas. Thanks to Pat for her donation and generous work, as well as her contributions to The Thomist, our parish newsletter, which has contributed to this report.

Local residents of Ellsworth can now turn to their community television Channel 7 to view a slide promoting our church. Fr. Kalish created this slide with input from the vestry. The slide includes “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness,” a quote from Psalm 69:9, and “We preach from Holy Scripture and our message is Jesus Christ.” We are
grateful to Fr. Kalish for his ministry to us, and to his wife Linda who is also so active in our parish.

Our former rector Fr. Ian Dunn, now a resident of California where he is involved in parish ministry, stopped by for a visit on May 7. We were very happy to see him, and we invoke God’s blessings on his life and ministry.

We are currently working on a questionnaire as a “self-study” and parish profile for our further development, and to provide information in our search for a permanent rector. We will discuss the results of the questionnaire with the Right. Rev. James Hiles, our diocese’s Suffragan Bishop, during his visit on May 31.

We eagerly look forward to the visit of Bishop Hiles to perform the ordination of Kevin Kelly as a Deacon of the Diocese of the Northeast at our Church on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. A reception will take place at 1:00. We thank all those who are making this special event possible, including Valerie McCadden who provided the invitations. We warmly welcome all those who will attend, including Kevin’s friends and relatives, our parishioners, visiting clergy, and all others. There will be abundant information in the next edition, as well as photographs.

We have an additional parishioner currently studying for the diaconate, Leroy Weed, and request God’s blessing on him as he continues his studies.

A blessed spring and summer to you all!

--- Kevin A. Kelly

**Raymond, Maine**

**Our Benedictines**

Well spring has finally sprung at the Priory! Father Kevin as back to saying mass in the Chapel each Sunday. Mass is held at 9:00 each week. The animals have finally shed most of their winter coats and the horses, sheep and goat are finding blades of grass as fast as it comes up. Baby birds are hatching in the barn and the ladybugs, who lived in the Chapel all winter have finally shed most of their winter coats and the

--- Lee Garre

**Amherst, N.H.**

**St. Luke’s**

To begin: a correction. In the last issue I misspelled the first name of Mr. Olsen, director of Christian Witness with World Vision. The proper spelling is Torrey. My apologies.

Our education classes continue: **Tuesday Bible Study** with soup has been run for the last few weeks by Des Coffey on the subject of "Christian Discipleship". **The Spirit Series** is studying "Those Controversial Gifts" and **Saturday Bible Study** is studying the Gospel of Luke.

After what seemed an endless winter, we are having our annual spring cleanup on Saturday, 16 May. Our church sits in lovely wooded grounds and it will be wonderful to see it at its best.

Our new handicraft-ed and larger tabernacle has been installed in the sanctuary. It is the work of our former Junior Warden, Ken Miller and makes a beautiful addition to our worship space.

Plans are ongoing for our participation in the annual 4th of July celebration on the green in Amherst. We always look forward to the opportunity to meet and greet friends and neighbors.

We wish all a wonderful summer.

--- Submitted by: Lee Garre

**Concord, N.H.**

**All Saints**

Remember that thou art dust...the familiar words that begin the Lenten Season for so many Christians found a unique place amidst the cold and snow of a New Hampshire winter. **Father Christian** thought of a new approach to evangelization by bringing this simple rite to the people: stand in the public square and offer Christians an easy way to begin Lent...but he didn’t count on the weather.

Ash Wednesday dawned cold and bitter. Preparing for the morning Fr. Christian bundled up and set his processional crucifix with an “Ash Stop” banner in front of the State Capitol. Wednesday is a big day for the Legislature in New Hampshire, and the priest with a crucifix and ashes planted on the corner in which lawmakers come to the Capitol proved a genius/horrifying move. Confronting frozen public servants and foot traffic with their mortality, brought the reality of conversion to the doorstep of secular
The horror that is being perpetrated against Christians around the globe, moved Fr. Robert Smolley of Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manchester, NH, to plan a metropolis wide service of remembrance for those persecuted in the Ukraine, but also for all Christians suffering for the Gospel. All Saints was the only parish outside of the metropolis to be invited to this important event that included Divine Liturgy, lunch, reparatory litanies, and a forum on the status of Christians around the world.

Summer at All Saints is filled with the jewels of the liturgical calendar: Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and the Assumption of St. Mary. Feel free to visit All Saints and join us for these festivals of faith. See our website: www.allsaintsnh.com for information on services and events.

With such a propitious beginning to Lent, public talks were given in Concord to enhance the spiritual life during the Penitential Season. Held in downtown space housing New Hampshire Right to Life and Piccolo Opera, the series had a nice attendance and very lively exchanges. The topics covered were “Supernatural: the World Visible and Invisible,” and “The Beauty of Holiness: Theology of Vesture and Icon.”

