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

This is a greeting I offer to many people at the beginning of this important season. Most people offer a greeting in response; others respond with a similar Lenten statement or just say thank you. Last Thursday, I received a different response.

It happened when I attended a lecture in the Boston area. As the audience for the talk was assembling, I noticed a retired priest already seated in the auditorium. I had known the priest for several years. When we meet, we always greet each other warmly and share conversations about some theological issue and update each other about church news. I walked over to him and said: “a blessed and holy Lent to you, Father.” He shook my hand and said, very seriously: “my church has decided not to observe Lent.”

I must have registered shock at this piece of news, for my friend burst out laughing. He said he was only kidding – mostly, that is. But he went on to say that, in his opinion, the church he had served for many years no longer subscribed to the Lenten necessity of abstinence and prayer. Yes, his church went through the motions of counting off the days before Easter - all forty of them. Churches sang the traditional hymns. Church bulletins recorded the numbered Sundays in Lent. They held palms on Palm Sunday. They did all these things, as if by rote.

The priest was most concerned that his church no longer taught the importance of Lent or how best to approach this necessary season. His own individual approach to the season of Lent had remained unchanged for fifty years. He looked forward to Lent for many reasons. It was necessary, he told me, for his physical and spiritual well-being.

At around that time, an announcement was made. We were asked to take our seats. A speaker was introduced and the purpose for my visit to Boston got under way. The lecture was about World War I, the speaker a prominent historian. Though I was certainly interested in the topic, I confess that I heard very little of it. I began thinking about Lent and how we celebrate this season in our church. Here are some suggestions for a holy Lent.

First of all, Lent is a time for abstinence. Many of us make symbolic gestures to that end. Few of us put on sack cloth and subsist on bread and water – when we are not fasting, of course. But abstinence is not about deprivation; it is about opening ourselves to God; it is about removing those extraneous and unnecessary things that fill up our lives and prevent us from embracing the fullness of God's love. Rather than causing us distress at giving up the necessities of life, Lenten abstinence can be an opportunity for a joyful reunion with true essentials of life. Those essentials have everything to do with our spiritual connection to God.
Secondly, we must pray. During my long service to the church as both layman and clergyman, I have experienced the unique power of Lenten prayers. Prayer at this time seems to take on a deeper dimension. It may well relate to our desire to prepare for Easter. It certainly is heavily influenced by the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. Holy Week prayers and services are among the most profound and deeply experienced prayers in the Christian world. Like abstinence, a prayerful devotion will draw us closer to God.

Third, we must read and internalize Holy Scripture. As the collect for Sunday directs us, we should “read, mark, learn and inwardly digest” the word of God contained in Scripture. This is the true spiritual food that will sustain us in both our spiritual and temporal journeys. Those who practice fasting know that, when you abstain from food for a short period of time, the mind becomes much more open to the spirit, much more available to God's direction.

Following the lecture (of which I remember very little), I waved to my friend. He was eager to buy the lecturer's new book, so we headed in different directions. I was eager to leave Boston before the rush hour traffic made exceeding the speed limit impossible. But I said a silent prayer for his poor church, which seemed determined to forgo the joys of a blessed and holy Lent.

But I do wish each of you, with every good grace of this beautiful season: A Blessed and Holy Lent to you all!

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian

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Notes from the Secretary

The 2017 parochial report form was sent out to all parishes and missions in early January. Please return the completed form to me promptly (see my address on the report notice or in the NEA directory) so that the diocesan report can be submitted to the National Church on time.

Voting communicants are those parishioners over 18 years of age who are actively involved in the life of the parish, i.e., regularly attend services, support the parish financially (e.g. tithe, pledge or plate) and participate in church activities, as they are able. Only members meeting these criteria should be counted as voting communicants.

Please include the updated lay reader, vestry and synod delegate sections. Annual meeting dates and parish elections vary throughout the diocese. If your annual vestry elections haven’t been held yet, please update me when the names (and contact information) are available. This information is needed to keep directories and distribution lists up-to-date.

Those of you who have not yet paid 2017 Diocesan and/or National Support are asked to do so without delay.

The Standing Committee met in January. Finances, clergy education and St. Luke’s camp were among the many topics discussed. Mr. David Coir, a new postulant from Holy Redeemer, addressed the Standing Committee and answered questions about his background and calling. Mr. Coir also met earlier in the day with the Board of Examining Chaplains.

