A Blessed Trinity to you all!

Trinity Sunday is an essential feast day in the church year. Yes, that is stating the obvious. All feast days are important, all are necessary. These celebrations and remembrances are necessary parts of our life as God's church.

What makes Trinity Sunday so important to our lives and witness as people of God? Most of us know the answer. God manifests Himself in the three persons of the Trinity. The three persons of the Trinity are equally God, though each is manifestly different.

This simple explanation of the Trinity may be familiar to most of us, but much of the world hasn't a clue about the Trinity.

Recently, as I traveled by plane from Baltimore to Detroit, I met someone who had never heard of the Trinity. Or, if he had, he had no idea what it really meant. It was just another word to him.

Though I have told this story to several people already, it bears repeating. Good stories are like that. After all, we hear the parables over and over. Repetition, particularly when we listen to the word of God, is an essential part of our education.

The flight from Baltimore to Detroit is very short - barely an hour long. Having settled into the coveted middle seat, I took out a book and prepared to read. My companion, a young man sitting on the aisle, also took out a book. I looked at his book, discretely reading over his shoulder. The book was written in a foreign language. That language was Hebrew.

Remembering a little Hebrew from seminary days, I spoke a sentence in the ancient Biblical tongue - the first sentence from the book of Genesis. He looked up and said: "very good." It was the beginning of a memorable conversation.

My new friend, now an American citizen, had been born in Jerusalem, celebrated his bar mitzvah at the Wailing Wall and now lived and worked in Las Vegas. He was returning home from a business trip.

I introduced myself as a Christian clergyman. After complimenting me on my Hebrew pronunciation, he asked about Jesus. "He was a rabbi, wasn't he?" My friend went on to say that he asked young Christians people to tell him about Jesus, but they didn't know much. This confused him and made him wonder why the young Christians he asked knew little about their religion. "So, who was Jesus," he asked.
"Jesus is God," I answered. The man almost fell out of his seat. "You mean to tell me that Christians believe that Jesus, this Jewish rabbi, was God?" "No," I said, "not was God, IS God."

He looked at me in wonder and disbelief. Then he asked to know more. It was an opportunity to serve as catechist to a man who had never heard such things before. And so, I patiently began to explain the principles of the Trinity, of how God's love is expressed in three ways by the three persons of the Trinity.

When the plane landed in Detroit, we had not finished our conversation. How could we? The discussion of God's love has infinite opportunities. But as we were departing the plane, my friend thanked me and looked forward to seeing me once again.

I have reflected upon this meeting ever since. Though it was a rich and meaningful conversation among strangers brought together by the love of God, I was reminded that we all have the responsibility to learn our faith and to use every opportunity to express that faith. It is a requirement for us all. Even more, God wills it!

And so, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray that we will all embrace the teachings of the church, particularly as they are embodied in the Trinity, and that we will seek out every opportunity to witness to the love of God as expressed in the three persons of the Trinity.

A Blessed Trinity to you all!

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian
Notes from the Secretary

Happy spring and summer to all of you.

The Standing Committee met on May 14th in Belchertown, MA at the diocesan office of Bp. Marsh. We welcomed Fr. Matthew Mirabile, the newly selected rector-in-charge at Trinity Rochester. Fr. Mirabile will be installed on June 12th. His background, education, and experience confirm his commitment to serve God and he will certainly be a valuable asset to Trinity, the DNE and the ACA. Fr. Mirabile has volunteered to serve as director of St. Luke’s youth camp this year and is planning an exciting week of spiritual enrichment and fun activities. The camp will run from August 7-13. Allan Wylie (allan.wylie@gmail.com) is again overseeing registration and may be contacted if you have questions.

Camper scholarships are available from the diocese and more information on that can be obtained by contacting Kathy Lippman (kathyl@dscfpa.com).

Parishes may also serve as sponsors. You are encouraged to send children to this wonderful, uplifting program. Staff volunteers are always welcome and needed and should contact Fr. Mirabile (fr_matt_m@yahoo.com) or Allan Wylie.

St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Amherst, NH has been named the Pro Cathedral of the Diocese of the Northeast. St. Luke’s will be the site of two ordinations to the priesthood on May 21st. Congratulations and prayers go out to Deacons Robert Philp and Stephen Rugg as they take this important step in their ministry.

The diocese has also received a new clergyman, Deacon Phillip Cunningham, formerly with the United Episcopal Church of North America, a traditional Anglican jurisdiction. Dcn. Cunningham is serving at St. Nicholas in West Seneca, N.Y.

May God bless and guide these men in their ministries.

Fr. Merrill Perkins announced the establishment of a new mission church in Deep River, CT, St. Cuthbert. Just the name should peak your interest – I immediately googled St. Cuthbert when I returned home! Located in the Wooster Memorial Chapel, on the grounds of Fountain Hill Cemetery, services are scheduled to commence on May 29th. Thanks and prayers to Fr. Merrill as he serves God and works to grow the church.

[ed note: a change of name: the new mission is named for St. Peter - see report below]

The 2016 diocesan synod will be hosted by St. Paul’s in Brockton MA, October 6-8. Lodging and registration details will be sent out once confirmed. It’s a great opportunity to see St. Paul’s new church building and meet the parish members who have so worked hard to bring this to fruition. We send out prayers for the parish and for Bp. Hiles’ recovery, who will be undergoing knee surgeries this spring.

I was presented with a beautiful certificate proclaiming my designation as an Honorary Canon in the church by Bp. Marsh. I truly enjoy serving in this capacity, although my husband wonders why when my desk is full of diocesan paperwork! Thanks to Bp. Marsh and to all of you for your confidence in me.

Bp. Marsh, a native New Englander, and Ljuba, a native New Yorker, received a gift from Russ and me – a banner proclaiming theirs to be a “house-divided” with the New York Yankee logo on one side and the Boston Red Sox logo on the other. Who says you can’t have fun at a business meeting! And congratulations to both of them for living in love and harmony despite their differences!

Lastly, on a personal note, we’re proud parents of our son, Russ, Jr., who was selected from a pool of 1700 employees to receive a public service recognition award from the city of Austin, Texas.

-----Peace to all of you,
Linnea
Around the Diocese

Ellsworth, Maine

St. Thomas

The Holy Week services of Good Friday, Vigil, and Easter Sunday were wonderful expressions of worship here at St. Thomas. We were happy to have some visitors with us during this most special church season.

We are doing our spring cleaning in preparation for the installation of Father Ed Kalish.

Words are interesting. The word “installation” according to the Oxford English Dictionary has several meanings, one being, “the action of installing someone or something, or the state of being installed.” The emphasis seems to be on the putting something in place, which is what Bishop Marsh, other clergy, and our parish, will be doing on June 4th when Father Ed will be installed as our priest. The Book of Common Prayer doesn’t use the word “installation” but uses the word “institution” and has An Office of Institution of Ministers on page 569. Here the word institution means, “a custom that has for a long time been an important feature of some group or society.” Therefore, according to the prayer book Father Ed is going to be institutionalized on June 4th.

