The House of God must be maintained in physical presence as well as in its spiritual dimension. We must keep our churches free from all that would destroy it. We must also care for each other, sharing God's love freely with our fellow Christians, even as we seek to bring others to the Fellowship of Christ's religion. We must also offer our own treasure to God. Just as we have received everything from God, so we must also give back to Him. Stewardship requires that we provide financial support to our churches. The parish, diocese and national church require our support in order to fulfill the mission of God's church. Many of us know precisely where the funds are spent on the parish level. However, most do not know how the funds are disbursed on the diocesan or national level. Members of the Standing Committee receive copies of diocesan financial statements. Delegates to the Executive Council receive financial reports from the national church. But many others do not receive these reports and are unaware of how the church finances are managed on the diocesan or national level. In order to circulate this information more widely, I have asked that relevant reports be included in the Northeast Anglican. You should find the reports in this edition.

The lay members of our church are charged with the task of caring for the temporal property of the church, its buildings and funds. We have been blessed with the services of dedicated individuals who offer their expertise in this important ministry. And while our funds are managed with great care, our pledge and plate income often falls short. As our Chancellor, Wally Jones, reminded the Standing Committee, it takes very little to provide the necessary income to balance the books. If every member of the church increased weekly contributions by two dollars (much less than that Starbucks coffee!), the church would be in fine shape financially.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pentecost is often regarded as the birthday of the church. The first Pentecost is represented in the Book of Acts as a time when the Holy Spirit descended upon the faithful and tongues of fire came to rest upon each one. There is a great noise and the sound of a driving wind. The record of that first Pentecost is certainly filled with dramatic imagery. It certainly gets our attention. But as dramatic as the beginning of the second chapter of the “history book” of the Bible appears, the end of the chapter is much more subdued, prayerful and filled with the love of God. We read of the faithful sharing meals together with “unaffected joy.” The chapter ends with the report that God “daily increased their number.”

On the Day of Pentecost, the work of God's Holy Church began in earnest. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we all participate in the building of the church in the world. That is our task as faithful Christians. We are stewards of what we have been given.

At our most recent Standing Committee meeting, it was decided that we should emphasize Stewardship as part of our mission. As Christians, stewardship takes many forms. First of all, we must care for our church.
Certainly, God's church is worth more than a cup of coffee!

Though we rarely discuss financial matters in our work, it is important to know that our funds are used to great advantage in many ways. Our national church provides the diocese with support for our summer camp, travel subsidies for a variety of meetings and domestic missionary grants to small parishes. Over the years, the Diocese of the Northeast has received many thousands of dollars from the national church in support of its various programs. In addition, the national church supports international missions through the International Anglican Fellowship.

This year, I expect the diocese will ordain six men to Holy Orders. God is sending us good, qualified and godly men to serve our parishes and missions. The Diocese of the Northeast, along with the Hel- liwell scholarship fund, provides various levels of support to men who are studying for Holy Orders. We do need to support men who are called by God to serve His Holy Church.

We do so much with the resources we have. How much more could we do if we had more? Our diocese is growing; we need to expand our financial base to assist the work of the church.

I am often asked about tithing. Those who tithe know that it works. God rewards a generous giver. If you don't believe me, you might try it. It you approach tithing in a spirit of generosity, you will likely be surprised by the results.

The closing verses of the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles shows the faithful doing the work of the church. It is recorded that many sold property to distribute to those in need. They prayed. They spent time with each other. They shared what they had. And God rewarded their efforts, increasing their numbers daily.

Blessings to you all!

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian

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Notes from the Secretary

Thanks to all of you who submitted 2016 annual reports to me by or very close to the requested deadline. If you didn’t include (or aren’t sure if you did) current (2017) vestry or synod delegate names and contact information please comply so that records and communication lists are up-to-date. Any changes throughout the year should be sent to me and will be greatly appreciated.

The Standing Committee met on May 6th at the diocesan office in Belchertown, MA. We were joined by Tom Stone, candidate to the diaconate, Dcn. Phillip Cunningham, candidate to the priesthood, and Fr. Steven Thurston, an orthodox Anglican clergyman from San Marcos, Texas who is exploring opportunities to potentially relocate and serve in the DNE. Tom Stone and Dcn. Cunningham met with the Board of Examining Chaplains for their oral canonical exams. It’s truly a blessing to see men in our diocese pursuing the path to Holy Orders.

Much discussion centered on stewardship and how best to convey the impact that individual member, parish, and mission financial support provides to the church, enabling it to grow, serve, and bring others to Christ at all levels, i.e., local community, diocesan, national and global.

The ACA General Synod and Joint Anglican Synods will be held in the Atlanta area, Oct. 2-6. I’ll be sending packets to all clergy and lay delegates shortly. Registration will be done solely online. Our elected delegates are:


Laity: Ljuba Marsh, Linda Kalish, Betty Langberg, Jim Siebold, LaVerne Swift, Linnea Shaver, Inger Mirabile, Rebecca Harrington; Alternates: Jan Millard, Joyce Penill-Jones, Mike McKinnon and Dorothy Schmidt

All others are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact me (linntwin1@juno.com or 845-753-2024) for event and registration information.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at the 2017 Diocesan Synod, hosted by St. Luke’s, Amherst, NH, October 26-28. I’m missing several parish delegate names and/or contact information, and ask you to please send it to me ASAP so that we can be assured all delegates receive the registration forms and other pertinent information in a timely manner.

Please encourage youth in your family, your parish and/or community to attend St. Luke’s Camp, August 6-12. It’s a wonderful experience that enriches the lives of those who attend in so many ways. The camp is also seeking counselors and is especially in need of one or two more enthusiastic female counselors. All information and registration forms can be accessed on the diocesan website link at www.acanedio.org or directly at www.stlukescamp.com.

Questions should be directed to Fr. Matt Mirabile (Office: 603-332-4121; Mobile: 203-243-8050) or Allan Wylie, (802) 765-4587.

Happy Mother’s Day and Father’s Day! Winter is over, flowers are blooming, Christ is risen! Alleluia and a blessed spring and summer to all of you.

-----Peace, Linnea

Clergy News

Mr. Tom Stone of Holy Cross Anglican Church has been approved for ordination to the diaconate. God willing, he will be ordered deacon on June 18 at Holy Cross.

Deacon Philip Cunningham has been approved for ordination to the priesthood. His ordination date has yet to be determined.

Deacon Steven Thurston has visited St. Augustine’s Anglican Church in Scarborough, Maine. The parish has requested that he be assigned to the parish. The bishop has granted approval and informed Deacon Thurston.

Father Stephen Rugg has been appointed Interim at Trinity Anglican Church in White River Junction, Vermont. Father Rugg will serve in this capacity for a year, during which time he will be charged with helping the parish develop a parish profile and seek a new priest.

National Church Finances

Bishop Marsh wishes us to be aware of the financial state of the ACA at the national level. Perhaps the following, taken from the treasurer’s report, and edited by your editor (who is an idiot when it comes to financial matters), I’ve reproduced the pie charts from the report and think they give a pretty good idea of the income and expenditures on the National level. I hope this will give an impression of the importance of our obligations. My observations follow:

1. We (DNE) appear to be the strongest diocese and the one providing the largest share of support. That, frankly, does not mean we can rest on our laurels. It indicates that we probably have more ability to increase our support than other dioceses.

