Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings to you all during the Advent season and Christmastide.

At this time of year, we are preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ child, that moment in our church year where things shift profoundly. This deep change occurs liturgically, of course, but also in the very heart of our faith. The sights and sounds signal this change. The lectionary is full of anticipation. The hymns we sing are rich in wonder and mystery. All this reaches to the very core of our being. The season invites us to reflect, to embrace the mystery of God's coming among us and to welcome the change this mystery will create in us.

Phillips Brooks wrote these immortal words, words that we sing each Advent and Christmastide: "O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today." We need this time each year to be reborn into the life that God has given us.

How do we prepare for this time of year? I am often asked this question. The first and best answer is to pray. This often prompts another question or two. How, then, do I pray in this particular season? Someone once said that prayer is the breath of the spiritual life. To pray is to breathe. Prayer is the life-giving connection we have with God. In prayer, we reach out to God. And in prayer, God reaches out to us.

Our prayer book has some of the most beautiful prayers ever composed. During Advent, we read several prayers that are among the priceless treasures of the church. During the Second Sunday in Advent, there is a special collect for Scripture. On "Scripture Sunday," as that day is often called, we pray that we may "...read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the contents of Holy Scripture. We ask that the Scripture, which contains all things necessary to salvation, change us, helping us become more of what we have been created to be: children of God and heirs of eternal life.

I pray that we may all find joy and peace this season, rejoicing in the presence of God among us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian

Ecumenical News

October was a very busy month for your bishop. As I mentioned in my monthly newsletter to you, I travelled from our synod in Brooklyn, to Tuxedo, New York, to Lincoln, England to Athens, Georgia. Between times, I caught my breath at home, did some laundry and packed again for the next trip.

Though all the travel was a bit tiring, each event was filled with the spirit of God's people coming together to do the work of the church.

Special mention needs to be made about the Ecumenical climate we are currently experiencing. In both England and in the U.S., there is a growing
awareness that mutual cooperation between Continuing jurisdictions is holding great promise. Some have regarded merger or full organic unity as the only goal. I am not sure God looks at it in quite the same way. What may be appropriate for a secular organization may not always serve the needs of God's holy church.

Last month, the Traditional Anglican Church in Britain, our counterpart in those sceptered isles, signed letters of intent with other orthodox jurisdictions. Such letters of intent do not bind the jurisdictions to merge immediately - or ever. They simply state their desire to work in harmony, respecting each other's separate churches and seeking to support and assist each other's ministries. Any next steps will be up to our discernment of God's will.

Among the Continuing churches in the U.S., similar letters of intent are being prepared. These, too, do not promise merger. But, in a larger and perhaps more godly sense, they promise mutual support and communio in sacris. The letters promise that we live our Christian mission to its fullest, embracing each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving each other any past indiscretions and praying that we may all live in harmony and peace. If full organic union is part of our future, God will help us discern the time. We can, after all, do nothing without His guidance.

We do hope to have a document of jurisdictional cooperation signed by Christmas.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

+Brian

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Synod 2015
Report by Diocesan Secretary
Canon Linnea Shaver

The 24th Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast, hosted by St. Joseph Anglican Church, convened in Brooklyn, NY, on Friday, October 2nd. Activities began on Thursday afternoon with a meeting of the Diocesan Standing Committee. A welcome reception and informal supper Thursday evening was well attended and provided an opportunity for fellowship among long-time diocesan members and those who are new to the diocese.

Friday’s events began with the Synod Mass in St. Joseph’s Church with the Most Rev. Brian Marsh, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, as celebrant. St. Joseph is a beautiful church with a long history and restoration projects are ongoing. Following mass, attendees gathered together in the lower level of the church for breakfast and the rest of the day’s events.

The Synod meeting convened with opening prayers, welcoming remarks and announcements. Bishop Marsh thanked the clergy and members of St. Joseph for their hospitality, Allan Wylie for assembling the synod report booklet, and NEA editor Ed Pacht. Newly ordained clergy, new postulants, and keynote speaker, Fr. Zachery Braddock, were introduced. Bp. Marsh noted several parishes in transition due to clergy retirements and relocations. Fr. Merrill Perkins has taken over the role of diocesan steward for the IAF – many thanks to him. Fr. Perkins noted several informative handouts were available for use and/or distribution (IAF, Prayer Program, and Rosary). Two fundraisers at the synod were announced: a silent auction to support the Bishop’s discretionary fund, and several items for sale by donation to support Clericus meetings.

Secretary Linnea Shaver confirmed that a quorum was present in both houses.

Bp. Marsh presented an application for admission into the ACA, Diocese of the Northeast, from St. Thomas of Canterbury, Halfmoon, NY. Fr. Rich Dibble has provided pastoral services for St. Thomas for an extended period of time. The parish is now being served by Fr. Jim Hurd. Gratitude was expressed to Fr. Dibble for his ministry to the parish. David Bullard spoke briefly about the parish’s history. Following the comments, the synod voted unanimously to grant admission and the Bishop declared acceptance by acclamation.

Bp. Marsh announced the presentation of a workshop on Evangelism and Missions for all in attendance, in lieu of the House sessions, and he introduced Deacon Stephen Rugg, workshop leader. Den. Rugg delivered a thought provoking, enlightening presentation, focusing on church growth and the mission of the church. His message drew heavily from the writings of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (refer to 1 Thessalonians 1:2 – 2:12). It generated much discussion on evangelism and how to
spreading the good news and “become imitators of the Lord” through our words and actions. The synod thanked Dcn. Rugg for an informative and inspirational workshop.

Following the lunch recess, Linnea Shaver reported that a total of $1100 was collected from the Deo Gratias offering. The Deo Grati-as Committee allocated funds to the IAF ($500), Our Lady of Seven Sorrows (Fr. LaMarre) Animal Rescue Center ($300) and St. Joseph’s restoration fund ($300).

Bp. Marsh referred delegates to the Synod Report Booklet. He directed attention to the reports of the Bp. Ordinary and Bp. Suffragan. Bp. Marsh noted that he would be traveling to Central America and Africa for consecrations of newly elected bishops. He also commented that the TAC College of Bishops is scheduled to meet in Oct. 2016 at which time the new Concordat is expected to be ratified and a Prime-elect elected.

Business proceeded with acceptance of the 2014 Synod minutes and a review of the 2014 parochial and treasurer’s reports. The proposed 2016 budget was unanimously adopted. Bp. Marsh stressed that financial stewardship by all parishes is canonically required and he reiterated the importance of meeting support obligations to the Church.

Highlights of several reports included in the Synod Report Booklet follow:

**Chancellor** (Walter Jones): Chancellor Jones has been monitoring the unsettled situation in the Diocese of the West and made recommendations following review of the DOW Canons. His report also touched on his involvement with ensuring adherence to the Pledge and Protect Policy and included some comments in regard to recent U.S. decisions regarding same-sex marriage. Chancellor Jones reinforced the value of the St. Luke summer camp program and strongly urged more participation and support.

**Canon to the Ordinary** (Cn. Webb): Cn. Webb serves the Bishop, interacting with clergy and laity and assisting parishes in transition or those having internal parish issues.

**Board of Examining Chaplains** (Fr. Logan): The Board continues to rigorously examine all postulants and candidates to ascertain their calling to serve Christ’s Church.

**Logos House** (Peter Thomas, Pres.): During the past year Fr. Bill Martin (APA) assumed the role of Dean of Faculty. Peter Thomas will be stepping down as President and Logos House is seeking a replacement.