By some standards he is pretty crazy. He picks up hitchhikers and tells them about Jesus. He visits the stores on Main Street in Ellsworth and introduces himself as the priest of the little brown church with a tower that can be seen on the right as you leave town called St. Thomas Anglican. And most recently, he talked to a local Senior College group about his past experience with union formation. No one expected a traditional Anglican priest to have had experience in the forming of unions. (After many years observing how Bangor city bus employees were treated, Father Ed was led to advocate for them by helping them form a union.) After completing a chaplaincy internship program at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor last February, Father Ed hopes he will be able to use his skills at the hospital in our community, the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. We are praying that this will fall into place.

Parishioners at St. Thomas are acting a little different, too. They seem to be reaching out to the community in small but meaningful ways and making decisions with the thought of sharing the good news with others. A few outreach event ideas are being discussed right now. Our junior warden, Pao, spent a day visiting the area hotels to see if our newly published church flyers could be placed in their lobbies. She learned from conversations with the staff that placing flyers was not as easy as we thought it would be. Apparently there is one person paid to place business flyers and ours might be thrown out or covered up by organizations that pay for the space to advertise in those flyer slots. Oh well, she met people and dialogued and that is what evangelism is…personal conversations, establishing relationships, and telling the story of salvation in Jesus Christ when possible. May the Holy Spirit break into our winter-hearted lives more and more and empower us to turn the world upside down.

Pysanky Easter eggs made in years past by Shirley Landmesser and her daughters, Martha and Abigail.

----------Shirley Landmesser

Portland, Maine

St. Paul

This April 19 our little congregation was invited to an authentic African wedding, actually it was a Dowry Ceremony. A family in Arizona wished to purchase one of our Assistant Priest’s daughters for their son. The entire family arrived from Arizona and gathered on one side of the room. Father Amos’s family on the opposite side. Long discussions took place in an African language, and there was an exchange of small gifts. Then the young man’s family made their first request. It was refused. Then a second. It was also refused. The third was the one wanted by the young man’s family. Then the negotiations began on the price. Father Amos requested 8 cows and the return offer from the young man’s family was 6 cows. After lengthy discussion a compromise was reached, 6 cows for the groom’s family and two cows for the couple to be married. Then we had the arrival of the bride, surrounded by dancing girls, everyone in native dress. The bride and her attendants arrived carrying gifts for the man’s family. The groom’s family also had gifts. The couple were seated on a dais and stood to greet relatives. Then generalized dancing took place and everyone was invited to join in. A buffet dinner was then served. The members of both families then traveled to Arizona for the Christian wedding.

Nothing that happened in the last quarter could top this.

-----John Serrage

(pictures follow)
The weather here in Maine has been truly strange this spring but the leaves are finally appearing on the trees and flowering bushes. We wish you all a blessed spring!

-----Sr. Mary Francis OSB

Scarborough, Maine
(formerly Saco)
St. Augustine of Canterbury

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

(Proverbs 24:3-4)

Let's see. The last time we wrote Lent was just beginning, winter hadn't ended and our address was different. We had a very eventful Lent and Easter Season and we want to share some of that with you. Reflecting now, the proverb is indeed meaningful. With the retirement of our deacon last December we began the clergy adjustment – what would our services be like? Who would we see every Sunday? What do we really have to offer? We had for several months considered moving from the Grange in Saco to a church-sharing with an area Methodist congregation in Scarborough. We were able to hold one of our Lenten services in their lovely church – just to see how it would work. The sanctuary is just beautiful with dark wood, stained glass windows and amazing acoustics.

On Palm Sunday we had two beautiful services – our regular Sunday service and an evening service of Tenebrae celebrated by Father Monroe. What a moving service and wonderful way of starting Holy Week.

Holy Week was especially meaningful. On Maundy Thursday Deacon Harry came from St. Margaret's in Conway, New Hampshire to celebrate a Deacon's Mass for us. Deacon Harry had been with us before once or twice and we remembered him fondly but Maundy Thursday was delightful. We all had coffee hour after the service and there was comfortable fellowship. On Good Friday Sub-deacon Pat led a day of devotion and prayer. We then spent Holy Saturday again at the Methodist church and again had a moving service. Some of us felt a move to the church-sharing would be in our best interest although the decision had to be made at the April parish meeting. Easter was a quiet, church family affair. The whole week had been a quiet, reflective time, perfect for both the season and also for our situation.

In April we had our Annual Parish Meeting. We made several important decisions, one of which was, based on the Vestry recommendation, to move our services to the Methodist Church in Scarborough. We held our first service there on May 1 with Deacon Harry celebrating. We learned that Deacon Harry was as taken with us as we had been with him on

Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

Fr. Kevin keeps adding to the list of subscribers for his weekly, on line Meditation. There is always “the sermon”, a calendar for the week for those of you who follow, and something about or from a saint, other religious of note from whom we can always learn, or explanation of our customs and sacraments. There are also updates on the animals in our care. If you would like to be added to the list of interested subscribers just e mail Fr. Kevin at klamarre@maine.rr.com.

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Maundy Thursday and he would be with us at least twice each month until we can make more permanent arrangements with other clergy. Father Amos would fill in when he can.

We would love to invite all of you to visit us when you are in Maine! The church is an absolute delight. It was built in the 1830's and rehabilitated in the early 20th century. The sanctuary is bounded on both sides by stained glass windows which cast colors throughout the service. There is on the back wall a large stained glass window which is lit at night to add beauty to the streetscape. The altar area has a simple, plain wood altar with the words engraved in it - “In Remembrance of Me.”

We will be located just south of the downtown at Dunstan Corner on Route 1. The church has plenty of off-street parking and is handicap accessible. It is a joyous place to worship!

So we've been through a lot since we last wrote. We've been without weekly clergy but now have clergy support. We were concerned about our worship space and now are in an amazing worship space each Sunday. All of this is a testament to the faith and strength of our parishioners. There was a lot of maturity needed to get us through these last few months and we came through it pretty well. We also have to thank our Vicar, Father Monroe, for his steady guidance and leadership. All in all, it was an amazing time.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”
1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke

Our sincerest thanks to Jean and Ken Miller who have rebuilt our altar rail to a height that makes it much easier for all of us. It looks wonderful and we are so grateful to have parishioners with great skills!

On 21 May there will be a celebration of the ordination to the priesthood of Stephen Peter Rugg and Robert Philp. This will be the first diocesan event at St. Luke's since being named cathedral pro-tem and we all look forward to the day. A light lunch will be served in the undercroft following the service.

In April Father Webb and sub-deacon, Chip Garre, attended the Executive Committee meetings in Timonium, MD. Chip, a member of the Executive Committee, was elected President of the House of Laity and assigned a position to the National Church's Finance Committee. Congratulations!

Our Tuesday evening and Saturday morning Bible Studies continue.

We wish all a blessed summer.

-----Submitted by Lee Garre

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

All Saints in Concord, NH, lives the Liturgical Year to the full. Evangelism through the liturgy is the hallmark that sets All Saints apart as a parish that celebrates, with great joy and enthusiasm, all the Feasts, Fasts, and Festivals of the Church. The season of Lent began with solemn Ash Wednesday seeing the church draped in the ash, black and ox blood of the Lenten array. Fridays after the Mass had traditional Compline and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as a devotion, and the 1549 Canon is used throughout this season. All the austere beauty of Holy Week ceremonies were celebrated, culminating in the Great Paschal Vigil in which Salvation History in its entirety is proclaimed in

word, action and song. Solemn Mass ushered in the Paschal Season, and will crown the end of the festivals with the Feast and Procession on Corpus Christi at the end of May.

