Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I bid you all a Holy and Blessed Lent!

Each year at this time, we are called to a time of fasting and penitence. Fasting and penitence are words we Christians know well; we hear them with great frequency during the penitential seasons of the year. But they are particularly present in our minds during the great forty days of Lent. We may observe this time by giving up small tokens from our abundant lives, little symbolic gestures to put us in mind of this time of fasting. The more spiritually-minded among us may choose a more rigorous path, fasting for long periods of time. Retreats are especially useful at this time of year, particularly those that include long periods of silence. Such retreats are very helpful to us in that they reduce outside stimuli and social expectations, allowing us more time to focus on prayer and the word of God. It is the still, small voice that seeks us out at this time of the year.

Whatever our Lenten practice, this time should be given over to preparation; preparation for the Day of the Resurrection. While our outward practice is useful to our Lenten journey, it is our inner preparation that is most essential. How are we preparing for Easter? Most importantly, how healthy is our spiritual inventory?

Recently, one of our priests completed a rigorous course in Clinical Pastoral Education. Such a course is required of all students who are enrolled in a three-year seminary program. CPE courses are typically conducted in a hospital setting and bring students face-to-face with people who are experiencing serious health issues. In order for the students to gain a greater understanding of their pastoral work, they are required to write extensive verbata. Verbata are written reports of the verbal exchanges students have with the patients they visit. The intent is to make the verbata as precise as possible, reconstructing the dialogue exactly as the student has heard it. Recording each dialogue can be remarkably revealing and is a superb teaching tool. Verbata can hold up a mirror to the student, offering insights that lead to vocational and spiritual growth.
This Lent, you might try writing a verbatim yourself. How do you address God in your prayers? What are the exact words, phrases or feelings do you use when praying to God? Another way to use verbatis is to record your response to the various temptations that come your way. How do you respond to errant thoughts and actions? It will be very instructive to write these down. Afterwards, the verbatis will become useful for meditation and prayer. They need not be shared, as they are part of your own Lenten journey.

C.S. Lewis employed this practice in his wonderful book, “The Screwtape Letters,” in which he envisioned the devil instructing a novice in the proper way to undermine God’s world. And, by the way, how would you address the devil? That, too, could be an instructive exercise. After all, the devil figures prominently in the Lenten lectionary. I am quite sure he likes the publicity. After all, he wins all the awards in the narcissism game. (He likes that, too). But do make fun of the devil this season; call him out for the fraud he is. (He hates that).

I pray you will all enjoy your spiritual journey this Lent. Prepare yourselves well. Easter is coming soon indeed. But do enjoy the time. Be present with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Your parish churches are a center of Christian love and support. Be present in your prayer life. Be present with God.

Know always of the prayers of the faithful.

Know always of the prayers of your bishop.

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian
This year we’ve invited our Methodist Church partners for a wonderful time of evangelism and fellowship.

Directly after the 2015 Christmas services we began packing up the church for our move a few miles down the road to 539 Main Street where we set up shop with our good friends at Covenant Methodist Church. Who could have known that we had accumulated so many things over the course of eight years? With the help of a large number of volunteers, the transition was made and we celebrated our first mass in our new location on January 3rd as scheduled. We are now quite settled in our new surroundings and have found that ‘home’ is truly where the heart is – and not a building made with hands.

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

Lenten greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Church in West Seneca, NY. We have had an extremely busy winter since our last publication. The events began in December with a visit on Saint Nicholas Day from our good friends with the Buffalo Silver Band who came for our annual celebration of our patron saint. During the same weekend, our Auxiliary Bishop +James Hiles came for an episcopal visit and for Holy Confirmation. Keith Fitzgerald was confirmed and Jim Siebold was welcomed into the Anglican Church of America.

Also in attendance (as bishop’s chaplain) was Deacon Phillip Cunningham from UECNA (another continuing Anglican Church here in WNY).
This year in Lent we will continue our second "annual tradition" of joining in the West Seneca Community of Churches ‘Lenten Journey to Easter’ where we will visit each others’ churches during the five Wednesdays in Lent. Fr. John Stanton from St. John XXIII RC Church will preach at Saint Nicholas Church on Wednesday March 2nd. Last year we had approximately 158 visitors. This year we hope to have standing room only for this event.

Finally, on February 13th, Fr. Edward Ihde will celebrate his 29th year of ordination to the diaconate, in Jerusalem as part of a Pastors’ tour of the Holy Land, Feb 9th thru Feb 19th. Fr. Ed travels to Israel under the auspices of Exodus USA, a non-profit Christian organization that helps Jewish individuals and families all over the world emigrate to Israel. While in Israel Fr. Ed will meet with several families that have been sponsored in part by our congregation here at St. Nicholas Anglican Church in Western New York.

-----Fr. E. Ihde

White River Junction, Vt.
Trinity Anglican Church,

Our long suffering (owing largely to the procrastination of his reporters), persistent and, I might say, most excellent editor has reminded us that it is time for the Winter edition of the NEA. Following the busyness of Christmas and the shortest of all possible Epiphanies, it is difficult to know what to write. It appears that not much happens in a small parish from week to week, except, of course, the continuing celebration of the life of our Lord.

However, the aforementioned editor is unrelenting in his insistence on having 100% parish participation and in this we are blessed by him. This quarterly duty is indeed an exercise and a blessing for me as it forces me to look at our parish and discover what has been going on that I may have taken for granted. For instance, we added two new altar guildresses since the last NEA. Living, as I do, with the chief altar guildress, this is indeed a welcome addition.

We are continuing in our year long preparation for active evangelism in this land of the frozen chosen. It appears we live in a land of great opportunity as Vermont/New Hampshire were recently deemed the two most unchurched states in the country. As General “Chesty” Puller noted when surrounded by the enemy, “They can’t get away from us now.”

We have for some years been blessed by the monthly organ ministrations of Ed Boadway. Unfortunately, at least for the time being, his schedule seems to preclude his monthly visitations. In his stead (without replacing him) we have discovered an Internet site:

http://www.smallchurchmusic4.com/
Display_HymnBooks-New.php?TY=4-
The1940Hymnal

which provides free downloadable MP3 files of organ music for virtually all the hymns in the Hymnal 1940. And so we are experimenting with this 21st century worship tool.

Finally, for those of you who miss the Epiphany Proper, fear not, they will reappear at the very end of the Great Green Season which will be extra long this year.

-----Allan Wylie

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

December was, once again, filled with activity at St. Elizabeth’s. The month began with our annual wreath and poinsettia sale Dec. 3rd – 5th. In addition to the three-day sale, faithful parishioner volunteers helped with holiday food distributions at our local food pantry and assembled a team who beautifully decorated our chapel for Christmas. Kudos to all of our dedicated volunteers who gave of their time during this very busy season.