**St. Luke’s Youth Camp** theme this year was “Loving God, Loving Others”. Director Fr. Rich Dibble thanked the many people who give of their time and talents in so many differ (Fr. Rich Dibble): The camp rent capacities in planning and running the program. Camp nurse Judy King is retiring and Fr. Rich reported that he will be stepping down as director. The diocese is seeking volunteers for each of these positions. Bp. Marsh announced that Fr. Bob Ley and Fr. Andrew Faust will serve as interim co-directors. Cathy Wonneberger (St. Matthias) was mentioned as a potential volunteer to serve as camp nurse.

Thanks to Diane and Cameron Jones for their reports giving readers an inside view of camp life from a counselor and camper perspective, respectively. Well done! And a HUGE THANK YOU to Fr. Dibble for his service and dedication to strengthen the faith and instill the Holy Spirit in our youth.

**International Anglican Fellowship** (Erwin Lischke): Current projects are ongoing in India, Africa, Latin and Central America. Over $27,000 has been disbursed during the first eight months of this year. The list of sustaining members continues to increase.

**Northeast Anglican** (Ed Pacht): Editor Ed Pacht requested that clergymen update him with anniversary dates, i.e., birthday, ordinations, marriages, vows for religious orders. Thanks, Ed – keep up the good work!

**House of Bishops/TAC**: The House of Bishops meets twice a year. The Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage is under discussion. The TAC expects to issue a unified statement supporting marriage between one man and one woman.

**Safe Environment Coordinator** (Fr. Tutor): Pledge to Protect and The Code of Ministerial Conduct are available online or from Fr. Tutor and all clergy and parishes must comply with conditions set forth in these documents. Contact Fr. Tutor with any questions.

**Special Assistant to the Bishop** (Rebecca Harrington): The NEA is mailed out by Rebecca. Please notify her of any changes in address and/or number of copies needed in order to minimize mailing costs.

**Yorke’s Closet** (Fr. Monroe): This ministry continues to offer supplies to continuum churches with limited means. Financial and material donations are always needed. The items are now stored in Saco, ME (St. Augustine of Canterbury).

The meeting proceeded with the following elections and appointments:
Standing Committee: Fr. Ed Ihde and Rebecca Harrington were elected to three-year terms. Jim Siebold was elected to a two-year term.

DNE Officers: Diocesan officers were reappointed by the Bishop: Chancellor, Walter Jones; Secretary, Linnea Shaver; Treasurer, Kathy Lippman; Safe Environment Coordinator, Fr. Tutor; Special Assistant to the Bishop, Rebecca Harrington

Board of Examining Chaplains: The Bishop reappointed Fr. Logan as Chairman. Fr. Webb and Fr. Mahoney remain on the Board.

Diocesan Court of the Ordinary: Katherine Lippman was reappointed by the Bishop to serve on the Diocesan Court of the Ordinary.


Bp. Langberg suggested that the diocese consider holding the synod at one designated (ideally, central) location rather than moving it each year. Coordination and planning would need to be worked out. Jeanne Moody offered to look into possible sites. Pros and cons were aired and discussion followed in regard to the 2016 diocesan synod. St. Paul, Brockton hosted the Northeast Festival of Faith in 2012 and was mentioned as a possible synod host in 2016, if the parish is agreeable. No decision was made at this meeting. The location of the 2016 synod meeting will be communicated once it has been confirmed.

Resolutions of thanks were extended to Secretary Linnea Shaver, the Clergy and Members of St. Joseph’s, and Treasurer Kathy Lippman.

Bp. Marsh totally surprised me when he announced he was bestowing the honorary title of Canon on me! I’m still the “same old me” but I appreciate the recognition. I and so many others in this diocese do what we do for the church, not for accolades, but as servants of God to carry out the “work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope” (1 Thessalonians 1:3) in our Lord.

Friday evening concluded with a festive banquet in the church hall and a keynote address by special guest speaker, Rev. Zachery Braddock.

Special thanks to Dcn. Mark Black, the ladies of St. Joseph and all others who helped to make this an enjoyable and productive synod!

-----Peace, Linnea Shaver, Secretary, DNE

Synod 2015: the Editor’s Adventure

It was Thursday, October 1, and this editor had an adventure ahead of him. Today was the day the annual Synod would begin, in Brooklyn, and he was going. He was up at 6am, out the door by 7 and on the road.

I always look forward to Synod, but this year was special. You see, I hadn’t been in New York City in half a century, but I remembered it well. I did my Junior College at Concordia, a Lutheran School in Bronxville and came down most Sundays to St. John’s Lutheran in Williamsburg, a part of Brooklyn, where I spent a year as a volunteer worker after graduation (under Pastor R.J. Neuhaus before he became Roman Catholic). A year later I returned to the city, living in the East Village neighborhood of Manhattan for a couple of years. I hadn’t been back, but had fond memories of the City, and had come back into contact with my old roomie of those days (more about him later). I was going back.

I drove three hours to Old Saybrook CT, parked my car and took the train from there into Grand Central Station (my first time in decades on a passenger train), passing beautiful seaside views as well as poignant abandoned and crumbling buildings in once-prosperous areas. My, how things have changed in less than a lifetime, and how hopeless things can look without the consolation of Christ! The Church of God has a job cut out for it, and, though we are small, a part of that task is ours. May God motivate and empower us for the work.

NYC has an extensive and efficient public transit system, as I well remembered from half a century ago, and I took the subway, with one change of trains, to within three blocks of the church and walked quickly there. I’ll say little about the Synod itself (Linnea’s account above is certainly sufficient), except that it was pretty much uneventful. Yes, business was done, but quietly and with little drama – just the way I like it. Fr. Merrill Perkins provided me a place to stay for the two nights (thank you, Father) and fellowship with him, and with the Wollenbergers and Mary D from St. Mathias (and with clergy and delegates from all the diocese) was a real blessing.

Now it was Saturday, October 3, and Synod concluded
with Morning Prayer in the church, led by Deacon Mark Black and organist Earl Morris, both of St. Joseph’s, followed by breakfast, after which I took the Subway back into Manhattan to meet my old friend and former roommate Maury, a professional photographer, who had tracked me down a few years ago and visited me (with his wife) in New Hampshire. Now I could meet him at his home. We walked through the old neighborhood – many changes and much still the same – and had our picture taken together on the steps of the place where we lived back then. Finally I took subway and train to Old Saybrook, reclaimed my car, and drove home.

-----ed pacht, editor
West Seneca NY
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Advent greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Church in West Seneca, NY. We’ve had a busy fall since our last NEA news submission. The events began in September with the continuation of our Wednesday Night Evening Prayer service at 7 PM which has been well attended by about eight faithful souls. Part of the program is to view and discuss a theologically based DVD on a number of subjects that we all watch together in the undercroft. Later in October we added a confirmation class at 6 PM for interested adults; which also serves as an adult inquirers class. We hope to have two people confirmed or received by Bishop Hiles in December.

Keith Fitzgerald is welcomed into the Church

On Sunday September 27th St Nicholas Church celebrated Saint Michael and All Angels Day with the Baptism of Keith Wesley Michael Fitzgerald. Keith was accompanied by long time friends Jeff and Sheila Bartlett who traveled all the way from Endicott, NY to join Keith and his family on this happy occasion.

Also this fall, we celebrated a marriage at Saint Nicholas Church. The young couple is new to our congregation and elected to have a church wedding.

Andrew Lazik and Melissa Wanderlich were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday October 17th. The marriage was attended by many friends and relatives and was witnessed by Brian Wanderlich and Ashley Allen — brother and sister of the bride.