In service to the Lord and Giver of Life: As part of the work of the Chairman of the Educational Trust for New Hampshire Right to Life, Fr. Christian, is privileged to represent the organization at events and conferences. On April 4, he led the delegation to the Faith and Courage talk given by Cardinal Raymond Burke in Manchester, NH. Cardinal Burke is an American member of the College of Cardinals, who is known for his great defense of morals and traditional expressions of Catholic Christianity. His speech was rooted in defending the Teaching and moral standards of Christianity, in a hostile world. The packed conference room was moved, and Fr.
Christian was able to present, on behalf of his Board, an Icon of the Holy Theotokos in her Annunciation.

Cardinal Burke promised prayers for NHRTL and gave his blessing as a pledge of support.

On April 31, Jane Cormier and Fr. Christian were the keynote speakers at the Conference for Life in Rochester, NH at Holy Rosary Parish. The day-long conference focused on the dignity of the human person. Fr. Christian spoke on “Eugenics” as the problem facing our society, and Jane spoke on “Personhood” as the solution. Their talks were so well received and the feedback so extraordinarily positive, that the organizers are formulating another way to have them return to continue the teaching that crowned the conference.

All good things must come to an end. On April 9, Deane Gilmour Marsh, the wife of the late Fr. Donald Marsh, passed into Eternal Life. Deane was known for her valiant defense of traditional Christianity, and her love for her church and friends. During the upheaval in the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire, Deane and Fr. Marsh stood faithful against the pressures to abandon the Faith, and paved the way for the establishment of Trinity Church in Rochester, NH. Always a staple at church events, and a no nonsense woman in dealing with what she believed to be right, Deane ended her days in peace after a number of debilitating injuries. A simple Memorial Mass was celebrated at Trinity Church by Fr. Christian Tutor, and she was buried next to her beloved husband in York, Maine. May she rest in peace, and her name be in eternal remembrance!

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ed pacht

Rochester N.H.
Trinity

Trinity stands on the threshold of a new day. With our roots in the now defunct Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, our separation from a straying and collapsing denomination and our life as a Continuing Anglican parish in the midst of the unfortunate divisions of this movement, we are committed to maintain and advance the faith once delivered to the saints. We have a beautiful church building and gather there, week by week, to meet and receive Our Lord at His altar. Not everything is rosy, however: as in any grouping of human beings there have been disagreements, hurt feelings, and separations, and both attendance and finance have suffered in recent times, but Our Lord continues to meet with His people, calling us to be more thoroughly His, and urging us to bring His Gospel to the community around us. And there is need in this city and this area!

Much has happened since the last issue. We have come to the end of a long period between rectors, since the move our Bishop Williams to California. Fr. Andrew Faust has been our Interim Priest, has kept the doors open, has celebrated Holy Eucharist, has visited the sick and baptized our children during this time. April 10 was his last day with us, and a farewell reception followed after the 10am Mass.

On April 3 and 17 we were blessed to have Deacon Stephen Rugg with us to lead a reverent Communion Service from the reserved Sacrament each time and to preach a pair of moving sermons. He is now Father Rugg and his ordination as priest is reported in this issue.

Then on April 24 our new rector arrived, called after a thorough and fruitful search process. Thank you to the Profile Committee and to the Search Committee under the leadership of Mike McKinnon. As I said above, I believe his arrival marks the opportunity for a new day. Fr. Matthew Mirabile brings us both reverent worship and a freshness of vision. His profile appears elsewhere in this issue.

May God bless his and our ministry.

----ed pacht
Halfmoon, N. Y.  
St. Thomas of Canterbury

Clever, catchy announcements on our sign fail to inspire interest in those whose spiritual fate is up for grabs. Even the lure of free coffee and doughnut holes from the day-old table at Price Choppers don't do the trick. So, this Eastertide we undertook to be, each of us, better informed witnesses of the Faith. With Father Jim Hurd's blessing Father John Bassett and his wife, who are planting a CANA church elsewhere in our county, offered a guided weekly conversation entitled "What is the Real Resurrection?" What an eye opener it was! The sessions were well prepared, all based upon Old and New Testament writings that give the lie to mythology and hocus-pokus. Just the facts, ma'am. If anyone chooses to argue about the Resurrection with any of us, watch out. Learning can be fun, too.

Perhaps the best sermon ever preached on the gift of the Holy Ghost was delivered to us on Whitsunday by Father Hurd. Happily, we had a visitor and two occasionals, one of whom comes now and then because she likes the word "propitiation". Father Jim's sermon was full strength STP poured into their spiritual tanks.

St. Thomas of Canterbury is on a roll. Be jealous in a sinless way.

-----David Bullard

Canandaigua, N.Y.  
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

[Winter report:]  
[This report missed the last deadline.]

It’s been a quiet winter in Canandaigua, with an almost snow-less season. Maybe that’s why it’s February already, and Lent has just begun, and it seems like only two weeks after Christmas!

We had our annual Shrove Sunday pancake brunch, and Cameron did a great job as pancake chef. Also on that morning, Cameron was presented with a special award, a plaque recognizing his personal contribution as a sustaining member of the IAF; at 14, he is its youngest member! This was his second year contributing to the IAF, something he decided to do of his own accord in 2014, along with another personal gift that he purchased for a local children’s charity, and we are proud of him for both his initiative and his compassion. This was also the second year for Holy Redeemer as a parish contributor to IAF. We commend Erv Lischke for the wonderful job that he is doing on its behalf. [Check out their website at www.iaftac.org.] It occurs to me that we should challenge other parishes in our diocese, who are lucky enough to have several young parishioners, to encourage their children to each give a small amount, perhaps 50 cents, or even one dollar, to combine as a parish Sunday School or children’s group donation. Maybe the parish could have a “Piggy Bank” to collect loose change during the year. The children could help decorate a large canister of some sort for this purpose, and the contributions could be collected at the end of each year and sent to the IAF.

We’ve been doing some early Spring cleaning around the church, sorting and organizing the “stuff” that so easily accumulates and gets out of control. At Randy’s urging, we have set aside several hours on the last Saturday in February to work in the basement. It will be a good time for us to reflect on the cleaning of our souls, as well, during this Lenten season.
it, and then we recited the Prayer for Rogation Day. (We decided to forego “beating the bounds!”) The day was overcast, with a sprinkling of rain, which helped us to “water- in” the new bush. Our new and fragrant symbol of hope and renewal stands ready to welcome all who enter our church.

[Collect for The Rogation Days:]
Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth; We beseech thee to pour forth thy blessing upon this land, and to give us a fruitful season; that we, constantly receiving thy bount, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Congratulations to David Ayers, son of Cindy and the late Fr. Jim Ayers, as he graduates this week from Alfred State College, and begins a career as a diesel technician. We are so proud of you!