On December 12th, a wonderful Christmas concert was performed at St. Mary’s in Tuxedo to benefit our local food pantry. The performance featured the Rockland County Concert Band in which Russ Shaver of St. Elizabeth’s is a trombonist. Love offerings collected at the concert netted approximately $4,000 for the local food pantry – a greatly successful benefit for this much-needed outreach endeavor!

Our Sunday School Christmas pageant and beautiful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services brought joy to our hearts as we celebrated the birth of the Christ-child, God’s precious gift of a Savior for all believers. O, come let us adore Him, not only at Christmastime, but all the year through!

We are facing major new challenges at St. Elizabeth’s in 2016 and we ask for your prayers as we work through them. As reported in the November issue of the NEA, Bishop Langberg retired after many years as Priest-in-charge at St. Elizabeth’s. Fr. Robert Ley, who has also served us for a very long time, has expressed his desire to retire in the not-to-distant future as well. Additionally, our Vestry’s senior warden, treasurer and secretary have opted not to run for re-election to their positions this year. Hence, there are several significant changes to be decided upon in the weeks and months ahead. We know that God does not promise that followers of
Jesus will not face difficulties, but He does promise to be with us in all our trials. And so, we pray that our faith, God’s love, and guidance from the Holy Spirit will lead us to make the right choices as we face these decisions.

The Lenten season has begun. Let us use this time for more frequent and fervent prayer and reflection on our spiritual lives. Lent is a time to ask ourselves what we have done with the gifts God has given us and to pray for wisdom to know what we can do to use these gifts more effectively. Through prayer, God’s Holy Spirit will show us the way. May God bless you as you seek His guidance during Lent.

Closing thoughts……. As I write this, it is two degrees below zero and the wind is howling – oh, my goodness! Yet, my heart is warmed with the thought of beautiful, fragrant spring lilies and the joyous celebration of the Resurrection on Easter morning, only a few weeks away – praise God!

-----Ingrid Magar

Maritime, Port & Veteran Chaplains

With base closures on the horizon, and military staffing reduced in many area, our chaplains are filling in and providing pastoral care and funeral services for our armed forces veterans. Working with the American Legion, our chaplains are on call to assist as necessary with family issues, pastoral services and to do funerals and burials for our vets and their families. 2015 saw a decrease in ship calls at ports but an increasing need to support veterans and their families. The chaplains also provide services to local police departments. 2016 looks to be a busy year, and the chaplains from various denominations work together to provide support where necessary. They help organize special services at local parishes and assist regularly as called upon for hospital visits and care of vets, police, mariners and their families. The States provide specialized training for Police Chaplains and Logos House has a course of study for chaplains who serve in various capacities.

Fr. Jeffrey Monroe, Rector of St. Margaret’s Church in Conway as well as Vicar of St. Augustine’s in Saco is one of the ACA Maritime and Port Chaplains. He was awarded the Meritorious Public Service Award and Medal by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. Fr. Monroe was presented the award at his final meeting as Chairman of the Secretary of Homeland Security’s National Maritime Security Advisory Committee in December. Chaplain Monroe, the only chaplain to date to serve in that position, was cited for “notable services that have assisted greatly in furthering the aims and functions of the US Coast Guard.” His appointment, which was made by the Secretary of Homeland Security, ends in December. Fr. Monroe was recommended for the committee in 2003 by Senator Susan Collins and then Senator Olympia Snowe. He was appointed chair in 2009 by the Secretary of Homeland Security. He, along with the committee, was instrumental in the development of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Rulemaking, Homeland Security needs and expertise related to national maritime security, assisted in the rules regarding seafarer access, he assisted with efforts related to maritime cyber security and helped develop the DHS Strategy to Enhance the International Supply Chain. This is the fourth time he has been recognized by the USCG and was also previously recognized by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). He also served as an advisor to the Commandant on navigation safety and has been an advisor to federal government agencies for over twenty years.

-----Linda Mallik

Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke’s

The following is submitted by Alice Kysar who is a member of our healing ministry.

A vestry retreat took place on September 19, 2015. The purpose of the retreat was for the vestry and clergy to determine God’s purposes for St. Luke’s future. Bishop Marsh led us through the newsprint trail from “what we’ve been doing” to “what’s next” which turns out to be Education and Healing Ministry.

Since then the plan has been coming together to undertake the healing ministry with education and training for healing ministers. We have several people at St. Luke who are experienced in the healing ministry, some who have had recent training, and hopefully, others who will learn from observation, reading, and additional courses when available. Additional training will be given for all prayer ministers from time to time and as the need arises.

We will pray for physical healing, inner healing, healing of relationships, grief, family caregivers, and most likely, job hunting, financial and legal concerns and child-rearing concerns among others. There will be prayers for committing lives to Jesus Christ when those are needed. We do not believe we have the best answers and advice to offer people in need of help. We do believe that God loves all people and has a plan for each life and He will reveal in whole or part what each person needs to know at this
time. We invite the Holy Spirit to guide our prayers and we rely on Him for revelation of the Father's will for each petition.

After a few sessions applied to bringing this group together and fine-tuning our approach to healing we intend to offer this service to the public. This will be part of our outreach to the local communities as well as healing for some of our neighbors. The healing sessions will be offered once a month on a Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Prayer after both services will continue in one or more locations in the nave.

Bishop Marsh and Fr. Webb are in full support of this ministry and we are very grateful for their wisdom and guidance.

Jesus will heal those who are sick and say to them, "the Kingdom of God has come near to you", Luke 10:9.

----- Lee Garre

Raymond, Me Our Benedictines

The priory is in full winter mode although much of the weather has been more spring-like creating a false sense of security for humans and confusion for the animals. There has been wildlife out and about that should be sleeping and the horses and dogs have been shedding like crazy. We have also been hearing many "spring birds" singing. Sr. Mary Francis has been busy helping people try to make the best decisions for their animals (all horses presently) as they find themselves in a bad circumstance. There is, generally, pretty specific criteria for an animal to be placed here, other than emergency situations when we help out as we can. Animals must be handi-capped, injured, abused, or old (or any combination of these) and we sometimes take orphans/pregnant ones as well. Many of the e-mails Sr. receives don't "fit the bill" so she works with the owners for a successful outcome. She has rehomed 6 horses this winter so far.

