Continuum, God is raising up His church, creating a new and vital church that will serve to preserve the treasures of historic Anglicanism while also reaching out to a world in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Joint Synod has come about after much prayer, discussion and planning. Archbishop Mark Haverland of the ACC, Bishop Walter Grundorf of the APA and Bishop Paul Hewett of the Diocese of the Holy Cross have been in communication for several years regarding the need to unify the disparate Continuing jurisdictions. Over that time, we have developed a high degree of trust and brotherly cooperation. We have established several important ground rules. First of all, we agreed that we must maintain and honor the integrity of each separate jurisdiction. Accordingly, we will refrain from accepting parishes or clergy from other churches unless permitted by the bishops of another jurisdiction. This has worked for the good order of the church and has resulted in the positive transfer of clergy and parishes from one jurisdiction to another. We have worked on a variety of practical matters like clergy education and worldwide missionary activity. We have visited each others' synods and have recognized – on a de facto basis - each others' orders and sacraments.

The most exciting aspect of the upcoming Joint Synod will be the formal signing of a communio in sacris agreement at the Festival Mass, which will take place on Friday, October 6. This formal agreement will bind us together spiritually in a way that we firmly believe will be pleasing to God.

What can you expect when you attend the Joint Synod? Above all, you will join together with Classical Anglicans who have traveled to the Atlanta area for this event. There will be over five
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News Notes and Reminders

The Joint Anglican Synod will be held at the Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, Georgia between October 2-6. We expect over five hundred delegates, guests and observers to attend this historic event. Stay tuned for further information about attending.

St. Luke's in Amherst, NH will be hosting the 2017 DNE Synod. Please mark your calendars to save the dates - 26 and 27 October 2017 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua, NH. Additional information will be forthcoming as details are worked out. ----Submitted by Lee Garre

We (the DNE) now have a new bishop. It is glorious when this happens and it proves once again that God is moving us in the proper direction. However, the reality of life is that a new bishop is not funded by the DNE until after his first year. This means that cost, salary, and expenses must come from the normal DNE income. To end it has been the practice historically within the DNE to request special funds to support our new prelate. Please help by sending donations of support to Linnea Shaver at the DNE Office. Please mark on the memo line of your check that this is a donation of support for Bishop Webb. ----Chip Garre

From the Secretary: Due to computer problems Secretary Linnea Shaver was unable to submit a full report, but she asked me to stress the following:

PLEASE NOTE: Parish and Mission reports are due March 15 (and would be appreciated even earlier). You should have the forms by now. If not, please contact Linnea right away. Linnea notes that it is very important that they be filled out completely so that diocesan records will be accurate and up-to-date for all necessary information, including the names of vestry and delegates. She has been receiving forms only partially completed and hopes that will improve.

St. Paul's Brockton has voted to leave the ACA. While we regret their leaving, we wish them well as they seek to define their future course.

The Right Reverend Owen Rhys Williams will have been installed Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the West, Anglican Church in America by the time you read this. The ceremony of installation is scheduled to be held at All Saint's Anglican Church, Fountain Valley, California, on Sunday, February 26.

Bishop Williams is familiar to most of us, having served as rector of Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester, New Hampshire, for twelve years. During that time, he served as a member of the Standing Committee, the Executive Council and the Board of Examining Chaplains, and as director of St. Luke's Camp.

We wish Bishop Williams and his wife, Marilyn, all the best as they take on their new responsibilities.

Bishop's Schedule


Sunday, February 26. All Saints Anglican Church, Fountain Valley, California. Installation of Owen Rhys Williams, Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of the West.

Thursday and Friday, March 16-17. Clericus, Graymoor, New York.


Tuesday, May 16. FACA meeting, Dunwoody, Georgia.

New Bishop!

On Saturday, February 18, The Reverend Canon Alexander Hender son "Hendy" Webb was consecrated to the episcopate at St. Patrick's Church in Milford, New Hampshire. This larger venue was graciously offered by the RC Diocese of Manchester to accommodate the many people expected to attend.

Bishop Webb has served his parish church, his diocese and the national church with distinction for the past several years. His election to the episcopate was held at a special election synod last October in Groton, Connecticut. Following the election, the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church in America was required to confirm the election. The Standing Committees of the five dioceses in the Anglican Church in America were also required to vote their approval. The Standing Committees were unanimous in their confirmation of Canon Webb's election. The College of Bishops was also required to confirm the election of Canon Webb, which it did on January 12, 2017. Bishop Webb is very well qualified, holding a M.Div. from The General Theological Seminary and a D. Min. from Gordon-Conwell. Following the successful completion of the confirmation process, Archbishop Shane Janzen issued a "mandate" for consecration, which was read at the consecration by our chancellor, Wally Jones.

As you can see, it takes a church to make a bishop. All these steps are necessary to ensure we are fulfilling God's will. In addition, the church must also follow the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in America. We have been very careful to do just that. The constitutional lawyers, including our own Primate, have affirmed that the Constitution and Canons have been followed to the letter.
All that leads to the consecration ceremony itself. Traditionally, it is required that at least three bishops lay hands on the Bishop-elect. This is to ensure that, without doubt, our new brother bishop maintains the Apostolic order of the church and is validly consecrated to serve God’s holy church. The bishops who took part in this ceremony, in addition to Bishop Marsh, are: The Right Reverend Juan García, Bishop of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; Bishop George Langberg, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of the Northeast and Bishop Chandler Jones, Bishop Suffragan, Anglican Province of America. Bishop Strawn of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley was also to have taken part, but was unable to be present due to a surgical procedure.

It is a beautiful church, well suited to the ceremony of the day, and the music, supplied by Mr. John Leslie, several soloists, and St. Luke’s choir was certainly worthy of the occasion.

We began with an impressive procession of diocesan clergy and the four bishops, led by a traditional verger and by incense swinging in full circles before them. When all had reached their places the first part of the Mass followed, with a sermon by Bishop Garcia of Puerto Rico.

It was now time for the solemn act we had come to witness. Fr. Webb was presented to the Presiding Bishop whereupon he laid himself prostrate before the altar and the Litany was sung. The bishop-elect was now examined and the hymn “Come Holy Ghost” was solemnly sung, asking that He descend upon this place and upon this man, and it was time for the bishops to gather around him, and with the laying on of their hands and the prayers, he became Bishop Webb, being then presented with the Bible, anointed with blessed oil, vested in pectoral cross, ring, and mitre, and given the shepherd’s staff, after which he was seated in the Bishop’s Chair.

The Mass continued, Bishop Webb assisting Bishop Marsh, the bishops, clergy, and people shared the Holy Feast, and it was time to go forth, in a procession much like the entrance, with the new bishop, for the first time, giving his episcopal blessing.

Everyone went down the road afterwards to a pleasant reception with food, a toast by the new bishop’s brother and lots of good fellowship.
To begin with, I'm extending the following belated sympathies to one of our parish families as my submittal for the last NEA issue didn’t make it in time for inclusion — my apologies. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family of David Briggs, who unexpectedly passed away at age 55 in late October. The Briggs family are long-time parishioners of St. Elizabeth’s. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to David’s mother, Greta Briggs, David’s wife, Nadine, and daughters Jenna and Samantha, and to his brothers Mark and Elwood “Skip” Briggs, his sister Christine Eichengreen and all their families. May God bring them peace and comfort in their loss.

November and December were filled with activity here at St. Elizabeth’s. Our local food pantry volunteers were extra busy collecting and distributing special holiday meal items for Thanksgiving and Christmas in addition to the foods regularly provided year round to a large number of needy local families. God bless our pantry volunteers and food donors! Our roast beef dinner fund-raiser was held on November 12th. Kudos to chef Skip Briggs and all the other church volunteers who helped to make this event a big success. Our thanks also go out to our local scout troop who provided several scouts to help us with serving. On November 22nd we joined our neighboring Christian churches to thank God for His many blessings at our community’s annual Thanksgiving ecumenical service.