Fr. Matt Mirabile, St. Luke’s Camp Director, reported that plans are well underway for St. Luke’s Camp, scheduled for August 5-11, 2018, at Camp Ashmere, Hinsdale, MA. Fr. Matt and his staff did an outstanding job last year providing an exhilarating spiritual experience for youth (and adult counselors as well). He urges all parishes to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. As always counselors and camp volunteers are needed. Adequate coverage allows Fr. Matt and other clergy staff to concentrate on the spiritual educational programs for the young campers.

Contact Fr. Matt for more information or to volunteer at Fr.matt.mirabile@trinity-anglicanchurch.org or by phone at (O) 603-332-4121 (C) 203-243-8050.

Finally, I thank so many of you for your prayers as I’ve dealt with my back problems the last few months. I’m happy to report that I’m doing much better and have no doubts that your prayers have played a large part in my recovery. I look forward to seeing you sans walker or cane! God bless you.

Peace, a Blessed Lent, and a Joyous Easter,

----Linnea

Joint Synod Update

Many of you have asked about future progress toward full organic union. Progress is indeed being made, though much of the work will involve a considerable amount of “heavy lifting.”

To get started on the next phase of the unification, a meeting of the G-4 bishops has been scheduled for early May of this year. Bishop Webb has offered the use of St. Luke's Church in Amherst, New Hampshire for the meetings and worship.

As it stands now, Archbishop Mark Haverland, Bishop Walter Grundorf, Bishop Paul Hewett and myself will meet for two days on May third and fourth to discuss matters related to unification. The discussions will largely focus on issues of polity, i.e. leadership and canons. These issues have been discussed in general terms, but will need to be dealt with in specific terms. A good deal of committee work will be involved. All levels of the church will need to be consulted on matters of polity. Please do keep us all in your prayers as we move forward with this important work of the church.

Although the issues of polity will largely dominate our meeting agenda, we hope to discuss issues of education, ecumenical relations with international jurisdictions like the Polish National Catholic Church, Military Chaplaincy programs, a common directory and the proposed 2020 Joint Synod.

The next Joint Synod is currently in the planning process. A tentative date of January, 2020 has been proposed. Various locations have been suggested for this gathering. The inner harbor of Baltimore or Orlando are among those under consideration.

Bishop Hewett to speak at the Graymoor clericus

Bishop Paul Hewett, the bishop ordinary of the Diocese of the Holy Cross, will be the featured speaker at our upcoming clericus.

Bishop Hewett is one of the G-4 bishops who were responsible for the very successful Joint Synod in Atlanta last October. He has been involved with ecumenical relations for many years. Bishop Hewett serves as president of the Federation of Anglican Churches in America. His history of the Continuing Anglican churches, The Day Spring from on High, was published last Fall.
White River Junction, Vt.
Trinity Anglican Church

Our most excellent editor has reminded all of us correspondents that it is that time again. Indeed, despite peregrinations up and down the East Coast, I had that little bell in the back of my mind, perhaps a guardian angel, telling me it is, indeed, that time again.

As I write this (and not as you read it), Christmas is 48 days past and Easter is 48 days hence. We embark on the 47 days of Lent tomorrow. It is interesting to me that the Gospel for Advent I is the beginning of Holy Week and Lent I is the beginning of His ministry. Our penitential seasons are new beginnings for us as well.

We are embarked, here at Trinity, on a search for a new ministry, the beginning of a new era for us we pray. We’ve been distracted by the busyness of the Christmas season what with vacations and difficult weather. We have become more aware of our dispersed nature—until recently we had only one parishioner who lived within ten miles of our place of worship and there is no other more central location. This affects every aspect of our parish life, especially in our coming together at times other than Sunday as well as our willingness to stick around on Sunday.

In working on our parish profile, things which describe and characterize Trinity which were hidden or taken for granted in the past have become apparent. We’ve missed them before, I think, due to the continuity of the bishop’s ministry with us. “It’s just always been that way” has hidden from us what that way is. Here we are in the center of the Upper Valley as a parish, yet distant physically from each other and from our worship space. The profiling process reveals these things and forces us to think about them.

Elsewhere, having completed an exhaustive study of Genesis, we are now engaged in studying Hebrews, a unique and challenging epistle. Here again, we see a welcome interest in staying around on Sunday morning and extending the study time. It is apparent that these studies are drawing in individuals from the community seeking in-depth understanding of Scripture—a kind of outreach to the Upper Valley.