In October we again welcomed Saint Paul’s Cathedral Choir who came at Fr. Ed’s invitation to sing Evensong with us on a Sunday afternoon. St. Paul’s uses our parking lot for fundraising through a car wash and returns the favor in song each year. We very were pleased to accommodate about seventy five people for this service.

Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

Here at the Priory, prayer and work permeate the day. Prayer, being a conversation with God can take place anywhere, any time and in any fashion. Fr. Kevin prays structured offices and for guidance before he writes the Meditation that he puts out each week. Sr. Mary Francis prays while she moves through the day doing chores etc. “Pray without ceasing” is really not as hard a command or as demanding as one would think. It is, and should be like a constant conversation with your Father and Creator who makes everything in your life possible. We pray for each other when we are living and it is just as important to pray for the dead. We think of souls and spirits during Halloween. Those spirits/souls need our love and support as they did when they were here among us. Fr. Kevin has been praying the Novena for all souls that have passed including those intentions that are sent to him. It is a monastic’s privilege to pray for others and so we do....Sunday Masses will end for the winter in our Chapel on Nov 29th and will resume in the spring......We were able to find Sage, the horse, the
Sage’s story can be found in last week’s meditation.  

reprinting below – ed>

Her space only stayed vacant for a matter of a few days and has been filled by two handicapped Cotswold sheep. One is blind and going deaf and the other has udder issues. This is the joyful work that we do here, but we could not do anything without our very small but very dedicated handful of Animal Angels who financially contribute to this critically important outreach. Often times, if we do not take an animal, it dies, so we are grateful for any help that we receive. Donations are way down this year and prices continue to go up. Our hands are already tied by the small space that we have to work with, but we do amazing things with what we have. Would you or someone that you know consider becoming an Animal Angel? All contributions are tax deductible and you can keep updated on the animals almost weekly through Fr. Kevin’s Meditation which you can receive on line. We ask God to continue to bless you all as we enter Advent and Christmas.

Sage’s New Adventure

Sage was born on April 6, 2012 at Saratoga Race Track in New York from 2 high earning Thoroughbred race horses. She was placed on a nursemaid mare (not her mother) so that her mother could immediately be bred again. (A racing tradition) She was sold to a girl in New Hampshire at 8 weeks old. (Horses should not be weaned before 6 months). This person took her home, named her Baby Girl, and put her out in her “pasture” which was nothing more than a gravel enclosure with a few blades of grass here and there. She was not bottle fed, nor was she brought inside in bad weather. The result was that she was undernourished and she got rain rot which is a very painful skin fungus/infection caused by water getting under an animal’s hair and not being able to dry out. She continued to get sicker and thinner so the person put her up for sale at an inflated price on Craig’s List. Sr. Mary Francis happened to see the picture of this poor animal with a little prompting from God, and felt that she would be able to help, so she traded an old dressage saddle for the filly plus delivery. The filly arrived in early June 2013, after a year of this treatment. Sr. was able to put her finger 2 knuckles deep between each rib and her spine and hip bones were showing, her eyes were infected as well.

We named her Sage (which means wise), treated the rain rot and all the lesions and cuts on her body, gave her good food, loved her to death and just let her be a horse with the others. It was nearly a year before she was completely healed and would let us touch her skin in any meaningful way although she was always loving and friendly the whole time. She eventually learned that grass was super yummy, as were carrots and apples. She even learned to “bow” carefully for a carrot with a little prompting. Brushing her coat also became a favorite activity. She was always gorgeous in the field with a magnificent, natural extended trot and a self-correcting canter (every dressage riders dream) when she was showing off. Sr. realized that this horse had too much natural talent to remain here so she prayed that God would make her completely comfortable with whomever came for the horse and she was put up for sale. This prayer was critical because there are so many “kill buyers” that pretend to be great homes and then take these animals to Pennsylvania or elsewhere for slaughter. Sr. got a response from a lady named Gwenneth who said that she had a friend who was really interested in the horse and eventually gave Sr. his number. She called the number and recognized the voice on the other end of the line as Michael Poulin, who is an International Olympic Dressage champion, teacher, trainer and also a voice from her childhood. Her father and she used to take lessons from this man and his brother Tom. No clearer sign than that! He fell in love with Sage, now 3 and a half, at first sight and bought her on October 19th. He took her to her forever home which is fairly near to us and he expects to have her in the Olympics in a few years. She will be treated like a princess for the rest of her days and will be able to live up to her full potential, and we will be able to still follow her progress. God does work in mysterious and wonderful ways. This has been a remarkable journey for this horse, for us here at the farm, and it will continue now with Mr. Poulin. This happy story was made possible by the generosity of those of you who so kindly contributed to the care of this animal as well as the others that live here. This is what we do for God and his creatures with your help and we cannot do it without you. Fr. Kevin and Sr. Mary Francis pay for much of this from their own pockets and do all the hard work, but the help that we get from others lightens the load and makes miracles like this possible. Sage thanks you for your part in her story.

God Bless. Sr. Mary Francis, OSB
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.

On August 22, yours truly and his better half, Deborah, renewed our 20th wedding anniversary vows at St. Joseph. Pictured to the right are Deborah, myself and our oldest, Marie-Evryl, who was the flower girl. I was a bit concerned about the salmon color, having spent a good 2-3 weeks looking for the color to match Deb’s dress but I lucked into finding it a day before we all matched. What do you think? Deb has survived 20 years dealing with me in the bonds of holy matrimony and doesn’t show a wrinkle. Good for her.

In September, we celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Alice Trapp, our oldest member who just turned 100. She is pictured to the left. Now, I must be confused because she doesn’t look a day over 25 but that’s just my opinion. Can’t fault someone for being wrong.

Also celebrating a birthday was me but, of course, when you are the photographer, it’s kind of hard to take a picture of yourself without it looking like a selfie. I’ll manage.

On October 1st – 3rd, we were blessed to host the Annual Synod Convention in which our brothers and sisters from all over came together to worship and discuss the happenings in the diocese. As I’m a lover of all that is sweet, pictured to the right is a picture of the Synod cake. It was not as elaborate as an anniversary or birthday cake but it sure enough blew us away with the taste. There was a warm feeling of fellowship as our brothers and sisters broke bread with one another. The only downside was the rainy weather and parking but God was there with us and it didn’t affect the atmosphere of love and full bellies that were present all throughout our gathering. A special thanks goes out to all those involved in making the 2015 Synod a success.

Also in October we had our Annual Harvest Evening Service in which we thanked the Lord for all that He has given us. To the left is a picture of the altar decorated with fruit and vegetables.

We also celebrated a few birthdays that month: Ms. Evadne Banner, Mrs. Joyce Jones-Pennill (pic) and Mr. Egbert Engleton (pic). Unfortunately Ms. Eva, as we call her, was a little under the weather and was not present for the picture. Standing in the background is Canon Brathwaite after having delivered the birthday prayers.

November has arrived and we will be celebrating our Annual Prayer Breakfast hosted by the ladies of Women’s Auxiliary. Let’s hope and pray that it will be a success.

On a somber note, Mrs. Grace Picart, a long time member of our parish, has passed on to a better place after a long and arduous battle with cancer. She has gone to a place of rest and relief. A place without pain. Sitting in one of the many mansions that our Savior has prepared for us. She will definitely be missed.

With that being said, the Vestry and Congregation of St. Josephs wish all a happy and healthy Advent Season.

