Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Advent and a Merry and Joyous Christmas to you all!

The messages of Advent and Christmas are well known to us all. Advent is a penitential season, a time of preparation. At Christmastide, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Emanuel, God among us. But I wonder sometimes whether some messages are not getting through. Though we are all committed to our churches, to the worship of God and to the faithful stewardship of all we have been given, are we aware of our duty to teach the faith, particularly to the young people in our communities?

St. Luke's Camp is a vital part of our ministry. The Diocese of the Northeast has sponsored this camp for over thirty years. Presently, it is the only camp operated by the ACA in the continental United States.

Though it has moved around quite a lot during that time, finding camp-sites in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts, St. Luke's Camp has provided consistent, orthodox Christian instruction to our young people. In an environment of fun, surrounded by a caring and nurturing staff, Christian principles are instilled in our campers.
Our mission, as faithful Christians, is to minister to all God's people. But we must be very mindful of the reality that young minds must be opened to the truth of the Christian message. Those of us who have had a formative experience in the church know the joy of opening our hearts and minds to the love of Jesus Christ. Those of us who have experienced the message of Jesus as children know what a formative and powerful part of our lives that has been. The guidance the Christian message provides helps us navigate the often dangerous seas of human life. St. Luke's Camp is a true gift that may be offered to our children, our church and to God.

Several of our parishes have no young children. But there are many children in our communities. We are often aware that the New England and New York areas are the most un-churched area of our country. Many people simply do not know about Jesus Christ. Perhaps they have heard His name, but many have no real understanding of who He is, what gifts He has brought us or how His presence in our lives may transform us.

The children who attend St. Luke's Camp are often witnesses to the transformation that God in Christ creates in us. In that way, our campers serve to provide ministry of their churches – to us all. We can never forget that we are all ministers of the Gospel. Even the youngest among us can provide a window onto the love of Christ Jesus. St. Luke's Camp will help equip them to know and love God. And to express that love to others.

As we approach Christmastide, consider the great gift God has given to us. Consider sponsoring a camper this year. Better yet,
register a child. The young camper does not need to be a member of a parish. She or he needs only to attend St. Luke’s Camp. God will do the rest.

Bishop Chamberlain once said: “Give me a child for one week of camp and we can change lives.”

A Blessed and Holy Advent and a Joyous Christmas to you all!

-----Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian

Editor’s Note

The Standing Committee asked that St. Luke’s Camp be specially featured in this issue. This editor is only too glad to comply. Camp is one of the most important things we, as a diocese, are doing. This is our chance to train our young people (who are a vital part of the church of right now) to take up the reins and lead the church of tomorrow. Is there really anything more important than that? Last issue we ran letters from two campers from St. Peter’s, a couple of pictures of kids from Holy Cross and a lovely “Recipe for a Fun-filled ACA Youth Camp Experience” by Diane and Cameron Jones, but with all the news from Atlanta, we ran out of space for fuller coverage. Here’s more. Read and enjoy, but above all participate. Send Kids, your own, grandkids, neighbors, whatever. Send them. Fund scholarships for any that can’t manage the nominal cost. Volunteer if you can. Make Camp a priority. It deserves to be one.

CAMP DIRECTOR’S REPORT

St. Luke’s camp was held again at Camp Ashmere on August 6-13 and was terrific. We had 11 children, 2 of which were children from another Anglican Jurisdiction. This year we added staff, Fr. Gary Drinkwater from Church of the Transfiguration in ME, and our own Joyce McClusky from Trinity. These new volunteers were added to last year’s team, Fr. Mirabile, Diane Jones, and Mattias and Francis Mirabile. The teaching theme of the camp was “Keeping your faith against the odds”. We used Star Wars to communicate this theme in a fun way and memorable games were played like “Jedi Toe Training”, “the Force Trust walk”, and others.

The children prayed Morning Prayer each day, Communion and evening prayer each day with teaching three times a day. They also did Star Wars themed crafts, as well as having enjoyed camp directed activities like swimming and boating. And no camp would be complete without Bp. Marsh’s plays. This year it was “The Real Force be with you” and was great fun for all ages.

At present the location for camp next year is still undecided. We have an opportunity to return to Camp Ashmere or move to Christ the King Spiritual Life Center Beaver Cross Camp. This is a much larger and better equipped camp ground with stronger staffing but it is also over $100.00 more per student. I was unhappy with camp Ashmere in 2016 but they got a new camp director that gave me new confidence and they also made a few small improvements, and they added a working water trampoline, something that was unavailable last year. The 2016 camp also suffered from inadequate adult coverage for our girls, but this was corrected for 2017.

It is my hope to begin to communicate to the clergy earlier in 2018 and our hope is to get more than 20 children. This is certainly possible now that other sister jurisdictions can be invited to participate.

We will need more adult counselors for that many kids and will be looking to recruit people adequate to keep the energy level and supervision up to a high standard. The spiritual and physical welfare of the children is my highest priority and each counselor is required to sign CORI/SORI forms and the Pledge to Protect. I will continue to be selective regarding counselors. Provided we have enough children and counselors I hope to provide two age appropriate tracks for the camp.

 respectful Submitted
Father Matthew Mirabile+, Camp Director

St Luke’s Camp
by Cameron Jones

2017 was my 8th year attending St. Luke’s Camp. I turned 16 in July. I was a junior counselor this year. But we only had 10 kids, including me, so most of the time I was a camper.

I first attended when I was 9, and I knew no one, except Mom, but everyone was really nice and introduced themselves to me and I didn’t feel left out. My mom went as a girls’ counselor. She was worried that I might be homesick, because I was in the boys’ cabin, but I wasn’t. My best friend that year was Eli Dibble. We stayed up late playing Rock/Paper/Scissors/Shoe.

Everybody had fun and we all got along. The counselors were fun. They knew how to interact with people and get the whole camp engaged in Christianity. We had a lot of classes, but we had a lot of fun, too. We went swimming in the pool, and we went boating on the lake.

Camp Keswick was where we went for the first 2 years. I liked it because the property was big, and there were a variety of activities. Everyone interacted well with each other, so we all got to know each other and be friends. There was a strong camaraderie. And the food was really great! One of my favorite activities was when Fr. Dibble helped us make wooden boxes. I still have that box. The next year we were there again, and I won a bible from Bishop Williams.
Then we moved to another location, Camp Ashmere, the following year. The location was different, but everybody’s spirits were the same. Everybody had fun together. Some of the same kids returned from the last year. The staff was outstanding. The best activity that year was archery. We had a lot of good classes, and we played lots of games, like Four Square and Tom Kane’s game show, “Who Wants to Be a Christianaire?” I enjoyed boating and swimming, and the campfire, and the play that Bishop Marsh wrote. I just liked being around everybody & participating in all the activities.