While in California mourning the death of his Father, Fr. Christian had the opportunity to visit and assist Bishop Williams at St. Mary of the Angels in North Hollywood. Passion Sunday ended with a Solemn Sung Evensong followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A small orchestra and a finely trained chorus lent majesty to the Vesper Service in which Bishop Williams acted as Hebdomadarian*. Fr. Christian then presided over the Rite of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Every ceremony was observed and, surprisingly, every liturgical act unfolded with ease as both Bishop Williams and Fr. Christian let their “muscle memory” take over and familiar words and actions became the substance of Divine Worship.

Holy Week culminated in the Great Paschal Vigil with all of Salvation History portrayed in song, text, and Mystical Action. Fr. Robert Smolley joined us for this Night of Nights and ushered in the Paschal Season with due solemnity and majesty.

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[* HEBDOMADARIAN The priest or religious officiating for a week in a monastery or church]

**Lebanon, N.H.**
(White River Jct., Vt.)
Trinity Anglican Church

As we enter into the season when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit (or Ghost, if you choose), we at Trinity have reason to believe that He has been active here in our lives.

If you visit the diocese web site you find that we have moved across the Connecticut from Lebanon, NH to White River Junction, Vermont. [see the church listings on page 23].

While it is easy to think good things coming together after prayer may be coincidence, I prefer to think prayer is answered.

ed note: A Methodist bishop on a train found that his seatmate was a well-known atheist speaker, who declared that answers to prayer were all coincidence. Answered the bishop: “Perhaps, but when I pray coincidences happen more often.”]
One day it was wintery and the next spring was in the air. It’s funny how people perk up in the spring. We tend to smile a bit more and think about getting in shape.

A few weeks ago on a nice warm Sunday we invited people to bring yard tools to church for a cook out and clean up. Wow, many people stayed and worked and ate. I noticed today the lawn was freshly cut. It is nice to see the congregation take care of God’s house.

Over the winter we have tried to have an event every month. Someone donated a great charcoal stove. This summer we will have several cook outs. We are planning on a surprise party for someone but I am telling who just yet.

For the summer we’ve added an early service. It is hard to believe people can smile that much before...
9am but at 8 they smile. The 9:30 people smile also but then again they're more awake. We are becoming more and more “the friendly church on the hill” and that is good news!

-----Fr. Andrew Faust

It is with great pleasure we welcome our new Choir Director, Carlos Martinez, a native of San Antonio, Texas he has been living in the New England area for 23 years. An accomplished musician, Mr. Martinez has both sung in and traveled to many parts of the world singing and conducting opera.

-----from the website

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, Winter’s almost gone, summer’s comin’ on. If you have not considered a week at St. Luke’s camp for your child or grandchild, or just some child you love very much, now’s the time to do it. Camp is August 9-15 at Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale, MA this year. The theme is Loving God, Loving One Another.

Wondering if it’s for your child? See the great new video at the camp web site or available as a DVD from your parish liaison officer. Registration is $275 with $100 due with camper application (also available on the web site) not later than June 30 with the residual due on check-in. Applications must be submitted via US Mail, i.e., in paper form. A $25 late fee may be assessed for applications received after June 30. Scholarships are available—ask your rector, or your St. Luke’s liaison officer or see the camp Web site at http://www.stlukescamp.com/news.php for more information.

We’ll have another great staff being led by Fr. Dibble this year and featuring, yet again, a stage production inspired and implemented by our very own bishop.

This is a great camp as anyone who has attended it will enthusiastically tell you and as has been shown in these pages previously. If you have any questions, please see your rector, or your liaison officer, or contact me at allan.wylie@gmail.com or (802) 765-4587.

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

It seems like a very short time ago that we were endlessly battling snow and ice, yet here we are marveling at the beauty of flowering trees and shrubs, soft green grass, spring flowers galore, and all of the other wonders of rebirth that we experience each spring. God is so awesome!

The Lenten season offered us opportunities to worship with fellow Christians during several ecumenical services and time for quiet reflection, meditation and prayer during Holy Week. An egg hunt on the parish grounds the day before Easter was well-attended by lots of enthusiastic neighborhood children. The culmination of all of this activity, on Easter morning, found us celebrating the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in our chapel filled with the fragrance of lilies and the sounds of voices joyfully singing Easter hymns. Alleluia – He is risen!

Spring events have begun here at St. Elizabeth’s. We had another successful 3-day spring flower sale on Mother’s Day weekend, thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers. The fruits of their labor can be seen in beautiful flower beds and magnificent hanging baskets decorating the homes in our neighborhood! Our next big event is a giant lawn sale on the parish grounds on June 13th and 14th. We’re hoping for nice weather and a great turnout, as this has also been a popular and profitable fund-raiser in the past.

We pray for a wonderful and safe trip for Father Bob Ley’s wife, Pat, who is traveling to China this spring. Pat is a retired art teacher and very talented artist, and she is eagerly looking forward to visiting this ancient country where art has played such a significant cultural role for thousands of years. We look forward to hearing about her experiences upon her return.