2. The National Church bases its budget on the expected contribution of the dioceses, and makes a lean budget barely covering important expenses.

3. Income consistently falls below expectations, and thus the already lean budget has to be cut further. This just can’t be good for the work of the Church.

4. Our diocese itself runs on a lean budget, as do all of our churches. There doesn’t seem to be any more money available for the necessary work.
5. But there is! It’s in our pockets. As the Bishop pointed out, if each of us would give a little more, and we really can, the Good News could be shared more effectively on the local, diocesan, national and international levels, to the glorification of God and the salvation of souls.
Deep River & Mystic, Conn.
St. Peter & St. Matthias

Greetings to all our friends in the diocese, and elsewhere,

The past three months have been somewhat uneventful here in Southeastern Connecticut: Father Merrill stationed himself during the day on Ash Wednesday at the Olde Mistick Village Chapel for prayer and the Imposition of Ashes, and that evening for a service at Wooster Chapel in Deep River. On Maundy Thursday there was a soup-and-bread supper at Wooster Chapel, followed by Washing of Feet and Holy Communion.

Easter Day found all of the Kennedy Children participating in some fashion in the service — even young Charlie decided that he wanted to join Father Merrill in the recessional! (picture) Two weeks later, April 30, we were blessed with the celebration of three birthdays in the parish - Bill Badgett on April 27, Charlie Kennedy on May 1, and organist Richard Hamar on May 5. (The three are pictured with Father Merrill as they are prayed over.)

On a personal note, in February I was asked by Bishop Marsh to fill a clerical vacancy on the ACA Executive Council, said vacancy created when now-Bishop Webb was elevated to the episcopate. I was en route to the Executive Council meeting in Hamilton, Montana, in late April when I took ill and returned home; in absentia, but with my knowledge and approval, I was also elected Registrar for the House of Bishops. Not a "heavy-lifting" position according to his Grace; nevertheless I cannot help but wonder if such is my penance for missing that meeting!

If your summer travels bring you to the Connecticut shore, we do hope that you will join us for worship: Every Sunday at 10:30 AM at Wooster Chapel, 57 High Street in Deep River; also at 1:30 PM on the first and third Sundays of each month, June through Labor Day weekend, at the Olde Mistick Village Chapel, 27 Coogan Boulevard in Mystic.

-----Blessings to all, Rev. Merrill Perkins

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.” Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Yes, it is once again that beautiful time of year when God changes the color palette of, and activity in His amazing creation, gracing us with warmer temperatures and longer days. Life bursts out wherever we look and hopefully we are celebrating each incredible change; the cacophony of sounds from peepers, birds, and frogs; buds and or leaves on the trees; those bulbs we planted in the fall now blooming, daylilies breaking ground, azaleas and hydrangeas blooming, tadpoles almost ready to release from the frog eggs laid in the mud last fall, lawns green and ready to mow (ugh), and the robins, geese and hummingbirds returning for what feels like a short visit as the all-too short summer comes to a wistful close. Each day is filled with God’s beauty and wonder, making it difficult to focus on the mundane. We are blessed in innumerable ways!

St. Thomas is eagerly watching the garden it began two years ago and supplemented last fall with a variety of bulbs. It’s funny how something so simple can be a source of excitement on Sunday morning as we enter our parking area. Yet, it makes perfect sense that the small reminder of His creation feeds into our worship a few minutes later. Mind you, this garden has its own history. Seven years ago the State of Maine was doing extensive roadwork in front of St. Thomas. Some of the men in our parish were in the process of cutting down trees that blocked the view of our small church from the road. The State asked if they could dump extra dirt they might have from their roadwork into the newly tree-cleared area. We were thrilled and gave them permission, never realizing it wouldn’t be dirt that we could use for gardening, but would be mostly gravel and useless dirt. The years went by, the area we originally planned to be filled with Bible-mentioned bushes and flowers instead looked like a dusty parking lot, and we wondered why God so carefully led us to that point. And then it hit us. God doesn’t usually make the obvious easy to achieve. The message was, one step at a time, St. Thomas, one step at a time. We planned a small garden around our church sign — small compared to the quite large, empty area that was created with all the useless gravel the State delivered for free.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12
Several yards of dirt, numerous anchor bushes, perennials, daylilies, lilies, and wildflower seeds marked the beginning of what we hoped would become a successful island in the middle of that sea of nothing. Last spring it was readily apparent our combined green thumbs met with God’s thumb of approval. And, this spring, He is giving a resounding thumbs up, reminding us to listen to Him even about the seemingly small things in life.

Winter at St. Thomas was relatively quiet and the congregation was smaller than it will be by the end of May. Our snowbirds begin their annual return over the next six weeks, and our summer residents will join us too. We who remain for the winter gathered unused, but still usable items to sell at a large yard sale held on April 1st (no fooling) at a local junior high school. There were at least 200 other sellers manning tables, selling a wide variety of used and antique goods. Being new to this form of yard selling, we learned a lot our first time out, and managed to sell more than we anticipated. We are donating the proceeds to two local charities identified by our Vestry, and look forward to participating in next year’s yard sale with the goal of donating the proceeds to possibly three or four local charities.

After Mass on Palm Sunday, Shirley Landmesser (our Senior Warden) taught ten people, including two 10-year old boys, the art of Ukrainian Pysanky egg decorating. Some of the attendees were from the St. Thomas parish and some were from the Ellsworth community. Everyone, except yours truly, left with a lovely self-decorated egg to put in a safe place until the egg’s insides magically disappear. Yes, the egg contents evaporate over time with no odor! Yours truly learned the hard way that eggs burst when heated too long over a candle flame, teaching the other egg decorators to not make the same mistake. This form of egg decorating is a far cry from dipping an egg into vinegar and water with food coloring, and considerably more artistic!

After Easter Mass a number of parishioners had a potluck Easter meal with one another at St. Thomas. There was plenty of delicious food, engaging talk, and welcomed fellowship for all to enjoy.

St. Thomas is looking forward to another public lobster feed this August. In years past attendance has been high, requiring two time rotations to meet the demand. Leroy Weed, our sub-deacon and a life-long lobsterman, donates the lobsters and then helps the volunteers who man the lobster pots, melt the butter, and prepare plates. If you have plans to be in the Bar Harbor area in mid to late August, check our Facebook page (St. Thomas Anglican Church) or our website (http://stthomasellsworth.org) for our soon to be announced date and come join us!

Father Kalish continues his studies at Nashota House towards his Master’s, is enjoying his new and different job with a Bangor-based hospice program that serves a broad multi-county region, continues holding Wednesday evening prayer followed by Bible studies (using https://thebibleproject.com) at St. Thomas, all the while tending to his St. Thomas flock on Sundays. Father Gray came through his 14 February surgery with flying colors, and got to celebrate his Valentine Day wedding anniversary with his lovely wife, Ada after his recovery.

Until next time!

----- Valerie McCadden

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

Even in a secularized world, the beginning of Lent has a draw and a recognition that is still rigidly religious. Unlike Christmas and Easter that have been coopted by Flying Reindeer, Talking Snowmen, and Bunnies-with-Eggs, Ash Wednesday still does not have a ‘cute’ mascot that will make it more palatable: The Cross traced with ashes still holds sway and makes the casual observer uncomfortable about their mortality.