December began with our wreath and poinsettia sale on Dec. 1st–3rd, followed by a well-attended ecumenical benefit concert for the food pantry, performed on Dec. 10th at St. Mary’s Church in Tuxedo. Our Sunday School children shared the true meaning of Christmas with us in their pageant on Dec. 11th. Mid-December found our faithful and dedicated St. Elizabeth’s “green team” lovingly decorating our chapel for Christmas — how beautiful it looked! We are very grateful that retired Bishop Langberg was with us to preside over all our Christmas services and has been celebrating a monthly Holy Communion service with us during our pastor search period. Sincere thanks, also, to our lay readers, Michael Collins and George Kress, who are conducting Morning Prayer services and to Canon Linnea Shaver, for sharing family prayer with us at this time. We are blessed!

We continue to pray for our dear Fr. Bob Ley and wife, Pat, that they may find the strength, faith and patience needed for Fr. Bob’s ongoing lengthy recovery from the stroke he suffered several months ago. In spite of all that they are handling at this time, on Dec. 17th the Leys warmly welcomed lots of friends and family to their annual pre-Christmas gathering that they’ve hosted at their home for many years. Several folks from St. Elizabeth’s attended and it was wonderful to celebrate a very special evening filled with holiday goodies, carol-singing and fellowship with them. Thank you, Fr. Bob and Pat, for once again sharing this joyful occasion with us.

After a lovely Christmas season, we began planning for the new year at our annual parish meeting on January 22nd. All our Vestry members agreed to remain in their positions in 2017 and we thank them for their willingness to serve once again. We keep them in our prayers as we face the challenges before us in the year ahead.

We were pleased to have Bishop Marsh with us for a visit on Jan. 29th. Fr. Bob and Pat were able to be with us that Sunday as well and it was wonderful to have them present for the bishop’s visit.

Bp. Marsh celebrated Sunday mass with us and then joined us for lunch following the service. At the luncheon the bishop led an informal meeting with all of us regarding our ongoing clergy search and how best to proceed while ensuring that pastoral spiritual
We will miss his thoughtful and scholarly sermons and discussions at Bible Study.

The good news comes from Fr. Christian Tutor and his unending supply of church accouterments. When Bishop Marsh, our rector, suggested a dossal curtain to "dress up" our worship space, Fr. Tutor opined that he had just the thing, and indeed he did. With the help of Fr. Philp, whose other calling is finish carpentry, we now have a somewhat more elegant worship space, for which we are most thankful to Fr. Tutor.

As we will be in Lent by the time this is read, we give thanks for the occasion of our Lenten season.

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Allan Wylie

guidance and the worship needs of the congregation are provided during the search process. To this end, he has recommended an interim pastor for assignment at St. Elizabeth’s and follow-up discussions for this arrangement are proceeding. With God’s blessings there will be more news about this in the next NEA issue! Bishop Marsh’s wisdom, Godly council and loving concern for the well-being of all the parishes whom he serves in the Northeast Diocese are truly a blessing for all of us.

Closing thoughts……..I find that February continues to tease us with winter weather surprises, but it’s uplifting to realize that March and the first day of spring are only a few weeks away! Please keep us in your prayers as we pursue major changes at St. Elizabeth’s. As the Lenten season approaches, let us all take time for more frequent and fervent prayer. God has given each of us special gifts and we should pray for wisdom to know what we can do in our parishes and communities to use these gifts more effectively. Through prayer, God’s Holy Spirit will show us the way. We pray that you will be blessed with God’s guidance, love, peace, good health, and happiness in the year ahead. May the Holy Spirit be with us all as we strive to better serve our Lord and Savior in 2017. “...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

-----Ingrid Magar

White River Junction, Vt.
Trinity Anglican Church

It is often challenging to find something meaningful about the goings on in a small parish such as Trinity as any of you who have tried well know. Often the most substantial comment is that we keep on spreading the rumor of our magnificent God.

However, this month is different. There is good news and bad (though perhaps not that bad). The bad is that we bid Fr. Rob Philp goodbye as he and his family have decamped to Alabama. Fr. Philp is well known to many about the diocese and we are all the poorer for his departure. The good news, of course, is that he will be a blessing wherever he comes to rest. We at Trinity have watched him through his entire discernment from deacon to priest, the latter just this past year. He is pictured somewhere close by cutting his cake at his farewell luncheon. We will miss his thoughtful and scholarly sermons and discussions at Bible Study.

Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

Winter here, at the Priory, has had its challenges with the temperatures fluctuating between sub-zero and a balmy 50 degrees which has created a lot of ice to deal with. Confused wildlife has been in and out of hibernation and making regular visits to our back door along with a new stray cat. Our own animals are not quite sure what to do about their coats...leave them on...shed them...leave them on. All in all though, we are deeply blessed.

We have had visits from Fr. Perkins and Mary Diffendal who brought used candle stubs and palms which we are happy to take all year, if people can get them to us. They also brought much needed support for the animals and computer repair. We had a wonderful visit and they were able to enjoy the office of Nones with Fr. Kevin. We are also anticipating a visit from Fr. Tutor this week which is always enjoyable.

You may know by now, that we experienced some serious computer issues (a crash and a hack) earlier this winter which have now been rectified and the Meditation is once again going out. The devil seems to have done his best to slow delivery of this offering which is now being sent and shared country wide. We, unfortunately, lost many of our email addresses during this upheaval, most we have recovered. We are also learning a new program which has a new system to send these, so if you are
Halfmoon, New York
St. Thomas of Canterbury

Being Christian makes for a busy life. Gone are the days of coming to church for a Sunday morning “fix”, perfunctory hugs and kisses and a cup ‘o Joe. Since becoming a member parish of the Diocese of the Northeast we have been read the Great Commission and instructed to reach up and reach out.

The good Father Jim Hurd, aka Father Loud, was sent to call us to duty, to make straight the way. Then, from out of the blue. Father John Bassett appeared one day and offered help. Yes, said we, would you pitch in with some discussions during the Easter season? And what stimulating conversations those were! By and by he offered to be our full-time resident priest. WHAT DID YOU SAY?

Having been served by men who often lived afar and whose efforts were perforce restricted to Sunday mornings, we consulted Bishop Marsh who did what bishops do and lo! on the last Sunday in October our bishop came to institute Father John as priest-in-charge in our little church filled with happy Anglicans and their friends.

All of a sudden we have Sunday school for all for three quarters of an hour before our ten o’clock Holy Communion service. Tuesday evenings we have Bible study. The point is that we cannot fulfill the Great Commandment unless we know what we are talking about.

So alarms go off an hour earlier nowadays, eased by being back on Standard Time.

Curiouser and curiouser. A while back a smiling fellow came one Sunday. Over the customary mandatory refreshments he allowed that he had been an Anglican clergyman in British Columbia but had crossed the Tiber. We learned that he is the Di-

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On a happy note, we have been able to place Nettie, our younger, black and white sheep into a wonderful home. She is now part of a larger flock where she can become ‘invisible’ and have minimal human contact which she prefers.