Fr. Kevin continues to put out his weekly meditation on the internet which is free to anyone who wants to receive it. This labor of love has been so well received and shared by so many that the subscription list continues to grow weekly. This is not only a wonderful way to have a Catholic sermon delivered to your inbox but it also includes a weekly calendar, information about Saints, customs and traditions of our faith and even updates on the animals in our care. If you would like to receive this offering please send your e-mail address to Fr. Kevin at klamarre@maine.rr.com to be added to the list. Lent is in sight and this is a teaching tool to help you get the most from your devotions and faith. Fr. Kevin is also available, by appointment, for spiritual guidance and confession.

Last, we thank those of you who have been so generously supportive of our animal mission. There are always more animals in the shadows waiting for a space here. We are very small but, like St. Therese, we aspire to holiness by small acts of love and compassion as we can....with God's help....and with you.

May you all have an insightful and inspiring Lent.......

-----Sr. Mary Francis OSB

Brockton, Mass.
St. Paul's Parish

Greetings from St. Paul's Anglican Parish, Brockton. As we rebound from record setting cold temperatures (-9 degrees in Boston) we enter into Lent. This Lent our recommended reading is "The Message of Luke" by Michael Wilcock (in a series edited by John Stott). This will supplement the portions from the Gospel of Luke that will be discussed on Wednesday evenings following a light
supper and ending with the Stations of the Cross. Our annual Lenten Quiet Day will be held on March 12, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Our focus this year will be on the Stations of the Cross. We will study, pray and reflection upon the Scriptural messages found in several of the stations.

Easter comes early this year but we are hopeful that our move into the new church will be complete by then. There are still some small items that need to be done such "as carpeting the foyer, placing cabinets in the Sacristy and installing the Reredos (wood paneling beyond the Altar area)". As (hopefully) warmer and drier weather approaches the move should take a few weeks. Care and patience is required for the moving process because "precious memorial items are involved, including the Altar, Pulpit, and some 200 chairs". We put our trust in God's timing.

May you have a most Holy Lent and Blessed Easter,

-----Patricia Ferrick

Upcoming Clericus Schedule

LENT

March 10-11, 2016
Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, Garrison NY.

SUMMER

June 2-3, 2016
Notre Dame Spiritual Life Center, Alfred, ME.

Ellsworth, Maine

St. Thomas

Early in February our letter to Bp. Marsh was answered by his letter of "whole-hearted" support for our desire to call Father Kalish as our rector. It is very good news for us after a substantial amount of prayer and work developing a survey, or really two surveys, one short and one lengthy one, compiling the information from them, and after that the writing of a church profile, one that reveals who we are with all our quirky uniqueness, and locational appeal, being the gateway to down east Maine and the back door to Acadia National Park, but often with cold and snowy winters that challenge fortitude. I really enjoyed writing that last long sentence of 82 words to emphasize the length, or what felt like a long time, to receive the blessing of a new priest.

The time was well spent and our intuitions about Father Ed Kalish were confirmed in the process. Our new rector, Father Ed, was born and raised in Bar Harbor, Maine. After high school he went to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for a year before his quest for spiritual answers led him, as well as many others during the Sixties counterculture movement, to go to California. In 1971 he came to faith in Jesus Christ through a ranch ministry sponsored by an urban church. Relocating to central California, he entered junior college, receiving an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts. He then entered San Jose Bible College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and Theology in 1975. Shortly afterward, he returned to Maine to live, where he held a variety of jobs, which included short stints as a pastor of nondenominational churches.

In 2006, he and his wife, Linda, became confirmed Anglicans at Ellsworth’s St. Thomas Anglican Church. He also enrolled in Logos House of Theological Studies, founded and overseen by Fr. Granville Henthorne, then rector of St. Thomas, with an eye toward ordination as a Deacon, which occurred in May, 2009. Continuing his studies in Logos House, he was ordained to the priesthood in July, 2013. In the spring of 2010, he was assigned to a small parish in Waterville, and remained there until late 2014, when he was reassigned to be interim priest back at St. Thomas. Between them, his wife and he have two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

We are also very happy to have Father Ed’s wife, Linda, in our parish. Linda also has Maine roots, having been raised in North Penobscot, ME. Her father worked in the Bucksport paper mill, and he and her mother raised and sold vegetables and blueberries. Linda’s education began in a one-room school house until the town consolidated its elementary schools, so 7th and 8th grades were spent in a new school with four school rooms, each containing two grades. Since Penobscot High School was closed when she was in 7th grade, students were bussed to a near-by town (Blue Hill) for high school. After high school she spent two years at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. A summer job working on NASA satellite parts, at the University of Iowa, caused her to transfer and she graduated from there with a degree in physics. From there Linda spent three years in Ghana, Africa,
teaching high-school math and science. On her return to the U.S., one year teaching in public school in Maine convinced her that she didn’t want to cope with the lack of discipline (she says she was spoiled by the Ghanaian students, most of whom were eager to learn). From then on her work experience consisted of social work and counseling. Linda earned a master’s degree in counseling and psychology from the University of Maine. She worked for DHHS, in a community counseling center, and in hospital and nursing home settings. For several years, she did some volunteer teaching in a private school, and home-schooled her two children and a grandchild for part of their education. She has very much enjoyed the time that she and Ed have been Anglicans, and look forward to continuing to serve the Lord and His Church.

Now that our search for a priest is completed we move on to new business as a parish, new business for us is a prayerful focus on reaching our corner of the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ, who is worthy of our best efforts in worship. Is there room for a traditional Anglican expression of faith in this contemporary world? The Vestry is reading through the presentation of Michael McKinnon Dane, Crossing the Chasm: Church Growth and Evangelism. It, no doubt, will be another lengthy process, but we approach it with great expectancy.

Our Ash Wednesday service was particularly meaningful to me as I had just read the Logos House newsletter, Vox, where a quote from Lancelot Andrewes pricked my heart and allowed me to dare to fast and think more deeply about those seven deadly sins. (The first letter of each of those being such, if you like word jumbles, then you could come up with a word to use as a mnemonic devise to help you remember them. I came up with gapscle which reminds me of the gap between a holy God and my sinful nature. It might also be the antonym of “muscle” in its meaning as brawn.) I thought I might be lacking in one or two, but by God’s grace, I have begun to see the true state of my soul. Here’s where the kyrie eleison, comes in handy on page 70 of the BCP.

Shirley Landmesser
Portland, Maine
St. Paul

We at St. Paul’s have begun the soul-searching period that is Lent with weekly services of Stations and Benediction. The vestry has been continuing to discuss what are the best ways to increase the size of the congregation. Right now there are two groups on the vestry with differing opinions about who we should try to attract - the unchurched in our neighborhood or those in a broader area who have become disenchanted with their current denomination. My feeling is that if we just follow Jesus’ admonition to tell people about Him and his teachings and without regard for where within the church they may end up, God will see to it that we continue. We have learned about the existence of two men who spoke at the Brooklyn Synod who are very knowledgeable about increasing the size of the congregation. We plan to invite one or both to speak to our people.