And now we enter into Lent moving toward that day to which N.T. Wright refers as The Day the Revolution Began.

--- Alan Wylie

Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it to me.” (St. Matt. Ch 30 Vs 40)

We witness miracles everyday here at the Priory and rather than take that for granted, we are awed, inspired and filled with gratitude for what takes place. One of the latest has been a journey with one of the horses brought to us, Pirate. Those of you who get the Meditation each week have been able to follow his amazing progress from the New Holland auction in PA. (the “kill pens”) to his placement in his forever home recently. This beautiful animal was a well-respected Thoroughbred race horse when injuries forced his retirement. He was sent to the kill pen where he was “bailed” by a wonderful woman in NH. He was malnourished, injured, depressed. He was eventually sent to a foster home (pastured) until they needed the space. He was looking at his last trip to the kill pens or euthanasia. This is when we were urged by that “still small voice” to step up and offer our services. He came to us in October and the race was on to get enough weight on him so he would grow a winter coat before it got too cold. Every goal that we aspired to was reached and overcome by this deserving animal who wanted to live. Many of our readers and others also stepped up to financially support this animal and others that we care for, as most times the animals that come to us cannot be rehomed. Pirate has now been placed in a permanent home with another horse that we helped home last year. They are buddies and by all accounts, he is loving his new home where he is loved and stimulated by his many other friends large and small. This has been a scary and arduous journey but because of the animal angels along the way, Pirate prevailed and there was a miraculous outcome…..and now we wait for the next one…. “….as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me.”
Mechanic Falls, Maine
Anglican Church of the Transfiguration

November: We were all busy preparing for Thanksgiving and collecting food for the needy in our area. We continue with our Fat! and Harvest theme Sunday Service Bulletin covers. We even had a “Thanksgiving” cover for the Sunday before this special holiday. The Clergy and Parishioners were also busy preparing for Advent which was the official 1st year anniversary of Transfiguration.

Our Capital Campaign to raise funds for the Building improvements continues. We were all delighted to have our brand new “Heat Pump” Heating system installed before month end and what has turned out to be a very severe cold winter season. Record cold for Maine. They replaced two very old oil burners that were not energy efficient. During a Sunday Coffee Hour after the service, we had a mini-reception for two of our parishioners who were married by Father Gary at the end of September.

December: Christmas and the Advent season brought much joy to our parish as the official start of this festive season and our 2nd year of operations. We continued our series of Advent Sunday Bulletin covers each week for Sunday services. We even had special covers for Christmas Eve featuring the Nativity and one for Christmas Day Service.

Our Building improvement projects continued with the installation of 14 brand new Vinyl Replacement Windows in the Sanctuary. They are very large windows and what a difference they have made for the appearance of the building, plus they are energy efficient. The completion of this project has meant that all the windows in the 170 year old church have now been replaced.

In addition, one of our parish families donated the materials and labor to install a new laminate floor downstairs in Fellowship Hall. What a difference it has made in looks and a significant reduction in the cold on our legs. Another wonderful project completed.

January: On January 6th (end of the 12 Days of Christmas-“Little Christmas”) our ladies of the church had a Secret Pal luncheon at a restaurant in Lewiston, Maine. It was well attended and a good time was had by all.

We also had our first 2018 Fund raising Public Supper on January 20th. We featured a “Soup Bowl” dinner with home-made bread and desserts.

Our Annual Meeting was held after Sunday service on January 28th. We re-elected two members of the Vestry and elected a new Vestry member to replace a member who is moving away from the area.

We were happy to welcome Father Arnos from St. Paul’s, Portland to lead the worship on January 7th with Father Gary. He did a wonderful job, preaching a wonderful sermon (you could hear a pin drop!) and we all look forward to a return visit. We had a special cake to honor Father Arnos at our Coffee Hour that Sunday.

February: We will be baptizing the grandson of our Sub Deacon and Organist (Steve and Jean Bunnell) this month. This will be the second child baptized in our Church since we started. We also learned that Father Gary will be officiating at the marriage of a new family to Transfiguration in October. This will be the first wedding at Transfiguration and Father Gary’s third as our Rector. The bride’s family remembered the church twenty years ago when it was the Congregational Church. She wanted to be married at Transfiguration because of those memories.

Transfiguration will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13th to be followed by Evening Prayer. We have invited the local churches to come and join us.