-----Diane S. Jones

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

Spring is here in all its glory! Flowering trees and shrubs, soft green grass, beautiful spring flowers, and all of the other wonders of spring abound here in Tuxedo. There is no better time to experience God’s awesome power of creation and His gift of new life!

Our Lenten services afforded us much-needed time for quiet reflection, meditation and prayer during Holy Week. Our annual egg hunt on the parish grounds the day before Easter attracted lots of enthusiastic neighborhood children eager to fill their baskets with treat-filled eggs. Easter morning found us celebrating the glorious Resurrection of our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ, in our chapel filled with beautiful lilies and joyous voices singing “Alleluia – He is risen”! Such a wonderful weekend!

Spring fund-raising activities began with our annual spring flower sale on Mother’s Day weekend. Our thanks go out to long-time co-chairs of this event, Bob Davies and Dot Schmidt, and all of the other dedicated volunteers who helped out at this 3-day sale. Many lovely plants and hanging baskets purchased at the sale are now beautifying our neighborhood. Our next big event is a giant lawn sale on the parish grounds on June 4th and 5th. We’re hoping for nice weather and a great turnout, as this has also been a popular and profitable fund-raiser in the past.

Congratulations to Russell Shaver, son of proud parents Linnea & Russ Shaver. Russell is a mechanical engineer with Austin Energy and was recently honored by the city of Austin, TX, for his exceptional work and accomplishments in his job. The ceremony also recognized Russ for his outstanding dedication to community service, as an educational mentor, musician for non-profit fund-raisers, dog-walker for a local shelter, and other great volunteer endeavors. Kudos to you, Russell!

We’re looking forward to Bishop Marsh’s visitation to St. Elizabeth’s on Sunday, June 26th, when he will confirm four of our Sunday School students. We are so blessed to have the Bishop’s faithful spiritual leadership and guidance in our DNE and are thankful that he will be able to share this special day with us. The students are busy studying and preparing for confirmation in Sunday School class and are receiving additional instructional teaching with Fr. Ley through participation in our church services. We pray for all of them as they achieve this milestone in their spiritual lives.

As mentioned in the previous NEA edition, we are facing major changes at St. Elizabeth’s in the coming months. With Bishop Langberg’s retirement last fall and Fr. Robert Ley’s expressed desire to retire in the not-too-distant future as well, we are prayerfully discussing and searching for new pastoral leadership for our congregation. Our relatively small-sized active/supportive congregation and location in a very high cost of living area make this task particularly challenging. We ask for your prayers for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we proceed with this transition.

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

-----Ingrid Magar

Webster, N.Y.
Holy Cross ACA

Easter

In the spirit of an ecumenical outreach to other denominations within the continuing Anglican tradition, Holy Cross invited the congregation of All Saints Anglican Church to join in its Holy Week celebration of Maundy Thursday, in Webster, and had accepted their invitation to join All Saints, who worship at St. Casimir’s Polish National Church in neighboring Irondequoit, for their Good Friday service.

Baptism

Introducing Zoe Gilson, our newest Christian at Holy Cross Church. Fr. Martin officiated at Zoe’s Baptism with her family and many friends as witnesses on Sunday, May 3rd.
**Confirmation**

Bishop Marsh joined our congregation on Sunday, April 10th, to celebrate The Order of Confirmation, also known as the "Laying on of Hands upon those that are Baptized, and come to Years of Discretion."

This Year's class, consisting of Marguerite Bowen, Eric Collins, Zoe Gilson, Nora Mahoney, Bridget McNamara, Christina McNamara, Courtney McNamara, and Maggie McNamara, will be one of the largest ever at Holy Cross. Thanks to our parish's Christian Education headed by Catherine Shutt and Linda Bowen and to the special pre-confirmation instruction by Father Martin, this class of confirmands are very well prepared.

**Remembrance**

**Stuart Evan Hotchkiss**
  
  *b. November 22, 1930; d. January 10, 2016*

Our church family celebrated the life of Stu Hotchkiss on May 7th at Holy Cross with his wife of 61 years Anne, several of their children and many friends. He worked for the United States Navy before enlisting and serving our country from 1955 - 1958 as a Lieutenant. He worked on catapults and arresting gears for planes on aircraft carriers. Stu was active in the Pulneyville Players, President of the Pulneyville Historical Society, and retired from Xerox. He loved to repair antique clocks and took great pride in his 1948 Lincoln Continental which he had owned since 1964. Stu was not only a regular attendant at Holy Cross, but was an expert at book binding and restoration; talents which he unstintingly shared with Holy Cross by repairing and rebinding many of our 1928 prayer books and 1940 hymnals.


**West Seneca, N.Y.**

**St. Nicholas**

Greetings to you from St. Nicholas Anglican Church in West Seneca, New York! We have had a wonderfully busy Lenten and Easter season and there is much to share since the last publication of the Northeast Anglican. On March 2nd we welcomed 125 people to St. Nicholas for Evening Prayer and “The Lenten Journey.” The Rev. John Stanton from St. John XXIII (Roman Catholic) was welcomed as the guest preacher and gave a wonderful homily on the Cross of Christ.

On Palm Sunday we officially welcomed The Rev. Mr. Phillip Cunningham as our curate and permanent addition to our worship team! Deacon Phillip was formally received in the Anglican Church in America – Diocese of the Northeast by Presiding Bishop Brian Marsh from the United Episcopal Church and is now canonically resident as a transitional deacon within the ACA-DNE. Deacon Phillip is a graduate of Canisius College, a Masters Candidate at the University at Buffalo, and enrolled in the Logos House of Theological Studies. Phillip continues in his work as the Director of Operations at Stella Niagara, a 134 acre Roman Catholic Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Deacon Phillip, his wife Brittany, and their daughter Ellington live in Buffalo, New York. Welcome Deacon Cunningham and Family!

Following our latest developments, the parish went full force into the glorious Easter season and celebrated the Resurrection of Christ in our new home!

-----Kate Chamberlin

**Teen Fellowship Plus**

The 5:30-6:30 PM monthly Friday night prayer and fellowship meetings are open to everyone. In addition to a brief service devoted to prayers and canticles associated with the Order of Family Evening Prayer, these meetings provide an opportunity for congregational fellowship with refreshments and an introductory discussion of the beautiful liturgies set out in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. During these meetings, the sanctuary is open for parishioners who wish to silently immerse themselves in prayer or meditation.

-----Kate Chamberlin
After a much milder and less severe winter than some recent ones have been in these parts, some of the services at St. Matthias Church have been graced with special events:

During the sermon time on the Fourth Sunday in Lent (March 6), reflective of the themes of repentance and obeying God's will, the children of the parish put on a skit about the story of Jonah, complete with a stuffed toy whale, a paper shade tree, and some adults (including Father Merrill) waving blue towels as the ocean waves!