We were also, after nearly a year of rehab (weight gain, learning manners and getting severe pigeon toes maximally corrected) able to place our Quarter horse, Sundance, into a perfect home where she will thrive with other horses her own age who can run like her. Sister also spends time each day on line trying to help people in need make the best choices for their animals. Everyone, in a perfect world, would like to think that they are a forever home for an animal, but there are extreme situations for some, that make that impossible and hard choices need to be made. Sister tries to offer solutions so that desperate people don’t make bad choices like abandonment and death. None of these happy outcomes would be possible without the prayerful and consistent financial support of our Animal Angels. Though few in number, we are blessed to have some extremely generous animal lovers in this diocese who sacrifice in their way as we do in ours, for the better life of these animals. We are able to care for these creatures that make their way to us, those that have to stay all their lives due to their severe handicaps, and those with lesser issues that will eventually berehomed, only because of the kindness of these Animal Angels. We are not fancy, but instead are very functional, depending on each animal’s needs. We work hard to keep the needs of the animal always at the forefront of what we do here and have a unique insight and intuition into each animal’s behavior that allows us to take all the time necessary to gain an optimal outcome. We are grateful for those who see these lives as important and worthy of love and support. Thank you Animal Angels and may God continue to bless you all as you have blessed his creatures….the least of these.
we've established. Although we don't yet have a priest, our people are very happy understanding our situation and enjoy our "low church" Morning Prayer services. Everyone has been terrific.

Along with growth came a young person! Young Benjamin came with his parents and, with his delightful personality, won us all over. His parents quickly asked that he be baptized, so we had a baptism here last month. We haven't had a baptism in our church for quite some time. Although we've had a few baptisms lately, they weren't here at the church. All members of the parish that attended the service were Godparents and Benjamin has a family of doting "grandparents."

Soon we will begin to get ready for Lent and then Easter. We have planned our Shrove Tuesday breakfast which is always well attended and a terrific time of fellowship. We're still planning our Lenten schedule but all will work out. After that we have a couple of events scheduled for the spring. But we'll save that story for next time.

We hope all of you are having a wonderful winter and will be having a blessed Lent. The next time we are in touch will be after Easter — hard to believe! Until then, remember your Isaiah — "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Scarborough, Maine
St. Augustine Anglican Church

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering." (Romans 12:1-2)

Ordinary days. We at St. Augustine aren't used to ordinary days. For the past year we were so busy with one thing and another that the year just flew by. But things seem to have settled down now and we're in a nice, peaceful, stable schedule of Sunday Services, Wednesday services and Bible Study.

Last December we had several Christmas events that kept us very busy. We had our Third Annual Christmas Fair which was the most successful fair we've had. Each year we take stock of our fairs - what went well and what we can do differently - so perhaps our fine tuning and planning is showing in the results.

Also in December, we had our ninth annual Bicycles for Foster Children project and gave eight bicycles to needy foster children. Some of their stories are heartbreaking! This year six of the bikes went to brothers and sisters who were fostered in one family. Our winter started out very mild so all the children could enjoy their bicycles before the snow came. (see the photos attached.)

This winter we seem to be experiencing (hopefully) a bit of a growth spurt. We've had several families visit with us, some seasonally and some seem permanent. We don't want to take anything for granted but this seems to be a good sign! We credit our new location and the service stability

--- Submitted by David Bullard

Valerie Kazarian
Rector of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy based in Stockbridge Massachusetts and that he cherishes our Anglican liturgy and form of worship. He offered to put together a talk to be entitled "Anglican Saints & Songs." He gave this talk Sunday afternoon, November 6th to an enthralled audience. The presentation was embellished by rousing great hymns honoring saints heartily sung. The Anglican saints, you may wish to know, include George Herbert, Jeremy Taylor, William Law, William Wilberforce, Christina Rossetti, Jeremy Martyn and C. S. Lewis.

The Holy Ghost is busy at St. Thomas of Canterbury. Come, you can feel it.

Brooklyn, NY
St. Joseph's Anglican Church

Greetings in the name of the Lord,

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

In November a few of our parishioners celebrated their birthdays. Pictured to the left is Mrs. Barbara Usher flanked by Canon Neville Brathwaite. You can bet that her hubby, Mr. Raymond Usher, is ecstatic.
Mechanic Falls, Me.
Transfiguration

I received a lovely packet from Mr. Barry Vaill of our brand new mission in Mechanic Falls. We first reported on it, with photos, in the last issue as it was just about to begin services. How it began is an inspiring story. Deacon Drinkwater had left the Episcopal Church and there was no orthodox Anglican presence in this area. He and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Vaill, four people with one vision, wished to do something about that. Almost miraculously the way opened. A long-disused church building, then housing the Historical Society, became available as the town could no longer maintain the building. The town simply gave the old church to the tiny mission committee and they and friends put a great deal of work into fixing the old place up and making it ready. Most of the necessary furnishings were provided by Yorkie’s Closet (see accompanying article) and the little group began to bond with our diocese. The four pioneers attended Synod and announced their presence and determination.

November 27, 2016 (Advent 1) was the first service of the new mission in the old church, which now has a Sunday attendance around 20, has had its first Annual Meeting at which it elected a full complement of officers and vestry. The little mission is well underway and there is excitement in the air. The local press has been giving continuous coverage to this beginning (even though they, not entirely inappropriately, seem to have decided it should be called Church of the Transformation). And they are busy!

Services are held (ordinarily at this point, Deacon’s Communion) Sunday at 10am and Wednesday at 9.30am, and there was a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 10pm. Sunday, January 8 was the first visit by Bishop Marsh.

The first of what they plan to be many community events was A Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, Wednesday December 7 at 7pm, then a concert by the Downeasters Barbershop Quartet on Thursday the 15th. (see picture), and a Family Christmas Movie Day with lunch 11am-3pm on Saturday the 17th. If the energy with which they have begun is any sign of where they are going, I believe we can expect to see a lot happen. May God bless this new work.

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

YORKIE’S CLOSET AND THE FR. YORK MEMORIAL FUND

Thanks to the kind support of St. Augustine’s Parish in Scarborough, ME and the gracious support of Senior Warden Jim Audiffred, we were able to move the items stored in Saco to the basement of Jim’s office. Then in the summer, thanks to the kindness of St. Paul’s in Portland, everything was moved again to their parish hall storage area. The entire mass of material took up an entire 26 foot truck. Generous help from the St. Augustine’s vol-
unteers got everything organized and stored away for what at that time was an unknown period.

Then BEHOLD! A call from a group developing a new mission in Mechanic Falls, Maine. Yes, we had a few items we could loan them to get them started and told them to let us know where they would be located so we could assist. We then got a call from the Deacon at the new mission. “The Town has given us a church building, we need stuff”. Two trailer loads and a van full of stuff and we were able to fully furnish their main church chancel, liturgical needs, chapel and everything else they needed soup to nuts. Fr. Roger Sargent in Berlin also had a number of items from a closed church and another trip yielded the rest of what they needed. Fully furnished and up and running in two months! God be praised! So this is why priests are such pack rats when it comes to church items. Their first service done on Advent 1, the mission is growing and they want for very little in the way of supplies. This is why Yorkie’s Closet exists.

Our storage has been relocated to Mechanic Falls at their very large church building and we continue to support mission and church ministries as the needs arise. Two suitcases of vestments will be headed south with Bishop Garcia this February for the south of the border clergy. We have provided liturgical items and vestments to various parishes in the south in both the ACA and APA. We have had folks send us a good amount of material. Special thanks for materials and support to Bishop and Mrs. Langberg, Anne Gettings, Fr. Merrill Perkins, the Parishes of St. Augustine’s, Transfiguration and St. Paul’s, James Audiffred as well as Bishop Marsh, Deo Gracias and the several parishes that make ongoing monetary contributions to the York Memorial Fund. If you are a mission or a parish in need, let us know and we will help anyway we can.