We have been at Camp Ashmere for 6 years. A lot of the kids come back the next year because they enjoy it so much, and they make a lot of friends. We usually have Stump the Bishop, and the play, and classes, and crafts, and games. Last year, I helped my mom direct the play. That was fun. We also paint T-shirts every year.

I loved the Great Watermelon Challenge. This year was the second time that we did it. Father Matt organized it the first year that he was the camp director. We sit at a table with our hands behind us, and eat all of the watermelon balls in our watermelon. Whoever finishes first, wins. It’s pretty messy, because you have your face in the watermelon, and the juice goes everywhere. So we do it in our bathing suits, and when we’re done, we usually go swimming.

I liked the low ropes course, and the lesson they taught us. I liked being the lights and sound man for the play. And I liked the water fights. If you love God, and having fun, and making new friends, you should definitely attend St. Luke’s Camp next year!
Around the Diocese

Our Benedictines

Fall has been wonderful here in Maine, until the past week when a terrible wind/rain storm slammed into those of us that had been lulled into the misconception that summer might just last forever. We were exceptionally fortunate, here at the Priory, that we had only a few trees down which required minimal clean up and we only lost power for a few hours. Gratefully, no one here was hurt and we pray for all of those who were not so fortunate and at this writing, are still without power.

The All Souls Novena is being prayed at this time for all those that have gone before us. We have people that send us lists of loved ones, human and animal, to pray for, and we are honored to do so. It is a monastic’s greatest privilege to pray for people in whatever state of need they may find themselves, and at whatever juncture of their journey in life.

Fr. Kevin has completed construction of a new Paschal Candle holder for the Chapel. It has a Medieval design and the wood that he had scrounged up was hand carved with a draw knife that he also made when he had blacksmithing tools. It will be a wonderful addition!

The subscriptions for the Mediation keep coming in and in addition to this labor of love, Fr. Kevin is also available, by appointment, to hear confessions, help postulants for Holy Orders (and others) develop a Rule of Life, Prayer Life and also for Spiritual Council.

We have had visits from Fr. Dean Steward, formerly a Benedictine, who now lives in Florida, and Fr. Ed Kalish. We very much enjoy the time spent in prayer and discussion with our visitors.

We were able to finally take possession of Pirate’s Cove, an 8 year old Thoroughbred race horse that had been rescued from the New Holland kill pens in PA, fostered and was about to be returned to New Holland or euthanized. He has injuries and was starved and will have a long journey back to as close to his former self as we can help him attain. His story and updates can be followed in the Meditation (to subscribe please e-mail klamarre@maine.rr.com). We are asking for your help for Pirate and for all those in our care. He, most especially, needs food, lots of it, as he is big and hungry. What we do for these animals is always completely directed by God, who chooses and sends us the animals who come here from the many that are waiting. We are very small and we are just the laborers but we cannot do this alone. Most of what we do here is paid for from our own pockets and a very small percent of aide comes from our wonderful, and very much appreciated Animal Angels. Would you or someone that you know like to help? All checks are tax deductible, should be made out to Servants of the Holy Family and noted “for the animals” We cannot save them all, but together we can save one at a time. Fall Blessings to all...

-----Sr. Mary Francis, OSB

Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke

Father James Long who is St. Luke's Associate Priest in Indonesia keeps us updated frequently on the status of his church in Jakarta. Recently one of his Korean parishioners was baptized by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Primate of Australia. The congregation was very international, being made up of Indonesians, Koreans, Australians, Iranians, and Americans. There was much celebrating for the young lady whose given name is Seeyon (Zion) and for her father, Tony, who willingly gave her to the Lord, but is not yet himself the Lord's disciple.

Fr. Dean Steward who was St. Luke's first rector recently returned to New Hampshire to visit relatives and stopped by St. Luke's. Fr. Steward served as our rector for 14 years and it was wonderful to see him again.

On Sunday, October 8th we hosted a petting zoo and ice cream social followed by a ceremonial blessing of the animals. Despite less than ideal weather, we were delighted to share in the blessings that the Lord of all Creation has given us in these companions. We had animals large (a horse) and small (bunnies). One of the bunnies now named St. Augustine of Canterbury (aka Gus) went home with Bishop Webb and his wife, Elizabeth, to join Gracie (another bunny) and Rhys (a corgi) in their home.

Bishop Webb and Chip and Lee Garre attended the Joint Synod in Atlanta which was a truly uplifting experience. Additional information on the synod appears in the October 2017 edition of the NEA.

St. Luke's hosted the DNE Synod in Nashua which was well attended. Thanks to all the folks from St. Luke's who volunteered to man the registration desk and welcome all the participants!

Our prayer team meets at the back of the church every Sunday to offer prayers for the needs of our church family. On the first Saturday of every month there is an offering of in-depth prayers at 12:30.
Doug and Jennifer Sleeper are doing a great job of maintaining St. Luke’s presence on Facebook. Search for St. Luke’s Anglican Church and like and/or follow the page to receive notifications when there is new content. Enjoy.

Bible studies continue with soup and study on Tuesday nights and another opportunity is on Saturday mornings.

-----Submitted by Lee Garre

West Seneca NY
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Advent greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Church in West Seneca, NY. We’ve had a busy fall since our last NEA news submission. The events began in September with the continuation of our Wednesday Night Evening Prayer services at 7 PM which has been well attended by about seven faithful souls. Part of the program is to view and discuss a theologically based DVD on a number of subjects that we watch together in the undercroft.

In October our rector and our wardens, Jim Siebold and Jan Millard, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the Anglican Joint Synod. What a wonderful celebration of the Spirit among so many like minded Christians from around our country, and around the world. The Holy Spirit certainly stirred the hearts of all who were in attendance. At the signing of the Concord there was hardly a dry eye in the room! We pray that this coming together of the four Anglican Church jurisdictions will be a new beginning for the Anglican Continuum. We each have great hope and expectations for the future of our church.

In November we celebrated Fr. Ed Ihde’s 5th year ordination to the priesthood and 30th year in ordained ministry. Time really does fly, the older we get.

Below is a photo from 1987 at St. Paul’s Cathedral with Episcopal Bishop David Bowman conferring Holy Orders on then, Deacon Edward Ihde. With him were his sponsors, Father Andy Newbert of Bangor, Maine and Canon David Greenwood – Bishop’s Chaplain and Vicar of Ephratha – Church of the Deaf, both longtime friends. Deacon Ihde would go on to serve Trinity Church-Buffalo, St. Mathew’s & St. Thomas yoked parishes in Buffalo, St. Aiden’s-Alden, Trinity Church-Lancaster, Trinity Church-Hamburg, and finally St. Andrew’s Anglo Catholic Church-Buffalo from where he left the Episcopal Church to become deacon at St. Nicholas Anglican Church – West Seneca and subsequently became the Rector and now Regional Dean of WNY.