During Holy Week, we had our usual Maundy Thursday Eucharist and foot washing, and Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The foot washing had an interesting twist this year: Cathy Wonneberger grew up in the Church of the Brethren in Pennsylvania, and the washing of feet is an integral part of their communion service. Cathy brought an authentic Brethren apron/towel to the Maundy Thursday service, which as the accompanying picture attests, Father Merrill made use of, as our Lord likewise "took a towel, and girded himself" (John 13:4). To wash the feet of one's parishioners itself is a rather humbling act; the Brethren towel made more poignant how our Lord Jesus indeed "came not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: By the grace of God, and with the blessing of Bishop Marsh and approval of the Diocesan Standing Committee, Father Merrill and his parishioners will begin worshipping at a new location beginning on Sunday, June 26, under the name of St. Peter Anglican Mission. The original choice of name was "St. Cuthbert.", but as there was not unanimity with the choice of St. Cuthbert (although I feel that he is a terrific English saint); and as introducing the name to the Standing Committee on Saturday, and to members of the cemetery association last evening were met with "Who is Saint Cuthbert?", and my sense is that too much time would be spent talking...
about Cuthbert rather than Jesus; with our first service being held only three days before the Feast of Saint Peter, and the chapel's situation atop a rocky ledge; there was this morning rapid agreement on the name of St. Peter's for the new congregation.

Sunday services will be at 10:30AM, at the Wooster Memorial Chapel, 57 High Street in Deep River, CT. The 102-year-old stone Gothic chapel is owned by the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity the Association is affording us to utilize this beautiful, recently-restored edifice, which had not seen any use in the past 60 years.

The demographics of the congregation of St. Matthias Church have changed significantly over the years; although Deep River will be a bit further to travel for some congregants, it will be a more central location for most, and will enable Father Merrill to focus on a more local ministry than he has been able to undertake at Mystic.

A website for the new mission is under construction. We are excited for this opportunity to bring Traditional Anglicanism to a new area of New England, and we ask your prayers for God's blessing upon this new work.

The name of St. Matthias Church will be retained, as it has for so many years associated with the Olde Mistick Village Meetinghouse, and services will continue to be held in Mystic, although on a modified schedule, please refer to the Parish listings elsewhere in NEA for details.

-------------Faithfully,
Rev. Merrill Perkins

FROM THE CHAPLAIN’S DECK

REMEMBERING EL FARO

Sea Sunday and National maritime Day is May 22nd and celebrations and memorials are held every year to remember those who make their living at sea. The Portland Propeller Club remembered the 33 seafarers who were lost on the EL FARO and the families of 5 crew from Maine were presented posthumous awards to recognize their service in the US Merchant Marine. Awards were presented to the families of Capt. Michael Davidson, Maine Maritime Academy class of 1988, Michael Holland, MMA 2012, Mitchell Kuflik, MMA 11, Dylan Oke Merkin, MMA 15 and Danielle Randolph, MMA 04. Father Jeffrey Monroe, Maritime and Port Chaplain, led the prayers for their remembrance, Over 200 attended the moving event. This year memorial services are planned at St. Augustine’s in Scarborough and St. Margaret’s in Conway, as well as at the maritime memorials in Portland. May 21 is Armed Forces Day and numerous services and memorial remembrances are planned at various locations on that Saturday. On Monday May 30, the chaplains will participate in services at various local cemeteries which includes the placing of new American Flags are the graves of veterans.

Police Chaplain and sub-Deacon David Brennan is now on the pastoral staff at Mercy Hospital, doing patient visits and helping those who need special services from the hospital. Fr. Monroe was appointed as the chaplain of Post 46, American Legion. Rev. Nash Garabedian continues as the Police Chaplain for the Portland Police Department.

-----Linda Mallik, Assistant.

El Faro was a United States-flagged cargo ship crewed by U.S. Merchant Mariners. Built in 1975 as Puerto Rico, the vessel was renamed Northern Lights in 1991, and finally, El Faro in 2006. It was lost at sea with all hands on October 1, 2015, after losing propulsion during Hurricane Joaquin.

-----wikipedia

Brooklyn, N.Y.

St. Joseph

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

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

In March, two members of our congregation celebrated birthdays. Pictured to the right are Mrs. Lydia Miller and Mr. Earl Morris, our organist and choirmaster. Standing in the background is Archdeacon Alan Koller who delivered the birthday blessings to the two. Look at the smiles on them. It is always good to see the smiles from long time members because that means that you are hopefully doing things right.

In April we had, and will hopefully have many more, a Spring Concert presented by our very own organist and choirmaster, Mr. Earl Morris. Pictured is Mr. Morris playing a solo. We’re very proud of him organizing this and I know that I am looking forward to attending more in the future. Pictured also is Mr. Chestnut, who sometimes comes to the
church as a visitor. Mr. Chestnut left the crowd in awe when he was asked as a last minute favor to fill in. It's amazing how sweet a sound comes from the places that you least expect them to.

In May, Mother's day came and Mrs. Barbara Usher was selected as Mother of the Year. Pictured to the left she is receiving a plaque presented by Canon Neville Brathwaite. She was so surprised and I bet you that that is the second thing that made her day. The first was the happy and loving face of her husband, Mr. Raymond Usher, when she woke up that morning to a new day with the blessings of the Lord shining down upon them. I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

Also in May was our 2nd Annual Mother’s Day Dinner and Dance held on Mother’s Day. Pictured to the left is our decorated parish hall. The turnout was not quite what we had hoped for but next year, with God’s blessing and a bit more outreach, it could be a massive success. Special thanks to all those involved in making it a success. You know who you are. May y’all continue to do what the Lord has granted y’all the skill in doing to the glory of His Name.

At the function, Mrs. Mae Daly was presented with a plaque for the hard work and dedication that she has given to St. Joseph for so long. She is a loving person and deserves the best. The plaque is just a physical manifestation of the love that we all have in our hearts for her and we wish her continued blessings in all that she is a part of. Here she is, having accepted her plaque, and giving us that pretty smile that she always has on her face. I’ve never seen her without one and hope that I never do. Congratulations on your award, Mrs. Mae.

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

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

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

At last the countryside is greening up, and our daffodils, planted in front of our new white fence in the churchyard, have made a mighty show of yellow that contrasted nicely with the green grass. This has encouraged us to plant even more next fall. Now our horticultural attention must turn to the window boxes on the front of the church.

A new addition to the churchyard is a hummingbird feeder that already has been visited numerous times. It is amazing to us how quickly these little fellows find a bright, red feeder once it is hung out and stocked with sugar water.

Our weekly Bible Study of Genesis continues. We are now at Chapter 40 with only 10 chapters to go. We must start thinking about a new topic. Fortunately, there are many possible subjects that will deepen our understanding of Scripture, guide our lives, and deepen our relationship to God, and to one another. In the past month or so, we have been blessed to have two new members join our study group. To commemorate a new high attendance at Bible Study, we took a “class picture.”

On the second Saturday after Easter, we held a “Resurrection Party” for some of the children that attended our vacation Bible school last year. Assisted by staff from the Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Hampshire and Camp Good News in Charlestown, we explored the joy that the Apostles must have felt when they found out that Christ had risen from the dead. We will hold vacation Bible school this year during the second week of August at the church. We pray that the Holy Spirit will send us children who may hear the Good News for the first time.

On Sunday, April 24th, we celebrated the 70th birthday of long-time church member, Aare Ilves.
After the morning service, we gathered in the parish hall with Aare’s family and friends to have a little party and to wish him well for the future.