Just a couple of other brief notes before closing...

On June 7th, Bishop Langberg will be confirming his youngest grandchild, Elizabeth Ogden, at St. Elizabeth’s. We extend our congratulations and prayers that Elizabeth’s life will be guided by the Holy Spirit in all she accomplishes in the future.

We also offer congratulations, prayers and best wishes to Linnea and Russ Shaver, who will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 26th. May God bless them with many, many more loving, happy anniversaries to share together in the years to come.

We send our prayers to all of you for a safe, healthy and happy summer.

-----Ingrid Magar
Portland, Maine
Olde St. Paul’s

*Electronics Recycling Fundraiser:* Our annual event on Saturday May 16th, 2015, was a good event all around. The weather held, friends worked together, and we were blessed with some income to help our parish continue the work that God has for us. Thanks to all who helped! ----from website

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Seasonable weather has finally arrived and, with it, the resumption of our Sunday Morning Prayer services at the Fort at No. 4. We will continue these services at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday, with the assistance of Fr. Art Bennett, through the end of October. If you are in the neighborhood of Charlestown, please visit us at the Fort.

Our Bible Study continues to meet each Wednesday after Morning Prayer. We finished the Psalms in late May and will now watch and discuss a series of lectures on some aspect of Christian history. A committee of the whole is discussing options. We are very pleased that our study group has grown to 12. However, this number exceeds the capacity of the round table in our parish hall. None of us liked the square configuration as at least four people on the corners bumped their knees against table legs. Mr. Phil Turner, our junior warden and a mathematician by training, solved our dilemma by proposing an elliptical table top to fit over the round table, thus providing a greater circumference around which to sit.

Our big project this summer will be hosting our second summer vacation Bible school (July 6-10) in cooperation with the Child Evangelism Fellowship. We are told that it takes 3 to 4 years to get a program like this going, as it is difficult to get the word out to the target audience of kids in grades K-5 and their parents. Last year we found that it was great fun for the parish and spiritually rewarding. We ask your prayers that the Holy Spirit will send us children.

Recently, Fr. David was given a set of glass negatives from the 1920s that had been recovered from the Alstead, NH recycling center. He scanned them and printed out copies as he has done for hundreds of negatives in the Alstead Historical Society’s collection. It turned out that the pictures were of Charlestown, NH and several were images of the Good Shepherd Church building when it was a bank.

Prints and the original glass negatives will be donated to the Charlestown Historical Society.

The winter was hard on our aging fence to right of our church building, and the vestry decided that we need to replace it. Our new Junior Warden, Phil Turner, took charge and organized a fence-raising party after one of our Wednesday Bible Study sessions to plant posts. Wanting to make sure the fence did not move, he required his helpers, John and Aare Ilves and Fr. David to sink four three-foot holes in the churchyard. Then we poured concrete. In our next report we will provide a picture of the finished project.

We wish all our fellow Anglicans in the Diocese of the Northeast a blessed and restful summer.

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

Halfmoon, N.Y.
St. Thomas of Canterbury

Modern church growth often involves advertising all its attractions: dramatic preaching; glorious music of the latest style, unlimited ministries, and overflowing attendance. Scheduling emphasis is placed upon spectacle and personal convenience, rather than slowing down to honor the Lord. Some
may offer a temporary 'feel good' experience without depth or real ties to the other members. In all of this somehow something of Jesus may seem lost.

Our little church, St. Thomas of Canterbury in Halfmoon, sees modern life as fragmented, in a hurry and harried. The individual man, woman and child is caught up in relentless frenzies and is ultimately alone. We strive for a community where each member is an integral part of a deep and vibrant life together where love for each other reflects God's love for each of us. God's mission of reconciling all creation is centered on calling and gathering a people who will bear witness in their life together this work of God in Christ. In good time the intimacy of our lives together will ripple out from our altar forming personal examples of what a Christian really is.

Our faith is simple. Our prayer life is rich. Our songs honor Christ not 'I'. We discover meaning in our lives by knowing the season's of Christ life. His Passion is our passion.

We do our utmost to reconnect with that which is truly important. We harken back to a simpler, more rooted existence by promoting the blessings of quiet time, fellowship and sharing. We treasure the stability of place, family and enduring friendship. We see ourselves as caretakers of His creation. These are not radical ideas. They are Christian ones.

To us hospitality, gracious liturgy, hymn singing, quiet prayer and works of mercy are ideals. We come together to do something of importance in our lives, to be thankful and to love each other as God loves each of us.

Our fine rector, Father Richard Dibble, divides his time between St. Lucy's Mission and our parish. He celebrates Holy Communion at St. Thomas of Canterbury twice a month. Sundays, when he is not here, we read Morning Prayer together around a table we set up in the narthex. Everyone takes turns reading the service, the psalm, the canticles, the lessons and the collect. Morning Prayer can be said in twenty minutes but what with talking points and questions our do-it-yourself service usually consumes a quick hour and a half. This often proves to be a profound spiritual adventure.