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

Saco, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury

The mission parish of St. Augustine of Canterbury, located in Saco, Maine, was truly blessed by a beautiful Autumn. This contributed to helping the congregation support its goal of demonstrating and growing faith through a fellowship of service.
Please join us for Sunday Service at 10:00 AM and other service events published on the web or in this paper! We are conveniently located in Saco, Maine, approximately 2 mi west on North Street / route 112 West, off US Route 1, or 2 mi East on North Street off the Saco / Industrial Park Me. Turnpike exit, ( Grange Hall).

Our most successful bottle drive ever, under the direction of the Outreach Committee, was due in part to the community and congregation coming together on a beautiful day and resulted in a substantial financial contribution to the less fortunate in our area.

October 3rd marked the fifth Blessing of the animals officiated by Father Kevin LaMarre, OSB, Prior of Our Lady of Sorrows Priory in Raymond, Maine. In commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, we were able to convene outside again and celebrate the bond between animals living and deceased and their caretakers.

Halloween Day marked our community service to provide a safe activity for area children. Parishioners were able to sit comfortably outside and provide a "Trunk or Treat" fun time for Saco youth.

Currently, Sunday afternoons are filled with fellowship as members gather after the Service to participate in "Crafty Sunday". The crafts completed will be donated and sold at the annual Christmas Fair and Bake Sale scheduled for November 21st, at the Saco Grange (present church location), from 10AM-3PM.

The Vestry continues to work on sustaining parish initiatives and goals of increasing church membership and positive worship.

Psalm 26, Verses 6 and 7, "So I will go about your altar, O Lord, that I may proclaim with the voice of Thanksgiving, and tell of Your wondrous works.

-----Respectfully submitted;
Elizabeth St.Cyr

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on August 30th, after which we gathered under the gazebo at Harbor Park for a church picnic. Dave (our Sr. warden) and Ellen Simmons happened to be celebrating their anniversary that day which made it all the more joyous. It was a beautiful day next to the Union River and we enjoyed dogs from the grill as well as a variety of canine dogs parading. Fr. Kalish brought his guitar and we sang a few worship songs. Such social times cannot be undervalued.

What would we do without the faithful care of the altar given by Mike Pennell? He and his helpers are most attentive to the sacred details of our central place of worship.

Speaking of faithful service, we said “goodbyes for now” to Jim and Ann Geary last month before they left for Florida. A lot of people go to warmer climates for the winter around here. What makes this different is that they are looking to stay there for an indefinite period of time and those two have played significant roles here at St. Thomas for many years. Jim was on the vestry and a cheerful greeter and usher. Ann was our organist and attended Synod as our parish representative.

Things change all the time…and that being so we welcome and are grateful for people stepping up to the plate, like Toni Tweet who is not new to the organ, but is now playing regularly with backup from Linda Kalish. Also in music news, a choir started up last week, led by Fr. Kalish and Linda. It was a good beginning and we look forward to their ministry amongst us.

We are in the process of identifying who the Lord would have as our priest. The vestry recently finished a parish profile and a search committee has been formed. It has been quite a learning process for us and has helped us know ourselves better.

We are a unique body of believers with many “mini” ministries going on amongst us. One such is
the quilts that Pat Taniashvili has been creating and donating to benefit the International Anglican Fellowship for several years now. This year the raffle winner was Ellen Simmons who wanted it donated to a local veteran. The beautiful red, white and blue quilt was presented to Janette Taylor, a WWII veteran who resides at Bangor Veterans’ Home. Here’s an extract from the Ellsworth American which picked up the story and ran it on page 2 of the November 12th edition.

Deacon Kelly’s following report reminds me of a line from one of Longfellow’s poems, “Into each life a little rain must fall.” … Five members of St. Thomas attended the Synod at St. Joseph’s Church in Brooklyn, NY on Oct. 1-3. Fr. Ed Kalish, his wife Linda Kalish, Deacon Kevin Kelly, Fr. Frank Gray and his wife Ada rented an SUV for the event. They arrived in the Bronx at approximately 5 p.m. when it immediately started to rain. They arrived in a timely fashion at St. Joseph’s Church in Brooklyn, but later on the way to their hotel they got lost and did not arrive until 11:30 p.m. However, they did a laudable job of keeping their cool and nobody got angry or impatient! The hotel was a beautiful Sheraton, which offered very reasonable rates. Too bad that they didn’t get to enjoy it too much on Thursday night!

On Friday the Eucharist was celebrated, followed by breakfast, the synod business meetings, a Keynote address from Fr. Zachary Braddock, followed by lunch, a Deo Gratias meeting, and an outstanding speech by Deacon Stephen Rugg. The speakers’ topics included Evangelism, along with the need for authenticity on the part of the church and its leaders and members, an issue particularly important in outreach to youth. Fortunately, the five of our members got to their hotel at a decent time on Friday! They returned home on Saturday morning, in the continuing rain. They had a wonderful time despite traveling conditions. As Longfellow concludes, “Behind the clouds is the sun still shining.”

-----Shirley Landmesser and Deacon Kelly

**Amherst, N.H.**

**St. Luke**

Tuesday's Bible Study and Souper Supper continues with the Epistle to the Romans. Saturday's Bible Study has just completed the Gospel According to St. Luke and begins next week on the Revelation to John.

We are delighted to report the recent success of Elizabeth Webb (wife of Canon Webb) who participated in the Grand National Championships for Morgan Horses in Oklahoma City. Elizabeth is the 2015 Grand National Champion - Adult Equitation for those 36 years and older and Reserve World Champion in the Classic Pleasure Master’s class. She has worked for many years preparing for this competition and we are all exceedingly proud of her. Our hats are off to Elizabeth and Pete (her horse)!

Thanks to all who participated in the fall cleanup to get St. Luke's ready for the winter (which hopefully won't be a recurrence of last year. The grounds look wonderful.

Sunday, 15 November marked the celebration of the 25th anniversary of St. Luke's Church. We are thrilled to have Bishop Marsh with us today. We also celebrated today the confirmation of Sonya, Leah, and Joshua Di Pietro as well as the reception of their parents, Laurie and Jason. The DiPietros have become very active members of our church and we are delighted to have them in our midst.

St. Luke's has also been given the honor of becoming the interim pro cathedral for the Diocese of the Northeast. Prayers were said by Bishop Marsh.

-----Submitted by Lee Garre
As reported in the previous NEA issue, we at Trinity were excited to host the ordination of Mr. Stephen Rugg to the diaconate on September 26. Despite accidents on I-89 which delayed some critical ceremonial participants, Bishops Marsh and Hiles celebrated the ordination in the sanctuary of the Valley Bible Church, our host church. And for the first time in a couple of years, we had a new acolyte—8 year old Neil Rugg, who was our crucifer and sanctus bell ringer and pretty proud of his Dad.

Dcn. Rugg is continuing his study for ordination as a priest at Boston College. Those attending the diocesan synod in Brooklyn were fortunate to hear Steve’s presentation on evangelism. Here at Trinity he has organized and is conducting a year long evangelism program featuring an education program for the parish centered on giving parishioners a solid basis for our faith. The program recognizes that evangelization must be based not on lapsed Anglicans, of which there are probably not very many, but rather those who are unchurched, a much larger field for potential growth. The parish is currently focused on the self education phase of the program and is looking forward to moving beyond the parish in the coming year.

We’re looking forward to working with Steve on parish growth as well as his preaching. Finally, as we come to the end of the interminable green season, we anticipate Advent and remembering yet again the coming of our Lord to redeem us from our sins.