Bishop Marsh, Fr. David and Jeanne, and Aare Ilves attended the ordination of Fr. Rob Philp and Fr. Steve Rugg on Saturday at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, Amherst, NH. I am sure that this glorious event is described elsewhere in the NEA.

We look forward to Clericus at Alfred, Maine in June and Fr. Ed Kalish’s installation as rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church, Ellsworth, Maine. It is not an overstatement to say that the Diocese of the Northeast has been richly blessed this spring.

Our prayers for all our friends in the DNE for a safe and enjoyable summer.

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

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Finally! The buds are starting to appear on the trees, the tulips and crocuses are pushing through the warmed earth, and the smell of spring is in the air. The snow of which we did not get too much all winter waited until the last of the season and arrived in April. Unbelievably, it also snowed lightly here in the Mt. Washington Valley last week, in May. Holy moley! It was so cold I had to pull out a ski parka to go to the mall.

Our annual St. Patrick’s dinner went off again this year without a hitch. Our usual coordinators and workhorses, Jim and Rebecca Harrington, again provided the lion’s share of the organizing, cooking and raffle prizes. Despite there being several St. Paddy’s Day events in the valley the same weekend, we did remarkably well. Father led everyone in the favorite Irish ballads, and a good time, and meal, was had by all. Bishop Marsh also joined us at St Margaret’s and ably assisted in drawing the winning ticket holders for our raffle. We were thrilled to have him conduct our service the next day as well.

Good Friday saw a lovely Tenebrae service at St. Margaret’s, conducted jointly with the Journey Church in Conway. Pastor Trevor Skalberg and Father Monroe did a joint service, and there were 50 in attendance.

Easter Sunday dawned brisk but sunny. The altar was bedazzled in Easter lilies, and the congregation turned out in their best attire to celebrate the risen Christ. The traditional Easter breakfast was served by the men of the parish, led by John Kropac. We continue to be grateful to the ladies of the Altar Guild who work diligently to make sure the altar linens are beautifully prepared for the services. They are: Linda Monroe, Rosemary Grigorovich-Barsky, Carol Davis, and Miriam Todd. Thank you ladies!

In April we were treated to a beautiful rendition of “April Showers” by soloist Jim Harrington. April also saw the return of our music director, Tracy Gardner, who had been on extended sick leave. We were fortunate to have the services of another local musician, Judy English, during Tracy’s absence. Nevertheless, it was wonderful to see Tracy back in the choir loft.

Father Monroe and Linda spent some time in April out in Spokane, Washington, at the home of their son and daughter in law, visiting with them and baby Penelope. Of course, they had a marvelous time. Filling in for one of the Sundays during Father’s absence was Fr. Amos Mihanda, who graciously came over from Maine to assist. Of course Deacon Wellsman is always available as well, and did a Deacon’s Mass during Father’s absence.

Locally, several of our parish members attended the National Day of Prayer, held here at Shouler Park in North Conway. Although it was a very blustery and cold day, the fervor and spirit of the attendees was in evidence. Our own Fr. Monroe, as well as Rebecca Harrington, were two of the speakers, along with other clergy and community personalities. Music was provided by members of the Journey Church, a local Christian non-denominational parish, led by Pastor Trevor Skalberg.

We are now looking forward to consistently warm weather, as well as our celebration for Armed Forces Saturday, and Sea Sunday, on May 22. We hope we have seen the last of the snow, and at this point are looking forward to “black fly season”. Well, not quite, but it is a harbinger of better days to come.

We wish all our Anglican and Christian friends a warm and safe summer season, enjoying the beauty that the Lord has provided.

-----Maureen Ferguson +

White River Junction, Vt.
Trinity Anglican Church

There’s much to celebrate here in the land of solar farms and windmills (maybe we are not unique in that description, but I am reminded of Joyce Kilmer, paraphrased. I think that I shall never see a windmill lovely as a tree.) But so much for our land of scenic splendor.

As will undoubtedly be noted elsewhere in this periodical, we will have ordained two new priests by the time you read this. Having spent a bit of time worshipping in other denominations, I can say that the quality of the clergy we seem to be raising up is a
continuing blessing to the entire diocese and an evidence of God’s work here in the land of the frozen chosen. We are proud of the (now) Rev. Rob Philp and the Rev. Steve Rugg. We have been the beneficiaries of their hard work and growth in the parish and have been greatly blessed by them both.

Elsewhere in the parish, we have celebrated, along with the honorees, the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Tom and Nancy Reardon on April 16.

I remember when Paul Harvey (Good Day!) would recall these major accomplishments in the lives of people all over the country in his noontime news broadcasts.

Fifty years is worth celebrating and we look for many more for them. This anniversary is especially noteworthy as Tom has recently overcome two bouts with cancer showing, no doubt, his satisfaction with Nancy and his determination to carry on.

As I am the keeper of the rota, I tend to keep up with calendar trivia. Easter lacked one day of occurring on its earliest possible date (March 22). By the time this is published, we will be well into the Great Green Season (GGS) which means that we have celebrated Easter, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, two ordinations and observed pre-Lent, Lent, Holy Week and the Easter season all since Ed published the last NEA. Perhaps this concentration of worship, reflection, and celebration followed by the GGS serves to isolate the very message of Easter and direct our focus to the great things that have been done for us as our Lord pursues us.

----- Allan Wylie

Deacon (now Father) Steve Rugg has been conducting a series of talks at Trinity Church in White River Junction. Every month, the parish holds "Evangelism Sunday." Yesterday, we considered the need to study the ministry needs and the missionary possibilities in the community where the parish is located. While publicity and mailers may be useful, programs helpful, building trust and demonstrating the Christian way in our own lives may be the most effective way of bringing people to the church. But first, we must be equipped to teach the faith. We can best do this by knowing and living the principles of the faith and expressing that faith in ways that people can hear. We need to be prepared for the probing questions. We need to know the answers ourselves before we can communicate them to others. And we need to be able to translate the answers into language that people can hear. We are all missionaries for Christ. We need to plant the seeds of Christ's love in people's hearts and minds. How we do that requires creativity, insight and the desire to reach people with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

----- Bishop Marsh

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Currently, the IAF is providing financial support to five major missionary projects; all of these involve missionary efforts for clergy and churches that are members of the Traditional Anglican Communion. These missionary partners include:

The Traditional Anglo-Catholic Latin American province (TACLAP) in South and Central America, under Bishop Ruben Rodriguez; The Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia (CACZ), under the sponsorship of Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba; The Anglican Church in India (ACI), which is headed by TAC Archbishop Samuel Prakash; The Anglican Church in South Africa (ACSA), under Bishop Michael Gill (many of us in the DNE met Bishop Gill at the All-Anglican Conference held at St. Paul's Church in Brockton, MA, in November 2011); The Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC), which is active and growing under Bishop Juan Garcia.

Churches were recently established, or are being planned, in the Dominican Republic (DPRC); Honduras, Colombia, and El Salvador (TACLAP); there also is the ongoing Project Soweto, to build a 300-seat church in a suburb of Johannesburg, which is South Africa's largest city and a provincial capital. More details on all of these projects are available at the IAF website, www.iaftac.org, and click on the "Newsletter" box at the top of the homepage.