On December 2nd we again invited our neighboring churches to celebrate our 11th Anniversary as a parish with the accompaniment of the Buffalo Silver Band. Directed by Bill Cocca, this award winning British Style Brass Band is in its 103rd anniversary year and is a wonderful compliment to our ministry here.

-----Fr. Ed Ihde

White River Junction, Vermont
Trinity Anglican Church

[A very thoughtful submission, well worth reading. ed.]

In a conversation I had recently with our adopted (figuratively) grandson I had occasion to remind him of what some view as the wisdom of the world, that is, “There ain’t no such thing as a free lunch.” While I think this describes more than just economics, on reflection I realize that everything we have has been given to us freely, but, alas, now that I think further on it, a price has been paid even for those things as well, so the rule stands.

As we have been entering into our discernment process someone asked why Trinity has moved about these five times in thirteen years. It’s a question to which we should know the answer and we can, indeed, point to the real estate decisions of others to account for our moves. However, one of the things we ought to be considering in our deliberations is the idea of waiting on the Lord.

The Israelites, as they first approached the Promised Land waited in fear of what lay ahead for them—failing to trust in the Lord. King Saul refused to wait on the Lord, in the person of Samuel, thereby determining the negative outcome of his reign. In both cases, the Lord had given clear instruction and the parties failed to move ahead in faith.

While we are engaged in our discernment, the question of our eventual quarters is inevitable. We’d certainly like to have our own place and we were certainly inspired by Fr. Drinkwater’s story at synod of his success in finding a parish home for the Church of the Transfiguration. I hope we see this as an example of God’s leading us.

On to free lunches! At least one lesson we have learned in not owning our church home is just how different the day to day aspects of our church lives are. As renters (and not for the whole week!), we have no concerns for the fabric of our building and, consequently have no budget item for same. We
have chosen to redirect those funds toward outreach—an already successful program we look to expand going forward.

The physical aspects of our wanderings have also taught us how fortunate we are who have come from more traditional parish settings were in the past when we had a building. No sacristy. No secure storage. Water 100 yards away. No aumbry. No piscina. No storage for altar hangings, vestments or sacred vessels. Setting up and taking down seating each week. This is not a lament, but rather an observation that we are able to fund our outreach by effort we put in each week setting up our worship space and restoring it to its during-the-week state.

Our situation is not unique, but I observe that it serves to bring us together and is perhaps God working to give us an appreciation both of our present situation and of where He might take us. We pray that we may know how to wait on the Lord and be faithful in so doing.

--- Alan Wylie

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**Mechanic Falls, Maine Transfiguration**

**September** On September 21, a preordination celebration dinner was held at a famous restaurant in Lewiston for Fr. Gary by his fellow parishioners. Twenty-six members attended out of 35 parishioners. Fr. Gary’s 90 year old mother sat beside him at the crowded table. Both she and Fr. Gary spent a lifetime waiting for the day when he would finally become a priest. She said lovingly, “he wanted to be a priest since he was a boy”.

The Ordination of Rev. Gary G. Drinkwater was attended by approximately 135 people. We thank the clergy, The Most Rev. Brian R. Marsh, Fr. Jeff Monroe, Fr. Sam Logan, and Fr. Matt Mirabile for their support to Fr. Gary. A special thank you to Ed Pacht for coming. We were pleased to have him with us. A reception was held downstairs in Fellowship Hall. The entire room was filled with guests. The ladies of the church put on a huge buffet including a special cake and desserts. Fr. Gary received all four colors of chasubles as a gift, given to him by family and friends. It was a delightful and heartfelt day for our Transfiguration members and Fr. Gary!

**October** On Saturday, October 14th at 4:30 to 6pm the Historical Society and the Transfiguration hosted a Turkey Supper. We had a full course meal with home made pies. The Hall was decorated for autumn and looked very festive. It was very well attended. Another successful fund raiser!

What a wonderful attendance we had at Synod! On Friday, we had a full table of eleven as we chose to squeeze in all together. We were honored to have our church be accepted as a parish of the Diocese. What a blessing to have accomplished so much in a year!

**November** Fellowship Hall is being rented for Thanksgiving day and Christmas day by families too large to have everyone gather at their homes. It has become a tradition for them to have their family gatherings at our church even before it became the Transfiguration.

**December** The Barbershop Quartet Christmas Concert will return for their second appearance on December 9th at 2pm with holiday refreshments following the concert. The church was full for their concert in August. We expect another wonderful turnout with yet another excellent “free will donation” for our Building Fund. We will have a Holiday Baked Goods sale table as well.

**Our Capital Improvements** We have been approved by a bank to begin our capital improvements to our 170 year old building which was built in 1847. We have heat pumps being installed for upstairs and downstairs the week of Thanksgiving. Ten new windows in the church sanctuary are scheduled to be installed for December 12th. Insulation in the attic above will be done prior to that. All new windows downstairs in Fellowship Hall and throughout have already been replaced.

In the spring, the white vinyl siding for the outside of the entire church will begin. Trim included. We’ll be taking a look at parking and handicap parking on both sides of the church grounds to lessen the cars parking on the road and across the street to an empty lot.

**Fund Raisers** In January, we will have a Souper Bowl Supper on a Saturday serving soup, stew, and chowder and “take out” orders and desserts. Something to look forward to after the holidays!

**School Outreach** We have been donating food and clothing to the local school on Elm Street to help those families in need. The school nurse sees that those families receive the items. Pam Nicolazzo heads the program. It is our hope to get some of the children to come to Sunday school and their family to church.
Concord, N.H.

All Saints

The newsmen of the Portsmouth Herald in Portsmouth, NH, appeared bright and early on Labor Day to chronicle the annual Nun Run for St. Charles Children Home in Rochester, NH, being held at the Pease Tradeport in Portsmouth. Their caption for the day ‘Running Nuns do it all for kids,’ sums up the ministry that the Daughters of Mary in Rochester have performed for over 50 years for the State of New Hampshire. This year over 800 people came to ‘run for the cause’ in support of the Sisters. Many politicians, avid runners and the simple folk come to give visible witness on the track. Governor Chris Sununu of New Hampshire ran this year for the first time hopefully setting a precedent for future leaders in public office. Fr. Christian was featured in the photo section of the newspaper cheering on the runners with the Sisters. He has been an ardent supporter and volunteer at St. Charles Home for the last 11 years, and a perennial staple at the run.