With the recent demands, we have only a few hundred dollars left in the fund so if anyone, or any parish, feels the spirit move them, we could use the help. Even a small donation would be helpful. Checks can be sent to York Memorial Fund, c/o Loretta Stewart, St. Margaret’s Anglican Church, P.O. Box 1555, Conway, NH 03818. Thank you to everyone who remembers us when they have items that can still be used, to those who send us funds, to those who lend a hand and to those who continue to keep this ministry in their prayers. When a woman at my parish asked “What are you going to do with all that stuff? You are just a pack rat!” I replied, “God will let us know”. He did – The Anglican Church of the Transfiguration is up and running and fully equipped!

-----Fr. Jeff Monroe, Administrator-
The Presiding Bishop’s Mission Support Ministry
“Yorkie’s Closet”, York Memorial Mission Fund

“If a mouse can inspire Silent Night-a pack rat can equip an entire church!”

Deep River, CT
St. Peter

We were among those who had missed the deadline for the December issue of the NEA; although as I write this I am visiting my father in Oklahoma for his 85th birthday, I was determined not to miss a second NEA deadline!
It was wonderful to see so many friends and new acquaintances come to Groton and Mystic in October for the 25th Diocesan Synod. If we may congratulate ourselves a bit, by all accounts it was a very successful and blessed event.

On October 9, we recognized Chuck and Cathy Wonneberger for their 39th wedding anniversary, also their daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Justin Kennedy, for their 11th anniversary. (The Wonneberger's younger daughter, Abby, and her husband Jason, celebrated their 5th anniversary on October 1. A month "all in the family"!) We had a rather special Christmas Pageant during the service at St. Peter's on December
### Ellsworth, Maine

**St. Thomas**

It’s 12 February, I am late getting this written, church has been cancelled in anticipation of our third snowstorm in four days, and have no idea what to write. What fun!

The highlight of our quarter was most certainly the arrival of Fr. Christian Tutor on our doorstep on 4 February. Much as it would be fun to say he got lost and somehow found his way to St. Thomas (on a Saturday no less), the truth is we invited him to share his church knowledge with our Altar Guild and any other interested parties. We got considerably more than we could have ever hoped to, or known we could, learn. Eleven of us walked in to church that day not realizing how we take our church interior for granted, not realizing the significance of, or possibly the history behind so many parts of God’s House. For example, we knew the section of the church where we sit is called the nave, but did not know that “nave” is Latin for “ship,” or that the nave represents the Ark. Some of us do the Stations of the Cross, yet did not know the Stations only came into being in the 13th Century as a replacement for going on a Pilgrimage. We learned about all the various candles, the parts of a priest’s vestments, the significance of the hanging arm openings, the colors throughout the year, why the baptismal font is placed where it is, and so much more. Eleven of us were blessed to learn from Fr. Tutor.

The following morning, attending Mass, our church, its walls, and the altar (any church interior for that matter) came alive in unimaginable and unforgettable ways. Knowing the significance of every little thing enriches the experience of being in and worshipping in God’s House, and tending to the altar. Thank you Fr. Tutor!

Today, Fr. Gray and his wife Ada are going to Bangor a day ahead of time so Fr. Gray can be there for tomorrow’s pre-surgical examination and tests. We are slated for a major blizzard tomorrow, so it’s a case of “better safe than sorry” for him. Fr. Gray is scheduled for a heart valve procedure on the 14th, which is not only Valentine’s Day but is also his and Ada’s second wedding anniversary to boot. Obviously, prayers abound that the surgery goes well! (UPDATE 02/14: Fr. Gray came out of the surgery in flying colors and returns home with his lovely wife, with no complications, and an excellent prognosis. They can now truly celebrate their anniversary!!)

Father Kalish continues his Master’s studies with Nashotah House and the Wednesday Bible Study using the Bible Project videos he has been using since October. In January, Fr. Kalish bid a sorrowful, yet hopeful farewell to his day job driving a bus for the City of Bangor. He has spent the last twenty years helping city residents get to their destinations. Last week he began a new job with a hospice in Bangor, where he will help others reach a shared and

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### Portland, Maine

**St. Paul**

Here in Portland we are being snowed in repeatedly, and digging out.

We held our annual meeting after Sunday Mass with a lunch prepared by the ladies, a fantastic spread by a few hard working people.

The new vestry will meet on the 19th with plans to start planning ways to grow. To help us we have copies of the talks from the last meeting of the diocese on growth. We hope to add some better signage to our building but we know that people to people is what leads to growth, so we need to find more ways to contact the people around us. Father is also planning on spending more time in Portland so we can take advantage of his availability. We are also preparing to observe a deeply religious Lent asking God to help us in our growth efforts. Finally this past month we observed the death of our oldest member, Polly Morris, who at 104 was a gracious lady loved by all.

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**John Serrage**
undeniable destination. Assisting those who know they are dying is not for the faint of heart, so please pray that Fr. Kalish is filled with the necessary grace and love that he and his new clientele will need each day.

As usual, we who remained in Maine for the winter waved goodbye as our snowbirds flew for warmer parts of the country. Joyce Barr is in AZ, doing Logos House Library work via the Internet. Ed (our Treasurer) and Karen Hart (our Webmaster) are enjoying their winter home and eating at numerous chain restaurants not available in Maine. Ann (one of our three organists) and Jim (our door greeter) Geary left for FL last month. All will return when they are assured the snow has come and gone, and we will look forward to their return along with the geese, robins, and hummingbirds. It won’t be long before the snowstorms of this past week are distant memories, and are watching the crocus break ground.

Advent Season and Christmas found our small church aptly greened with beautiful greens made Shirley Landmesser and Fr. Kalish. Our Christmas Eve Song and Carol service was very well attended with some being “from away.” We were pleasantly surprised.

“Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit.”

-----Valerie Brown McCadden

Conway, NH

St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well as this goes to press, we are in the middle of getting all that snow we did not get in December and January. Those among us who are skiers are thrilled, as well as the plow guys. The rest, not so much.

Our annual Christmas fair went off without a hitch. As always, they were lined up at the door before we even opened, and many of our gift baskets were snatched up in the first hour or so. This is a wonderful time as well to renew old acquaintances, and perhaps do a little outreach to those who may want to know more about St. Margaret’s and what we are all about as Anglicans.

The day following our Fair, we held our annual Kirkin o’ the Tartan.” As you may know, that means basically “The Blessing of the Tartan”. All who claim Scottish heritage are encouraged to wear their clan kilts, skirts, ties, insignia, Glengarries or whatever other articles of apparel they may have. Both Fr. Monroe and Deacon Wellsman joined in, with Deacon Wellsman wearing the whole Scottish outfit, kilt included. Also, it’s “Scottish”, not “Scotch”, by the way. Scotch is a drink, from Scotland, and enjoyed by many Scottish. Hope that’s clear!

On December 10, the parish hall was transformed into a lovely Christmas Party, hosted by Rebecca and Jim Harrington. There was soft lighting, comfy seating, great pot luck food and libations to get us all in the holiday mood. A Yankee Swap and carol singing rounded out a most warm and festive evening. Two Christmas Eve services were held, as well as a low Mass Christmas Day. Fr. Monroe always makes sure we all can get to a celebration of the birth of Christ, no matter what our holiday schedule. On January 1, 2017, we held our annual Service of Lessons and Carol, which is a beautiful service first said in 1918 at King’s College Chapel in England. Our Christmas season at St. Margaret’s is always a smorgasbord of delightful events, including both traditional and modern celebrations!

In January we were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Vaill, who are members of a new mission in Maine. They came and joined us from the Anglican Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls, Maine. They approached the altar together where Fr. Monroe presented them with an altar cross for their new church, and asked for the Lord’s blessings on their endeavors. We wish them well and continued growth.

On January 31, Fr. Monroe and Linda left for a well deserved month long vacation. Fr. Jeff gave us a sample of his well rehearsed southern drawl. It was heavy on “y’alls” and lots of references to the mild weather and sunshine they would be enjoying while the rest of us were shoveling out.