Also ongoing is the Dress a Girl program, which mission 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 IAF has joined forces with this worldwide non-denominational Christian program, which to date has distributed over 200,000 hand-sewn dresses to underprivileged and at-risk girls of all ages in 65 countries. More infor-
The outreach efforts of the IAF are supported chiefly through the contributions of individuals, families, and parishes. The IAF Sustaining Member program was begun in 2012 to formally recognize those churches, families, and individuals who support the Fellowship on a regular basis; this program also helps to give the IAF Board of Directors an idea of how to best plan distribution of funds for TAC missionary projects. Sustaining Members are presented with a wall plaque as a token of appreciation, and a tangible example of commitment and caring.

There are two ways to make donations:

Through PayPal - Go onto the IA website, www.iaf.org.org, and click on "Donate" at the top of the homepage; on the next page, click on the yellow/orange "Donate" button to be linked to PayPal. (If you do not have a PayPal account, it is not difficult to set one up.) There are options for monthly or one-time contributions.

or By mail - Checks may be sent directly to:
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International Anglican Fellowship
1760 Red Crow Rd.
Victor, MT 59875

To those current and future Sustaining Members, and all contributors, thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of the IAF!

Faithfully,
Rev. Merrill Perkins, Diocesan Steward for the IAF


The modeling industry and her relationship with God came out of Julie Gulemi's journey through the Fashion Industry because of her size to start her ministry called "You Are Immeasurably More." "Immeasurably More" is a ministry focused on revealing God's truth about identity, beauty and self-worth to women and girls through God's word. This ministry came out of Julie Gulemi's journey through the modeling industry and her relationship with God.

Julie started modeling as an 8 year old and then was signed to the top modeling agency in the world at 13 and continued modeling until graduating High School. After college she felt God calling her back into the Fashion Industry and decided to jump back in again, this time she was rejected from agencies because she was, "too big." This was devastating for Julie and she became angry at God and was filled with self-hate and depression. She did not know what to do because she used to think she was beautiful but now the world was telling her she wasn't.

Julie's deep pain and brokenness was the start of God bringing forth a powerful testimony and story that He would use to awaken the truth about beauty for women and girls. What the world calls imperfection is in fact perfection. There are two voices in this world, Satan's and God's. The fashion industry is designed to make girls never feel good enough and to get them to spend tons of money trying to attain the "beauty standard." But God is the master artist, the creator of all things. He is perfection and the definition of beauty and He says that we are created in His image.

Since the world has told girls that their value comes from their beauty, then if she doesn't feel beautiful she cannot fully believe that God loves her and if she cannot fully believe that God loves her, she cannot fully accept that Jesus died for her. Im-
talking in these profiles, but I wanted to write this one myself. It’s only been a few weeks now, but I am looking forward to his tenure as rector. Will I always agree with him? I’m certain I won’t. Will I be satisfied with the way he does liturgy? I can already tell that I won’t. Will I be excited to go to church each week (and during the week when possible)? I most certainly will! My parish is going to find itself challenged, and, if it will be open to the challenge, it will be transformed.

We’ve had our problems and we stand in need of healing. I believe that is Fr. Matt’s vision – it certainly is God’s.

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**Profile: Fr. Matthew Mirabile**

**Trinity Rochester’s New Rector**

Fr. Matthew Mirabile was a priest for 15 years in the Charismatic Episcopal Church and entered the Anglican Catholic Church to serve at Church of the Resurrection in Ansonia, before coming into ACA, just last month, to serve at Trinity, Rochester NH.

Fr. Matt was a missionary for four years in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in Africa and in Asia and did cross cultural studies with the Amsterdam School of Missions. He continued studies at St. Michael’s Seminary in theology and has been working on a degree in psychology. He is a certified Spiritual Director and also has certificates in Addiction and Clinical Pastoral Care. He has spent most of his time in the priesthood planting mission parishes and providing counseling.

He is a family man with four children, aged 18 to 27, the youngest of whom will be graduating from high school this very month. Mrs. Inger Mirabile has remained in Connecticut until he graduates, after which she will join Fr. Matt in Rochester.

He is a man of prayer, seeking a contemplative spirituality, but seeking also a walk with Jesus in the Holy Spirit that will spread God’s love to those who have not found it. He has been a church planter, and has been very active in, as he says, “healing souls wounded by divorce, trauma, soul pain, and addiction,” and has worked intensively with those suffering from addiction, even to the point of taking a boy into his home to (successfully) lead him into health.

But he is not a stuffy “holier-than-thou”. Among his many passions one finds motorcycles (with the desire to ride overland in Central America) and drums.

Rochester is blessed to have such a man for a pastor, and I believe he will also bring a freshness to the diocese. Ordinarily I let the subject do most of the

**Ordinations at St. Luke’s**

There’s nothing like a cracking good old fashion ordination to spice things up around the diocese, and on Saturday, May 21 at 11:00am we saw two outstanding men, Deacon Stephen Rugg, and Deacon Rob Philp, become our newest Priests at St. Luke’s Church in Amherst, NH. The ordination ceremony includes various rituals, rich in meaning and history, including prostration, laying on of hands, and prayers. The most important part of the rite of ordination is the laying on of hands by the Bishop and Priests, and prayer of consecration. This is an ancient tradition in the Church, mentioned in the Bible. This sacramental rite is what makes us Apostolic, the fourth mark of the church and an ancient exposition of faith. The Bishop and the other priests invoke the Holy Spirit to come down upon these men, giving them a sacred character.

-----Michael McKinnon
It was a stirring ceremony, elevating two of our most educated and accomplished men to the sacred priesthood.

Bishop Marsh had decided to preach the ordination sermon himself (in my experience a somewhat unusual thing) about the challenging road ahead of these men in their new ministry, making use of Frost’s poem, The Road not Taken, in a powerful charge to both the candidates and the Church at large.

Steve and Rob were then presented to the bishop, after which they lay prostrate in the center aisle while the litany was chanted.

The clergy processed from the church, young Neil Rugg bearing the cross behind which his Dad, Fr. Philp, and the clergy of the diocese marched to fulfill their service to the Lord.

The congregation met downstairs for food and fellowship.

The new priests concelebrated the Eucharist with their bishop, and their new ministry was begun.

And the new priests received their certificates from the bishop. Congratulations to Frs. Rugg and Philp.

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News Notes

National Church News
The House of Bishops and the Executive Council met in Timonium, Maryland. St. Stephen's Anglican Church hosted the event in superb style. A couple of items are of special note.

Mr. Chip Garre of St. Luke's Anglican Church in Amherst, New Hampshire was elected President of the House of Laity, a position that had been vacant for some six months.

Discussion about a "marriage canon" was very productive. This issue will be revisited at our next Executive Council session, along with a discussion of our national canons. This discussion is necessary as we seek closer ties to the Anglican Province of America, The Anglican Catholic Church and the Diocese of the Holy Cross.

Traditional Anglican Communion
The College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion will meet in Lincoln, England October 13-15. A new Primate will be elected for the TAC. Other issues to be discussed include the status of the revised Concordat. To date, four of the ten national churches have ratified the new Concordat. Accordingly, we are still adhering to the current Concordat. Our chancellor, Wally Jones, regards the Concordat as akin to the Preamble of our Constitution.