Also, Transfiguration will host a DNE/Maine and Conway Retreat on Saturday, February 17th. Morning Prayer, a study of Philippians and Corinthians will be conducted, lunch and then a discussion on “how to deal with today’s conflict in the church” using scripture is scheduled.

The following Saturday, February 24th, we will have a meeting of the 2018 Synod Organizing Committee to review the plans for the Fall meeting which Transfiguration will host. We are well underway with the plans and hope that this will be a very memorable Synod for all that attend. It truly will be a “Maine” experience.

Coming Soon: On St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th, we will have a Corned Beef and Cabbage Irish Dinner/Public Supper as a Fund Raiser.

Major Work-Outside of the Building: When the weather breaks, we will start the Vinyl Siding (white) on the building. When we took over the building in the Fall of 2016, the outside of the building was badly in need of paint. It was badly peeling. Frankly, it did not look very inviting to prospective members or Transfiguration parishioners. Vinyl Siding is a more permanent fix that will save us money in the long run. It is guaranteed to look 100% better once the project is completed. Also a new roof on the back addition is scheduled to be done at the same time

-----Barry Vail
Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret
of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, despite the snow on the ground, it is almost March and many are looking forward to spring. I’m afraid we have a few more weeks to go, though. The skiers and snowboarders among us are just as happy with the white stuff, since it means more fun for them. I admit I am one of those, and am definitely a winter person.

Our other annual event was held in November as well. Our Christmas Fair went off without a hitch, and we had the usual cluster of early bird shoppers already lined up at the door when we opened. Some of the baskets represented were crafts, regional foods, animals, cooking, and kids. In other words, something for everyone. Several ladies make this event a success, including Ann Wilcox, Mary Thomas, Rebecca Harrington, and Charlotte Whiting. Our thanks also to the ladies who waited tables for the luncheon, and portioned out the soups served along with the sandwiches. Fran Shore always makes sure we have enough plates, napkins and cutlery as well. 

Christmas services were celebrated, one at 5:00 P.M. Christmas eve, and another at 10:00 Christmas morning. We also had a service of Lessons and Carols on December 30th.

Father Monroe and Linda took their annual winter vacation from January 15 through February 11, in the Carolinas. Very strange, Father came back

Halfmoon, New York
St. Thomas of Canterbury

Fourteen fruitful months have passed since Father John and Terry Bassett came to us. We learned early on that ours had become of parish of pack rats. Every closet, cupboard, the cellar and the crawl spaces were crammed full of holy but not sacred junk. The Bassett’s were without mercy. While some bit their nails and fretted worrying what the long deceased Mrs. Grim would say about this or that vase crashing into the bed of the pickup or a flattened purple kneeler that might be saved, repeated round trips to the town dump foreclosed hesitation. We witnessed the secular effects of true leadership.

What happened next was astonishing: Adult Sunday School at nine AM and Evening Prayer followed by Bible Study beginning at five PM Tuesdays. With homework. Three dimensional. Father John and his wife are well-traveled in the Holy Land. They took us there. Politics, ancient economics, vivid historical personalities and customs and back stories make every session downright exciting and well attended. We are in the midst of an adventure that could only have imagined not so long ago.

Singing is spirited, prayer is fervent, everyone is renewed and strangers become friends. St. Thomas of Canterbury is alive, well and happy.

-----David Bullard

Portland, Maine
St. Paul’s

St. Paul’s held its annual meeting in January electing Adair O’Reilly as its new Sr. Warden, and a set of vestry. Bishop Webb was a guest at the meeting and offered us a homily on the importance of congregational harmony. Father Logan announced that he would be retiring as Rector in June, but everyone is hopeful he will continue as a help to the new interim pastor. Bishop Marsh has offered us Father Andrew Faust to be the interim and everyone was pleased as he is well loved by us all.

Pre Lent has now started and we are all thinking ahead to the end of another winter and a beautiful Spring and Easter. Dr. Painter, our new organist of about a year, suffered a heart attack and is now resting at home. We are all hoping he will be able to return soon but in the meantime Dr. John Serrage has come out of retirement and is back at the organ. We would all be at a loss without the beautiful sung Mass that is traditional at St. Paul’s.

Fr. Amos will be graduating from his counselling course in May and hopes to get a job at the Maine Medical Center or one of the other hospitals in the state. We will miss him as he has been great help for Father Logan in the last few years.

We are all looking forward to a great future with these recent changes.