-----Allan Wylie

Webster, New York
Holy Cross

On September 10, 2015 Holy Cross lost one of its most loyal parishioners, Lt. Col. (Ret.) C. Thomas Furgeson, who died after a brief illness. Tom was a member of the vestry for many years and had also served as Junior Warden of Holy Cross. Tom graduated from SUNY Technical Institute at Alfred with an AAS degree in mechanical engineering, and later earned his B.S. degree from Alfred majoring in physics and mathematics. In 1961 he entered the Army after going through the ROTC program at Alfred, and served with distinction as an infantry officer in airborne, Ranger and Special Forces units for the next thirty years. While in the Army he earned a Master of Science degree in education from Elmira College. In the early 1980's he was appointed a deputy commander of Fort Drum. After his military service, Tom became active in veterans affairs, and in many local community services in his home town of Palmyra, New York, including church activities in Palmyra and later at Holy Cross. Tom is already very much missed by the parishioners of Holy Cross.

On a happier note, thanks to the initiative of the Stone family, Holy Cross is adding a prayer time service at the church on Friday evenings, at which time parishioners can gather together and invite friends and neighbors to join in with an opportunity for fellowship afterward.
Holy Cross is also in the midst of its stewardship drive led by vestry member, Linda Bowen. Thanks are also due parishioner, Barbara Killian, for her willingness to organize the parish’s participation in this year’s Webster Council of Churches’ Food Basket Program. This program includes both Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets for needy families.

-----Eugene Van Voorhis

**Breaking News**

**West Seneca, New York**

**St. Nicholas**

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**Portland, Maine**

**St. Paul**

Greetings from St Paul’s Portland. We have had a beautiful fall with excellent weather and vibrant colors in our yards and city.

St Paul’s has been blessed with Fr Amos’s and Odea’s 6 children that have finally been allowed to immigrate to the US. These children (14-24 years old) have been very thankful for our parish’s support of them and their parents. They are a true joy to sing with and worship together. It is interesting to watch them as they adapt and adjust to America and our very different culture. Their love of life, laughter, freedom and especially their hopes for the future are wonderful to experience and share. As an elder & father & grandfather, I am always amazed and interested in how the younger generation interprets and sees the world. I am especially intrigued and interested in their plans to go out into the world and make it theirs. May God be with them every day and everything they do in their life.

-----Ed Pettit

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**Portland’s parish hall stage Sept 13. 4 of the girls are Fr. Amos’ children, 2 of them just confirmed that day.**

To be a Christian is an exciting and wonderful thing and we have had a few healing miracles here at St Paul’s. I will not mention names but we have had 5 or 6 parishioners that have had some very serious health issues that have been resolved or in remission.

Fr Logan reminds me that the medical innovations in today’s world are truly amazing, but I strongly believe our prayers for healing have been answered.

One third of the Gospel is devoted to our Lord’s earthly healing ministry. Christ commissioned His Church to Preach, Teach and to Heal. Preach the Gospel and heal the sick and do this in remembrance of me. We here at St Paul’s have witnessed the spiritual power of physical healing.

As we come to the time of year for Thanksgiving we are very thankful to our Lord for his healing presence in our daily lives. Now if we can somehow take this healing power (who is Christ) out into the world, for it is only in giving Christ to others that we are able to possess Him ourselves. To be a Christian is an exciting and wonderful thing. It is what we are (the fruits are how we live and what we do) that makes us Christians.

Somehow, in spite of the hectic and scattered life all around us please set aside a time to have a peaceful and thoughtful Advent.

-----Ed Pettit

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**Rochester, N.H.**

**Trinity**

It’s a great time of year as we at Trinity prepare to celebrate again anew the birth of Jesus. This coming week from November 18th -21st we have our Christmas fair with all sorts of goodies for sale. The
Concord, N. H.  
All Saints

On September 1, the St. Charles Children Home, Run by the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love, in Rochester, NH, had their 19 Annual Nun Run, to raise funds for their ministry to heal the heart of the family. Fr. Christian, who has been a volunteer at the Home for 7 years, was present doing his part in checking the 30+ Port-a-potties (ministry takes many different forms!), and helping with the feeding of the thousands that come yearly to support the ministry.  

A highlight of the day is the reunion of all past residents of St. Charles Home who return for a private BBQ with Nuns and staff. It is a beautiful event in which one sees the fruit of the Sisters’ ministry shining through the faces of the little ones who are flourishing in loving families! If you ever want to join in the run (Fr. Christian does!) or support this excellent ministry go to their website and see the pictures and donate www.runningnuns.com  

The celebration for the Feast of All Saints on November 1, was enhanced by the presence of Fr. David Moody of Good Shepherd in Charlestown, NH. Since it was the patronal Feast of the parish, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated. After the Mass a grand reception was held. It is publicly that we give thanks to Almighty God for the years of faithful witness of the Parish of All Saints! May He give us many more years!

Bishop Marsh made his visitation on the Octave of All Saints, Sunday, November 8. Greeted warmly and enjoying a brunch with the parishioners and vestry. The Bishop presided and preached at the Mass also conferring the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation on Paige Tilton. After the festivities he met with the Vestry to discuss the growth and health of the parish. The new Deacon, Stephen Rugg, also joined the parish for that Sunday in which the reception was also held in honor of his recent ordination.  

Fr. Christian was elected to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors for New Hampshire Right to Life at their Annual Meeting in November. He also was
appointed as Chairman of the Educational Trust, which means that he will direct the state-wide programs offered by NHRTL. Any parish in New Hampshire who would like to support or host an event, please contact Fr. Christian.

The Solemn celebration of the Nativity will commence with Christmas Eve High Mass at 9:00 PM and the Mass of the Shepherds at 9:00 AM Christmas morning. All are welcome to attend our Christmas Services. Please see our website for updates and special service announcements: www.allsaintsnh.com

Conway NH
St. Margaret of Scotland
www.stmargaretconway.org

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, most of the leaves have fallen, and by the time this reaches everyone, there may be snow on the ground. Bring it on! We are New Englanders, after all. Snow is what we do. Having recently returned from a week in Florida, I can honestly say I prefer the cool, even cold, weather to the heat and humidity. Not to say it wasn’t a good time, but I think I might enjoy it more come this February!

There has been lots going on at St. Maggie’s since our last newsletter.

In August Fr. Jeff and Linda traveled to Spokane, Washington to greet their new granddaughter, Penelope Monroe. This is their first grandchild, and they are obviously thrilled and delighted. We send the entire family our best wishes and congratulations.

In September there was a dedication of yet another beautiful stained glass window. This lovely piece was commissioned in memory of our late sister Mickey Kropak, wife of John and mother of Wendy and Kathy Kropak, vestry member. It reflects Mickey’s devotion to her faith as well as her musical talent, which she used in service to the Lord. Many family members traveled from near and far to participate in the dedication, and to join in fellowship afterward in the undercroft. It was heartwarming to see how valued she was to so many. The service was especially edifying with Jim Harrington’s rendition of “Because” which was a favorite of Mickey’s and which she had sung frequently at weddings. The communion service was concluded with the choir’s rendition of “You’ll Never Walk Alone.” It was truly a lovely memorial.

Also in September we welcomed back Fr. Amos Mihanda who was our celebrant while Fr. Jeff was away in Washington State. It is thrilling to hear Fr. Amos talk about his years in his native country, and the struggles he and his family endured in finally getting to freedom in America.

In October, Fr. Monroe conducted the annual “Blessing of the Animals”. Several parishioners brought their pets down for this event. It was interesting in the following weeks to see that several other local churches followed our lead, and had their own “Blessing”.

We also recently celebrated the birthday of Deacon Harry Wellsman. We won’t give his age, but let’s just say he has been getting the senior discount for a couple of years (at least). He was presented with a cake, and a hearty round of “Happy Birthday”.