We will also discuss the relationship of TAC churches with those of other Continuing Anglican jurisdictions. While we have made great progress in the USA, churches in other countries differ in their relations with other jurisdictions. Our challenge will be to draw together in a spirit of cooperation with Classical Anglicans (one of the hallmarks of the Concordat) while also maintaining the strong bonds of affection with our Brothers and Sisters in TAC churches.

Clergy News
Father Matthew Mirabile celebrated his first Mass at Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester, New Hampshire on April 24. According to reports, there was a "record turnout." It was truly a very festive day. Father Matt will be formally installed rector on June 12.

Father Ed Kalish has been accepted into a master's degree program at Nashotah House. Congratulations to Father Ed! He will be formally installed rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church on June 4.

Deacon Stephen Rugg and Deacon Rob Philp were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on May 21 at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Amherst, New Hampshire.

Bishop James Hiles underwent knee surgery in May. We pray for a speedy recovery.

Parish News
Bishop Hiles reports that Saint Paul's Parish has received a certificate of occupancy from the City of Brockton, and has held its first service on Pentecost. We offer our prayers for this faithful parish, a parish that has adhered to the faith once delivered to the saints. It is indeed a tribute to faithful Anglicans that this traditional parish has built the first new Anglican - or Episcopal - church in Massachusetts in sixty-seven years.

Parish Vacancies
Recently, two of our parishes began the "Search and Call" process. The process involves the following steps:

1. first, the parish must say goodbye to its parish priest, he to the parish (nothing further should happen until this has been done);
2. a parish profile must be developed, a profile that includes input from all members of the congregation;
3. resumes and CVs are then collected by the bishop's office and candidates who meet the pastoral and educational requirements are referred to the parish search committee;
4. Interviews are arranged by the parish in conjunction with the search committee;
5. in concert with the bishop, a call is issued.

This process has worked effectively at St. Luke's, St. Thomas and, most recently, at Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester, New Hampshire. It is a process that includes a good deal of prayer and a sincere desire on the part of the parish to discern God's will.

St. Luke's Camp
Father Matt Mirabile will direct St. Luke's Camp this year. Father Matt and his wife, Inger, have had a great deal of experience working with children in ministry settings. They also have three grown children of their own. I am aware of several returning campers this year. Please send registration information to Allan Wylie: allan.wylie@gmail.com.

International Anglican Fellowship
The diocese continues to support the mission of the IAF, which assists churches in Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, South Africa, Zambia and India. The Diocese of the Northeast is a leader in providing financial contributions to the IAF. It is worth noting that the newest sustaining member of the IAF is a fourteen year-old boy from Canandaigua, New York. Guess who?

Deaconess Program
Two candidates for the Deaconess training program have come forward. All women who may be interested in this excellent and prayerful way to serve God's church are encouraged to contact the bishop.
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Words, pictures, formats, news of places near and places far away, of well-known folks and those we do not know; accounts of ceremonies, some elaborate and ornate, some as simple as a rite can be; of babies and of ancient ones, of gatherings in the churches and outreach to the world beyond: of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Ghost, with a message and a mighty power and potential for the changing of a world, the spreading of a Holy love that shows itself upon a Cross, and in a Cup, and in a Rising from the dead, all given through unworthy folk, unable in themselves to do the work, unwilling, if the truth be known, to obey, yet instruments in the hands of God, if they will – if WE will – follow Him; to this end in humble paper and black ink, we write and edit and deliver a poor unworthy journal of the life of a part of this, His holy Church, and pray that His will be done, His kingdom come, and His Good News be spoken.

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Jean York, widow of Fr. Lester York, passed away quietly surrounded by her family in Warwick, RI on the afternoon of March 14. She had been struggling with lung cancer for a number of months. Her funeral was on Palm Sunday at St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Warwick. She was interred in her family plot in Rhode Island. Please keep her family in your prayers. She was a dear friend and served the church well while at St. Paul's in Portland where she supported Fr. York's ministry and was dedicated to God's work in the church.

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

Bishops Schedule

June 2, 3. Alfred, Maine. Clericus.

Saturday, June 4. St. Thomas, Ellsworth, Maine. Installation of Father Kalish as Rector.


Sunday, July 24. Bishop Hiles' Episcopal Visit to Trinity, White River Junction and Good Shepherd, Charlestown.

-----from Bishop's Newsletter

Late Breaking News
Trinity, Rochester, N.H.

I walked into church this morning and discovered something new. During the previous week a new stained glass window had been installed in the nave. It is a lovely window of St. Matthew (who, quite coincidentally, is the patron saint of our new rector), given by Bob Lovo in loving memory of his late wife Sara. May she rest in peace and may her memory, signified by this window, long remain bright.

Here are two pictures of its installation, and the window itself graces our back page.

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Parishes and Missions

Connecticut

Mystic: St. Matthias—Through June 19: Sun 10:30
Beginning in July, 1st Sun EP with HC 4pm; 3rd
Sun EP 4pm (at Old Mystic Village, Coogan Blvd.)
Fr. Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484

Deep River: St. Peter—Starting June 26:
Sun 10:30AM. HC (Wooster Chapel, 57 High St.)
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

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

Scarborough (formerly Saco): St. Augustine of
Canterbury - Sun 10.30am, (United Methodist
Church, Route 1 between Church & Orchard Sts.),
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

Brockton: Saint Paul’s (affiliated) - Sun 8 & 10.30
(701 Pleasant St.) 508-588-7285
Bp. James R. Hiles, Dcn. Czarr Freeman

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.

Rochester: Trinity - Sun 8 & 10am
(180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121
Fr. Matthew Miranda

New Jersey

Elizabeth NJ: St. Augustine—Sun 10am
(55 Jefferson Ave.)

New York

Brooklyn: St. Joseph - Sun 11am (123-131
Arlington Avenue). Canon Neville Brathwaite
(718) 756-1258, Archdcn. Alan Koller (845)496-2804, Dcn. Herby Rodney, Dcn Mark Black

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

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

Wells: St. David: 1st Sun 9.30am. A house church,
usually at 170 Mountain View Court.
Call Fr. Alexander Stringer (802)645-1962

White River Jct. (formerly Lebanon NH):
Trinity—Sun 11.15am
(At Valley Bible Church, off Sykes Ave,
White River Jct VT) (413)323-6445.
Bp Brian Marsh,
Dcns. Robert Philp & Stephen Rugg
Clergy Anniversaries

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

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

Jul
06 – Fr. Merrill Perkins, birthday 1956
06 – Fr. Ed Kalish P 2013
06 – Fr. Ian Dunn P 2013
07 – Fr. Alexander Webb m. 2006
11 - Bp George Langberg, C 1998
14 - Fr. Alexander Stringer, birthday
16 – Fr. Merrill Perkins D 2011
23 - Fr. James Dumond, P 1992
23 - Fr. Christian Tutor, solemn vows 93

Aug
04 - Fr. Christian Tutor P 2007
08 - Fr. Jeffrey Monroe P 2009
14 - Dcn. Michael Cupoli D 2010
14 – Dcn. Allen Ryan D 2010
16 – Fr. Ed Kalish, birthday

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