Canandaigua, New York Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

"Can anybody come to this church?" Those words were the beginning of a beautiful friendship — and a blessing for Holy Redeemer. One Sunday a few months ago, Wally was standing outside our church during the coffee hour, and saw a man walking his dog. Wally's answer, "Absolutely! Please join us" was met with a smile, and a "Well, maybe I’ll see you next Sunday." And the rest, as they say, is history. Randy Magin did, indeed, join us the next Sunday, and has become our newest parishioner, and it is a delight to have him with us. He has jumped right into parish life with enthusiasm, and has contributed a great deal in the short time that he has been here, shoveling snow and doing some repairs and maintenance.

About a week after he arrived, in the middle of another brutal winter, we arrived on Sunday morning to find that we had sustained severe water and ice damage due to snow and ice buildup on our roof. Randy and Fr. Dale both got busy cleaning and mopping up the water, placing buckets strategically, and contacting professionals for repairs. Luckily, our insurance paid for all but $100 of the cost of repairs to the roof and to the interior. Last week we watched the sunlight streaming through our sparkling clean windows, which Randy had taken it upon himself to wash. He has also begun assisting on the altar. We are grateful to Randy’s dog for needing a walk at that particular moment on that Sunday!

Congratulations to Holy Redeemer on its 11th anniversary! After surviving another brutal winter, we celebrated on May 4th our eleventh anniversary, as well as the return of our snowbirds, the Lambersons. We are enjoying beautiful Spring weather, and looking forward to sprucing up the church grounds with flowers.

We know that Fr. Jim Ayers is smiling down from Heaven after the recent birth of his grandson, Jaxson! Daughter Janelle and family are doing well, and we extend our congratulations to them and to Grandma Cindy Ayers and Uncle David.

Cameron Jones has been busy as a new cadet in the Civil Air Patrol. He joined last Fall, and just received his second promotion to Cadet Airman First Class. We are very proud of him! The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and offers many opportunities for cadets, including aerospace education, search and rescue training, and the like. Cameron is learning a lot, and having a lot of fun in the process. In January, he took his first O-flight (Orientation flight) on a 6 -seater plane, flown by a CAP pilot, and got to take controls of the airplane at one point! He did a weekend bivouac in March, and learned some search and rescue skills in the snow. He is excited to be working with his own and several area squadrons at the Rochester Air Show, over Memorial Day weekend, featuring the Blue Angels.

I am learning to appreciate the simple pleasures in life which we all take for granted, and to appreciate the Lord’s ways. On Maundy Thursday,
while on vacation, I fell and broke my leg, and the
subsequent challenges of NWB (non-weight-
bearing, for those of you lucky enough to not ever
have encountered this sentence!) have been hum-
bling and frustrating. I’ve had lots of time for
reflection. I think this was God’s way of telling
me to slow down, and to stop procrastinating on
some things, to recognize what is really important
in life, and to appreciate the blessings that I
do have. I have learned to appreciate more my
wonderful family (Cameron, in particular, cooked
Easter dinner, as well as a significant number of
other meals, since he is a great chef and loves
cooking, unlike another member of our family
who shall remain nameless!) I learned that
“handicap accessible” is sometimes a misnomer;
that hopping around on one leg isn’t as easy as it
was when I was ten; that making and transporting
a cup of coffee can be an insurmountable task;
that the kindness of others is truly a balm for the
soul and spirit; and that prayer really makes a
difference. I am mobile again, after six weeks,
and making progress with my physical therapy,
and able finally to work in the garden instead of
just watching it grow from inside the house!

----Diane S. Jones

Mystic, Conn.
St. Matthias

What is a parish supposed to do when the bishop
shows up, unannounced, on a Sunday morning? That’s what occurred on March 15, when Bishop
Marsh strolled up to the Chapel at Olde Mistick Vil-
lage to join us in worship. It seems that some in-
clement (icy) road conditions had prevented his
Grace from being able to travel north from his cen-
tral Massachusetts home for a planned visitation, so
he traveled south instead to join us in wor-
ship! Although we ourselves were fewer in number
than usual, it still was a wonderful service.

Having seen an advertisement
in an Autom cat-
alog for Lenten candles - same idea as Advent
 candles, except
that they come in
sets of 5 purple
and 1 pink, for
the six Sundays
in Lent - We in-
vested in a few
sets, and a six-
pointed tabletop
candelabra for
the purpose; each
Sunday people of
the parish (the children, as often as they were there)
would light the required candle(s). An accompanying
picture shows the Kennedy children doing the honors.

We also have a
custom at St. Mat-
thias of praying for
individuals on a
Sunday near to their
birthday, and for
couples when their
wedding anni-
versary is at hand. Fr.
Merrill is pictured
leading the Prayer
for a Birthday (BCP
p. 597) for Becky
Kennedy on the
Sunday before her
March birthday.