It is the tradition in the City of Concord, New Hampshire, for the Parish of All Saints to offer in the public square, the opportunity to begin Lent with their ‘Ash Stop’ which has become a familiar ornament at the Capitol on Ash Wednesday. Father Christian Tutor, stands from 8 AM to 12 PM on the street corner with a procession crucifix planted before him as a sign and reminder of the holiness
Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Spring has finally sprung here in the Mr. Washington Valley, although you would never know it judging from the inch or so of snow we got on Mother’s Day. Are you serious? Just when we thought we could get out the shorts and flip-flops, it was back to boots, gloves and hats. Oh, well, this is New England weather, after all. We hope that by the time this edition goes to print, the warm weather will be officially here, and we will only have the black flies about which to complain.

Our Saint Patrick’s Day corned beef and cabbage community dinner went off again this year on March 11 without a hitch. As always, Rebecca and Jim Harrington do the lion’s share of the work, cooking the food, and obtaining the many prizes which are raffled off at the end of the dinner. We were thrilled to have Bishop Marsh join us for the dinner and raffle, as well as give the sermon the following day. As always, Rebecca and Jim Harrington do the lion’s share of the work, cooking the food, and obtaining the many prizes which are raffled off at the end of the dinner. We were thrilled to have Bishop Marsh join us for the dinner and raffle, as well as give the sermon the following day. We continue to have Jim Harrington’s wonderful musical talents as well as his culinary skills, as we were treated to a solo by him in March of “You’ll never walk alone”.

Bible study started up again, with the Book of Proverbs. These studies, held after church, are always well attended, and all perspectives are welcomed.

Lenten services were plentiful, with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Tres Ores and Tenebrae being held. Easter Sunday was a fairly mild day, and there were several Easter bonnets in evidence. There was the traditional Easter breakfast...
Mechanic Falls Maine
Transfiguration

Blessed Greetings to everyone,

The Church of the Transfiguration here in Mechanic Falls, Maine is alive and doing wonderful. Since our so small and humble start, Advent 1, with 6 parishioners we can now boast of a weekly attendance of 20 plus every Sunday. I tell my vestry that we are not to count the sheep but our job is to feed them. (But how can one not take joy in a growing flock)

We have sponsored a barbershop quartet, a movie night, and have shared worship with St. Augustine’s parish family on several occasions. Tenebrae, and Easter Vigil were the highlight of Holy Week. The spirit of the Lord is surely in this place. On the 14th of May, we welcomed The Most Rev. Brian R. Marsh for his first of hopefully many visits to Transfiguration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Jeff Monroe for the generosity he has given both in time and talent to our success. I also want to say that were it not for “Yorkies Closet” it would have been a stretch to get up and running. By the way, Transfiguration has agreed to store and inventory items for “Yorkies Closet” I will be publishing a list of available items on hand. If anyone has anything in good shape or repairable that they would like to donate to the cause please get in touch with Fr. Monroe or myself, Dcn. Gary.

Peace be within your walls,

-----Rev. Deacon Gary

Portland, Maine
St. Paul

St. Paul’s vestry has been working on plans to increase membership. One of those plans is to have more parish events to draw in the local community. One of those was a bake sale on Earth Day.

We ended up providing breakfast pastries for a number of the Earth Day marathon runners. Of course events like this also bring our members together in group activities which has its own reward. We have also hung two new church signs which give an up to date look to our church yard. After such a long winter which we have just had we are planning on adding some flowers and booming plants to our yard and garden. We also have a big wonderful announcement. Another of Father Amos’s daughters is getting married. The family is of course busy in making arrangements, but we are eagerly looking forward to another of those African dowry ceremonies. I will supply a few pictures after that event occurs.

-----John Serrage
Bishop Marsh visited today [Sun May 14] at Transfiguration. Wonderful service. Our church building was consecrated and Steve Bunnell was forwarded to the position of "Sub-Deacon". Approximately 25 attended service today and a reception for the Bishop was held in Community Hall downstairs. Great Day.

The Anglican Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls is steadfastly becoming a 'force' (let's say) in this town by the Little Androscoggin River. The vestry meeting held on Sunday, May 7 following services revealed a declaration of fellowship for dogged pursuit and determination to get things in gear so matters at hand can get done. Upmost in most minds of the dozen or so people in attendance was the state of the structure of the church built in 1842. The building has a sound foundation and frame. But its outside surface needs sanding and painting, a portion of the roof sheltering a beloved organ needs to be reclaimed and several nooks, crannies and in between things on the exterior need to be examined and polished up a bit.

Reverend Gary Drinkwater and several church members have done an outstanding job in the interior -- repainting walls, resurrecting pews, replacing plumbing. And thanks to the contributions by other members for updating the kitchen facilities.

Members agreed in the vestry meeting to formulate a strategy to have the church apply for recognition by the National Register of Historic Places so that the church could apply for grant funds.

The Church and the town's historical society (which continues to meet in the building) are on the same page. A successful community supper was held the evening before and the two groups are involved together in all fund raising activities. The next being on June 3rd when the town celebrates Community Day and a yard sale will be held outside the while a quilt show will be inside the church. Upcoming events include an ice cream social in July, a possible public supper later in July and an organ recital in September. Stay tuned.

**Raymond, Maine**

**Our Benedictines**

The Weekly Online Meditation list continues to grow and is being shared all over the country. Many will print and share with those who don’t have computers. It is a meditation and so much more with stories of the great and also little known saints, explanations of traditions, our animal updates and even some comical stories. You can subscribe simply by sending your email request to klamarre@maine.rr.com and you will immediately begin receiving. Fr. Kevin is also available by appointment, to hear confessions and for spiritual guidance.

"Jesus said to Peter, 'Feed my sheep'" This pertains to the meditation but we have taken it to a literal level this winter. First we received a sheep with pneumonia who was healed and sent back to her flock where she promptly produced a lamb. The owner did not even know that she was bred and in fact, had taken precautions to be sure that didn't happen. God does work in mysterious ways....He then had 3 rejected lambs that were not eating for him so he brought them here to be taken care of...they went home yesterday big, fat, and healthy. He reimbursed us for the supplies used so that we can continue our mission. We thank those animal angels who made these lives possible and who continue to so generously contribute to the very worthy animals that they are helping to have the best life that they can.

"Do unto others..." Compassion and love are the keys and all are worthy.

Happy Spring from the Priory!

-----Sr. Mary Francis, OSB

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**Our springtime guests having their breakfast!**

**In addition to good food, daily outdoor play was part of their visit...What are they plotting, now?**

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"We were saddened by the passing of our dear Brother Ignatius on March 31st. Br. Ignatius had been experiencing failing health for some time, but maintained his good spirits to the end of his life. A funeral Mass was celebrated at his beloved Old St. Paul's Church in Portland, on April 3rd – his birthday. Fr. Sam Logan the rector of St. Paul’s was principal Celebrant, with Fr. Amos Mukiza Mihanda and Fr. Prior Kevin L. LaMarre, O.S.B. assisting.