-----John Serrage
All of us at St. Margaret’s are wishing all our Christian friends a thoughtful and introspective Lenten season, and a beautiful spring and Easter full of hope and renewal.

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Maureen Ferguson, Ladies Guild

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? 1 Corinthians 9:13

Fr. Christian Tutor, of Concord, NH, broke through the “Quiet on the Downeast Front” on 10 February to present a special seminar: “The Glory of the Church.” Inspired by his 2017 presentation at St. Thomas, several of us wanted to further feed our curiosity about traditional church practices with roots back to the early Church and early Christians. Fr. Tutor’s knowledge about, and understanding of Roman, Traditional Anglican, and Byzantine traditions enabled him to offer an informative and engaging walk-through of church history as it relates to Anglican worship.

Beginning with Holy Communion, Fr. Tutor presided.

Fr. Kalish prayed for the seminar’s success at its opening.

The altar received constant attention and explanation. We traveled back through the millennia to connect our altar practices to our Jewish ancestors whose sacrifices could only be made at the altar and who had an assembling place – a synagogue – in large villages, where the devout could meet to chant the Psalms and learn from the holy scripture. The old covenant focused on the coming Messiah and the guilt of sin was removed by the blood of animals “in place of the blood of sinners.” The fulfillment and completion of the old covenant promise can be found in our Mass, during which based on Synagogue...
practices, we pray to and praise God. And, based on the Passover celebration, we re-create (not remember) the one sacrifice for all time and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord.

The historical symbolisms of altar elements -- such as the Corporal, the Relics, altar linens, and even the altar typically being made of wood -- gave life to the altar with many strings stretched back to and still connected to the early Christian martyrs and their sacrifices. For example, the typically wood altar reminds us of the manger and the Cross, and the linens covering the altar are symbolic of swaddling clothes because “His body will be laid on the altar.”

Special attention was given to St. Scholastica, whose saint’s day is Feb. 10th. She was the sister of St. Benedict, and founded the women’s branch of the Benedictine order.

The amount of information was a lot to take in all at once, but notes and re-watching the soon-to-be posted seminar video on youtube.com at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNXEaTiWc1zziC8eIS6dYA will help us to fully digest and appreciate everything we learned. St. Thomas invites anyone who is interested to go to the link above to watch the four videos of our 2/4/17 Altar Guild Workshop with Fr. Tutor and to subscribe for notification when the “Glory of the Church” videos are posted.

Pizza and drinks were provided midway through the seminar. Those in attendance were blessed with Fr. Tutor’s presence and teaching.

-----Valerie Brown McCadden, Clerk

Logos House of Theological Studies
Ellsworth, Maine

Logos House was pleased to learn one of its former students, Rev. Ian Dunn, was installed in December 2017 as the full-time rector of an APA church, All Saints Anglican Church, in Prescott, AZ. Fr. Dunn’s first curate position was at St. Thomas in Ellsworth for two years following the death of its former rector, Canon Granville Henthorne, founder and first president of Logos House. His introduction into the priesthood was a proverbial “trial by fire”. Despite his young age and lack of experience, Fr. Dunn stepped up to the plate and held St. Thomas together as it struggled with the loss of his and their pastor, and his Logos House mentor. Shortly after his then secular employer sent him to oversee a newly opened research department in California, he recognized his true, primary calling was to serve God. That realization launched his journey to his present destination. It seems like yesterday when Fr. Dunn applied to Logos House in his mid-20s, then and still the youngest candidate to apply. We will pray for Fr. Dunn’s ministry and for his Arizona flock.

Logos House has accepted six new students since last fall; two for our Deaconess Track and four for our Diaconate Track. Three of our present Diaconate Track students are ever so close to being the first to take Koine Greek with our Greek instructor, Shirley Landmesser. All Diaconate Track students accepted after August 2016 are required to take at least one of three Koine Greek courses; all Priest Track students are required to take all three. We have also accepted a student to tackle Ancient Latin. Our instructors are busy, to say the very least.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Joan Sitton began a dedicated donation to Logos House in January, which will help us to continue our efforts to satisfy and improve upon Canon Henthorne’s vision of preparing humble persons for Holy Orders within the Traditional Anglican Communion, and those other Continuing Church bodies who deem the programs acceptable for their purposes as well as provide educational programs to other interested students not involved in the ordination process. We are very thankful for Mrs. Sitton’s faith in our mission, her support, and her input.