On May 22,
Sean Kennedy's school had a day-long presentation
on Medieval Life, and he was selected (or maybe he
volunteered!) to play the role of a bishop. Bishop
Marsh was gracious enough to loan a mitre for the
assignment, Sean also donned his Altar Server's
cassock, and a stole and robe his mother
made. Hopefully, a picture of him so attired will

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make it into this issue; it also must be wondered if this role might in some way be prophetic?!

Lastly, St. Matthias Church has been selected to host the House of Bishops and Executive Council meetings, to be held September 1-3. We are humbled by this honor, and are grateful for the opportunity to serve God's Church in this fashion.

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

Well, the boy bishop photo didn’t arrive, but I still couldn’t resist including this parallel account written on September 21, 2006. That afternoon, at the first session Synod, we elected Fr. Brian Marsh to be Suffragan (assistant) Bishop. Speaking to the Synod after the vote, the bishop-elect made reference to an old family photo of himself, as a boy, in bishop’s vesture. The image, though probably a bit playful in its origin, turned out to be strangely prophetic, and I wrote the following little piece for him, and read it to those present. ...

Brian Now

Boy bishop, 
growing boy, 
learning boy, 
a boy called, 
before the call is known. 
A teacher, 
a priest, 
a call, 
a vote, 
a bishop to be. 
Boy bishop, 
real bishop. 
Praise God!

-----ed pacht

October 1-2
2015 Diocesan Synod 
in Brooklyn 
hosted by St. Joseph’s, 
Information is forthcoming.

Conway NH
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, the sunshine has finally made it to the Mt. Washington Valley. There are still a few patches of snow, but most of them are on top of Mt. Washington. This seemed to be an especially long, cold winter, especially here in the North Country. That did not dampen the spirit of the congregation, however. Even though the weather was dull and gray much of the time, the folks at St. Margaret’s were the opposite.

March 1st saw our annual parish meeting. Several folks were re-elected overwhelmingly to their vestry posts. Rebecca Harrington stays on as Treasurer, Loretta Stewart-Whitehead as clerk, and Richard Legault as Director of Endowment. Jamie Bergeron was elected to fill the remainder of the three year term held by Barbara Maclean, who moved to Portland. March was also the occasion of the “wearin’ o’ the green” as the parish held its annual St. Patrick’s Day corned beef dinner open to the general public. The weather did not cooperate, but we still had a good crowd, and realized a nice return for our efforts. As always, James and Rebecca Harrington do the lion’s share of the work for this event, cooking and gathering donations in the community for the raffle after the dinner. Other folks helped set up, waited table, and assisted with the clean up afterward.

Now in the Lenten season, Stations of the Cross began every Friday at 5:00. A Lenten program “Talking about God” was held on Saturdays up until Palm Sunday. The Choir did two lovely anthems
birds” from warmer climes, namely A and Noreen Frizzell. Father passed out carnations to all the women in the congregation as well.

We are looking forward to a wonderful remainder of the spring, the fullness of summer and we wish all our Anglican and other friends a blessed, safe and fun filled season.

-----Maureen Ferguson

Clericus, March 5-6, 2015

The spring Clericus was held at Garrison, New York’s, “Graymoor Spiritual Life Center”, operated by the Roman Catholic Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. Graymoor sits on top of a wooded mountain not far from the Hudson River, and is a model of true ecumenicity. The mountaintop is crowned by a lovely Eastern Orthodox chapel. A little way down the slope is the St. Francis Chapel, Anglican in ambience, where our services were held. Our meetings began with an overview by Bishop Brian Marsh of goings-on within the Traditional Anglican Communion. Special presentations were offered by two lay professionals from St. Luke’s Anglican Church of Amherst, NH. Chip Garre, a former IRS employee, spoke in very practical terms about church stewardship, and Barbara Steele, a nurse of extensive experience, addressed the group with an overview of issues concerning sexual misconduct. Times of worship --whether Evening or Morning Prayer, Compline, or Holy Communion-- were fulfilling and uplifting. The fellowship, renewal of friendships, as well as making new acquaintances all made the trip to Garrison worthwhile. Photos taken by Jim Siebold of St. Nicholas Anglican Church, West Seneca, NY

-----Fr. Ed Kalish

We were happy to see Linda Monroe back from North Carolina where she underwent some needed surgery. She is now recovered and our prayers have, thankfully been answered.

Our attendance on Mother’s day was pleasing, and we have seen the return of some of our “snow-
News Notes

Traditional Anglican Communion

Fathers Santos Garcia Tista and Juan Sion Lobos have been approved by the College of Bishops for consecration to the episcopate. The Traditional Anglican Church, Latin American Province (TACLAP) has been an independent province of the TAC since 2008. This province has seen remarkable growth over the past decade. It is anticipated that the new bishops will eventually serve new dioceses in Central America. At least two ACA bishops will travel to Guatemala later this year to assist in the consecration of the two Bishops-elect. A year ago, Bishops Garcia, Strawn and Marsh met Fathers Santos and Lobos and are very pleased with their election to the episcopate. Please keep these fine men in your prayers.