Br. Ignatius now joins the rest of his Benedictine brothers from this community in eternal rest: Br. Prior I, Robert Herrick, O.S.B. Fr. John Heslin, O.S.B. Br. Dismas (George Holmes), O.S.B. and Br. William Morrel, N/O.S.B. along with his loved ones. There’s no doubt that the reunion of the community in heaven will certainly be a happy but loud one...for as much as these monks were each dedi-
icated to their vocations of prayer, silence, and work. . . they loved to laugh just as intensely! St. Benedict may be called to quiet down his ‘boys from Maine’!

Pray for us dear Brother as we continue our earthly journey. PAX “

-----Fr. Kevin.

Rev. Br. Ignatius, O.S.B.
(Dexter Wallace Eaton)
April 3rd, 1924 - March 31st, 2017
Servants of the Holy Family
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory
Raymond, Maine
Entered Religious Life September 1, 1991
Solemnly Professed October 16, 1993
Ordained to Sacred Diaconate October 25, 2003

Brooklyn, New York
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, a few members of our congregation celebrated birthdays. Pictured to the right are Mrs. Lydia Miller and Mr. Earl Morris, our organist and choir-master. 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.

Pictured to the left are Ms. Marie Black and Ms. Violet Black, daughters of yours truly. I was blessed for them to agree to go to church with Daddy in order to celebrate Violet’s birthday. Somehow their smiles look a little too nice. That look you get when you walked into a room and find someone with their hand in the cookie jar.

Also celebrating birthdays are Mr. Vanroy Mahon, George and Greg Banner, pictured to the right. Unfortunately we were only able to get one of the Banner brothers in the picture. But that’s ok because when you bless one you know that you are blessing both as they are twins. Standing in the background is Father Jim Hurd, who surprised us with a visit. Archdeacon Koller, standing on their left, delivered the birthday blessings to the two.

In April Mrs. Lisa Mullings celebrated her birthday with a blessing from Archdeacon Koller. Pictured to the left is her standing there smiling up a storm.

In May, Mother’s day came and Mrs. Mae Daly was selected as Mother of the Year. She is pictured to the right receiving a plaque presented by Canon Neville Brathwaite. She was so happy but it appears that she was given a heads-up by yours truly when I made the mistake of asking her how she spells her name. I won’t make that mistake again. I knew something was wrong when I saw the young lady dressed to the “nines”. As she accepted her plaque, she gave 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. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

Later that day was our Annual Mother’s Day Dinner and Dance. Pictured to the left is our decorated parish hall with our Mother of the Year, Mrs. Mae Daly seated next to her sister. 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.

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

Sincerely submitted,
-----Rev. Mark Black
Deacon & Webmaster.
Our good Father John Bassett has kept us on our knees during Lent what with Holy Communion Sunday morning, Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross Fridays, getting us in shape for daily services Monday through Saturday in Holy Week, Easter Sunday was glorious. If some of us fail to make it to Heaven it won’t be for want of Father’s trying to help us.

By nature most of are stodgy and set in our ways. Because we are Anglicans we used to assume our tickets to Paradise are in the mail. Now under new management we are not so sure.

To this end the hour before our Sunday Eucharist at ten o’clock is given over to examining the Thirty-nine Articles together with the Biblical authority for each one. Tuesday evenings we study the Gospels in depth by comparing at least three translations. That Father Bassett is well-traveled in the Holy Land and familiar with its biblical scenes and history make these studies three dimensional and riveting.

We are blessed.

-----David Bullard

West Seneca, N.Y.
St. Nicholas

Greetings to you in the name of the Risen Lord! We here at St. Nicholas have enjoyed a wonderful few months observing a holy lent and celebrating the resurrection of Our Lord. This year we again took part in the West Seneca Community of Churches ecumenical “Lenten Journey,” and though St. Nicholas did not host an event this year we were invited to preach at two services in the series. Deacon Phillip preached at New Hope United Methodist Church and Father Ed delivered a sermon at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church. Over the years we have found this ecumenical series to be an excellent way to observe the Lenten season with our brothers and sisters from all different denominations in Western New York, and this year was no exception.

This year we also expanded on our Holy Week services and in addition to our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services we added “The Night Watch” which was kept through the night (6pm-6am) by a slate of volunteers. We also were able to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter with the people of Holy Cross and St. Nicholas which was a very powerful liturgy led by Fr. Ed Ihde complete with the singing of the “Exultet” by Deacon Phillip. In the musical tradition of St. Nicholas led by our very able organist Mr. Donald Bliss our choir was accompanied by strings on Palm Sunday and Brass on Easter Sunday. We as a parish are so thankful for the efforts and work of all who made this blessed season so special and memorable.

This spring and summer we will continue to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of Holy Cross Anglican Church in Webster NY and are very much looking forward to the upcoming ordination of Dr. Tom Stone to the sacred order of deacons this June! This July we will again be sharing with our sister church, Covenant Methodist, in worship services which has really brought forth a tremendous relationship between the Methodists and Anglicans who worship in the same place. Our summer seasons will mark the brief choir hiatus but the life of the parish does not seem to slow down as we have many opportunities for worship and fellowship together. In the coming months we will have our annual choir party, our parish picnic, and
our second installment of St. Nicholas’ version of “pub theology” which is shaping up to be a very nice opportunity to get to each other better. May God bless you all as you work in the vineyard of the Lord.

– Peace and All Good, Dcn. Phillip, Curate

Webster, NY
Holy Cross Anglican Church in America

Thomas Harmer, Lay Reader. June 24, 1925; M. July 23, 1949; D. March 20, 2017

Les was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, the first of four boys and, years ago during an interview with Les and his wife, Mary, Les spoke up about being a lay reader at Holy Cross.

“I have some random thoughts on reading the Epistles, Les Harmer said during our interview. “It seems to me to give the priest and congregation a break to listen to another voice during the service. This, in turn, makes the rest of the service with the Priest even more effective by having this little break.

“It is rarely easy to read the Epistle because the translations are, at times, incomprehensible, even devoid of understanding for the reader; yet, I was recently fortunate to read 2Corinthians 11:25 where St. Paul is talking about the suffering he went through: ‘...thrice was I beaten...’

“I was struck, as I read those words aloud, that I seemed to hear St. Paul’s words for the first time. My voice and the congregation became very quiet during this retelling of St. Paul’s sufferings throughout his life.

“It seems to me as I contemplate this article, that I can’t help but compare the martyrdom of those evil ones of Islam, whose purpose seems to alter the utter destruction of mankind who do not agree with them; whereas St. Paul’s martyrdom was based on the love of God for everyone in Creation.”

NOTE: Les and his late wife, Mary, began attending Holy Cross when it was still meeting in Beacon and Bob Cone’s home over 40 years ago.

We shall miss Les in his yellow sweater, as well as his dry wit, droll humor, and dedicated service. Les, a good and faithful servant.

Braille Bible Stories

Do you have a blind child in your parish who reads Braille? We have one 9-Volume set of select ed children’s Bible stories. Each page of text has a beautiful color illustration and is inter-leafed with an acetate page of Grade 2 inter-point Braille. Twin vision books are great for blind and sighted children to share the same stories at the same time.

Send your e-request to kathrync1@verizon.net with “Braille Bible Stories” In the subject line. In the body of your e-mail, include your land address, so we can ship it “free matter for the blind”. There is only one set, so first come/first served.

BTW: Did you know that the DNEAnglican Newsletter is now available in a text version. My screen reader software has no trouble reading the newsletter to me now. Check the DNE website for the link to the Text version.