We are now planning our annual Christmas Fair on November 21. We like to have this event right before Thanksgiving before folks get too terribly busy. We combine this with a bake sale and light luncheon, and there are always people at the door ready for us to open. Our handmade gift baskets are always a big seller. Another fun event is the annual parish Christmas Party at the home of Jim and Rebecca Harrington. This year’s event will be held on December 19, right before Christmas. This party is a sure winner to put everyone in the holiday mood.

We wish all our Christian friends a thoughtful and quiet Advent, remembering Frost’s words that “the snow is lovely, dark and deep, and I have promises to keep…”

-----Maureen Ferguson

ST. MARGARET’S VETERANS SUNDAY

As the world marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II this month, St. Margaret Anglican Church of Scotland in Conway honored all those who answered the call to serve in the nation’s military. Over 70 attended Sunday Mass on November 8 which included prayers and special music including a selected anthem by the choir. Members of the American Legion and other veterans presented four memorials which will be on perma-
nent display in the church. They included the World War II Merchant Marine Memorial, a memorial to the Women's Royal Naval Service of World War II, a memorial to the veterans of World War I and the soldier, Pvt. Ralph W. Shirley, US Army, for whom Post 46 is named, and a special presentation honoring and remembering those who served in the Gulf Wars.

Vets stand during roll call  The Memorials

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

**WOMEN’S THANKSGIVING BAKEOFF** — Saint Paul's Women conducted their Annual Bakeoff of pies, cakes, and assorted goodies for the holidays, the proceeds of which they designate for items useful in the new church. In addition to providing items for our Thanksgiving tables, they may also be purchased for donation to the Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless and hungry served annually at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Thanksgiving Day, which we are happy to support and at which some of our people will be volunteer servers.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** — A **Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist** (the Greek word means "thanksgiving") was celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th. As has been said many times and in numerous ways, we as a Parish have much to be thankful for. There is no better way to offer such than in giving thanks for what God has given us in Christ Jesus and to whom everything ought to be given in return.

**CONSTRUCTION STATUS** — While significant progress has been made, which we duly celebrated on September 27th, with continued hope that we might be in our new building for Christmas, there is still a hiccup or two that may disrupt that expectation. One recent finishing project that was projected to take a week has ended up taking three. The happy outcome of such delays is the expectation that in the end all things will be right. Besides, as one contractor quipped with regard to the big-dig in Boston some years ago, "Rome wasn't built in a day — otherwise we would have hired its contractor." And, without the least bit of cynicism intended, there's always Easter and Pentecost for better completion dates.

--- gleaned from the newsletter

**Halfmoon, N.Y.**  
**St. Thomas of Canterbury**

This is the newest parish of our diocese. St. Thomas has been with us as an Associated Anglican Parish for some time, under the dare of Fr. Dibble, and was accepted at Synod in October of this year (see the Synod report). The following is gleaned from the parish website.

A recent uptick in Sunday attendance has encouraged us to arrange for Holy Communion to be celebrated every Sunday through Christmas, Father Jim Hurd, celebrant. Our Christmas Eve celebration will begin at 7:30 in the evening with Lessons and Carols, followed by Holy Communion at 8:00.

**Charlestown, N.H.**  
**Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd**

It has been a busy summer for the Good Shepherd Church. Our Morning Prayer services at the Fort at No. 4 have been well attended, with 5 to 10 participants on Sunday mornings. Our weekly Bible study program now has 14 faithful members as we explore the book of Genesis. Our Vacation Bible School was a grand success. We opened each day with the lighting of the altar candles by the children, reading the short form of Family Morning Prayer from the *Book of Common
Prayer, and a brief description of the symbolism of various pieces of church furniture by Fr. David. Phil Turner and Fr. David worked on crafts with the children [note: it is very desirable to complete a prototype of a crafts project before it is done by the kids.] Dee Blanchard, Jeanne Moody, and Bonnie Turner contributed snacks for our hungry youngsters. Aare Ilves made sure that the children did not stray into Summer Street during games in the churchyard. During the week, 7 to 14 children (ages 5-12) attended the sessions, conducted by youth missionaries from the Child Evangelism Fellowship. This is double the number we had last year. The Holy Spirit answered our prayers to send us children.

The following week we participated in the Charlestown-wide yard sale selling soft drinks, lemonade, and baked goods. Unfortunately, the day was overcast and cool so we did not sell much lemonade. However, the books and household goods did reasonably well. As always, it was not so much the fund raising aspects as the fellowship shared by members of our church community.

Our ground crew led by Phil Turner, completed the fence that we reported on in June. We have had a number of favorable comments about it from the community. Between the church building and the fence there was a 19th century granite hitching post that is nicely carved, lying on the ground. It was broken off its base many years ago by a snowplow. We left some space for its eventual restoration. Thus, we were enormously gratified to learn that the board of the Charlestown Historical Society had voted funds to repair the hitching post as a gift to the church. The post is part of the history of the old bank building and few such posts now remain.

We look forward to our October retreat at Weston Priory in Vermont, the annual Harvest Walk to benefit the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, and the ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in November.

Submitted by the Rev. David W. Moody

Mystic, Conn.
St. Matthias

It has been a quiet few months at St. Matthias Church, after the ACA House of Bishops and Executive Council meetings here in Mystic in early September. We had our Parish Annual Meeting on October 18, our finances are sound, and the present officers were re-elected to their offices.

On All Saints' Day, the Kennedy family presented a little skit, based upon my sermon topic that day, "Who is a Saint"? Based upon the hymn I Sing A Song of the Saints of God, it was a demonstration that, by God's grace, we are all called to be - and can be - saints of God.

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

Summer turned quickly to Fall, and even a bit of Winter crept in; but Indian Summer arrived last week, and we were blessed with four straight days of 75+ degrees and sunshine! Today, it's back to 40 degrees, and cloudy, so what better time to write my report?

This week is a time for reflection. I celebrated a birthday, (a BIG one!) and I wonder where the years have flown. I take stock of my accomplishments during the past year – indeed, during my past life! – and I look ahead now, with anticipation and wonder for the future. Tomorrow is Holy Redeemer’s annual meeting, a time for our parish to take stock of its accomplishments of the past year, and of its future. When I look back, only a few things come to mind, but as I re-read my quarterly NEA reports, I am reminded of how much has occurred. It’s easy for the accomplishments to get lost in the rush of time, so that they are past before they are fully recognized. But a forced ‘Pause’ on the Remote button of our lives is a good thing, since, without that, the days and weeks and months fly by in a blur of time. This publication, which I read, cover-to-cover, religiously (pun intended!) each time our printed issues arrive, is just such a Pause: a wonderful asset to our diocese which I hope is equally devoured by others in the DNE. Kudos to Ed Pacht! I enjoy the bishop’s message, and I enjoy discovering what is going on in our ACA community, but I especially enjoy the individual parish reports. These are a welcome and refreshing slice of life in the midst of our crazy, hectic, busy, personal insane lives; the ‘Pause’ that refreshes!
But our annual meeting is also a time to consider our future. Where do we want to be a year from now? What will our parish look like? Will the pews be filled to a greater degree? Will more people in the community know who we are? Will they join us for more than an occasional Sunday, and become a part of our parish life? Will we be able, a year from now, to look back with satisfaction on our accomplishments? Tune in, next November.

We were blessed with a new parishioner earlier this year, one who dove right in, taking care of the church building and grounds, serving on the altar, and, to our great delight, bringing to fruition his idea of holding a Pancake Breakfast one Saturday morning in October. We all participated, but Randy did the bulk of the planning, purchasing, and organizing, and he arranged for us to hold our event at the local fire hall nearby.