Work has started on repairs of our slate roof using a gift which was given for restoration. Our building is now in a historic zone with more restrictions on us as to what we can or cannot do, but we have no particular wish to change the look of this historic building. There may be more donated money coming down the pike which we can use to further maintain our buildings in their original condition, with hidden modern elements of course.

Sacco, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury

The mission Parish of St. Augustine continues to gather in faith, fellowship and service. Throughout the Winter, since the last Newsletter, many events have occurred that continue to reinforce our prayer life and accomplish our mission to love and serve God through good works.

November 21st, 2015 gave the Mission another opportunity to support the parish and community though our Christmas Fair. With the efforts of the congregation, especially those members who participated in "Crafty Sunday", leading to the event, we had our most successful fair since our relocation to the Saco
Worship Services have continued through all these changes through the hard work of our Vestry! The Vestry will meet again on Feb. 9th, 2016 to continue evaluating our goals and planning our good works.

In February, Father Amos will conduct Holy Communion Services on February 14th and 28th. Morning Prayer Services will continue in the interim. All services are conducted at 10AM Sunday at the Saco Grange. We are conveniently located on North Street / Route 112 in Saco, Maine, just off Industrial Park exit of the Maine Turnpike.

In closing, John 13:34 "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you love one another."

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Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. St.Cyr

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

When growing up in the New England States, Christmas is seen as a “winter wonderland” of snow and cold that make the “season bright.” For others that grew up in warmer climes—and Our Savior Himself—the Nativity should be celebrated with swaying palm trees and warm breezes. Finally New England had a taste of the first Christmas with the unseasonably mild temperatures on December 24. All Saints in Concord, New Hampshire, and their California born Rector, Fr. Christian, enjoyed the warm respite with the traditional Solemn High Mass. Beauty and ceremony in ritual precision, ushered in the Nativity, and the joyous Season which follows. Parishioners were delighted to stay and enjoy the evening repast, where as in former years, a rush to avoid the snow or ice dictated their celebration.

Still within Christmas-tide, the Annual March for Life took place in Concord. This demonstration of solidarity with the voiceless pre-born, draws attention to the inequality offered to the life within the womb, and the failure of our country to protect the most defenseless. Fr. Christian, as Chairman of the Educational Trust of New Hampshire Right to Life, had the privilege of organizing and leading the March. Hundreds joined in prayer and protest amidst a day freezing and cold, to show that all human life is precious from conception to natural death. Services were held at the trash dump—a place where the bodies of aborted babies were discovered—and within the Church of St. John to atone during the Mass for the callous indifference.

In December we were able to again provide bicycles to foster children. This was the sixth year for this project which is always a very much appreciated effort by all involved – the children, the foster parents and the DHHS staff with whom we coordinate. We provided bicycles and helmets to children who are in unbelievable circumstances through no fault of their own and would have received no other gifts under their Christmas tree this season.
unseasonably warm, right up through the end of January, but now in February, we are paying for all that balmy 50 and 60 degree weather with eye popping single digit and below temperatures.

Our Christmas festivities went off without a hitch. Our Christmas Fair on November 21 was again a rousing success, and our “world famous” baskets were pretty much sold by 11:00. The Harringtons again hosted a Christmas party at their home right before Christmas and it was well attended. Fr. Monroe conducted three Christmas services to accommodate the needs of everyone. There were two on Christmas Eve, and one low Mass on Christmas day. The altar was resplendent in poinsettias and altar linen and the Christmas spirit was in evidence.

We were again grateful to Fr. Amos for coming over to fill in while Fr. Monroe was away visiting family down south. Coming from a different culture, Fr. Amos gives a different perspective on our faith and relationship with the Lord, and we find it interesting and joyous to know that there are Christian believers so far away and so diverse. Fr. Lamarre stepped in as well, coming over from the Priory in Raymond to help out. We love having Fr. Kevin as well.

It’s hard to believe that Lent is upon us. Two distributions of ashes were held on Ash Wednesday for those stalwart enough to brave the cold.

Lent brings such a time of renewal for Christians awaiting the Greatest Feast of the Resurrection. See our renewed web page for all the conferences and other events, and the schedule for the solemn services for the Lenten and Paschal Seasons. All are welcome to join in the—to quote Bishop Marsh—‘fun’ that is All Saints! www.allsaintsnh.com

Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, all that snow we were looking forward to really has never materialized. We have not had a really big blizzard, and the local ski areas have been working overtime to make something for the skiers. It has also been shown toward life by our throwaway society. As the hundreds gathered at the Capitol steps to brave cold and witness, the prevailing mood of such an army of Christians is not one of condemnation but of ministry of the hope and forgiveness found in Jesus. “To save the one,” is the cry of the pro-life movement in New Hampshire, not just aimed at the innocent pre-born life, but the damaged, oft-sorrowing victim of abortion, who need the healing, and forgiving power, of Christ.

“Remember that thou art dust...” with these words Christians in the West begin the Great Fast of Lent. For the second year, Father Christian at All Saints, has stood in the cold and snow before the State Capitol distributing ashes to those who wanted to begin their Lent in earnest. Legislators, shop-keepers, the curious, lined up to receive the memorial of their humanity. Repeat devotees, as well as, the new (and one Jew!) wanted the blessing of spiritual renewal. While other denominations stood within their heated sanctuaries, the Rector of All Saints, hunkered down to be a sign and witness to repentance. Interestingly, the Primary Elections took place the day before in New Hampshire. Ash Wednesday was a good day to repent—for some at the Capitol—of the bad choices made the previous day at the elections.

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The parish held its annual meeting on February 14th, and a wonderful buffet was prepared by the ladies. Newly elected vestry members were Miriam Todd and Jamie Bergeron. We welcome them both and offer blessings on their willingness to serve.

Other members retained their posts. The Jr. Warden position was replaced with a contracted, on call Sexton. We thank Andrew Ferguson for his three years of service as Jr. Warden.

We are now looking forward to our annual St. Patrick’s day corned beef and cabbage dinner, which will coincide with the Bishop’s annual visit. The dinner will take place on March 12, and is always a great community event. It is coordinated by Rebecca and Jim Harrington who not only cook and serve a fine meal, but also gather many donations from local businesses for the raffle after the dinner.

We continue to pray for our organist and choir director Tracy Gardner, out on extended sick leave after surgery. Many in the parish have offered support, including visits, prayers, cards, transportation, and food. We have been the beneficiaries of Tracy’s wonderful musical talent over the years, and are grateful that we can give some of that back. During her absence, we have been fortunate to have the services of another local musician, Judith English, and we thank her for her willingness to assist.