Father Andrew Mukuyamba has been elected bishop of Zambia. He will be consecrated later this year as well. Africa has also experienced a great deal of growth over the past decade and the new Bishop-elect will have, we pray, a very productive ministry.

The TAC Concordat requires that the College of Bishops meet in formal session every seven years. The last meeting was held in 2012. However, because of numerous pressing issues, a meeting in 2016 has been tentatively scheduled. Lincoln, England has been suggested as a potential meeting location. One of the items on the agenda will be the election of a new Primate.

The Anglican Church in America

The House of Bishops and Executive Council met on April 21-23 in Phoenix, Arizona. The Church of the Epiphany was the host parish for the event. Canon Fred River, the rector of the parish, and his wife, Sara, provided superb hospitality. For those of us from the Northeast, the experience of ninety degree, sunny and dry weather was a real treat. We all escaped before the heat reached 110!

Issues discussed in the meetings were these:
- Election of a Diocesan for the Diocese of the West. The Election Synod is planned for October, 2015
- Proposals for the Educational Fund. Discussion centered around the support of individual seminarians vs. the development of week-long educational programs. Proposals were received for the support of men planning to attend seminary. It was decided that we would continue this discussion at future meetings seeking the best way or ways to serve the church.

Questions were raised about the status of the Church in India. It was suggested that a visit be made to New Delhi to review the situation.

The ACA budget showed a small surplus for FY '14. A greater surplus is anticipated for FY '15.

International Anglican Fellowship

The needs of our foreign missions are great. The IAF is doing superb work in assisting missionary programs in Africa and Latin America. Executive Director, Erv Lissche reports that the assistance of Sustaining Members has been exceptional. He also reported that several new sustaining members have come aboard. A Board of Directors meeting by teleconference will be held within the next two weeks.

Erv also noted that “Ritual Notes” has been republished. Copies are available through DEUS Publications. It is important to note that DEUS Publications is a ministry of the Anglican Province of America. This is yet another example of mutual cooperation between the sister jurisdictions of the ACA and the APA. All proceeds from the sale of “Ritual Notes” will go to support the IAF and its international missionary outreach.

Mystic, Connecticut to Host Executive Council

The next meeting of the House of Bishops and Executive Council will be held between September 1-3 in Mystic, Connecticut. The Executive Council extends its thanks to Father Merrill Perkins for his assistance in arranging hotel accommodations and suggesting restaurants. His assistance is deeply appreciated.

Diocese of the Northeast

By the time you read this, The Rt. Rev. James Randall Hiles will have ordained Mr. Kevin Kelly to the Sacred Order of Deacons on May 30, 2015 at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine.

We need a delegate from the DNE to serve on the Executive Council. Please let me know if you are interested and available to serve. These important meetings occur twice a year. The meetings are held in various locations throughout the country are wonderful opportunities to share fellowship with Anglicans from other dioceses.

The Standing Committee will meet at the diocesan offices in Belchertown, Massachusetts on Saturday, May 16.

Mr. Steven Rugg, a postulant for holy orders from the DNE, will complete his Master of Divinity Degree from Boston College this month. We expect he will take his canonical exam for the diaconate within the next few months. His future plans include pursuing a doctorate from McGill University in Montreal. We are certainly proud of his achievements and will keep him in our prayers.

St. Luke’s Camp

St. Luke's Camp, once again under the leadership of Father Richard Dibble, will be held at Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale, Massachusetts from August 9-15. This extraordinary camping experience is open to children 7-14. Many campers return year after year to enjoy the wonderful adventure of camping in a Christian environment. The camp is open to children...
in our parishes, as well as others you know who may benefit from this unique experience.

This year, a DVD is being prepared and should be ready for distribution to parishes within two weeks. This will offer photos of past camping sessions and is a must see for all who know and love St. Luke's Camp.

**Bishops’ Schedules**


**Wednesday/Thursday, June 17-18.** Timonium, Maryland. DEUS Synod. Bishop Marsh.

**Thursday/Friday, June 18-19.** Alfred, Maine. Clericus. Bishop Hiles.


**July 6-17.** Bishop Marsh Vacation.


**Sunday, August 30.** Deblois, Maine. Episcopal Visit to St. Francis mission. Bishop Marsh.

-----from the Bishop’s newsletter

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**Gleanings from “What in the World”**

*(Newsletter of IAF)*

*The Traditional Anglican Communion is truly a world-wide fellowship, numerically (and perhaps spiritually) stronger overseas than here in America. In many parts of the world there is a deep hunger for the riches of the Gospel, coexisting with a sometimes desperate lack of material goods. We may feel ourselves here to be small and scattered, and often short on what we really need to operate, but, by the standards of the world we are a rich nation whose poorest often have wealth unimagined by much of the world; and, small (and often unfaithful) though we are, God has entrusted us with precious spiritual treasure.*
Dominican Republic

This is our newest work, under Bishop Juan Garcia of the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Bishop Garcia says: "As of today we have three Missions in the Dominican Republic. Nuestra Señora del Carmen in Brisas de Las Américas, San Miguel Arcángel Km. 28 Duarte West of Santo Domingo and Nuestra Señora de Lourdes in Santiago de Los Caballeros. All of these Missions are attended by Father Ramón Suero.”