Logos House is in the process of reading Cindy Lewis, in North Carolina, to assume the role of Registrar. Cindy is familiar with the responsibilities inherent with being a registrar and has offered to volunteer her time and skill to take over that position. All students and jurisdictions will be notified when the transfer of responsibility is completed. Welcome to Logos House Cindy.

We are still 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. The entering and book processing system has been designed and successfully used to process up to 2,000 books already, but we don’t have the manpower or finances to complete the job. If anyone is remotely intrigued, please contact Valerie McCadden at lhots@myfairpoint.net.

--------------------------Valerie Brown McCadden,
Executive Administrator/Acting Registrar/Bursar

Scarborough, Maine
St. Augustine Anglican Church

“And now, my sons, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.” (Psalm 8:32)

November seems so long ago but the day the last NEA Newsletter was due was the day of St. Augustine’s Christmas Fair. This is our major fundraiser for the year and supports both the business side of the church as well as Vine & Branches, our community outreach committee.
We were also able to complete our ninth Bicycles for Foster Children Project in November and made 8 children very happy with the gift of a bike. For some of these children, the bike is their only Christmas gift, so we are very happy to support the families. One of the children to whom we gave a bike was four-year-old Tony. Tony suffered severe brain damage from an abusive family and when the bike was delivered he was in the hospital undergoing brain surgery and we all wondered if he would even survive to use the bike. We had to get a special bike for him as he is unable to sit upright without support and will never be able to ride a real bike. Fortunately, by Christmas little Tony was home and doing well.

Our Annual Craft Fair

We were also able to participate in The Angel Tree Project which is a project at the Cumberland County Jail. With the aid of mothers, we were able to buy Christmas gifts for three inmates to give to their children. This was a first for us and it will probably be a program we continue to participate in.

St. Augustine's hosted a Holiday Dinner for area homeless veterans. The event, provided by Vine & Branches, was well attended and was enjoyed by all.

On an entertaining note, St. Augustine’s arranged to get group tickets to a local Christmas concert which we shared with our Methodist Church friends. A group of 17 of us all trooped to City Hall to hear some wonderful organ music along with brass, choral and bell choir. We will be looking for another reason to go out together again as everyone really enjoyed the evening.

We took a break in January from our very busy schedule although we did manage to line up our schedule of events for the coming year. We have begun to get ready for our next Christmas Fair by making ornaments on “Crafty Sundays” in February. We will be able to make enough handmade ornaments to satisfy our guests and dazzle them with our brilliance next November.

This past Tuesday – Shrove Tuesday – we all gathered for brunch as we prepared for our Lenten Season. Speaking of Lent, we were able to participate in a Lenten Retreat hosted by The Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls. All of the churches in the State were invited and four parishes were represented at the event. The day began with Morning Prayer which was followed by a study of Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians. A wonderful lunch, prepared by the members of Transfiguration, included homemade chicken soup, sandwiches, fruit and dessert. Lunch was followed by an interesting discussion about the roles Deaconesses may or may not fulfill and this was followed by a discussion on Church growth. The day finished with a Service of Holy Communion. All in all, it was a spirit-filled, fellowship laden and enlightening day.

So, now our year begins. We are praying for another year of faith and fellowship, growth and learning. We’ll let you know how it’s going in the next Newsletter!

Proverbs 9:9. “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man and he will increase in learning.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

-----Valerie Kazarian

Deep River & Mystic, Conn.
St. Peter & St. Matthias

Greetings in the blessed Name of Jesus! There really has not been much of note here in Connecticut this quarter. Back on November 19, Father Merrill participated in the annual Community Thanksgiving service, held at the Congregational church in Deep River (photo).
Christmas services were celebrated both at Wooster Chapel in Deep River, and at the Olde Mistick Village chapel. Regrettably, each month from December on we have had to cancel at least one service each month, as there have been many Saturday night storms or icing conditions on Sunday morning. Otherwise, we are keeping the faith here in southern Connecticut!

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Faithfully, Fr. Merrill Perkins

Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke

Our thanks to sub-deacons Bill Dunn, Chip Garre, and Rhett Weeks who have in recent weeks provided Morning Prayer and homilies while Bishop Webb was attending to his diocesan duties. For many of us it has been many years since Morning Prayer was commonplace in our Sunday worship.

January, as always, is Annual Meeting time and St. Luke's held their meeting on Sunday, 28 January. The schedule changed somewhat so that we would have one service, followed by the meeting and then an opportunity to have a meal together.