Coffee, Chili, and Chat

To update our congregation on the progress of our SeaCom (Search Committee), the SeaCom members hosted a “Coffee, Chili, and Chat” on Sunday, March 19th following the Mass.

Dcn. Phil Cunningham led the Communion service. His Dad was one of the many congregants who attended Mass on that relatively balmy day for upstate NY. Yes, we did have to walk between the drifts of snow mounded up on each side of our walk, but Spring was definitely in the air. It soothed our souls.

Once our bodies were sated with God’s bounty SeaCom Chairman, Dave Chamberlin, reviewed everything they’d done since receiving the Vestry’s charge on November 20, 2016. We have done our due diligence and now await candidates to interview to become our Bi-vocational, part-time Rector.

Easter Vigil

“We at Holy Cross spent a memorable evening on Saturday, April 15th in celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter and the Easter Eve Mass,” Jerry and Paula Nevel-Quellens reminisced. “In the mild evening weather, we assembled outside the main door of the Church, where we were welcomed by Fr. Ed Ihde. After a blaze was kindled in the gathering darkness, Fr. Ihde led us in prayer to sanctify the New Fire. Following the traditional procedure, Deacon Phil Cunningham lighted the Paschal Candle from the New Fire, and bearing the candle, led us into the darkened church where we all took up small candles lighted from the
Paschal Candle. As he placed the Paschal Candle into the stand, the Deacon then sang the Exultet. Five members read the appointed lessons and psalms by the glowing candlelight, and upon the renewal of our baptismal vows, the altar candles were lighted from the Paschal Candle. Fr. Ihde then led the celebration of the Easter Eve Mass with assistance of Deacon Cunningham and Mr. Tom Stone. We were moved by the solemn yet joyful spirit of the ancient rites. As we parted, we felt inspired by the profound sense of hope and renewal of our Christian faith, so appropriate for the Easter Season.

**Easter Thank You, Acrostic**

Everyone gathers together
Anglican, Protestant, all Christians
Sing solemn praises of Hope
Time for families to unite
Easter eggs and children's joys
Relatives abound.

Thankful He Is Risen
Happy, Blessed Easter
All Christians
Now feel the new hope
Kingdom of God will triumph.
Young and old rejoice
Others may join us for
Universal prayer for Peace.

----Kate Chamberlin, DNE Anglican Correspondent

Holy Cross Anglican Church is pleased to announce an upcoming ordination! By the Grace of God and people consenting, Thomas Stone, PhD will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One, Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church on June 17, 2017 at 2 PM! Axios!

We ask for your prayers for Tom and his family as they prepare for continued ministry in the Christ's Church.

**Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**White River Junction, Vermont**
**Trinity Anglican Church**

As we descend from the highs of the Easter into the more sedate Great Green Season (not set about with fever trees), we at Trinity are looking forward to a new ministry embodied in our well known priest and preacher, Fr. Steve Rugg. After thirteen years of travelling the 111 miles each way to shepherd us here at Trinity, our founding rector, Bishop Marsh, will be stepping down to allow more time for his episcopal duties centered both on the coming together of four Anglican jurisdictions at the Atlanta Synod in October and on his duties as our Bishop Ordinary and Primate of the jurisdiction. It should be noted that he was not always a bishop. We met him as priest and have been privy to all the growing attendant to his ascendancy to his high office, and it has been our privilege to accompany him, mostly from afar.

We are, however, very excited and blessed to have Fr. Steve as our interim priest and look forward to his scholarly and yet very understandable and relevant preaching. We’ve already had the opportunity to experience his preaching and teaching for more than two years as he has risen from postulant to deacon to priest as a member of our parish. The interest he has generated is exemplified by parishioners being reluctant to leave his Bible studies and staying around for a half hour or more in further discussion.

As I’ve discussed previously, Fr. Rugg has presented a series on evangelism which has been well received both at Trinity as well as elsewhere in the diocese. There was much for us to consider in his presentations and we look forward to his leadership as we set out on this new course. It appears we have already started as we are seeing new growth which, God willing, will continue.

-----Allan Wylie

**Rochester, N.H.**

“Let us now suppose the contrary, that Christians are not called to this State of Mortification, or Denial of their Appetites. Let us suppose that Christian Churches are full of fine
happy People, who spend their Days in all the Pleasures and Indulgences which the Spirit of the World can invent.” Ouch! And with this quote from Rev. William Law, on Ash Wednesday, we plunged headlong into a very solemn Lent. Some of us at Trinity took this Lent very seriously. Some who never really observed Lent in the past, for the first time did this year. Others increased prayer and attending services. Every Friday during Lent, Fr. Mirabile led us in a deeply meaningful and unique contemplative journey. With the lights low and candles along the altar rail and around at the windows we began with the Stations of the Cross. After a short interlude the recorded sounds of a quartet chanting filled the atmosphere, and while the music played softly Fr. Mirabile led us in praying Vespers and the Litany. And as this contemplative spirit permeated the church we were invited to come to the rail to receive prayer.

And prayer was the theme of the Re4m Seminar in March. “Prayer- the Secret Power of the Christian Life” was attended by over 20 parishioners and visitors who all remarked that it was powerful indeed. Each of the seminars are presented with a wonderful PowerPoint presentation and in this one we examined how the Temple structure prefigured the journey of prayer - from the outer court, to the Holy of Holies. Fr. Mirabile then explained how the Lord’s Prayer provides the template for how to pray. From there we discussed many of the New Testament passages that talk about prayer and finally we had a prayer workshop and question and answer period. The seminar was so well received that others asked if it could be repeated. And it will be. Fr. Mirabile will also be happy to visit other churches and share this meaningful presentation with others who would be interested, as well as any other Re4m Seminar.

March also saw the start of Reboot Combat Recovery. Reboot is a 12 week combat trauma healing course intended to heal the spiritual and moral wounds of combat. Eight men attended the course and it will finish at the end of May with a graduation. Each week we served food to our guests, provided child care when it was necessary, and then watched the video, discussed the chapter in the provided workbook. Fr. Matt led the discussions, which, at times were deep and often very meaningful. Men remembered experiences that they had trouble forgetting, and remembered others who died. They learned that some trauma is rooted in the past, in their family structure, as well as in their service. Now, at the end of the program, the last project is being worked on as they prepare to share their stories. Next Fall we will offer Reboot again, and we are already getting calls from people interested in attending.

One the first Saturday of each month we have a Men’s Breakfast. We have fellowship as the eggs and bacon are being cooked up and we chat over breakfast. Fr. Mirabile introduced us to the book, “Back to Virtue” by Peter Kreeft, and asked us to read it. We have been discussing the theme of Virtue and how that is a forgotten concept in society today and how it must be recovered. Fr. Don Wilson, a retired episcopal Priest who now attends and is a regular face at the Men’s breakfast, shared on one occasion about the power of healing and the need for faith in the life of the church. He shared many experiences of healings over his extensive career as a priest. He was also instrumental in leading a band of “renegades” out of the nearby Episcopal Church after the consecration of Gene Robinson. We are honored to have him with us. Each Tuesday evening another bunch of us gather at Fr. Mirabile’s living room at the rectory for our Bible Study. His wife, Inger, is a wonderful hostess, setting out tea and cookies. We have been discussing the Letter to the Philippians and have recently begun the Letter to the Ephesians. We are also changing the name of our meeting from the informal “Bible Study” to “Spiritual Formation Home Group” to indicate it’s place within the arc of intentional Spiritual Formation of the Parish. Eventually we expect to raise up lay leaders so that we can develop new Spiritual Formation Home Groups in other communities in our parish area.