Peter Thomas, Senior Warden at St. Margaret’s, recently had the pleasure of presenting Fr. Monroe with an Honorary Doctorate from Logos House, the Anglican Seminary in Maine. Peter is also the Chairman of the Board for Logos House. No one
deserves this more than Fr. Jeff, who has worked diligently to enrich the curriculum and help mentor and train men seeking to serve the Lord. Congratulations!

At the beginning of February, we had the great pleasure of welcoming Fr. Andrew Faust as our supply priest while Fr. and Linda are on vacation. Fr. Faust brought a great warmth and enjoyable style to the service, while his homily was personal and well received. We look forward to having him with us for the month until Father Monroe’s return.

We are now gearing up for the rest of the winter season. We wish those in our parish who are being challenged with health issues a speedy recovery, among them Peter Thomas, Tracy Gardner, Charlotte Whiting, Andrew Ferguson, and Greg Davis. We are happy to see Carol Davis back, as well as Evelyn Simonds. We soon look forward to Lent and the renewal of our spiritual goals, culminating with a joyous Easter Sunday. We wish all our Christian friends a safe and warm rest of the winter.

-----Maureen Ferguson. Ladies Guild

Webster, NY Holy Cross

Christmas Eve Mass

As soon as they entered the fellowship room, joyous, “Merry...Oh, look who’s here!” and “Congratulations!” over-whelmed Dave and Kate Chamberlin. The object of the exuberant greetings was the appearance of their grandsons, Pvt. Tyler Chamberlin in his Marine Dress Blues Bravo uniform, and his brother, John Chamberlin. The boys attended the Joyful Noise Sunday School from 2003-2010, but, hadn’t been seen until the joyful Christmas Eve reunion. Pvt. Chamberlin had been graduated from the United States Marine Corps Basic Training on Parris Island, SC on December 9th, continuing his training at Camp Geiger, N.C, and is currently based in Pensacola, FL. John is a Junior at Pal-Mac and both boys are taller than their Grandmother!

During the 4:00 PM service of Lessons and Carols, Harry Hoyen, Jerry Quenell, Paula Nevel-Quenell, Dave Chamberlin, John Simpson, III, and Chris Bowen alternated reading Lessons of Jesus’ birth with carols played by Elaina McKie on our organ. After an intermission with Christmas cookies, cucumber sandwiches, freshly brewed coffee, and lively conversations, Fr. Ed Ihde and Acolyte Tom Stone officiated our 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion Mass.

Priest-In-Charge

Bishop Marsh appointed Fr. Ed Ihde, of St. Nicholas’ Church in W. Seneca, NY, to be the Priest-in-Charge of Holy Cross. With the able assistance of Deacon Phil Cunningham, they will provide a dedicated clergy presence for our congregation until we call our new Rector.

A member of our congregation, Tom Stone, is now a Deaconate Postulant and will be learning by a lot of hands-on experience as he pursues his call to become a Clergyman.

Epiphany Brunch

Snow squalls blew open our coats. Ice pellets stung our cheeks. Wind gusts snatched our caps. Just another upstate winter morning, as we gathered together on Sunday, January 8th. Our Epiphany Brunch and a chance to meet Fr. Ed Ihde beckoned us into the warmth of our little church on the corner of Backus and Bay Roads.

The aromas of coffee, bacon, hash browns with sausage, strata, and Mediterranean Egg Casserole wafted into the sanctuary during the last part of the Holy Communion Mass led by Fr. Ed, tempting our minds to stray from the immediate task at hand.

Once our bodies were sated by God’s bounty, Fr. Ed introduced himself and shared with us numerous observations and suggestions on how we might navigate the tumultuous waters ahead of us in our Rector Search. He assured us he is available to help pilot our ship into a safe harbor, in Jesus Christ’s name.

Elaina B. McKie, Organist

Elaina B. McKie has played our Walker & Sons tracker pipe organ for more than a year and has agreed to continue as a vital member of our church family while she pursues her Ph.D. Her resume summary states: Instructor and tutor in analysis, part-writing, counterpoint, model composition, sight-singing, dictation, and keyboard harmony. Extensive experience in performative and pedagogical aspects of musicianship.

"I first applied to Eastman’s masters program in music theory pedagogy,” Elaina said. “Because I knew I ultimately wanted to teach theory at the collegiate level. I learned so much in those first two years, and was fortunate to work with such a knowledgeable and supportive faculty network, so I
decided to stay on for the Ph.D. after I completed my masters degree. My career goals remain roughly the same (to be a professor), but, I also think I’d do well in an administrative role, perhaps as a dean of student life. As long as I get to help college students reach their goals, I’ll be happy!”

Meanwhile, we are very happy Elaina is with us. Thank you, Elaina, for sharing your quiet demeanor and musical talents with us every Sunday and on special occasions.

Vestry


We extend our thanks and gratitude to these people for stepping up to assist us in going about God’s work.

“...Let us ask of our dear Lord His help, to work while we can, full of zeal and a sense of responsibility to our fellow travelers, not allowing the pressures of work and life to extinguish that spark of prayer and piety within us. Even when we can work no more, let us ask Him to keep us in His service to the very end!...”

Search Committee

Our SeaCom (Search Committee) has up-dated its DNE web-page, posted the Parish Profile on the DNE website and listed it on fb, and discern the duties of the Rector and qualities in a priest, as well as other screening tools that will, with God’s help, result in a perfect match of clergy and laity to soldier on for Christ.

---Kate Chamberlin, Correspondent

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

In the midst of winter when the world is asleep, Salvation History begins with the Birth of the Incarnate Word, Jesus. The Parish of All Saints welcomes the event with the Solemn Mass on Christmas Eve replete with carols and incense, cloth of gold vestments, and multitudes of burning tapers. It is a night of contemplation that captivates the world, though most do not know ‘why’ this night is so different, for the Christian it is obvious and primal: God is born in human flesh, a Man like us in all things but sin.

January 14 dawned cold and clear in Concord, NH, as many of the faithful—600 in estimate—made their way to the State Capitol to stand for the voiceless and March for Life. Father Christian, who is the Educational Trust Chairman for New Hampshire Right to Life, coordinates this day of witness every year as part of his ministry, and the full schedule includes: Prayer Service at the City Dump, Holy Mass at St. John Catholic Church, the Rally at the State Capitol, and the luncheon and conference after the March. It is a daunting task to organize and oversee, but there are many good volunteers and supporters that believe in the cause.

Jane Cormier, who is President of New Hampshire Right to Life, and a member of All Saints Parish, is front and center leading the charge to change the hearts and minds of New Hampshire residents in seeing the value of all life from conception to natural death. This year was a banner year in that Bishop Brian Marsh was able to attend and see the work that is being done in the pro-life movement and headed by Traditional Anglicans in New Hampshire. One could see the surprised look in the Bishop’s eye’s as the crowd grew larger and larger, as they proceeded to pray peacefully, and answer the call to heal rather than condemn. Father Christian asked the Bishop to lead the prayer before the March and the clergy—all Anglican!—fell into formation behind the Catholic Knights of Columbus who prayed the rosary and acted as honor guard for the clergy. The ½ mile procession ended at St. John Parish Hall where a warm lunch was provided and an informative talk was given by Jennifer Lahl, who heads the Center for Bioethical Study.