We had no idea how many people might come. We had hoped for about 200, and ended up with about 30. But in the process, we learned a great deal. We learned that a seasonal resort area such as ours loses a lot of lake people after Labor Day, and that the locals might not be enough to overcome a frigid (30 degrees) morning in October. We learned that despite lots of marketing and promotion, we might consider selling tickets in advance. But we also learned that sometimes a small turnout allows more time to interact with the few customers, and that, perhaps, in getting to know us a little better, they might be inspired to consider joining us some Sunday morning. And we made a modest profit, and our church window fund was enriched further by some donations. All in all, it was a success.

Our Dress-A-Girl ministry continues to grow. In 2015, 160 dresses were made and sent to girls around the world. To date, since we began this ministry in August 2012, we have made 570 dresses with dolls, and 10 scarves, and purchased and sent 168 pairs of underwear. Check out the website at www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com.

In early October, we held our Blessing of the Pets. Several pets attended by proxy, including Cameron’s cat, Mischief, and Lee & Dick’s menagerie: four horses (David, Moon, Minnie, and Summer;) three cats (Bam Bam, Miss Missy, and Scoop;) and one Black Lab (Sophie.) Four dogs attended in person (canine-son!) Cindy and David Ayers brought Shiggy and Muffin; (the previous week, their dog Pappy had gone to Doggie Heaven.) Randy brought Bo, and Lee brought Lucky. All pets were very well-behaved, and appreciated their blessings! We continue to pray for Lucky, whose time with us on earth is nearing an end, and for the Rice family, who have been blessed by his antics for several years.

Time marches on. Thanksgiving is around the corner, and then Advent arrives, and we look forward to Bishop Marsh’s annual parish visit in mid December. This season of Advent, a time of waiting and reflection and preparation, the most important Pause in our busy lives: may it be filled with blessings and grace and light and peace for all.

-----Diane S. Jones

Tuxedo NY
Saint Elizabeth’s

We enjoyed a magnificent fall here in Tuxedo and marveled at the beautiful fall garden display lovingly arranged and planted in front of the chapel by Bob Davies – kudos to you, Bob! During those lovely autumn days, we celebrated two special events at St. Elizabeth’s.

Our congratulations go out to Jacqueline Roland and Richard Clagett, who were joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Elizabeth’s on October 3rd. Fr. Robert Ley presided over this joyous occasion. We wish Jacqueline and Richard many years ahead filled with God’s blessings of love and happiness.

On October 11th, we were blessed to have a visitation from Bishop Marsh to celebrate Sunday Mass with us. Following the service, he and Ljuba joined us for a very special afternoon dinner honoring Bishop Langberg on the occasion of his retirement from his position as Pastor at St. Elizabeth’s. There were many touching recollections of events that had been a part of the Bishop’s 30+ years of loving and
dedicated service at St. Elizabeth’s. Our thanks go out to the committee folks who planned this wonderful celebration. A special thanks to MaryLynn Malone, who put together an incredible slide presentation showing a vast array of joyous events that had taken place during Bp. Langberg’s tenure. We pray that Bp. George, Betty and all of their loved ones will enjoy many years ahead sharing wonderful times together during this new step in their lives.

In November and December, our volunteers at the local food pantry are extra busy collecting and distributing special holiday meal items in addition to the other foods provided to families throughout the year. The need is great and continues to grow - they are presently serving 165 families! At Thanksgiving, we are not only thankful for all of our own blessings, but also for all of the dedicated volunteers who so willingly give of their time year round in support of this critical outreach endeavor.

We look forward to our annual wreath and poinsettia sale December 3rd – 5th, an ecumenical benefit concert for the food pantry at St. Mary’s in Tuxedo on December 12th, and our Sunday School Christmas Pageant on December 13th. During this busy time for us and, I’m sure, for all of you as well, let us all remember to set aside ample quiet time for prayer, meditation and reflection during Advent, in preparation for the joyous Christmas celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In closing, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas, and peace, good health, and happiness in the year ahead. May the Holy Spirit be with us all as we serve our Lord and Savior in 2016.

-----Ingrid Magar

News Notes

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Important Note from Bishop Marsh

I feel compelled to remind all faithful Christians to recognize the damaging effects of blogs. Given the availability of the blogosphere, anyone who has access to a computer can set up shop as an “expert” blogger. Beware. Though a few people with a website do their best to abide by good journalistic standards, most do not. The worst, and their number is legion, have an axe to grind and they take their anger online. At times, it may be difficult to separate the truth from the half-truth or the outright untruth. Blogs can do very damaging and indeed diabolical work. There are no standards or regulations for such activity and bloggers are hardly self-regulating.

I bring this up because, now and again, someone will ask me about something they have read on a blog. I usually welcome such questions, because it allows me to set the record straight when necessary. St. Mary of the Angels in Hollywood, California has been captive of the blogosphere for some time. In this particular case, the blogosphere has made the art of distortion into a masterpiece. You cannot believe everything you read and I do pray that the truth will out in the end.

On another matter, the ACNA has been involved in strange activity with at least two of our parishes in two different dioceses. ACNA clergy have either represented that they were rectors of an ACA parish or that they ran missions out of an ACA parish. Neither was or is the case. We are not in communion with the ACNA. Though we may, on occasion, invite ACNA clergy to preach, they are not allowed to celebrate Mass or distribute the elements. When inappropriate behavior like this occurs, the clergyman’s bishop is contacted immediately and such activity is stopped. While some may regard such activity as the overzealous actions of inexperienced clergy, it could also signal predatory behavior. Whatever the event, we must maintain jurisdictional integrity until communion agreements are reached.

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George has served his parish, diocese and national church with distinction for over thirty years. The outpouring of love and support to him and his family made the retirement celebration a memorable and deeply moving event.

Deacon Al Ryan will be moving to Florida in 2016. He has served St. Augustine of Canterbury church exceptionally well over the past several years. We wish him and Claudia the best as they relocate to the Orlando area. Deacon Al wishes to retain his license in the DNE. He will, however, likely serve in a parish of the APA, our sister jurisdiction. I have spoken with Bishop Grundorf about Deacon Ryan and he is eager to put him to work.

We have several parishes that are in transition. Our process in the diocese involves several steps when a parish priest signals his retirement or desire to move to another parish. Canon Hendy Webb has written a very useful pamphlet on the transition process and made this available to the vestries of parishes in transition.

Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester, New Hampshire is currently served by Father Andrew Faust. Father Andrew is currently serving as interim and has done a wonderful job shepherding the parish for the last year and a half. Michael McKinnon, chair of the search committee, has just completed a superb Parish Profile. Next, the parish will receive, through the bishop's office, information concerning clergy candidates. I commend the work of this committee, which has been meeting twice weekly for the past two months.

As mentioned, Holy Cross in Webster, New York will be entering the search process shortly. We pray for the Mahoney family and for the parish as it develops its own parish profile. Jason O'Neil, the senior warden of Holy Cross, will soon appoint a committee to begin that process.

Father Ed Kalish is currently serving as Interim at St. Thomas in Ellsworth, Maine. Canon Webb has been working with senior warden, David Simmons, to develop the profile and begin the search process.

Prayers for all parishes in transition.

St. Thomas of Canterbury in Halfmoon, New York was formally admitted to the Diocese of the Northeast during our last synod. David Bullard, senior warden of the parish, recently reported that attendance had increased substantially since that time. Father Jim Hurd is currently serving the parish. As many of us know, Father Jim is a great preacher. Perhaps the two facts are somehow related.