The General Synod in Atlanta, GA where the Communio in Sacris agreement was signed, effectively ending a 40-year battle of personalities, was a great blessing for the Churches participating. Fr. Christian who, as Canon Liturgist for the Diocese of the Northeast, was privileged to act as episcopal chaplain for Bishop Marsh during the rarely celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass, experienced the deeper meaning beyond the visible signing, and which he shared with his parish: ‘Most Synod attendees had never witnessed such a ritual in which every act is choreographed, not for the sake of ceremony itself, but because the ministers of the altar are servants offering Divine worship. Their person-
and of course we had the usual early birds waiting expectantly by the door, always a good sign.

Dick and Elaine Collupy’s son Dustin was married to Rachel Dionne in Rockport Massachusetts by Father Monroe on September 9th. Dick is our Junior Warden. We wish the new couple a lifetime of happiness.

Several parish members attended Synod this year in Nashua. They were Rebecca and Jim Harrington, and Peter and Mary Thomas. Rebecca was happy to report that the Diocese collected some $1500.00 for Deo Gratias, $183.00 of which was from St. Margaret’s. I believe the funds are going toward recent disaster relief efforts.

[ed note: The whole amount was designated for relief in Puerto Rico]

St. Margaret’s also donated over $600.00 to the Salvation Army to help the many flood victims. An additional $110.00 was sent with donations from St. Augustine’s in Maine.

In October we were treated to a beautiful duet rendition of “The Old Rugged Cross” by Corrine Page and Rebecca Harrington. Wendy Kropac and Marshall Santy also recently did a stunning rendition of “It is Well With My Soul”. For a small country church, we are rich in talent!

On November 12, we held a wonderful Veteran’s service, and invited members of the community to attend. We had a pretty full house. There was a “Remembrance Table” set up and people were invited to come forward and light a candle for a service member. Every branch was recognized and asked to stand. Special thanks were offered to the Viet Nam vets, who were never properly thanked for their service. Mr. Jack Poirier, a member of Post 46 American Legion in Conway, read prayers for the different branches of the service.

We are now planning our “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan/St. Andrew’s” celebration on November 26th. Anyone of Celtic extraction (or wish they were) is invited to don their best kilts, Glengarries and sporrans for a blessing. We have several parish members, among them our Deacon, Rev. Mr. Harry Wellsman, who comes wearing the complete outfit. Deacon Wellsman is also an accomplished piper. Perhaps Father Monroe will treat us to a Highland Fling!

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, September 18. Some of the baskets which are so popular have already been brought in, and they look wonderful. There is always a variety, such as regional food, children’s favorites, craft baskets, and animal treats and supplies. They sell out fast, with some shoppers taking two and three at a time.

We now look forward to the holiday season, with the coming of Advent. Despite so many world and domestic problems, we still have much for which to be grateful. We wish all our brethren a quiet and beautiful Thanksgiving and Christmas season, filled with faith, love, family and friends.

-----Maureen Ferguson

Webster, NY
Holy Cross Anglican Church

Holy Cross has had a “Fall of Change”. The weather was unseasonably warm which allowed for wonderful activities around the area. We welcomed Father Ludwig and sadly said good-bye tool. The congregation wishes him a safe return home for his health and wellness. Father Ed Ihde has once again graciously returned to support the parish and the continued education of Deacon Stone.

The start of the school year has brought many opportunities for the youth of the Parish to provide community service. With the Assembly of God Church in Webster the youth helped provide meals to 40-50 people in the community. The parish has continued to give to the Penfield Food Cupboard, and they are most gracious. This year due to the energy of Alison Stone and the ladies of St. Martha’s Guild there will be 10 shoe boxes to donate to Good Samaritan’s Purse. Father Ihde gave a special blessing to these boxes and their long journey. The youth also shared their collected funds from a bottle drive and small competition with the parish to bring in the most canned goods. The youth donated to the International Anglican Fund.

Holy Cross continued to support the Webster Council of Churches again as they held an ecumenical service with 10 area church choirs. The service had various ministers provide readings and each choir sang. The conclusion of the service consisted of all the choirs totally 100 voices into one song. The joined community held a special moment of silence for those that had lost their lives earlier on November 5, 2017 while in prayer in Texas. The lightning and rain joined with the choirs and meditation of the crowd at the Church of the Holy Spirit to bring a moment of remembrance.

After 2 years of discussion and research, has brought to fruition a new roof. The original cedar shakes were removed along with a second layer over it.
I would encourage everyone to visit, like, and share to your friends near and far. The November fall clean up lead to the completion of Bill Wurzer’s fantastic new light in the parking lot. His resourcefulness and help from John Simpson has allowed for several other buildings needs to be met. Both men have provided continued support.

### Tuxedo NY
#### Saint Elizabeth’s

In the last NEA issue I mentioned that plans were in the works for a special luncheon honoring the many years that Fr. Robert Ley served our parish here at St. Elizabeth’s. On September 17th we gathered at our local firehouse hall to celebrate this wonderful event. Fr. Bob, Pat, family and friends joined our parishioners for a delightful afternoon of fun and fellowship. After enjoying a delicious lunch, many folks in attendance got up to informally share their stories of how Fr. Bob had personally touched their lives over the years - a beautiful tribute to the faith, love, compassion and sense of humor he shared with all of us during his ministry. Thank you, Fr. Bob! We pray that God will continue to bless Fr. Bob, Pat and their family for many years to come.

Sadly, in October we mourned the passing of one of our dear parishioners, Patricia Flanagan. Pat was our current vestry secretary and was always eager to help when/where needed at St. Elizabeth’s. Her nursing career led to a job where she lovingly worked for many years in a facility for special-need adults, and she also shared her nursing skills as a member of our local volunteer ambulance corps. We will truly miss her enthusiasm for life, her friendship, and her delightful smile, and we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for God’s comfort to her three sons, Mike, Tim and Greg, and their families.

As November settles in we’re preparing for another busy holiday season ahead. Our annual roast beef dinner fund-raise will kick off our activities on November 18th. Our food pantry volunteers are extra busy this time of year, preparing and distributing special Thanksgiving and Christmas meal packages in addition to the other foods provided throughout the year. The food pantry is an incredible blessing to the many needy families they serve in our community and we thank God for the dedicated volunteers who make this outreach effort possible.

December will begin with our annual Poinsettia and Wreath sale followed by an ecumenical benefit concert for the food pantry. The concert is performed by the Rockland County Concert Band and is held at our neighboring church, St. Mary’s in Tuxedo. This wonderful holiday performance is always a community favorite and significant fundraiser for the food pantry. Our own Russ Shaver is a trombonist in the band – kudos to Russ! In addition to these activities, our “green team” will, once again, be beautifully decorating our chapel for the Christmas services at St. Elizabeth’s.