Easter was an absolutely amazing event this year with a greater turn out at each service than anyone had seen in years. One long-time parishioner was literally tearing after the soaring service. The music led by Carlos, our Choir Master, included visiting brass players and vocals, including His daughter! It was a beautiful service.

No sooner were we past Easter than we had an Episcopal visit from our Bishop Brian Marsh. He came at the end of April to perform confirmations and this was followed by a great luncheon with lots and lots of food. Confirmands this year were two adults and two
boys. The Bishop attempted to catch them with his “trick question”, but (with some prompting) they all passed the test! As always, it is wonderful to have the Bishop visit our parish. He was pleased to see many new faces and a great sense of optimism in the air.

As we move into the summer we still have another Re4m Seminar planned called, An Empowered Life: Pentecost and the Church in the World. This seminar will be held on June 10th and you are invited too! We are also planning a Parish Picnic on June 25th as well and will be inviting those in our community.

Fr. Mirabile is also planning for St. Luke’s Camp August 6-12th. We are expecting over 20 children this year and look forward to seeing yours there as well. We have more counselors too, with three women and four men. We are still looking for one more young woman to help as a camp counselor, so if you know of someone with a vital faith who loves children have her contact Fr. Mirabile. The theme of the camp this year will be “Keeping your faith against all odds” using Star Wars as the backdrop. Kids will get to form groups based on “Rebel Alliance” and “Empire” teams as well as be characters like Jedi Stormtroopers. Please pray that St. Luke’s Camp would be impactful in transmitting a living and enduring faith to our kids. And don’t forget to sign up before the deadline!

### Tuxedo, New York
#### Saint Elizabeth’s

God’s glorious displays of creation and new life are all around us here at St. Elizabeth’s during this beautiful season of spring – so awesome!

In the last NEA issue I mentioned that Bishop Marsh visited St. Elizabeth’s in late January and met with us to share his recommendation for an interim pastor. I’m delighted to report that the bishop’s input has brought Fr. Peter Geromel to St. Elizabeth’s to serve in this capacity. Fr. Peter travels quite a long distance from his home in Pennsylvania to our church in Tuxedo and we are very blessed that he is willing to serve us. We warmly welcome Fr. Peter, his wife, Kari, and their son, Simeon, into our St. Elizabeth’s family. Little Simeon has captured all of our hearts – so cute! See the great photo of Simeon and Fr. Peter I’ve included in this article.

March and April found us busy with several activities at St. Elizabeth’s. We shared a delightful evening of fellowship while enjoying several delicious meatless main dishes at our Lenten covered dish supper. Our parishioners took home mite boxes during Lent and the funds saved in them were donated to the IAF to help support their ministries throughout the world. Our annual egg hunt on the parish grounds saw lots of happy neighborhood children eagerly searching to find all of the hidden candy-filled eggs.

Our Palm Sunday service began with blessing and distribution of the palms by Fr. Peter, followed by a palm procession around the outside of the church. Holy Week services provided time for meditation and prayer as we prepared for Easter. Our chapel was filled with families and friends on Easter morning as Fr. Peter celebrated Holy Communion and the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The sweet fragrance of lilies and joyous voices singing “Jesus Christ is risen today – Alleluia!” filled the air. Such a wonderful day!

We began our spring fund-raising activities with our annual spring flower sale on Mother’s Day weekend. Kudos to Bob Davies and Dot Schmidt, who have chaired this event for many years. Thanks, also, to all of the other dedicated volunteers who help out at this 3-day sale. Our next big event is a giant lawn sale on the parish grounds on June 3rd and 4th. This has been a popular and profitable fund-raiser in the past, and we’re hoping for nice weather and a great turnout again this year.

In closing, we extend our prayers and sympathy to parishioners Brian and MaryLynn Malone and their families. During the past few months they have faced the passings of MaryLynne’s father, Brian’s sister and, most recently, Brian’s mother. May God bring them peace and comfort at this difficult time. On a happier note, we congratulate Brian and MaryLynn’s daughter, Mariah, who is graduating from college next weekend. May your accomplishments bring joy to your family. We wish Mariah blessings of success and prosperity in the years ahead.

We hope all of you are enjoying a lovely spring and we send our prayers to you for a safe, healthy and happy summer.

-----Ingrid Magar
Scarborough, Maine
St. Augustine of Canterbury

We have some wonderful news! St. Augustine's issued a call to Deacon Steven Thurston last week and he has accepted the call! We are still not certain when he will be able to start with us. He has professional and clergy obligations that need to be addressed but he has assured us that he will be with us as soon as he can. We are certainly pleased -- to say the least -- that he and his family will be joining us and we look forward to beginning this new chapter in the life of the church. We would like to thank Bishop Marsh, Bishop Webb, Pastor Mike and Father Jeff for their support, guidance and tolerance as we moved through this process and look forward to their joining us as we welcome our new Deacon.

St. Augustine’s had a full week of services during Holy Week. We started with Palm Sunday Holy Communion with Deacon Harry Wellsman coming from St. Margaret’s in Conway, N.H. Since his route to us is all twists and turns (there are no good east/west roads in Maine) we especially appreciate his willingness to spend the time on the road.

We are becoming more confident of St. Augustine’s future under his leadership. We would like to thank Pastor Mike's professional life as a consultant has been beneficial to us as we learn more and more from him on what works to grow a church. We are becoming more confident of St. Augustine's future under his leadership.

We have a parish picnic coming up in June at a parishioner’s home. Our community outreach programs of which we have several, include meal donations to the local homeless veterans.

---Shyla Spear

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

The year’s half gone, and I’m not sure where it went! I keep looking for those missing parts, but they’re nowhere to be found. I think the full moon must have something to do with it, at least for this week. . . .

The snowbirds have returned, and all is well, with five regular parishioners “back in the pews again.” (Isn’t there a song like that? Something about saddles?) We missed them over the winter, but they did not miss our snow and cold. They returned at the beginning of May, to find Spring in full bloom, and luscious green and soggy grass abounding. We received substantial amounts of Spring rain, and, unfortunately, some areas are flooding, especially along Lake Ontario. I was proud of Cameron and his Civil Air Patrol Squadron, when they spent many hours filling sandbags on the first Sunday in May.

Our Dress-A-Girl ministry is still going strong. At the last session, 33 dresses were made, bringing the year-to-date total to 138. So, 138 more girls will be protected from predators. Check out the website at www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com.

Fr. Dale Bove’ underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, and is doing well.

I was pleased to learn that some Northeast Anglicans met the Lenten challenge which I issued last quarter on behalf of St. Luke’s Camp, “Forty Days, Forty Dollars,” to raise money for the camp director’s discretionary fund. Thank you to those who contributed. To those of you who might have overlooked this opportunity, it’s not too late! The camp has many needs, and we’ll accept whatever help you’re willing to give us. Contact Fr. Matt Mirabile or me if you have any questions. Most of all, please send a child to camp this year!