So now it is on to Holy Week, the somberness of Good Friday, and the glorious joy of Easter. We wish all our fellow Anglicans a quiet, reflective rest of the Lenten season.

\[\text{Correction: Apologies are due as this item appeared in the last issue with Mrs. Kropac’s last name misspelled and the picture upside down. -ed}\]

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 Kropac, wife of John and mother of Wendy and Kathy Kropac, 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.

\[\text{Halfmoon, N.Y.}\]
\[\text{St. Thomas of Canterbury}\]

The sign on our lawn reads, “Wise Men Still Seek Him”. We are disappointed that there are so few wise men and women in our neighborhood. On the other hand it is comforting to know that those who do exist are on their knees in our church every Sunday morning.

We have been to the river and seen the elephants. After years of decline Father Rich Dibble came, saw and put us to work. He set before us the Book of Nehemiah which as you know is about rebuilding and not procrastinating about it. Those were heady days. Exciting days. Then of a sudden Elijah, Father Dibble’s young son, was killed. Devastated, our beloved rector informed us that he could not continue and so resigned.

We resorted to Morning Prayer Sunday mornings, taking turns with the readings, psalms and prayers. It was a good thing to do and those who took part benefited. Strangers dropping in thought they had happened upon a cult meeting. Others declared, no communion, no go.

Bishop Marsh and Father Webb came and encouraged us. The bishop suggested to our acolyte, Ben, that he consider taking orders. We haven’t seen Ben since.

The visits of the Higher Ups resulted in our asking Father Jim Hurd to serve as supply priest. Father Jim has been journeying over the Berkshire mountains in his coffee grinder from Springfield since early last fall, without skipping a single Sunday. He reads the service with very audible enthusiasm - it’s all Good News - preaches an on-message sermon concisely without notes while standing amongst us. When we are few in numbers he nevertheless feeds us the entire bale. Six hymns, sung responses and the whole works. Not bean bag, surely not yoga.

Which goes to prove that God loves us no matter what.

\[\text{-----David Bullard}\]
Rochester, N.H.
Trinity

We had a very busy Christmas season followed up by a busier than usual Epiphany season with two baptisms. It was nice to see the two families coming together from some distance to witness and be part of these babies’ journey with Christ.

The children are collecting for the Lenten Rice Bowl this year. The money collected will be providing food, water and seed to families around the world. Through lent, the children will be learning about the different countries and how Christians are helping them.

We will continue to accept the Souper Bowl soup collections throughout the month of February. All donated soup will go to the local food pantry on behalf of Trinity Anglican Church.

On behalf of the Sunday school children, thank you for helping us teach the children about thinking beyond themselves and reaching out to others in need.

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Sincerely, Julie and Debby

ed note: I was present for Gunner’s baptism (pictured). He and his family are regular members of our 8 o’clock congregation, and his presence always brings us joy. I was not able to be present for our other christening, of Alexis, a regular at 10 o’clock. At our annual meeting in January, we heard an encouraging report from the search committee, and are very hopeful that we shall very soon have a well-qualified permanent rector.

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

It has been a busy winter for the Good Shepherd Church as we prepare for spring. We look forward to seeing how the daffodils and crocuses planted in front of our churchyard fence last fall will fare.

Contrary to rumors, Fr. David and Jeanne Moody did not leave for a recent trip to Florida because of the -22 degree temperatures experienced at their home in Alstead on Sunday, February 14. They deny any cause and effect relationship.

Phil Turner, our Junior Warden, arranged for an energy audit of our 192 year-old building. The day-long audit involved an exploration of the building, infrared and normal light photography of ceilings and walls to locate cold spots, and a blower door test to identify the location of air infiltration. The final report included recommendations for the addition or more insulation, blocking the vertical movement of air in the walls, and the procurement of a new furnace. For the first time, we have a good idea of what actions will yield the greatest improvements in energy efficiency. The good news is that our energy expert believes Good Shepherd can reduce its energy bills by 50 percent. Now we need to explore grants and other sources of funds to upgrade our historic
building. (ed note: perhaps someone reading this may be moved to help)

Our annual Shrove Tuesday supper, following evening prayer, was a great success. This year, Dee Blanchard took on the task of cooking the pancakes, sausage and bacon. We all thank Dee for bringing us together around our new elliptical table to break bread.

Good Shepherd was delighted to welcome Deacon Stephen Rugg, Trinity Church, in White River Junction, VT, to be our deacon at Holy Eucharist on Sunday, February 14. Dcn. Stephen also presented an excellent talk on evangelism at coffee hour. He gave us much to think about as we seek to accomplish Christ’s Great Commission. We look forward to having him return in the near future and share his insights on this important aspect of our mission to reach the unchurched in our community.

We also plan to have a talk by Bishop Marsh about the blessings of Lent on March 15 following Evening Prayer. The talk will be open to the public with a light repast of bean soup and bread. As in years past, we will have a full schedule of services during Holy Week.

We pray that all our friends in the Diocese of the Northeast have a blessed and spiritually fulfilling Lent as we prepared to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Day.

Submitted by the Rev. David W. Moody

NEWS NOTES

Parishes in Transition

St. Thomas in Ellsworth, Maine has called Fr. Ed Kalish, currently interim priest, to be the new rector.

Trinity Church in Rochester, New Hampshire has narrowed its rector search to three very well educated priests. It is anticipated that a decision will be made soon and a call issued. It is hoped that the new rector will be in place by summer of this year.

It should also be noted that both Trinity Church and St Thomas developed superb parish profiles. Other parishes in transition may wish to consult these. The development of a parish profile is a very healthy process, as it allows the congregation to explore the parish’s unique gifts and ministries.

St. Elizabeth in Tuxedo New York has begun the process of developing its parish profile in advance of receiving resumes. Father Bob Ley and Deacon David Koller are serving the church's spiritual needs during the interim period.

St. Augustine’s in Elizabeth, New Jersey will be seeking a bi-lingual priest to serve the growing mission in that area. Father Ramirez, a young priest from Guatemala, has expressed interest in the position. At present, Father Bob Ley has volunteered to celebrate Mass once a month. On other Sundays, Morning Prayer will be said.

St. Augustine of Canterbury in Saco, Maine is being served by Father Amos Mihanda.

Clergy

Deacon Al Ryan and his wife, Claudia, have relocated to Florida. Prayers for their successful move and future ministry.

Father Luis Aguilar has relocated to Ecuador. He had served St. Augustine's in Elizabeth, New Jersey for four years. We wish him well in his ministry.

Deacon Steve Rugg and Deacon Rob Philp are completing their canonical examinations for the priesthood. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare for the oral section of the exam.