With seemingly unending activity at this time of year, let us not forget to set aside ample quiet time for prayer, meditation and reflection during the season of Advent, as we prepare for the joyous Christmas celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In closing, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas, and peace, good health, and happiness in the year ahead. May the Holy Spirit be with us all as we worship together and strive to be God’s good and faithful servants in 2018.

---Ingrid Magar

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Deep River, Conn.
St. Peter

This issue of the Northeast Anglican coming so soon after the last one, there isn't too much for us to report this time around. At the recent DNE Synod, I was re-elected to a 3-year term on the Diocesan Standing Committee, also to a 3-year term on the ACA Executive Council. I am grateful to all who have so entrusted me with a place on these important councils!
A recent highlight in our congregation, was of Chuck and Cathy Wonneberger celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on October 8; on account of rather full schedules in October, and so that other family could be present for the occasion, the Wonnebergers made a renewal of vows during the service on November 5.

As the so-called holiday season is knocking at the door, we pray that this special time of year will be meaningful and not too stressful for all; may the blessings of our Lord Jesus, whose birth we are about to commemorate, be with us all throughout the coming year.

-----Fr. Merrill Perkins

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” Colossians 3:15

As His coming grows closer, we find ourselves passing through Thanksgiving first; thankful for the many, often unrecognized, blessings bestowed on us throughout the year, ready to once again prepare for His entrance into our world.

St. Thomas will enter Advent with sad, but hopeful, hearts still getting used to the passing of one of our devoted congregants; Mr. Fred Langsman. Fred would have appreciated the significance of his memorial Mass while being embarrassed it was on his behalf. St. Thomas is a far cry from the majestic, high church he attended for years in Philadelphia. Much as he missed that parish, he grew to love the contrast with St. Thomas. Never married, he came to see St. Thomas as his family and was embraced during his years with us. We are comforted in the knowledge he is now with the Lord, but his customary pew seat seems especially empty right now. Fred is now in the glory of God. “Wait but a little while in uncomplaining love! His own most gracious smile shall welcome you above.” (Hymn 591: There is a blessed home)

Two of our congregants, John and Irene Douglas, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with parish members in October. 60 years! Their personal friendship and respect for one another are evident and a testimony to their 60-year marriage. John has an apple orchard and has a double green thumb. Irene is a master seamstress who makes all of her picture-perfect suits and dresses.

St. Thomas congregants and Father Ed Kalish are quickly growing used to having two deacons assist with Mass and give sermons when needed. Our newly ordained Deacon Weed, carrying the processional cross) and Deacon Kevin (behind Dcn. Weed) can both fill in for Fr. Kalish (behind Dcn. Kevin) when our assistant priest, Fr. Gray is unable to replace Fr. Kalish when he goes to Wisconsin every three months for a required one week of studies at Nashotah House.

Too often we forget to be thankful for the lay people who serve selflessly as they tend to the numerous secular tasks in the parish. With the upcoming celebration of Thanksgiving, it is fitting we acknowledge and thank those people in our parish whose efforts are often overlooked and taken for granted.

We are very thankful that Pao-sheng Hsu, our Junior Warden has recovered from a long illness and can once again join us at the altar, in fellowship, and at Vestry meetings.

Shirley Landmesser, our Senior Warden, attended the DNE Synod last month with Fr. and Linda Kalish, Fr. Frank and Ada Gray, and Dcn. Kevin. This was Shirley’s first Synod. Unsure what to expect, Shirley was pleased to discover the Church outside and beyond St. Thomas. Entering her second year as Senior Warden, Shirley has assumed the numerous responsibilities of our former long-term Senior Warden, Dave Simmons. These two people have each carried the many thankless secular tasks no one else is either aware needs to be done or is willing to do, and both have served faithfully without complaint. Most parish members are unaware of the amount of personal time and devotion that being a Senior Warden requires.

Those of us that do are truly grateful now and throughout the year for Shirley and Dave. Hint to all congregations this Thanksgiving: thank your Senior Wardens. They are the priest’s and the congregation’s human bedrock. Thank you Shirley for your present service, and thank you Dave for all you still do.
We want to make a point of thanking Toni Pennell and Ann Geary for their many volunteered hours practicing at and playing our organ during Mass and during special occasions. Both women have given freely of themselves and are outstanding organists. Toni and Ann, both retired nurses, have given so much of themselves to meet our musical needs. Thank you Toni and Ann!

The person behind the mouse and behind the screen (below) is quiet as a mouse and does so much for her husband, Fr. Kalish and for all of St. Thomas each and every week. She joins Fr. Kalish at Clericus, Synod, and other DNE functions, prepares the Sunday bulletins, and keeps track of details none of us even realize need tending. This person, who is a lesson in serving, is Linda Kalish. St. Thomas has been blessed to have her serve at St. Thomas, blessed to have her as our greeter and as a choir member. A thank you doesn’t begin to express the depth of our constant appreciation for all Linda does!

We at St. Thomas wish everyone in the DNE a blessed Thanksgiving and join each of you in the expectation of the lighting of the first Advent Candle. Hopefully, each of us will remember to thank those in our parish who don’t normally get to hear a thank you and thank God for each of our blessings. We are blessed!

-----Valerie Brown McCadden, Clerk

Brooklyn, New York
St. Joseph

Greetings in the precious 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 September we celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Lorna Watson and yours truly, pictured above left. Offering a special prayer for us is our very own Deacon Herby Rodney. We were also visited by Omega Lodge. Pictured to the right is the Worshipful Master of the jurisdiction, Mr. Earl Morris, our organist and choirmaster, and Deacon Rodney.

In October we were blessed to help celebrate the 48th Wedding Anniversary of our very own Barbara and Raymond Usher. Pictured to the right are the happy couple with a cake baked by the happy hubby. I had a piece of it so I can vouch for how good it tasted. Way to go, Ray on both the anniversary and the great tasting cake.

We celebrated our Annual Harvest Service in October. Pictured to the left is some of the children who attended the service.

In that same month we celebrated the 1 year anniversary of the Homegoing of our sister in Christ, Valerie Christian. Pictured to the left is her loving husband and one of our Vestryman, David Christian. He is surrounded by his son and daughter-in-law, grand daughter and great granddaughter. Brother Christian is trying his best to hold the little one who but she has a different idea as she’s trying to make a break for it. She’ll be alright because she’s in good hands.

In October we also celebrated the birthday of a few of our members. Look at the happy smiles that they are sporting. Pictured on the right is Mrs. Judith Horsford, Ms. Evadne Banner and, to the far right is, Ms. Undine Bennet. Yours truly offered the birthday blessings and it must have worked, or at least not have been boring, because they are still attending service in good spirits and still sporting smiles.
In November we celebrated the 2 year anniversary of the Homegoing of our sister in Christ, Grace Picart. Pictured to the right is her husband, another valued member of our congregation, Brother Steve Picart in the center and a host of children, grandchildren and many, many loved ones.