It was heartening to see such a large and diverse crowd of Evangelicals, Traditional Anglicans and Roman Catholics witnessing to the primacy of Life in a culture too often caught in hedonistic selfish pursuits. There is a challenge to the other Anglican clergy and parishes in New Hampshire that did not have representation this year at
the March: to stand up and witness to the Gospel of Life! Contact Father Christian and start a pro-life cell at your parish contacting him at the NHRTL office in Concord, NH: etf@nhrtl.org

Part of the privilege of being the Canon Liturgist for the Diocese of the Northeast, is accepting the invitations to teach about liturgy and liturgical practices. Father Ed Kalish of St. Thomas Parish, in Ellsworth, ME, contacted Father Christian to run a day seminar for the Altar Guild of St. Thomas. It turned into a catechetical teaching moment for the whole parish on February 4. Beginning with Morning Mass the attendees were questioned about what they “knew” about their church structure and the symbols and accoutrements displayed. The hours passed quickly as history and theology mixed in an informative as well as humorous presentation. If other parishes would like a comparable seminar, feel free to contact Father Christian at All Saints in Concord, NH: elegantines@hotmail.com

The refreshing, renewing Season of Lent will begin for All Saints with the distribution of Ashes at the State Capitol in New Hampshire. Whether it is in driving snow, or bitter cold, Father Christian will be there calling the faithful to conversion. For the spiritual enrichment of the parish, Fridays of Lent will have an extra Mass at 5:30 PM followed by Compline and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Week and Paschal tide will be celebrated with full ceremony and times can be found on the website: www.all saints nh.com

West Seneca, N.Y.
St. Nicholas

The past few months at St. Nicholas have been full of celebrations and anniversaries. On the Third Sunday of Advent we were blessed with the episcopal visit of Bishop Marsh who came to us on the 10 year anniversary of his consecration which coincided with our 10 year anniversary of the founding of our parish! That evening we hosted the Buffalo Silver Band for their annual Holiday concert and held a festive reception afterwards.

As you may be aware, our parish has also been providing support to Holy Cross Anglican Church in Webster, NY. Our Clergy go twice a month to provide liturgical and pastoral services during this period of transition. It is a tremendous honour to be with the people of Holy Cross during this time as they prayerfully embark on this journey.

In January we celebrated “Royal Martyr Day” and marked the Feast of King Charles the Martyr which was on January 30th. We have added a new service of contemplative Morning Prayer each Sunday led by Deacon Cunningham. We have also begun a “Pub Theology” series that kicks off in the coming weeks!

Recently we also were blessed to mark the 30th anniversary of Father Ed Ihde’s ordination to the Diaconate! Ad Multos Annos!

In the coming weeks our parish will move into the Lenten season. We are planning an all parish retreat on March 25th to Stella Niagara, which is the home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. During lent, St. Nicholas will be participating in the “Lenten Journey” which is hosted by our local council of Churches. Father Ed and Deacon Phillip have been asked to be guest preachers at two of the evening services.

We wish you all a Holy Lent as we await the resurrection of Our Lord!

Peace and All Good,

-----The Rev’d Mr. Phillip Cunningham
Curate – St. Nicholas Anglican Church

Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke

On December 1 and 2 Fr. Webb and subdeacons Chip Garre and Rhett Weeks attended Clericus in Westfield, MA. On Saturday December 3rd Bishop Chandler Jones, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Eastern US (APA) came to St. Luke’s for an educational Saturday related to church growth. It was a most interesting day and we all came away with great ideas and practices to put into place. We thank Bishop Jones for his time. Sunday morning Bishop Jones participated in the mass and delivered the sermon.

In Advent the flowers which normally grace our altar were replaced with winter greens and bare branches. The Advent wreath (decked in green boughs) reminds us of our wait for Christmas. The darkness was replaced with resplendent Christmas poinsettias for the first celebration of Christmas on December 24.
Members of our choir participated in the annual Messiah Sing at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church - a celebration that draws large numbers from local towns to enjoy the music.

Annual meeting was held on 22 January followed by a potluck lunch. Charlie Dodd received a plaque for recognition of his service as his vestry term ended and Jill Slocum received the Rector’s Award for her service to the congregation.

On the first Saturday of each month at 12:30 in the church there is a prayer service for healing. All are welcome.

Thanks to Ellie Dunn who is our SHARE organizer and is responsible for providing us lists of what is required at the food pantry and she also delivers the parish’s contributions on a regular basis. This is a wonderful ministry and we appreciate all her work!

On 18 February Father Webb will be consecrated Suffragan Bishop at a service to be held at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Milford, NH which has a much larger capacity in terms of seating than St. Luke’s. Details will appear elsewhere in this edition of the Northeast Anglican.

Submitted by Lee Garre

Elizabeth, N.J.
St. Augustine

St. Augustine’s, our only Spanish language church has a new pastor. The Rev. Mr. Raul Castaneda-Suaza was recently ordained to the office of Deacon at the bishop’s oratory in Belchertown. The vestry of St. Augustine’s traveled all the way from New Jersey to witness this important event.

Deacon Raul holds a Master of Divinity degree from a Catholic seminary in Colombia, has been appointed to lead the congregation, and will likely be priested in July.

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

As teenagers like to say, “Wait, … WHAT?!” WHERE did the first seven weeks of 2017 go? The year’s now 12% gone, barreling downhill at breakneck speed, and Lent begins in two (2) weeks. I haven’t even had time yet to start working on all of my New Year’s resolutions, other than to think about working on them . . . .

But, wait! I think I can accomplish one of those resolutions at the same time that I prepare for Lent: if I give up chocolate for Lent, I can also lose a few pounds, too, can’t I?

This winter has been a tolerable one; bouts of frigid temperatures, mingled with several inches of snow, have alternated with heat waves of high 30s and 40s. One day it was actually 75 before it plummeted to about 28; then those elusive white flakes reappeared, falling to earth and blanketing us in a thick, downy white comforter. It was beautiful, especially when the sun rose the next morning.

Twice, we’ve had 16-18 inch snowfalls, but mostly the snow comes in three to six inches at a time. This pattern of cold/snow-thaw-cold/snow-thaw has meant minimal snowplowing and shoveling, and little need for winter boots. At times, the cold is brutal, with near-zero wind chills, but the respite of warmer temperatures and sunshine help us to forget, at least briefly, those uncomfortable times. Of course, there are some people who decided early to get out of town, and to head for warmer climes. In an already small congregation, we’re now missing five (5) snowbirds (wimps!) But this month an old friend returned: Fr. David Leo is now joining
us in worship. So, in terms of dwindling attendance, we’ve stemmed the tide, at least for the moment, until warm temperatures prevail and bring the return of our snowbirds!

This weekend, we’re heading for New Hampshire for the consecration of The Very Reverend Canon Alexander Henderson Webb. We are excited to attend this very special moment in his life, and in the life of our diocese, and we pray for blessings upon both.  

-----Diane S. Jones

Rochester, N.H.
Trinity

A Busy and Wonderful Winter 2016-17

Even though we’ve been busy since September, things got really exciting as winter started to descend on us. It began with our Christmas Fair and we are still going strong. Everything we are doing is oriented towards growth.

Our Christmas Fair was November 17th - 19th and it was a huge success. There were plenty of baked goods, excellent crafts of all sorts, and raffled baskets of awesomeness! Our volunteers worked hard setting up and manning the tables. We served great lunches too - homemade chili, soups and breads. We had a good turn out as well and the funds raised help us to provide for charities that we work with.

During the season of Advent we installed another stained glass window, continued new members classes and confirmation classes. We had three children and two adults in confirmation class and ten adults in our new members class. Our Home Bible Study also continued to meet at the Rectory. This was also a time to gear up for Christmas.

We held two services at Christmas, at 7:00pm and 10:00pm, and both were very well attended. Fr. Mirabile preached a wonderful and thought provoking sermon about how God has been "taken" with mankind, having loved us at our creation such that He betrothed Himself to humanity in Christ through Mary (that sermon can be found online at our website). Our own Alice Snow sang a solo and the Choir sang the great Christmas hymns. Both were candlelight services, so after Communion the lights were dimmed as each person’s candle was lit to the singing of Silent Night. It was the sort of experience that left you saying to yourself, "Yes! This is what Christmas is supposed to be like".