St. Joseph's Anglican Church in Brooklyn, New York hosted our last synod. We deeply appreciate the parish's service to the diocese and to God's holy church. Though the weather was rainy and the parking a bit elusive, the warmth of the congregation and the terrific synod banquet more than made up for weather inclemencies and the vagaries of city traffic. The Rev. Mr. Steve Rugg delivered an excellent presentation on evangelism. The Rev. Zachary Braddock was the keynote speaker.

St. Joseph's church is a beautiful, historic church in the Locust Hills section of Brooklyn. It is in need of repair and it is our responsibility, as stewards of God's church, to assist the parish in making necessary repairs and improvements. Mr. Chip Garre has been tasked with raising funds to this end. Your bishop has made the first pledge. More information on this project will be forthcoming.

St. Luke's Anglican Church has been named temporary Pro Cathedral of the diocese. This assignment was made in consultation with Trinity Church, which is currently in transition. A large diocesan shield was commissioned by your bishop as a gift to the diocese. It will be placed in any church designated the Pro Cathedral. The shield currently hangs above the cathedra in the chancel at St. Luke's.

The synod of the Anglican Catholic Church was held in Athens, Georgia. Bishops Marsh and Hiles attended and were warmly and graciously received by Archbishop Mark Haverland. They were granted voice in both the House of Bishops and the synod itself. As Bishop Marsh noted above, the various Continuing churches are growing closer together between us and several similar bodies both in the US and in Britain. May God bless these efforts!

SAINT LUKE'S CAMP
Camp Director's Report

Praise be to God!

St. Luke's Camp, our diocesan youth summer retreat, was held August 9-14 at beautiful Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale Massachusetts. This was our fourth year here and the staff really bent over back-ward to make our stay great. They clearly have servant's hearts. They also help tremendously with the regulations and the state requirements for background checks.

Our theme this year was Loving God, Loving Others. Our instruction was centered on different aspects of expressing our love for God and for other people, and the relationship between the two. There were classes by Bishop Marsh, Linda Kalish, Ed Pettit, Father Kalish, Deacon Koller, Tom Kane, and Father Dibble. We also had a terrific play written by Bishop Marsh and directed by Diane Jones. Judy King was our nurse for the umpteenth and last time, due to her moving out of the area. Most also gave their time as counselors.

The food was terrific and the folks at Ashmere added some special treats for us with boating as well as free swimming, a ropes course, and archery. They really went the extra mile for us.
We had a camp-fire with sing-along. The gaga and foursquare games got a work out, along with the tetherball and swings. It was terrific to see some new faces among our twelve campers this summer. There were a few games of "Manhunt," always a favorite, to punctuate the experience, and we even had a visit from an imaginary bear.

Each day we had Morning Prayer and Communion, as well as evening devotions. Father Kalish gave us a special treat with music at our services and meals with Christian songs and memory verses. There was a surprise visit from Melody Mae the clown. The gifts were appreciated by all.

Our week ended with our play and infamous TALENT SHOW. Saturday Morning Father Kalish led us in Stations of the Cross before going home. We had awards for all and several crafts from bookmarks to t-shirts.

The volunteers at camp worked hard. They are owed a big THANKS from the diocese for putting so much effort into making camp a success. Many thanks also to the folks who made financial or other contributions. The people who come to teach classes really open themselves up to the kids and put their hearts into trying to help them get closer to the Lord.

We projected our prayer book services on a screen again this year and it worked.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the outstanding Allan Wylie, who has taken over the indispensable job of doing just about everything other than being at camp from contracts to registrations, and the help of our diocesan treasurer, Kathy Lippman, who handles the finances and brings a carload of supplies every year, along with a listening ear and shoulder to cry on.

Thanks ought to go to the efforts made in marketing- including the production of a video for St. Luke's Camp. We have passed a milestone because dedicated individuals have done this with only the approval of the camp director, all other aspects driven by others. This is indeed a blessing. People really are pitching in to make camp a diocesan endeavor. This cooperation and eagerness from people in the diocese should be a big help to the new director and I hope it continues and grows. Yes, I referred to the new director. It has been my privilege to serve God and the youth of this diocese in the capacity of Camp Director for several years, but it is time to pass the torch to another. Working with our campers and volunteers has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had and I love and appreciate each one dearly. The changes in our family since the loss of our son Elijah simply have changed me and demand attention which make it impossible for me to serve well in this capacity at this time. Please continue your support of the camp ministry. Prayers for our family will be appreciated.

My hope is that St. Luke's Camp will continue to challenge young people to deepen their faith in an increasingly hostile world. The big challenges I see presently are recruiting young counselors and the need to serve and involve as many diocesan youth as possible. Perhaps the latter would help the former. Please pray for our young people and the camp.

Respectfully Submitted
Father Richard Dibble+, Camp Director

My favorite things about camp were making new friends, swimming, archery, and having a good time. I was really glad that I got to go camp this year because it was my first time ever going there. I really enjoyed the staff and how awesome their food was. I hope I can go again next summer! Of course I did miss my parents but a full week at camp went by so fast I didn’t even recognize it until the last day of camp.

-----Paige Tilton
Sing the Church Year In

Advent tells us Christ is near.
Christmas tells us Christ is here.
In Epiphany we trace
All the glory of His grace

Then three Sundays we prepare
For the time of fast and prayer,
That, with hearts made penitent,
We may keep a faithful Lent.

Holy Week and Easter then
Tell who died and rose again:
O that happy Easter Day!
“Christ is ris’n indeed,” we say

Yes, and Christ ascended too.
To prepare a place for you:
So we give him special praise
After those great forty days.

Then he sent the Holy Ghost
On the day of Pentecost,
With us ever to abide:
Well may we keep Whitsuntude.

Last of all, we humbly sing
Glory to our God and King,
Glory to the One in Three,
On the Feast of Trinity.

_Katherine Hankey, Hymnal 1940, #235_
Parishes and Missions

Connecticut

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

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

Ellsworth: St. Thomas - Sat 3pm, Sun 10am (373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)667-2001.  Fr. Ed Kalish, Fr. Frank Gray, Dcn Kevin Kelly

Portland: St. Paul
Sun 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)  (207)828-2012.  Fr. Samuel Logan  Fr Amos Mihanda

Raymond: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory
for service times call ahead (4 Shaw Road) (207)655-4441  Rev. Prior Kevin LaMarre, OSB

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

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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, Fr. Amos Mihanda

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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 - see White River Jct, Vt.

New York


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

Halfmoon (Clifton Park): St. Thomas of Canterbury—Sun 10am (242 Grooms Road)  Fr. James Hurd (413)273-1415

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West Winfield: St. Lucy  Mr. Greg Conklin, 145 State Route 51, West Winfield, NY 13491, 315-822-5314.

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Clergy Anniversaries

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

Dec
01 – Fr. David Moody, P 2012
06 - Bp Brian Marsh, D 1997
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08 - Fr. Christian Tutor, vows 1987
14 - Bp George Langberg, D 1985
27 – Fr. D. & Jeanne Moody. mar 1963

Jan
10 – Fr. Ed Ihde, birthday 1950

Feb
02 - Fr. Christian Tutor OSA, D 2007
09 - Bp Robert Harvey birthday 1916
12 - Fr. Frank Bartlett, P 2011
13 – Fr. Ed Ihde, D 1988
22 - Bp. Owen Williams, D 1998
23 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, birthday
24 - Fr. Alexander Stringer, P 1953

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

Next Issue in March
Deadline for submissions will be around Feb 15.