Thanks to all the ladies who prepared excellent (as always) food for us to share.

Bishop Webb awarded certificates to departing Vestry members - Doug Sleeper, Alice Kaysar, and Ed Fasci, and Chip Garre. The rector's award for service to the parish was presented to Barbara Steele for her efforts on the Bishop's Consecration last February. New vestry members include Jill Slocum, Ken Miller and Mike Turilli. Synod delegates are Lee Garre, Ed Fasci, Barbara Steele and alternates Ellie Dunn and Charlie Dodd. Mike Turilli was presented as a postulant and Ellie Dunn has been accepted into the Deaconess program.

Congratulations to both as they start their studies.

One Saturday a month our prayer team is available after Bible Study for intense prayers for members of the parish or others asking for their prayers. Donations to SHARE continue to be above expectations and thanks to Ellie Dunn for her faithful delivery of the collection to them.

Attendance at our Tuesday night Bible Study has increased dramatically and we are pleased to have so many coming. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and Saturday morning's study is focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. Thursday morning Eucharists continue in St. Andrew's chapel.

Our website has been updated and we welcome your perusal at http://www.st-lukes-nh.org.

The House of Bishops and Executive Council will meet at St. Luke's in April and we look forward to welcoming all attendees.

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Submitted by: Lee Garre

Tuxedo, NY
Saint Elizabeth’s

It seems like a very short time ago we were all extra busy with Christmas season activities. It’s hard to believe we’re already in the season of Lent! In December we had our annual wreath and poinsettia sale, followed by a well-attended ecumenical benefit concert for the food pantry. The concert featured the Rockland County Concert Band who performed a delightful program of Christmas selections at St. Mary’s Church in Tuxedo. Our Sunday School children brought forth the message of the true meaning of Christmas to all of us in their pageant in mid-December. Even with all the church activities, numerous other December community events and everything else we all try to get done in time for Christmas, our amazing “green team” of dedicated St. Elizabeth’s volunteers somehow manages to find time in their busy schedules to decorate our chapel with almost 700 feet of balsam roping embellished with poinsettias and pine cones – kudos to all of them! We were once again blessed to have Bishop Langberg with us to preside over all our Christmas services in our beautifully decorated chapel.

At our annual parish meeting in January, all our current Vestry members agreed to remain in their positions for the year 2018. Tanya Rizzuto also joined the vestry, filling the position of secretary that had been held by our dear friend, Pat Flanagan, who passed away last October. We thank our vestry members for their service and keep them in our prayers as they lead us in the year ahead.

We were delighted that Bishop Marsh visited St. Elizabeth’s on Jan. 21st to celebrate Sunday mass with us and join us for lunch following the service. After the luncheon the bishop attended an informal meeting with the vestry. The Bishop’s visits are always a joyous occasion for our congregation. May God continue to watch over Bishop Marsh as he lovingly provides his wisdom, advice and Godly council to all the parishes he serves in our Northeast Diocese. We are so blessed to have him!

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Marilyn Bender on Sunday, February 4th. Marilyn and her husband, Joseph, who pre-deceased her,
were long-time parishioners at St. Elizabeth’s. Marilyn faithfully attended Sunday morning services and participated in many activities at St. Elizabeth’s until she relocated to Denville, N.J., in 2013. Her beautiful smile, her friendship, and the happy times she shared with us will be fondly remembered by all of us. We pray that God will bring peace and comfort to Marilyn’s daughter, Lyn, her son, Brad, and their families.

February continues to surprise us with a mix of freezing temperatures, winter snowstorms and fifty to sixty-degree sunny days! The latter episodes remind me that the first day of spring is only a few weeks away — hooray!

Closing thoughts. . . . . . . .During this Lenten season, as we prepare for the solemn Holy Week remembrance of Christ’s supreme sacrifice for us, let us fervently pray and reflect on our own spiritual lives. Through prayer we grow our faith and our personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God bless you as you seek His guidance during Lent.