Our family attended the consecration of (now) Bishop Hendy Webb in February. We were moved by the beautiful ceremony, and we felt the grace of God surround us all. Cameron absconded with my camera, and took close to 400 pictures, giving Jim Siebold (St. Nicholas) a run for his money! We enjoyed seeing old friends, and meeting new ones. And we enjoyed attending church the next day at Bp. Hendy’s parish, as he and Bp. Chad Jones concelebrated the mass.

Holy Redeemer was blessed to have Krysta Leo and her beautiful voice at both the Good Friday and the Easter Sunday services, while she was home from college.

We pray that each of you may enjoy the carefree days of Summer.

-----Diane S. Jones
From the Chancellor:

As the ACA Chancellor, I attended the ACA Executive Council in Montana in mid-April. The Council meets twice a year, and in mid-April we met at St. Augustine’s in Hamilton, Montana, the home parish of Erv Lischke, the outstanding Executive Director of the IAF. He and his wife, Mo, run an alpaca ranch, and they hosted the “meet and greet” upon our arrival. I met 9-month-old Nelson, who is one of the friendliest creatures I have encountered. He likes to come up to people and stick his head under their hands to encourage them to pet him. I wanted to bring him home with me, but he was not crazy about the limited leg room on the planes. I did return, however, with great enthusiasm both for the majestic Bitterroot Mountains and the upcoming ‘Grand Synod,’ as I like to call it: the historic occasion of four jurisdictions of Anglicans coming together, we hope, in Atlanta in October. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bless us with a successful Anglican union.

Back to Dress-a-Girl: I talked with Andrea McCready, wife of the priest in the parish in Estes Park, Colorado, who had never heard of Dress-a-Girl, and she is eager to learn more, and, possibly, to participate in this ministry.

-----Walter W. Jones, Jr.

Editorial

I’m always excited as the reports come in. God is certainly working among us. Every issue has news of the things we are doing in Jesus’ Name, and that’s not small stuff. It is God showing Himself in His people. I love these stories, no matter how insignificant they may seem to the people on the scene, and I know the diocese and friends outside if it appreciate what they hear. You may notice that there are some voices not heard in this issue from some of our small and scattered congregations. Some we do hear from often and others seldom if ever report. There are faithful Anglicans gathering to seek God, and visited by His presence in Camden, Deblois, and Waterville Maine, in Charlestown, N.H., in Elizabeth, N.J., in West Winfield, N.Y., and in Wells, Vt. Their very presence is an exciting thing. These are places where God comes down to feed his beloved. Perhaps they may feel weak or discouraged, and believe they have no news to share, but what news could be more dramatic than just that? I know we’d all like to hear their voices.

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Only a Table

It's only a table, plain and small,
Only a table at the front of a hall.
It's only a table, don't you see,
Only a table, but precious to me.

It's only a loaf, plain simple bread,
Only a cupful, liquid and red.
It's only a token, not a big meal,
Only a token, but ever so real.

I come to the table, I come to the bread,
I open my ears to the words that He said.
I tremble with awe at a message so great,
I tremble with awe, I stand, and I wait.

I come to the table, I come to the cup,
I open my eyes to the Lord lifted up.
My knees grow weak, and my heart feels small
For I'm in His presence, Who died for us all.

"This is My body, come and receive,
"This is My body, only believe.
"This is My blood, for you it did spill,
"This is My blood, come let Me fill."

I come to the table, I come to the cross,
Without this Savior it all would be loss.
I come to the table with all my sin,
I bring this poor life to let Jesus in.

I come to the table, I come to the tomb,
I come to the place where He took my doom.
I come to the table, I see Him arise,
With hope of new life I look to the skies.

I worship the King of heaven and earth,
I thankfully sing the joy of new birth.
I rise and exult as I go on my way,
Knowing He's with me, and with me to stay.

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-----ed pacht, October 1996
Enthronement of Bishop Williams

The Enthronement of Bishop Owen Williams on Quinquagesima Sunday, dawned in Southern California cold and raining. In the Hebrew Testament, rain for a desert dwelling people, was always a blessing, as there would always be water for people, crops and land. As scripture tells us that it is a sign of Divine Favor, Enthronement day was, therefore, filled with an abundance of heavenly benediction!

The Parish of All Saints in Fountain Valley, California, was filled to capacity with visitors and parishioners from all over the Diocese of the West and nation. A hallmark of this historic register parish is their gracious hospitality, and everything was in proper order and ready to receive the new Ordinary.

Bishop Brian Marsh as the President of the House of Bishops, was the enthroning prelate for the ceremony. Father Christian Tutor, OSA, the Canon Liturgist for the Diocese of the Northeast, was invited to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese. Clergy attended from far and wide and played the requisite parts assigned by ritual. Standing outside the doors of the pro-cathedral, Bishop Williams forcefully knocked asking to be admitted into the church. Canon Slagle, as senior priest, granted admittance and the procession formed and wended its way to the sanctuary steps where Bishop Marsh sat and Bishop Williams knelt to receive his investiture. Episcopal regalia and prayers adorned the new Ordinary as he took his first steps into the sanctuary and was seated in the Seat of Authority of the Diocese of the West.

The Mass continued with Bishop Williams as celebrant. Father Christian guided the ceremonies and was privileged to assist the new Ordinary at the altar. Bishop Marsh preached on the virtues of the Episcopal Office, and how it is more important to be a Pastor than an administrator. With joy the congregation received their new leader and clergy pledged their fidelity, content to once more have a Bishop after such a great many years without an Ordinary.

Celebration continued at the reception held in the beautiful common space at the Bishop’s residence. Guests and parishioners mingled and enjoyed a sumptuous catered meal amidst laughter and ease. The Bishop’s family beamed at the honors bestowed, and a feeling of renewal washed over all those present. A new chapter has begun in the Diocese of the West: God has planted and watered the seeds, now, with patience we await the harvest.

Logos House of Theological Studies

“As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

Logos House continues to have several students, many in the diaconate and or deaconess tracks, and some in the priest track. The dedication of our students and their teachers never ceases to amaze. Our present students hail from the DNE and the APA. Both jurisdictions are very fortunate to have these students preparing for canonicals!

Our President, Fr. David McCready, has received inquiries about “courses for lay folks interested in theological development.” Logos House would like to offer a Lay Ministries Program including courses for those interested in serving in stewardship positions in the parish, or for those considering ordination. The basic lay ministries program would be designed for clergy who wish to use the material for those in their parishes in lay ministry or on their Vestry. This material would be provided free of charge to parishes/missions. Once certified by the rector or vicar he has worked with the student and that student has met program requirements, Logos House would issue the individ-
ual a Certificate of Study in (Specified) Lay Ministries. If that sounds interesting or helpful, or a different form of lay coursework is needed, please contact Valerie McCadden at lhots@myfairpoint.net with requests or suggestions.

**Logos House Library**

The Logos House Library is a wonderful source for theological-based books. Although we have 2,000+ more titles to enter, we do have 3,000+ titles entered into our online catalog: http://lht.ind.opalsinfo.net/bin/home. (Please go to our website and see what we have to offer.)

We are currently entering the 80+ books from the Ann Geary Collection into our online catalog. Many of those books are the works of or about C. S. Lewis.

Books can be borrowed for a one-month period, with one renewal, by becoming a Logos House Library member for $30.00 for a three (3) year period. For more information please contact us at logoshouselibrary@gmail.com.