On a somber note, we suffered the loss of Archdeacon Alan M. Koller. Our prayers go out to his loving wife, Barbara, and two sons, David and Steven. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord: and may light perpetual shine upon him.

I would like to thank all of those who, during our time of need, kept my family in their prayers. Please continue to keep the family members of our dearly departed brothers and sisters also in your prayers.

With that being said, the Clergy, Vestry and Congregation of St. Joseph’s wish all a happy and healthy Advent Season and a blessed Christmas and New Years.

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

+RIP Archdeacon Koller

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my duty to inform you that The Ven. Alan Koller has entered eternal life. He served our diocese for many years as parish priest, archdeacon and Vicar General of the Armed Forces.

Originally ordained in the Reformed Church, Archdeacon Koller was subsequently ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood by the Right Reverend George D. Langberg. He served churches in Schuylerville and Brooklyn, New York. He was appointed archdeacon of the Diocese of the Northeast by the Right Reverend Brian R. Marsh in 2009. In 2011, he was appointed Vicar General for the Armed Forces. He served in both positions until his death. Archdeacon Koller received his Th.D. in theology from Fordham University.

Archdeacon Koller proudly served his country for many years as a military chaplain. He retired from the United States Army Chaplains Corps with the rank of full Colonel. According to his wishes, he was buried with full military honors.

Archdeacon Koller leaves behind his wife, Barbara, and two sons two sons: Stephen and The Reverend Deacon David Koller.

Alan Koller++ was a priest to the last. Less than a week ago, he responded to the needs of a man who called out for a priest in the hospital Emergency Room. Archdeacon Koller, who had made an emergency visit to the hospital himself, reached out to the man who was in considerable distress. After speaking with the man for twenty minutes, Father Koller's pastoral care calmed the man. His priestly dedication, as well as his dedication to his church and country, are models for us all.

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

-----Faithfully in Christ, +Brian

Rochester, N.H.

Joy and Sorrow

Usually we turn our focus to efforts that create growth in the Fall. We plan for new members classes and Re4m seminars, for special meetings and outreaches, and other events. That was inhibited this year with the loss of two parishioners.

Jens Wiik, husband to Alina Banasyak experienced a sudden crisis and died on September 13th. He was 36, and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, where his primary specialties evolved from field artillery to all source intelligence with a focus on South Asia. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as an Intelligence Advisor while conducting combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received various commendations while serving with the National Security Agency at Menwith Hill Station, Harrogate, UK and Korea. We ask prayers for his wife and parents who attend our church. He was much loved.

No sooner had we committed Jens to God that we lost another long time member before his time. Michael Burns, passed suddenly on September 30th. He was a captain in the army and a much respected and loved boy scout leader. His funeral was attended by near 200 persons. His
sons, both officers in the Armed Services, are a testament to his memory.

We are blessed to have known both of these men. These senseless losses are always hard to understand we are left with the sober knowing that death is an enemy and that Christ died to end death. In this we hope.

In the midst of these events, indeed, sandwiched between them, was the Joint Synod in Atlanta. Fr. Mirabile, his wife Inger, Ed Pacht, Janice Mahood, and our junior warden Michael McKinnon Dane all attended the synod. It was a joyful experience and truly momentous in its importance. Since Fr. Mirabile’s daughter and son in law live in Atlanta, and as it was her birthday that weekend, Fr. And Mrs. Mirabile enjoyed extending the visit over the weekend to spend time with them.

No sooner had they returned than it seemed we were off to another synod for the diocese of the Northeast. It was good to spend time with other clergy and enjoy the food and fellowship around church business.

Trinity also held two new members classes in October with six attending. Two of these were long time parishioners who never attended a new members class and wanted to find out what it was about. One long-time member, Leslie Jerlinsky, enjoyed it so much she was eager to tell others about it. To date we have had nine people go through new members classes this year.

This fall was time to start other programs again too. Once we returned from the joint synod we began to have mid-week services in the chapel again. This prayer book service is held every Wednesday at nine am. Attendance has been good for a mid-week service. We also began our second 12 week program of Reboot Combat Recovery and have been meeting each Wednesday. We honestly can’t believe that we have already met for 9 weeks! In a few short weeks we will have our Reboot graduation.

Now, as we come to Thanksgiving we are preparing for Christmas. I suppose that advertising companies are not the only ones gearing up for Christmas early! Our church has gone through a huge turn-around over the last year and a half and we are doing more than ever before. Now Fr. Mirabile has called the vestry to begin work on our “mission”, so that we have a clear sense of what God is calling us to do and become in the years ahead. We expect to roll out some exciting news at our annual meeting in January. Stay tuned! As we begin to look towards the end of another year at Trinity we are profoundly grateful for all God has done in our midst.

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

We held our annual church picnic the weekend after Labor Day. Lee and Dick Rice hosted it again on their lovely farm. While our friends and family in Florida worried about Hurricane Irma, we were blessed with a beautiful September day. It was cool and breezy, about 70 degrees, but the sun shone and warmed us all, and the food was twice as delicious eaten in that picturesque setting. The horses munched their goodies near the fence, and kept an eye on us. The apple and pear trees in the orchard were lush with fruit. The pond rippled in the breeze, and so did the grasses. Butterflies and insects buzzed in the great green field, as the big red barn stood watch over all.

† On the previous day, the Jones family attended the ordination of Phillip Cunningham at St. Nicholas in West Seneca. It was a perfect afternoon, and I’m not sure which shone more: the sun or the face of Father Phil! It was a pleasure to have Bishop Webb visiting the Western Frontier of our diocese to ordain him. Afterwards, we celebrated with family, friends, and parishioners as we filled our plates to overflowing with delicious and plentiful food organized by the parish of St. Nicholas. Congratulations, Father Phil!

† The first week in October, Wally and I travelled to Atlanta for the historic 2017 Joint Synods. We were honored to participate, to renew old friendships, and to make many new ones. I could write an entire column on this special week, but I’ll save it for another time. If you haven’t yet done so, check out the videos of this historic event on our DNE website.