Diocese of the Northeast

Administration and Planning

Synod. Synod planning is underway. We thank St. Paul's Parish in Brockton for offering to host this year’s synod. We are looking forward to worshipping in the new church building and gathering together with each other once again for our annual meeting. More details to follow.

St. Luke's Camp. We are actively recruiting for a new camp director. Several clergymen have offered their services and we should have someone identified very soon. The finalized dates will be sent out very soon, but we do hope to hold the camp during the second week of August. We already have one camper signed up!

Anglican Church in America

The Executive Council and House of Bishops will meet in Timonium, Maryland April 12-14.

Interjurisdictional Cooperation. Recently, the presiding bishops of The Anglican Church in America, The Anglican Catholic Church, the Anglican Province of America and the Diocese of the Holy Cross signed a letter of "interjurisdictional cooperation" (Text below). This letter is a small step on the road to unity. At present, the letter pledges us to cooperate with each other, to assist in the mutual support of each others' churches, to work toward communio in sacris, to join together for a large concurrent synod in 2017 and seek ways in which we may eventually unify as one body. This is an exciting development. Publication of our letter has generated positive responses and we ask your prayers for our sister jurisdictions as we continue to seek God's will for His faithful churches. More news will be forthcom-
ing in the very near future. It should also be noted that the four presiding bishops will maintain monthly communication with each other for the purposes of determining how we may best serve the needs of our churches as we work toward unity. We believe this is the most important development in the history of the Continuing Church movement.

The Traditional Anglican Communion

Bishop Michael Pope, the Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Catholic Church in Australia, has passed to eternal life. Bishop Pope was consecrated bishop in Lincoln, England in October, 2013. He had labored faithfully to restore order and transparency to the Australian Church. He was a faithful man of God and a dedicated member of the College of Bishops. We will miss his wise counsel and his presence among us. All who knew Bishop Michael will remember his warmth, his enthusiasm and his great good spirits.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon him.

The College of Bishops will meet in Lincoln, England on October 13, 2016. The agenda will be wide ranging, but the most important item on the agenda will be the election of a new Primate for the Traditional Anglican Communion. We are blessed with several excellent candidates for this office.

Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba was recently consecrated Bishop of Zambia.

INTERJURISDICTIONAL LETTER OF SUPPORT

We the undersigned bishops of the Continuing Anglican churches, as indicated below, pledge to work cooperatively, in a spirit of brotherly love and affection, to create a sacramental union and commonality of purpose that is pleasing to God and in accord with godly service to our respective jurisdictions.

Additionally, we will endeavor to hold in concert our national and provincial synods in 2017. Our goal for this meeting will be to formalize a relationship of communio in sacris. During the intervening period, we will work in full accord toward that end. We will seek ways to cooperate with each other, supporting each others' jurisdictions and communicating on a variety of ecclesiastical matters. We will maintain regular monthly communication by teleconference.

The Most Reverend Walter Grundorf, The Anglican Province of America
The Most Reverend Mark Haverland, The Anglican Catholic Church
The Right Reverend Paul C. Hewett, The Diocese of the Holy Cross
The Most Reverend Brian R. Marsh, The Anglican Church in America

Bishops Garcia Tista and Lobos were consecrated to serve in Central America.

We pray that these newly consecrated bishops will have productive ministries.
Bishop Owen Williams

After a dozen years as rector of Trinity in Rochester NH, during which he held many diocesan positions and ultimately became a Suffragan Bishop in this diocese, Bishop Williams was called to return, with his wife Marilyn to his home state of California to pastor St. Mary of the Angels in Hollywood, a parish with ongoing problems. Unfortunately, due to the continuing litigations he has left that parish. Bishop Williams continues as Episcopal Visitor of the Diocese of the West, and is serving both a mission in the Hollywood area and the parish of All Saints in Fountain Valley, California.

Our good wishes and, most importantly, our prayers, continue for Bishop Owen and for Marilyn.

from our bishop: The Anglican tradition has long prided itself on the educational standards required of its clergy. … Much is required of our clergy; solid educational preparation is necessary for them to fulfill their mission as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

Until recently, a three-year seminary program was regarded as the best way to train future priests. Such programs have much to recommend them. But they are often expensive and cumbersome, requiring that a candidate for holy orders devote much time away from their parish churches. Residential seminaries have also faced considerable financial challenges. Innovative ways of providing a quality theological education has become necessary.

Logos House of Studies was founded nearly thirty years ago as a “house of studies” for men seeking to answer God's call to serve His church. It is a nonresidential seminary that offers a tutorial program for men who have answered the call to holy orders. The first two students were guided by an experienced clergyman, The Reverend Granville V. Henthorne. Father Henthorne served as tutor, mentor and instructor for his students, all of whom have served the church with dedication. … Since its founding, Logos House has served students from several classical Anglican jurisdictions. It is supported financially by the Anglican Church in America and the Anglican Province of America. It provides a solid grounding in the Anglican tradition and serves to provide its students with the foundation necessary to begin their service to God's holy church.

Logos House of Studies is poised for future growth. Under the dedicated leadership of Mr. Peter Thomas, who serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Father David McCready, who serves as President of Logos House and Father William Martin, who serves as Dean, Logos House of Studies will continue to provide a formative program for the future leaders of the church.

All who profess the faith, particularly those who follow the classical Anglican tradition, should be justifiably proud of what Logos House has accomplished. I encourage you all to pray for the continued success of Logos House and support it financially. Logos House is a great gift to the church and its future will require continued strong leadership and the effective stewardship of faithful Christians.

-----Your Brother in Christ, The Most Reverend Brian R. Marsh

from the board chairman: The two significant events of the past year were the appointments of our new Dean Fr. Martin, and our new President Fr McCready both well-educated and well qualified for their positions. What has impressed me the most is how they have both dove in head first to their work without regard to time or treasure. We are indeed fortunate to have them on board. In the coming year I look forward to positive changes in how we will proceed with Logos House.

-----Stay tuned, Peter J. Thomas, Chairman

Introducing Our Faculty

Fr David McCready, President. A native of Northern Ireland, Fr David holds degrees in theology and history from the universities of St Andrews and Belfast, as well as a PhD in historical theology from Trinity College, Dublin. A priest since 1991, he currently serves as rector of a small ACA parish in Estes Park, Colorado, where he lives with his wife, Andrea.

Fr William Martin, Dean. Father William Martin was born in Boston and attended Tufts University, earning a BA in Political Science. Thereafter, he attended King's College Halifax, N.S., and completed the one-year Foundation Year Programme. Following this he earned his MA in Classics/Medieval Theology. He supplemented his study with time at St. Stephen's House, Oxford, U.K., before
travelling to Nassau of the West Indies to be ordained Deacon and Priest by Archbishop Drexel Gomez of the Anglican Province of the West Indies, where he served in the late 1990s. After serving other parishes, Father Martin was named to be Priest-in-Charge of the APA parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Arden, NC, in January, 2013.