Of course after that comes Epiphany and the celebration of Three Kings Day with our Epiphany pageant. The kid’s (and adult) were adorable! Special thanks to Julie W. and Debbie for their work with the kids to make this happen.

And what is Christmas without finishing it up with a tree-burning party afterwards? We gathered at the senior warden’s home and had a great time as a church family. We had a huge turn out from the church too. It was great to see all the kid's playing outside in the snow. And the adults got to enjoy more food than they could have eaten. There was lasagna, a turkey, chili, salad, wine, dips, everything! It's one thing to merely "go to church" at the same time as other people, It is another thing to share our lives together and be friends and support one another. This is what our life is like.

Think we're done?! Nope. One January 14th several of us attended Concord for the March for Life. We met up with our own bishop, Brian Marsh and Fr. Tudor. We marched from city hall to the Concord Feminist “health” Center. We were met there by a loud and rancorous group of protesters blocking the way. Fr. Tudor wisely led us, in a non-confrontational way, right around the block, bypassing them entirely, in essence ignoring them. I think they were disappointed. From there we went to St. John the Evangelist Activity Center where we listened to a very interesting presentation from Ms. Jennifer Lahl. She is founder and president of The Center for Bioethics and Culture Network, and spoke to us about the exploitation of women for their eggs and the ethical implications of the use of fertilized eggs on the world market.
We also held the first of a series of planned seminars designed to strengthen our parish and help our community. On January 25th our priest, Fr. Mirabile, led a day-long seminar called “Renewing the Foundations”. This seminar, with a compelling PowerPoint presentation, explained how church unity and mission is built on the solid foundation of a common life and how that common life is built upon a common devotional life, prayer, doctrine, adherence to a common tradition, and a mission driven by a common vision. We had twenty attending from our parish, and we were very thankful for the turn out considering that the very next day we held our annual parish meeting. And we had over forty for that! Of course, it is not about the numbers, but about the commitment and sense of enthusiasm in our parish. For this we are truly thankful to God.

Of course, winter is not over yet and there is still more to do. The next Re4m seminar is coming up on February 25th, called “Take up and Read: Reading the Bible with Confidence”. Fr. Stephen Rugg will be the primary speaker to help us understand the Bible better and Fr. Mirabile will do a presentation on Lectio Divina. In March we have a third Re4m seminar on prayer.

And ... we cannot fail to mention the ongoing ministry of our Thrift Shop, which provides clothing and money to many good causes in the area and around the world. There is also the work of St. Ann’s Guild which donated to other ministries outside of the parish and is working to beautify and organize the church. Why are we so active? The hour is late and we must work while it is light. Jn 9:4

**West Winfield, NY**  
**St. Lucy’s,**

We learned a new word this week: *viciissitude*- One of the sudden or unexpected changes or shifts often encountered in one’s life, activities, or surroundings. A long time ago we came to the ACA hurting but with big dreams about what a difference we were going to make in this world for God through this little effort which began with our family- St. Lucy’s. Well, it didn’t really work out the way we expected, at least not yet, and I am now sure it probably won’t. It appears God had in mind to change us, and gave us some vicissitudes. Doesn’t that almost sound like a saint’s name? “Today is the Feast of Saint Vicissitude, Evangelist and Martyr…”

Over the years we have seen various approaches to God and family and different ideas about all these things. Around us we see ministries based on using the Bible to bring temporal success or peace, and we have heard the vision for the church expressed as “happy people attracting happy people.” Perhaps all our experiences to this point have served to shake away some of the dross in our expectations of God, at least we hope so. We have not sent in a report in some time as honestly, we have been licking our wounds, or at least trying to do so. The few of us here are not what the world would look at and call “victorious Christians.” We are learning to keep going as broken people. Jesus allowed himself to be broken for us, and some way it seems he is calling us to do the same for others. So we offer here regularly his body and blood and ask him what he would have us do.

We have just had our annual meeting, however, and perhaps turned some corner. Along with the tithe and national church support we have always felt thrilled and privileged to be able to pay (as well as supporting the NEA) we voted to spend some of our building fund. We came with ideas of turning a big barn into a church and building a summer camp for our diocese on this old farm some fifteen years ago. Many things tried we, but now we are trying something else. We have committed to finally taking some humble steps to moving a building toward “worshipability” along with some other uses. With a vague hope of being able to flex with future vicissitudes and get to a point where we few hurting people can find some Christian way to more effectively reach out to others in the place we are planted, we plan to invest some time, talent, and treasure in fixing the foundation on the old barn, and getting part of it so that we can meet there, at least in warm weather for now. Our plan is to spend our Sundays after church laboring when the weather warms. We have a list of holistic ideas we would like to develop to reach the hurting in our community, and the steps we now take will hopefully be the first steps toward that end. We do not know what it will look like, but trust that God knows what he is doing and that he loves us. Our resources are meagre, but you should see what he can do with just a little bread and a few fish. Perhaps Jesus will be able to turn our vicissitudes into opportunities to bring people to him. We ask your prayers that he will, or at least that he will guide us if his intent is otherwise.

-----Respectfully submitted, Father Rich Dibble+

**Charlestown, NH**  
**Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd**

As we approach spring, we can count our blessings at Good Shepherd. Despite some threatening snowstorms, our Sunday services have continued with good attendance. We did have to cancel one Wednesday morning Bible study after resident clergy consulted the weather forecast the night before and concluded that travel would be risky the
next morning. Our aged furnace continues to work through another winter and, after repairs to the roof a year ago, our roof continues to shelter us. The junior warden is most grateful for these blessings.

Our current Bible study has consisted of watching lectures by Dr. Timothy Luke Johnson’s Jesus and the Gospels (www.thegreatcourses.com) interspersed with the reading and discussion each of the Gospels as Dr. Johnson presents them. Recently, we have been most fortunate to welcome Fr. Steve Rugg to our Wednesday meetings when his academic schedule allows. His knowledge of Greek and the history of the Scriptures and their interpretation have been an enormous benefit to participants. We are grateful to Fr. Rugg for his efforts to drive a considerable distance to be with us in Charlestown on Wednesdays.

The pre-Lent “-gesima” Sundays mark the coming of Lent, culminating with Shrove Tuesday on February 28. As is our custom at Good Shepherd, we will hold a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper following Evening prayer in the parish hall. This traditional meal will include pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and real New Hampshire maple syrup prepared. Thank you Dee Blanchard and Fr. Art Bennett for organizing this event that is open to the community.

This summer, we will do Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Good Shepherd with the assistance of the Child Evangelism Fellowship. This will be the fourth year that we have sponsored this wonderful time that we spend with the children of our community. For 2017, VBS will be held on Monday through Friday, July 10-14. We discovered last year that the second week of August is not the best time to hold VBS as children are getting ready to go back to school. They had a number of pre-school activities that prevented them from attending our session at Good Shepherd.

A blessed Lent and joyous Easter to all our friends in the Diocese of the Northeast.

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

Profile
Deacon Phillip Cunningham

The Rev’d Mr. Phillip Cunningham is curate and pastoral assistant at St. Nicholas Anglican Church serving under Father Edward Ihde. As a transitional deacon within the Anglican Church in America Diocese of the Northeast, Den. Phillip is preparing for ordination to the priesthood. He is a graduate of Canisius College where he received a BA in Political Science/Business Management and is a Masters Candidate 2017 at the University at Buffalo SUNY where his final thesis focuses on the interaction between the Westminster political model and the Anglican tradition. In 2017, he plans to pursue a Masters of Theological Studies at Nashotah House Theological Seminary.