† The Blessing of the Pets was held the next weekend. Our cat, Mischief, apparently loved being in church, because he was extremely well-behaved, even when he was allowed out of the cat carrier. He seemed unconcerned by the four dogs attending the service: Bo Magin, Jeep Rice, and the two Ayers pooches. He joined Cameron on the altar, was attentive briefly, and did not make a sound. I’d like to think that he was calmed by the presence of the Lord and St. Francis in the Sanctuary. But I strongly suspect that Mischief was overcome by his favorite somnolent activity. Wally and Fr. David Leo travelled to the DNE Synod in NH, with Jim Siebold from St. Nicholas. They returned with a Lay Reader certificate, signed by Bishop Marsh, which was presented to David Coir. David is on the path to priesthood, pursuing his studies. Newly elected to the vestry, he is taking an active role in the life of Holy Redeemer. It is a pleasure to have him in our parish.

† Karen DesCamp, our new treasurer, is also a delight. She has delved into our finances for our proposed 2018 budget. She has also researched what other churches are doing in the diocese for
various ministries, and presented some new ideas at our annual meeting. She and Wally reminded us about the Bishop’s recent message about stewardship. We are all giving careful thought to increasing our personal pledges a bit more, even by $10 per month, in order to pass a budget in the black, and to reserve some funds for future growth. At our annual meeting, held one week after the tragic church massacre in Sutherland Springs, Texas, we discussed the issue of church security and safety. We will be discussing this in depth in the weeks and months to come, and we welcome suggestions from other parishes.

† And thanks to the efforts of newly-elected Co-Warden, Randy Magin, our very efficient Buildings and Grounds steward, we have a new Mountain Ash tree planted outside our fellowship room. The municipality in which Holy Redeemer resides offered a wonderful gift to town residents. We simply had to choose which tree we wanted, and place in the ground, where we wanted the tree to go, the wooden stake which they provided us; the town did the rest! We are thankful for the Town of Gorham and this generous program. We anticipate watching our new tree grow and produce those beautiful clusters of bright red berries.

† We look forward to celebrating the first Sunday in Advent with Bishop Brian Marsh on his annual visitation to our parish. We pray that he enjoys safe travels, and is spared from the white stuff which already made its first appearance in mid-November.

† As the days of autumn shorten and grow colder, and the last of the resolute leaves finally give in to the coming winter and loosen their firm grasp, we, too, give in to the changing season and to God’s plan for our lives. We let go of our hectic schedule, for more than a moment. We open ourselves to Christ’s love, and to the hope and peace that he holds for us. We prepare. We look back so that we may look forward. And then we wait, with the knowledge and faith of what lies ahead. Thanksgiving is next week, and then soon follows the most important season of our liturgical year: Advent. Arrival. Appearance. Coming. Beginning. Birth. We begin simply by listening. Find a quiet place. And He will give you rest. Unplug. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Surrender. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall sing it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. And He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

-----by Diane S. Jones

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

Every Fall, I think how blessed we are to live in New England where each season brings its own unique combination of activities and diverse displays of nature on the surrounding hills, lakes, and rivers. The last few weeks of a mild October provided ample opportunity for us to enjoy God’s creation at its most colorful. Now we turn to November, cold weather, and a marked increase in activities as we gather in the harvest and prepare for Advent and Christmastide.

On Saturday, September 30, Fr. Art Bennett organized the Blessings of the Badges of police, fire, and emergency service personnel at the Charlestown Fire Department. Although it was a rainy day, some 50 friends and family members attended to show their support of people who risk their lives every day to keep our community safe. A bagpiper from the New Hampshire State Police played several pieces, and Fr. Art distributed St. Michael and All Angels medals to those who wished them. Fr. Art, a former police officer, regularly ministers to police and fire department personnel in Charlestown.

In early November, Phil Turner, Good Shepherd’s junior warden, organized a community musical thank-offering to our Lord, Soli Deo Gloria. Six local churches contributed some 20 musical pieces including a solo sung by Phil, entitled, Tell Your Heart to Beat Again (D. Gokey).

It was a wonderful evening of worship through the offerings of music.

The Fort at No. 4 held their annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday, November 18. Fr. David, in colonial dress, blessed the meal by the light of candles and a roaring fire to ward off the chill of the evening. Strolling minstrels provided entertainment. Jeanne (Mistress Moody) and Dee Blanchard also attended the event.

Sunday, November 19 was particularly busy at Good Shepherd. We held a meeting of the vestry after the morning service.

Much to Fr. David Moody’s surprise, he was presented with a chocolate cream pie with a single large candle placed in its center in commemoration of his 80th birthday that he will celebrate on Thanksgiving Day.
this year. In addition to birthday cards, the parish gave him the gift of a stunning Monstrance for use at the Service of Benediction. Bishop Marsh promptly blessed it for use. During the vestry meeting, we learned from our treasurer that the church has been richly blessed by several anonymous gifts that will allow us to paint the walls woodwork and ceiling of our sanctuary this winter.

At 6 p.m., we welcomed the pastors of local churches and about 40 adults and children to the annual Charlestown Community Thanksgiving Service. Each year, the service is held in a different church, and this year was our turn to host the service. Bishop Marsh presided at the service that involved contributions from the Charlestown pastors and members of their congregations. After worshipping together as a Christian community of faith, we shared refreshments and fellowship in our parish hall.

Finally, we look forward to sharing in the preparation and support of a Christmas Party on Saturday morning, December 16, for about 50 children. The party is being organized by the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of New Hampshire in cooperation with Charlestown area churches. Readers of our reports will recall that CEF works with us each summer to hold our Vacation Bible School. The also sponsor after school “Good News Clubs” in the local primary school. At the party, we hope to attract new children to attend our VBS in July.

We pray that this coming Advent season, the Holy Spirit will open our hearts to receive the Christ Child on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you all.

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

Notes from the Secretary

This article will be brief but full of gratitude!
I missed being with many of you at both the Joint Synod in Atlanta and the Diocesan Synod in Amherst. Reports from those who attended one or both of those events have all been positive and joyful. I must say that my day was brightened when I received the call from the DNE synod and heard all of your voices!
I owe a bundle of thanks to all who stepped in to fill the gaps due to my absence:
Jeanne Moody for serving as delegate in my place at the ACA Synod
Fr. Merrill who served as secretary at the DNE Standing Committee meeting
Lee Garre who served as secretary at the DNE Synod meeting (and did a fantastic job planning, organizing and overseeing the whole event)

Kathy Lippman for her help and encouragement
And to Bishop Marsh and all of you for your prayers and good wishes while I recover from my back problem. The get well cards that Bishop George delivered when he returned from the Synod with your notes and heartfelt words brought me smiles. They reminded me how blessed I am to be able to serve in this diocese and to have made so many friends over the years. And I look forward to meeting those of you I haven’t yet met. As Thanksgiving approaches I thank all of you for your friendship.
I sincerely wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Advent, a Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

-----Peace and Blessings Linnea

Logos House of Theological Studies

Ellsworth, Maine

Logos House was well represented and well received at the Joint Synod in Georgia. Fr. Ed Kalish and his wife Linda manned our table and shared information about our mission. Logos House is grateful they volunteered to present Logos House to the attendees.