Fr Ed Kalish. *(Rector of St. Thomas ACA in Ellsworth ME. See his profile in the parish report – ed)*

Shirley Pike Landmesser took her Master of Arts in Theological Studies in 1987 from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. Her concentration was in New Testament Studies. While there, she was a Greek tutor and teaching assistant for Dr. Aida Spencer. She married William H. Landmesser, a painter of fine art and fellow seminary student. After graduating they moved to Stockton Springs, Maine where Shirley worked from home as an academic book indexer and raised their two daughters. Shirley and William were drawn to the liturgical church in the early 1990’s. They were parishioners at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Bangor for many years before finding their way to St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth. She serves on the vestry and altar guild at St. Thomas. Shirley continues to prepare indexes of scholarly texts for Zondervan Publishing. In 2010 she was certified as an Orton-Gillingham tutor of basic language skills. She tutors privately and for the Children’s Dyslexia Center in Bangor. Her hobbies are knitting, chess, and playing with her granddaughters.

Fr Jeffrey Monroe holds two baccalaureate degrees, two master’s degrees and a number of professional certifications. He has been an associate professor and senior administrator at two major universities. Fr. Monroe is a bi-vocational priest and conducts seminars on executive management to commercial and public entities who operate seaports and intermodal marine facilities worldwide. He also trains military personnel in the U.S. and Canada in logistics and transportation management. Fr. Monroe is the Rector of St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church in Conway, NH; Vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury Mission in Saco Maine; a Port, Veteran and Hospital Chaplain and is a graduate of, and former President of Logos House.

The Very Rev. Canon Alexander (“Hendy”) Webb was born on 19 October 1951 and raised in Southern New York State. He was educated at Amherst College (Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Arts), The General Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), Antioch University (Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology and Doctor of Psychology [all but dissertation]), and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry in Marriage and Family Therapy). He was ordained Deacon in 1978 and Priest in 1979 in the Episcopal Church. He served congregations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire before moving to the Anglican Church in America in 2011. He is presently Rector of St. Luke’s Anglican Church, Amherst, NH and Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of the Northeast, ACA. He has served as Dean of Logos House and later as Interim Dean and President. He has taught courses in Ethics and Moral Theology, as well as mentoring several Logos House students.

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**[Here, from IAF’s newsletter, “What in the World??” are some of the areas and projects of the missionary arm of our church. It is your money and your involvement that make this work possible and advance the Gospel of Christ and the Anglican tradition in which we have received it – ed]**

**Traditional Anglo-Catholic Latin American Province (TACLAP)**

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, Bp. 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 the TACLAP have been used by the bishop primarily for missionary visits to Honduras, El Salvador, and various parts of Guatemala.

**Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia (CACZ)**

Bp. Andrew Mukuyamba [just consecrated, see above] is the ecclesiastical leader of this Province and is also...
Remember, O Man

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image of God
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yet flawed

Remember, O Man
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and yet
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yet flawed

is there no more?
what of me?
a mere blip?
meaningless?

The sponsor for the IAF project. Headquartered in Lusaka, Zambia, the Province contains 19 congregations averaging 150 members each. Supporting an organization of that size and geographic disbursement with 5 priests and 3 deacons in a country suffering from widespread poverty must be quite a challenge. Yet Bp. Andrew presses on by continuing to build new churches, repair and maintain older ones, while supplying clergy with the sacramental necessities.

The Children’s Sunday School of St. Stephen's in Timonium, Maryland, USA, continues to earmark its contributions to the church in Zambia. In addition, a correspondence Pen Pal program between teenagers at St. Stephens and Zambia is being established.

Dress A Girl Around The World

The mission of Dress a Girl Around the World is to “elevate the esteem of girls around the world by making sure every little girl has the dignity of owning at least one dress.” The Fellowship has joined forces with this worldwide nondenominational Christian program. 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. [Some in our diocese are actively involved - ed]

The first country we supported was Zambia. Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba was our coordinator. At the present time, there have been no immediate requests for dresses in either the US or in other countries. However, the Fellowship will remain prepared to assist where we can should the need arise. Please log onto the Dress a Girl website www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com for more information on this very successful, global program.

The Anglican Church in 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. Recurring support from the IAF has helped enable Bishop Michael to continue his work throughout this widely-dispersed and very active diocese.

Bishop Michael prepares a periodic newsletter (an Ad Clerum) that contains a wealth of information regarding church activities throughout the diocese. A quote from his most recent Ad Clerum wonderfully describes an Anglican presence that is: “a dynamic and outward-looking church, boldly carrying the Gospel in all the areas where our people are to be found. The energy is tangible, and the passion of the people is infectious! It is a wonderful privilege to belong to a family of God made up of such committed members. Young and old are fully involved and engaged in the work of the church throughout Southern Africa, and we are moving steadily forward …growing from strength to strength by God’s grace.”

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. Bishop Michael Gill in Johannesburg is ramrodding the effort. Slow accumulation of funds for this project has made it necessary to postpone breaking ground for a church building. Bishop Gill has set up a separate bank account for Project Soweto and, once the level of funding is adequate to erect a complete building, construction will begin. Should you wish to help with Project Soweto, please so indicate on your check. This is a true missionary effort.

The Anglican Church in India (ACI)

Headed by Archbishop Samuel Prakash, Metropolitan of the ACI and Acting Primate of the TAC. Funding provides scholarships for Christian students in their primary classes and for families in need. The ACI has been in the process of rebuilding for many years as the result of disunity in the 1970s. Abp Prakash has been working to regain church properties schools, colleges, and hospitals during that period. IAF donations to the ACI are helping him in his efforts.

Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean

Bp. Juan Garcia, Presiding Bishop of the diocese, has established a new church in the Dominican Republic. This is a great step forward for the region. Fr. Ramon Suero has been selected as the first priest. In 2013, our Fellowship contributed $1500US to help Bp. Garcia and Fr. Suero get things started. Since that time, one of our Sustaining Member families has earmarked its monthly contribution to these missionary efforts. In addition, the IAF Board approved designating the work in the Dominican Republic as an official Fellowship project with a monthly funding of $300.

Ed note: What strikes me as I read this is that we in America are far indeed from being the majority of Continuing Anglicans bringing the Gospel and the Sacraments to this world, but we are blessed with material goods that most of our brethren don’t even dream of. IAF, under the direction of Walter Killian, Peter Thomas, and now Erv Lischke has done a wonderful job of sharing some of our wealth with them, but, you know, we can do even better. God has given us what we have for a reason. Lent is a good time to give this some prayerful thought.