He is assisted by a newly ordained deacon, Fanfi Antonio Dominguez, and a candidate for Holy Orders, Joseph Joselyn. The assistance of IAF has been important in making this all possible.

Guatemala and Central America

Based in Guatemala, Bishop Ruben Rodriguez, despite ill health, continues to travel extensively throughout Guatemala, Honduras, and other parts of Central America, training and mentoring new priests, coordinating church-related activities for children, conducting mass, confirming new church members, and coordinating construction of new church buildings. From all accounts, Bishop Rodriguez is the driving force behind the existence of the Traditional Anglican Church in that part of the world. IAF funding helps him to continue this ministry. Funds recently sent to his work have been used by the bishop primarily for missionary visits to Honduras, El Salvador, and various parts of Guatemala.

Bishop Rodriguez is contemplating:
- Honduras: Church building $.5,000
- Colombia: Church building ......$25,000
- El Salvador: Church building .... $25,000

India

A number of problems have arisen in the Anglican Church in India, headed by our Acting Primate, Archbishop Samuel Prakash. Among other things the government has imposed new regulations making it difficult for foreign contributions to be received. IAF is working with the Archbishop to resolve the problem.

Philippines Disaster Relief

This past summer, we wrapped up our disaster relief effort for the Philippines. The situation in the Philippines is under control and, at this point, additional donations are not required.

IAF member churches as well as individuals were extremely generous: as of the middle of July 2014, a little over $18,000US had been donated by Anglicans. Of that total, $6,590 came from the IAF. The funds were forwarded to The Most Reverend Frederick Belmonte, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in the Philippines (Traditional) for use in mitigating the effects of that disaster. IAF’ers played a major role in helping to relieve the suffering resulting from the typhoon.

Southern Africa

Southern Africa is very poor with large numbers of unemployed (about 45% of the population) and many refugees from neighboring states who have poured into South Africa. Political turmoil and bad governance in neighboring countries has created a huge problem of poverty and many people live well below the breadline in sprawling shack communities on the edges of the cities. HIV and AIDS are rampant amongst these communities. As the Bishop of Southern Africa, Bishop Michael Gill has ecclesiastical responsibility for nine countries and IAF contributions help him support what can only be described as a “monumental” effort.

Project Soweto

IAF support for this project was begun in 2013 and donations are already being received from Fellowship members. The goal is to build a 300 seat church, St. John, the Evangelist, in the township of Soweto, which is located just outside of Johannesburg, South Africa. Property for the church has been purchased, fenced in, and a priest, Fr. Edom, has been assigned. The congregation is growing and a Youth Guild is being formed.
Notes from the Secretary

Winter is over! Flowers are blooming! Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia. Happy spring and summer to all of you. Please encourage youth in your family, your parish and/or community to attend St. Luke’s Camp in August. It’s a wonderful experience that enriches the lives of those who attend in so many ways. Information is on the diocesan website and a DVD should be available by the time this issue of the NEA is out. Contact Allan Wylie (allan.wylie@gmail.com) for more information.

The Standing Committee met on May 16th in Belchertown, MA at the diocesan office of Bp. Marsh. Much discussion centered on evangelism, education and mission; how can we grow the Church, discerning God’s will, adhering to the faith and addressing the needs of today’s society? How can we draw young people to the Church? Please think about this, pray about it, and discuss with others within and outside of your parish. When actions bring others to Christ and the Church and a parish grows, share your success stories with the rest of us. Clericus, Synod, and the NEA are opportune settings for clergy and laity to exchange information and ideas on this topic.

We must all be missionaries. Quoting a home improvement ad:

“Let’s do this!”

The Standing Committee has had the opportunity to interview two diaconal candidates this year: Kevin Kelly, a member of St. Thomas, Ellsworth, ME, and Steve Rugg, Trinity, Lebanon, NH. Both men provided insight into their backgrounds, education, spiritual callings and faith journeys that led to their pursuit to Holy Orders. The Standing Committee affirmed the ordinations of these faithful men as recommended by the Board of Examining Chaplains. May God bless them in their ministries.

Blessings and best wishes to Fr. Art Bennett and Deacon Al Ryan upon their retirements. Deacon Al, I’ll miss your humorous responses to my emails! Deacon Ryan will be relocating to Florida – no more Maine winters for him!