We are looking for someone with library science skills to volunteer to be our librarian, find and train other volunteers to finish entering up to 3,000 titles in our online library catalog, and to do it from the comfort of his or her home. If anyone is remotely intrigued, please contact Valerie McCadden at lhots@myfairpoint.net.

-----Valerie Brown McCadden
Executive Administrator/Registrar

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. For details contact: phone, 207 475 7803,
online at 1928prayerbookalliance.org/SHOP, by mail:

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Diocesan Synod

The diocese of the Northeast recently enjoyed a wonderful synod in Nashua, NH. The accommodations at the Courtyard by Marriott were enjoyable, as was the food. Wednesday afternoon the standing committee met and reports from around the diocese show sound growth. The synod meeting was lively and productive, and was led with the sort of humor and charm as only Bp. Marsh can give. The clergy met to discuss clerical concerns, led by Fr. Jeff Monroe, whose concern for those issues helped make the meeting very productive. Fr. Mirabile did a presentation on St. Luke’s camp, asking everyone in the diocese to begin now to make plans for next August. Fr. Mirabile also did a Powerpoint presentation on website content and design. One of our newest priests, Fr. Drinkwater, gave the keynote address and shared the wonderful and heartwarming story of Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls, ME. This church grew from four people and a vision last September to owning a building and establishing a new thriving congregation in one year. His testimony was moving and uplifting. Bishop Langberg entertained with his “one man band” performances after the Banquets. Clergy enjoyed fellowship with one another informally over drinks and at the fire pit at night. There is a sense of blessing in the air. God is up to something and we are seeing signs of it around the diocese. We are growing. We are encouraged. We are thankful.

-----Fr. Matt Mirabile

October, 2017, was the month of two synods. We began the month in Atlanta with our ACA National Synod, held in blessed and brotherly conjunction with three other jurisdictions working toward union; and ended the month in Nashua with our Diocesan Synod. The Fall issue of NEA was held up for a month in order to include the extensive report on Atlanta, and this edition has come right on its heels. It has been an eventful and rewarding time, but has come in the midst of an unusually challenging hurricane season which especially impacted our brethren in Puerto Rico. See elsewhere in this issue for the various ways we've been able to extend help. Continue to remember the churches and people there. Pray also for the continued recovery of our secretary, Linnea Shaver, whose health issues kept her from Synod and for Den. Mark Black's wife who took sick during the Atlanta meeting and is now recovering, as also for Fr. Ludwig, recovering from a heart attack and needing to resign. Lord, hear our prayer! Linnea normally gives us a detailed account of Synod, but, lacking that this time, Fr. Matt's succinct account hits all the high points, and a few pictures of the events follow here.

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In the Person of Jesus

Light came into the world,
and the Light shone brightly
and illuminated the doings of men.
The Light came
and the Light shone,
and the world didn’t understand the Light.
The world hated the Light.
The world feared the Light,
and the world tried to put out the Light,
and on the Cross the Light died,
and there was darkness at noon,
and in the darkness the earth shook,
and the foundations of the universe trembled;
but the Light would not finally die.
The Lord of life returned from the grave,
and the Light shines still,
and the Light of life fills the universe,

-----------ed pacht
Devastation caused by Hurricane Maria

Please note: I have been giving Erv Lishke’s personal email. He would prefer that for IAF business this be used instead:
iafoffice@wildblue,net

Many thanks to all those who have already made contributions to the Puerto Rico relief effort! More contributions will always be gratefully welcomed; please send donations to: Erv Lischke, IAF Executive Director / 1760 Red Crow Rd., Victor, MT 59875.

Many thanks in advance, and blessings to all -
-----Fr. Merrill Perkins

Relief Effort for the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean

Status Report 01
November 2, 2017

Financial and material aid are well underway
Donors include individuals, church congregations, national church organizations, church groups, and others
Attendees at the recent National Joint Synods Pontifical Mass donated the offering
Many donors contributed at the IAF booth set up during the Joint Synods
Revenue from the sale of souvenir Joint Synod coffee mugs was donated
Contributions from people throughout the Anglican community continue to flow
The IAF is serving as a conduit for transferring donated funds to The Rt. Rev. Juan Garcia, Ordinary for the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC) in Ponce, PR
Funds are being sent via US Postal Service directly to Bp Garcia… no administrative overhead, no middle man.
To date, $20,230 has been received. More is expected.

Contact Erv Lischke, Executive Director, IAF, with any questions:
(406) 642-3085, mobile (406) 381-6890 or,
iafoffice@wildblue.net

Updated information to follow as it becomes available

The outpouring of caring and generosity in response to this horrific event has been incredible
One Young Girl

One young girl stood alone, 
so newly a woman become.
Unaware, at the crux of time, 
engaged but yet untouched, 
she stood.

One young girl stood alone, 
with open and wondering eyes, 
and saw 
with awe 
the one who came from God’s own throne 
to speak 
a word 
to bring a trembling to her heart 
and a promise to her world.

And, shining bright the awesome one 
called her not to fear, 
and laid on her the fearsome task, 
to bear a child, 
the holy child, 
though she had no man 
but the one whose pledge was hers, 
whose child this never would be.

One young girl stood alone, 
with the angel of God. 
One young girl stood alone, 
and trembling filled her soul. 
In trembling now the young girl stood: 
with heart and lips she spoke: 
simply spoke one awesome word:

““Yes!”
She said, “Yes!”
With “yes” she took upon herself 
a painful, lifelong task, 
and when the Holy Spirit moved, 
salvation was begun.

-----ed pacht

[Image of Nativity scene]
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 10:30AM. 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 - Sun 10am
(373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)667-2001. Fr. Ed Kalish, Fr. Frank Gray, Dcn Kevin Kelly, Dcn. Leroy Weed

**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 Gary Drinkwater 207-312-7318

**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
Lay Pastor Mr, Mike McKinnon

**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.
Bp. 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 York**


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

**Halfmoon (Clifton Park):** St. Thomas of Canterbury—Sun 10am (242 Grooms Road)
Fr. John Bassett 518-584-6812

**Tuxedo:** St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am
(38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley)
Fr. Peter Geromel 864-992-8281

**Webster:** Holy Cross - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road) . (585) 671-0411
Fr. Robert Ludwig, Dcn. Tom Stone

**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.: Trinity**—Sun 11.15am
(At Valley Bible Church, 851 Fairview Terrace,) (413)323-6445. Fr. Stephen Rugg
Clergy Anniversaries

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

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

Jan
10 – Fr. Ed Ihde, birthday 1950

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

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