Contact us at either that email or at Valerie McCadden at lhots@myfairpoint.net if you would like to visit the Logos House Library in person.

**Yorkie’s Closet**

We are pleased to report that Yorkie’s Closet will have a home at the Anglican Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls, Maine. They have generously offered some of their storage space to house items for our missions. We are also pleased to let folks know that Dcn. Gary Drinkwater of that parish, and Valerie Kazarian of St. Augustine’s in Scarborough, ME have joined the me and Loretta Stewart-Whitehead on the Yorkie’s Closet committee. Dcn. Gary brings a lot of professional skills to the effort and Valerie is an expert seamstress and tailor who has assisted greatly in the repair of worn vestments. She also makes custom paraments, vestments, burses and veils for missions and churches. We are pleased to have them assist in this vital Bishop’s ministry. If you want to assist in these efforts, please consider a donation to the York Memorial Fund, c/o Loretta Stewart-Whitehead at St. Margaret’s Church, PO Box 1555, Conway, NH 03818. Our deepest appreciation to those who have donated in the past which includes old vestments, liturgical items and funds.

-----Fr. Jeff Monroe, Administrator

**Consecration Music**

"the music, supplied by Mr. John Leslie, several soloists, and St Luke's choir was certainly worthy of the occasion." (NEA March 2017)

It’s nice to read that the music was appreciated as an important part of the consecration service February 18th; but this snippet fails to say why: least of all how the rest of us could make this the norm for services.

Worse, it seems to impute it all to me, which is wildly inaccurate. There are, indeed, things I did; but most credit belongs to Bishop Webb for choosing the acoustics of the building and the hymns for the congregation to sing, and to the Grace of God for it working out despite wildly inadequate practice time!

Music was very important to the founders of St. Luke’s, Amherst; and I am very grateful for the support of building a dedicated space and developing pretty much the best virtual pipe organ I could ask for (and mostly duplicating it for the choir rehearsal room). This organ is based on the "Hauptwerk.com" software, which manipulates the careful recordings of each note of some of the best organs in the world, and allows for extensive "voicing" of those sounds to match the acoustics of the room in which they are played. Because of the support of founder Earl Watts, I have been able to experiment with sounds from
many organs and choose a Silbermann Organ in Germany as the basis of the main manual (plus several other organs for the second manual and the "solo" manual.

For roughly five years, the downstairs organ has been carried to Mont Vernon to serve as continuo organ for the annual Messiah Sing performances. This made me confident we could carry it to the building where the consecration was held and voice it to match that building. That's my first contribution to the overall success. (But only the Grace of God allowed me to do "enough" voicing in the limited time.)

My second contribution was choosing Handel as the featured composer, with his "Water Music" for prelude and postlude. (Grace of God, again, rescued me from the potential disaster of not enough time for dual organists to learn to play it!).

Bishop Webb and Jill Slocum cast a wide net to find soloists. Again, only the Grace of God rescued us from inadequate practice time (and one soloist getting too sick to perform). I had the inspiration, when seeing the music a soprano from the St. Luke's choir chose, to tell her it begged for a soprano + alto duet; and she recruited her sister to sing it with her. (I am thankful our choir trusts me enough to try such things on much-too-short notice; and again, I thank the Grace of God that it worked out.)

An early decision: knowing that the building would be that of a different Christian denomination, I determined to make the service "unmistakably Anglican". I had our choir learn an Anglican chant Psalm and descants for the first and last hymns. Of these I was more confident, but the Grace of God still deserves much of the credit.

Thus, overall I credit our success to, first, the acoustics, and, second, the congregational singing of the hymns; and I like to believe the rest of the music set the stage for a service which felt "really Anglican".

No doubt, we'll try to repeat some of this for our Diocesan Convention in October. Stay tuned!

-----John Leslie

We’re well into Spring and (as the old poem says) “Summer is a-coming in, loud sing St Luke’s” (well, I did change it some). Summer means St. Luke’s Camp, one of the best things our diocese does, training up our youth to be not only the Church of tomorrow, but to be a vibrant part of the Church of today. It’s at Camp Ashmere in the Massachusetts Berkshires, “A week in the wood with God - a lifetime of grace and truth and memories.” Send kids! I believe there’s still a need for counsellors. Contact Fr. Matt Mirabile, director, at 603-332-4021.

It’s August 6-12th. We expect over 20 kids this year and we have a great team of counselors. Sign up your children or grand-children. Our theme will be "Keeping your faith against the odds" and will utilize Star Wars as a teaching vehicle. Registrations must be completed by June 30th. Registration forms must be completed and mailed by snail mail to the address on the form by June 30 along with a deposit of $100. The form is computer fillable, but must be printed out and signed by parents and the examining physician. The complete registration fee is $275/camper with $175 due on drop off at the camp. Scholarships are available where needed. Please note that registrations received after this date may be subject to a $25 late registration fee. If you cannot have your registration in by June 30, it is essential that you contact Allan Wylie, (802) 765-4587 or Fr. Mirabile (O) 603-332-4121 (C) 203-243-8050, to verify availability of accommodations. Please submit forms as soon as possible so that we can ensure adequate arrangements are made.

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Many of us were supportive of our Native American mission in South Dakota and have wondered what became of it. The work is being revived. Here is news from the IAF newsletter:

Sun Star Mission Kyle, South Dakota, USA

The IAF and the Diocese of the Missouri Valley (DMV) supported this mission in the Lakota Sioux nation for several years until it closed. Father David McCreary, rector of St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Estes Park, Colorado, has taken the lead in re-establishing the mission. Both the DMV and the IAF are providing financial support.

Here is Father McCready’s description of the situation at Sun Star:

If you ever fly into the Denver International Airport, you may notice a mural depicting a group of Native Americans.

Among them is a priest: Father Francis Apple. Father Apple founded the mission of Sun Star in Kyle, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and served it until his death a few years ago. He was assisted by two other priests, Father White Lance and Father Takes War Bonnet. All three priests have now died, and the mission had fallen into virtual desuetude.

Now, however, under the aegis of Bishop Steven Strawn, ACA Bishop of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley, moves are afoot to make the community viable once again. Father Apple’s grandson, Darryl Locke, has been licensed as a Reader, and holds Morning Prayer in the church every second Sunday. Until he is ordained, which is the eventual plan, mass is being said from time to time by priests from the “Deanery of the West,” most recently by Father David McCready on January 1, and prior to that in November. On that occasion, a number of food items and warm clothes were distributed, while on January 1, Christmas stockings were distributed to the children. Bishop Stephen has also visited, accompanied by Father John Armstrong from Wisconsin, and a layman, Nick Behrens, makes frequent trips from Omaha. An accomplished organist, Nick is able to provide musical accompaniment to the services.

The mission is small in number; at present, there are only a handful of congregants, mostly Reader Darryl’s family. It is also very poor, materially speaking. So, please pray for this community, knowing that God is able to make it flourish and grow. Truly, as scripture says, “God giveth the increase” (1 Corinthians 3, 7). But it is also in need of material help, on top of which it would be good if we could organize a group of volunteers to help tidy up the church and the surrounding area, which includes the Mission graveyard.
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My list is woefully incomplete and probably inaccurate. Please help me get it right. ed.

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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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Deadline for submissions will be around August 15.