On my own home front, Bishop Langberg is retiring as our Rector-in-Charge here at St. Elizabeth’s but will still remain active in the Church and the community. We at St. Elizabeth’s thank him for the many, many years he has served as leader of our parish.

Keep October 1-2 open on your calendar for the 2015 Diocesan Synod hosted by St. Joseph’s, Brooklyn. Information is forthcoming.

Lastly, a momentous occasion for Russ and I – we’re blessed to be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary June 26th. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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

---Zambia---

This is a rapidly growing diocese that has just elected Andrew Mukuyamba as its first bishop (see news notes above). There are 5 priests and 3 deacons to serve 19 congregations scattered over this large country, which suffers from widespread poverty. IAF’s contributions are vital to this work.

An interdenominational work that is supported by IAF and by more than one of our parishes, is working in many poverty-stricken areas to “elevate the esteem of girls by making sure every little girl has the dignity of owning at least one dress.” Volunteers from several countries sew new dresses that are then distributed to underprivileged and at-risk girls of all ages. To date, over 200,000 dresses have been sent to 65 countries. The first country we supported was Zambia. Father (Bishop-Elect) Andrew Mukuyamba, Vicar General of the Continuing Anglican Church in Zambia (TAC), has been our coordinator in Zambia. He provided the number of dresses and their sizes to Mrs. Nancy Bove of the Holy Redeemer Anglican Church in Canandaigua, New York. In early May of 2014, 201 dresses were shipped to Father Andrew. The recipients were girls who are part of Father Andrew’s ministry at Anglican parishes in Zambia as well as in other rural areas where life is difficult. A very generous, anonymous person contributed the (sizable) funds required for shipping the dresses to Zambia… the IAF paid for the customs expenses.

A group of very happy young girls in their new dresses

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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!”

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*Anglican Church in America
Pentecost

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  blowing, roaring,
  a roar that fills the house,
fills the ears,
fills the soul,
shakes the soul,
shakes the house,
shakes the soul,
shakes the world,
and there is naught but wind,
nought but roaring wind,
power of the roaring wind,
and we are carried by the wind,
consumed by the wind,
and we are the wind,

kindled into flame,
burning, raging, spreading,
erupting from the burning windy room,
shouting, singing, speaking
mysteries that we cannot speak;
and when the wind dies down
the wind is in us,
the fire is in us,
the word is in us,
and nothing is the same,
can be the same.
will be the same,
and the world shakes,
and the world changes,
and it has begun.

-----ed pacht
Parishes and Missions

Connecticut
Mystic: St. Matthias—Sun 10.30 (at Old Mistick Village, Coogan Blvd.) Mail to: 27 Coogan Blvd., Bldg. 5 / Mystic, CT 06355. Fr. Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484.

Maine
Deblois: St. Francis Fr. James Dumond 1069 Rt 193 (207)638-2441
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Rockland: Resurrection Mission (at members’ homes.) (207)236-2421. Fr. Frank Gray.
Saco (formerly Old Orchard): St. Augustine of Canterbury - Sun 10am, (now meeting at the Saco Grange, 168 North Street, Saco, Maine 04072 ), Fr. Jeff Monroe, Deacon Allen Ryan, (207-229-8700).
Waterville: Holy Trinity - Friday 10am as announced. Call ahead for dates. Park Residences’ Theater of Woodlands Assisted Living, 141 W. River Road, Waterville Me Fr. Samuel Logan (207)607-1801

Massachusetts
Belchertown: occasional services at the bishop’s oratory (1 Main Street) contact Bishop Marsh (413)323-7869

New Hampshire
Amherst: St. Luke - Sun 8.30 & 10am (3 Limbo Lane) (603)672-6054. Fr. Alexander H. Webb
Charlestown: Good Shepherd - Sun 9am (20 Summer St.) (413)552-1580. Bishop Brian Marsh. Fr. David Moody
Concord: All Saints’ - Sun 9am 124F Hall Street (603)545-9079 Fr. Christian Tutor OSA.

Conway: St. Margaret of Scotland - Sun 10am (85 Pleasant St.) (603)447-2404 Fr. Jeffrey Monroe, Dcn Harry Wellsman
Lebanon: Trinity—Sun 11.15am (At Valley Bible Church, off Sykes Ave, White River Jct VT) (413)323-6445. Bp Brian Marsh, Dcn. Robert Philip
Rochester: Trinity - Sun 8 & 9.30am (180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121 Fr. Andrew Faust, Interim

New Jersey
Elizabeth NJ: St. Augustine—Sun 10am (55 Jefferson Ave.) Fr. Luis Aguilar, 786-342-5841

New York
Canandaigua: Holy Redeemer -Sun 10am (4575 Rte 364 - East Lake Road). Fr. James Ayers. (585)334-3512, Fr. Dale Bove (585) 905-3084
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
White River Jct. - see Lebanon NH

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
16 – Fr. Ed Kalish, birthday

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