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From utmost east to utmost west
where’er man’s foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
 goes forth the voice of God,
Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God’s work,
to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God,

---------- A.C. Aimger, English Hymnal #548
Mimi’s Dilemma:
The Thing about Patriotism and Faith
By Kate Chamberlin

A huge lump formed in my throat. I stood paralyzed with tears streaming down my cheeks. I struggled to catch my breath. No sound escaped my lips. I didn’t know if I should laugh or cry at the news I’d just received.

Once before, my faith in God had been challenged by an event in my life, but, never before had my Patriotism been challenged, until now.

My 17-year old grandson, the new-born we brought home from the hospital, adopted, and raised for the first 13 years of his life, just phoned to tell me he’d signed-up with the United States Marine Corps. I felt tremendous pride in his decision, yet, fear welled up inside me, too.

As my eager fingers held the scissors, the doctor guided my hand toward the baby’s umbilical cord. The sharp surgical scissors sliced through the cord’s sinewy tissue. The nurse guided my hands onto the wet head of my first grandson.

The definition of Patriotism is, as found in “A Manual of Patriotism”, authorized by an Act of the New York State Legislature in 1900: “…Patriotism is more than a sentiment; it is a conviction based upon a comprehension of the duties of a citizen and a determination loyally to perform such duties. Patriotism is love of country, familiarity with its history, reverence for its institutions and faith in its possibilities, and is evidenced by obedience to its laws and respect for the flag…”

“Yours will be a blessed life.” I softly said to him as I stood near the warming table awaiting his APGR. He turned his head as if to look at me and tightened his grip on my finger. “I’m your Mimi. Your Mommy’s my daughter. My husband’s your granddad. We’re your family and we love you very much.”

Patriotic is an adjective used to describe members of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and I don’t doubt that for a minute. I am one of them. The bonds that DAR members have, just by virtue of their ancestor fighting--and some of them dying--in the American Revolution, provide a strong impetus toward being patriotic. They have family members who felt strongly enough to lay down their lives for the ideal that is our daily life now.

I couldn’t help but wonder about my grandchild’s future. Would NATO, the UN and SEATO be able to stabilize the world? Would the AMA allow the HMO’s to get out of hand? Could the WHO and UNESCO possibly make a healthier planet for the survival of our species?

If we expect our children and grandchildren to be patriotic, we need to be role models of courage, strength of character and determination. There were many cool summer mornings at my grandmother’s Saltbox home in Connecticut, when we’d drag the heavy wooden kitchen step-stool out to put the sturdy standard bearing the large American flag into its bracket on the side of the house. When our flag was snuggly in its holder, we’d stand back and salute. Each evening we’d bring the flag in with just as much solemnity and ceremony. It was part of being at Nana’s. She was a dedicated member of the Eunice Denny Burr Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I still give a salute when I put up or take down my flag. As a dedicated member of the Col. Wm. Prescott chapter in NY, I encourage my grandchildren and neighborhood children to respect our American flag as they assist me in presenting our colors.

“Little Love,” I whispered fighting back the tears of awe and joy, “grow strong; learn your ABC’s and how to count by 2’s and 3’s. Learn Latin, Spanish and French with just a little Chinese.

“For now, Little One, your life’s a bowl of cherries. We’ll leave the pits for later.”

Alas, those words spoken at his birth come back to haunt me. He is going to march off to some God-forsaken war.

When I lost my sight 30-years ago, I railed “My God. My God. Why have you forsaken me in this darkness?” However, time has shown me over and over again how He has carried me when I fell down. How my Guardian Angel worked over-time to nudge me away from danger. How He brought others into my life to walk with me. How He loves me in spite of my mood swings, rants, and doubts. Where is He now, when my grandson is going to march into harm’s way?

The realization seeps into my mind. My grandson is being patriotic and following my role model of courage, strength of character and determination. The lump in my throat has dissolved. My cheeks are dry. My heart swells within me, we’ve done a good and noble job with this grandson.

So, my young grandson, march off with my Blessings to new adventures to fulfill your dream of becoming a United States Marine. After basic training, your Mimi will be waiting here with milk and cookies for you. Okay. Okay, beer and pretzels!

“…though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me…” Amen

NOTE: This essay earned 1st place in the NY State DAR level of the DAR 2016 Women’s Issues/Family Essay Contest and has been forwarded to the next level of competition. ©November 11, 2015 by Kate Chamberlin.
As I look out the window and see it snowing with the expectation that the temperature will drop to -14° in a couple of days, it’s hard to think about St. Luke’s Camp in August! On the other hand, by the time you read this, we’ll be deep into Lent and hoping that perhaps we might be able to process around our churches on Palm Sunday with some degree of comfort.

Seriously, we are coming up on the time to make plans for the summer and, if past experience is any indication, St. Luke’s summer camp offers a great opportunity for children, grandchildren and children of friends to learn about God in many different ways in a fun and invigorating environment. Camp will be at Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale, MA again this year the week of August 7-13. Registration is again $275 with $100 due at registration with the balance due at check-in. Scholarships are available and no child has ever been turned away for lack of funding.

We have much of which to be proud at St. Luke’s. The children who have been there are universally enthusiastic about the entire experience. You have seen some of their reports in this periodical and more testimonials and information is available at the St. Luke’s website.


Registration forms are also downloadable at the site and are due no later than June 30.

As you plan your summer activities, please do consider St. Luke’s. Your children will be enriched by it and will come away wishing it had lasted longer.

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NOTE: There are a few parishes missing from this issue for various reasons. I hope we’ll hear from them in the next issue. I am certain that God is doing exciting things wherever His people are found. Please, everybody, share your good news.

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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

Maine
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.

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

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 - 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 Hur (413)273-1415
Tuxedo: St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am (38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley) 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 (539 Main Street) Fr. Edward Ihde 716-609-1919
West Winfield: St. Lucy Mr. Greg Conklin, 145 State Route 51, West Winfield, NY 13491, 315-822-5314.

Vermont
Clergy Anniversaries

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

Mar
01 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, D 1997
10 - Dcn Harry Wellman, D 2012
11 - Fr. Frank Bartlett, D 2006
31 - Fr. Alexander Webb, P 1979

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

May
01 – Dcn. Rob Philp D 2010
07 - Fr. Robert Ley, P 1998
07 – Fr. Rich Dibble P 2011
10 – Fr. Ed Kalish D 2009
21 – Fr. David Moody D 2005
25 – Bp. Owen Williams, B 2013
27 – Bp. James Hiles, B 2013
30 - Fr. Neville Braithwaite, birthday

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