Phillip is a member of the Society of King Charles the Martyr and is a member of the Society of Mary within the Ward of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour based at St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Dunwoody, GA. Deacon Cunningham also serves Holy Cross Anglican Church in Webster, NY as assisting clergy.

In his professional life, Deacon Phillip is the Director of Operations at Stella Niagara for the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity - a 134 acre Roman Catholic convent, K-8th grade school, health center, and retreat center located in Lewiston, NY.

Phillip and his wife Brittany were married in the Summer of 2013 at St. Alban’s Cathedral and Abbey in Hertfordshire, England. They reside in Buffalo, NY with their daughter Ellington, and their Italian Greyhound Oliver.
A Word from Indonesia

In the last issue we reported on the ordination of Fr. Jim Long as our missionary to Indonesia. He is working with an interdenominational mission there. The pictures to the right are of his recent commissioning by Dean Chong. I expect to run more details in future issues. -----ed

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Vacancies:
Three of our churches are currently involved in the difficult process of clergy search.

St. Elizabeth’s Anglican Church worships in a lovely stone building in a beautiful wooded area of Tuxedo, New York.

- The parish also has the use of a parish house across from the church. The parish is stable and dedicated to serve the work of God. Currently, the parish is being served by interim clergy.
- This would be an ideal cure for bi-vocational or retired clergy or priests who also serve as hospital chaplains. Tuxedo is within commuting distance of New York City and other major metropolitan areas.

St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church in Scarborough, Maine is seeking a deacon or a retired or bi-vocational priest to serve its parish.

- Scarborough is a small, coastal Maine town just south of the Portland urban area. The parish is nine-years old and ready to enter a phase of true growth and development. For most of its history, St. Augustine’s has been served by temporary clergy but we are now seeking permanent clergy for services, visiting shut-ins and strengthening our presence in the community.
- The Parish Profile is available on the parish website, http://staugustine-aca.org/ which fully describes who we are and what we are looking for.

Holy Cross Anglican Church, 615 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580, is looking for a bi-vocational priest to be our dedicated, part-time Rector. Holy Cross ACA was established to maintain original Anglican traditions and values.

- Webster, established in 1840, is a suburb of Rochester, NY 14580, USA. with Lake Ontario as its northern border. The population was 42,641 at the 2010 census.
- Our building dates back to 1839 as a one-room school house. In 1977, we leased the abandoned school building to house our newly formed Anglican parish. The first official Sunday service was on June 4, 1978. We still revere and use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer every Sunday and other occasions.

Website: http://acanedio.org/parishes/HolyCross/

For more information, interested Clergy should contact: The Most Reverend Brian R. Marsh, Bishop Ordinary at:
spiritstage@yahoo.com
phone: 1-413-230-6933

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Sin lies heavy like night's fresh fallen snow,  
Bending and rending every tree bough.  
Sorrowful conscience with contrite prayer show,  
How daylight will spring from God's grace and bestow,  
Blessed happiness, joy and love will flow,  
Removing and melting what brought you so low.  

-----Michael Julius McKinnon Dane

Don't miss the best week of summer: the week of St. Luke’s Camp in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts! Explore your faith ~ Discover your inner creativity and talents ~ Pray and play in a safe and healthy environment ~ It’s the experience of a lifetime! BRING A FRIEND. Adventure awaits you every day. If you missed it last year, check out our September 2016 issue of the NEA, pages 18-21, including a report by a long-time camper. And go to our website for more information. As our brochure says, “A week in the woods with God ~ A lifetime of grace and truth and memories.” Contact Camp Director Fr. Matt Mirabile at (603) 332-4121 to reserve your place as a camper, and to inquire about counselor opportunities. It’s less than six months away, so call today; you won’t want to miss it, and we won’t want to miss you! ~ Diane S. Jones

A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY PARISH AND PARISHIONER

St. Luke’s Camp needs you! We have been averaging about 15-20 campers for the past few years. That is fewer than one (1) child per parish. While some parishes are blessed with many more children who regularly attend our churches, many parishes lack even one child of sufficient age to attend camp. But St. Luke’s Camp is open to all children, regardless of faith and church attendance. We encourage you to look outside of your parish. Invite your children’s friends. Talk to other churches in your community, especially those with large congregations and youth ministries. Talk to other family members, your neighbors, and co-workers. If you can, run an ad, or post something on your website announcing the opportunity. Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford the fee. We hope that each parish can participate in some way. If you are unable to send a camper, maybe you can sponsor another camper; or, think about applying to be a counselor. And, if you are unable to do either of these things, please consider being a financial donor. Feed the faith of our youth. Strengthen and renew yourself in mind, body, and spirit as you strengthen and renew others.

The 1928 Prayer Book Alliance has published a special ACA edition, with Foreword by Presiding Bishop Brian R. Marsh. The hardcover edition, suitable for pew use and personal devotions, has a burgundy cover with a metallic gold cross and two place ribbons.
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Succession

Incense rising, voices singing, and the clergy marching in;
Scriptures read, a sermon preached and a man has been called forth;
the questions asked the man lies down.
prostrate on the floor, on his face, arms stretched out, while the prayers are prayed
for the solemn act that soon will come;
four bishops, eight hands upon his head, the Spirit moving in this room, and he …
…is now a bishop,
dressed with mitre, ring, and cross, with shepherd’s crook in his left hand.
Five bishops now, with all the priests, as the Feast of Sacrifice is shared.
as the Church of God on earth is joined to the Church in the realms above,
and we are fed with Holy Food, and filled with God Himself we march, and love and peace and hope endure, even in this troubled world, and the Cross shines forth forever.

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Parishes and Missions

**Connecticut**

**Mystic:** St. Matthias—(at Old Mistick Village, Coogan Blvd.) June through Labor Day weekend, first and third Sundays of each month, at 1:30 PM, Fr. Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484

**Deep River:** St. Peter—Sun 10:30 AM. HC (Wooster Chapel, 57 High St.) Fr. Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484

**Maine**

**Camden:** Resurrection Mission (at members’ homes.) (207)607-1801. Fr. Samuel Logan.

**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

**Mechanic Falls:** Transfiguration, 64 Elm St., Sun 10am, Wed 9.30am
Den Gary Drinkwater 207-312-7318

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

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

**Scarborough:** St. Augustine of Canterbury - Sun 10.30am, (United Methodist Church, 2 Church St.), (207)799-5141
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.) (603)835-6279
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

**Rochester:** Trinity - Sun 8 & 10am (180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121
Fr. Matthew Mirabile 207-243-8050

**New Jersey**

**Elizabeth, St. Augustine,** (55 Jefferson Ave) Dcn Raul Castaneda-Suaza, Contact Sr. Warden: Leyla Nigrinis, (973) 885-2902

**New York**

**Brooklyn:** St. Joseph - Sun 11am (123-131 Arlington Avenue). Canon Neville Brathwaite (718) 756-1258, Archdcn. Alan Koller (845)496-2804, Canon Neville Brathwaite, 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. John Bassett 518-584-6812

**Tuxedo:** St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am (38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley)
Fr. Robert Ley (845) 753-5338

**Webster:** Holy Cross - Sun 10am (615 Bay Road). (585) 671-0411
contact Fr. Ed Ihde 716-804-2615 or Dcn. Phillip Cunningham (716) 873-7064

**West Seneca NY:** St. Nicholas. Sun 9.30am (539 Main Street) Fr. Edward Ihde 716-804-2615, Dcn Phillip Cunningham

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

**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, 851 Fairview Terrace,) (413)323-6445.
Bp Brian Marsh, Fr. Stephen Rugg
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
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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Deadline for submissions will be around May 15.

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