-----Ingrid Magar

(I ran into this note on Facebook from a Fr. Mike McDonald (UECNA), who has roots at St. Elizabeth’s, and I thought it worth sharing ----ed)

“Just got back from St Elizabeth’s Chapel. A flood of emotions. Bp Langberg celebrated giving Fr Geromel time w/ his family. A sermon reminding us that God has the full authority to surprise us at His discretion and the birth of Jesus in the circumstances recorded in the Gospels is a prime example. God is still in the business of doing amazing things in the least expected circumstances. Fr Bob Ley, a dear, dear soul who had a significant stroke two yrs ago was present. Since Bp Langberg celebrated, it was a total 1928 BCP service of Holy Communion. The chapel itself was decked magnificently in the greens. Singing Silent Night at the end was so moving. In spite of the snowfall, a glorious time.”.

West Winfield, NY
St. Lucy’s

Progress is slow here but we are holding on. Life gives us much to pray about and contemplate.

Tremendous help in our struggles came from a January visit from the Kalishes, dear and godly friends. Among our largest concerns here are youth and their support. Is there any successful model of young Anglicans growing smoothly into adult Anglicans? If you know of any, or have any ideas in this area, please contact us.

We did not get as far as we had hoped in our building conversion here in 2017, but hope springs eternal, and we have some for 2018. The progress we did make—some cleaning out and electrical power. We did not want to have a new service installed for the small amount of electricity needed to advance our project, and have the repeated expense of an electrical service until our ministry can justify it. The trouble: the nearest place to plug in (our house) is across the road. The road is US Highway 20, fairly busy and you can’t just run a cord across it.

You aren’t supposed to do a lot of things on Highway 20, so we adopted the motto, “It’s better to ask forgiveness than permission.” We made a plan and did it on the cheap - almost 200 feet of overhead line stretched over the highway from the house to the barn without stopping traffic, using mostly materials we had sitting around. It turned out to be slightly challenging, but we did it, and without the expense of another service. If anyone asks, our story will be that it simply happened miraculously. Shocking! (not really). Now we will be able to run lights, saws, concrete mixers, etc. over there. Hopefully the foundation wall replacement will follow this spring. Wish us luck.

-----Blessings and peace, Father Rich+

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

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Concord, N.H.
All Saints

In the midst of the storms of Winter, the peace of the Christmas Season breaks the harsh cold and drear with the celebration of the Christ-Mass. All Saints in Concord, New Hampshire is illumined in the night with candles and solemn song as the Incarnation of the Christ is commemorated. Sweet scented incense punctuates the measured solemnity of the feast as the Miracle of God-in-flesh becomes a reality on the Altar throne, just as real and true, as over 2000 years ago He dwelt in a manger.

March for Life on January 13, was held at the State Capitol in Concord, New Hampshire.

Fr. Christian, who is the Educational Trust Chairman for New Hampshire Right to Life, coordinates the state-wide event. Pro-life supporters gather in the cold to publicly witness to the sanctity of Life. This year hundreds prayed, marched, and honored the memory of the untold thousands of innocents who have been denied life in the womb. Counter demonstrators, which number in the faint dozens, hurled insults and maledictions as the Life marchers made their progress by the abortion clinic in Concord. Fr. Christian had counseled the assembly to “pray and offer blessings” to those that disagreed with those that marched for Life. The media captured a still photo of Fr. Christian smiling at the protestors as he walked their gauntlet: a sign that kindness can conquer hate, and conversion comes from love.

Conference at St. Thomas in Ellsworth, Maine on February 10 was themed “The Glories of the Church.” The parish graciously invited Fr. Christian to reprise the conference that he gave last year, to the Altar Society, and continue the teaching about the mysteries and theology of the Altar. A lovely lunch was provided, and humor punctuated the whole day as parishioners and visitors engaged in the easy conversational tone of the conference. It would seem that St. Thomas is creating a mid-winter tradition of education and spiritual growth in the frozen North, one that would, hopefully, continue for years to come.

Mardi Gras celebration at All Saints was held on February 13. It comprised of the introduction of a new group of singers, and veteran performers, who used this event to hone their talents in public performance. In between the sets, Fr. Christian drew the attendees into the theme of Mardi Gras and had a trivia contest about pre-Lent and the real meaning behind the Shrove Tuesday celebrations. Prizes—canned ham, sour pickles, beads, Christmas crackers—were handed out to those who could answer the questions, and a festive reception followed to round out the evening. More events such as this, will be offered in the coming months as a vehicle to draw people to the church.

Diane Williamson, who is known to the parishes of All Saints and St. Luke in Amherst, New Hampshire, as a leader in Christian education, died on February 2, after a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Diane served the church at both parishes in the ministry of education. She formed children in the articles of the Faith, and lead them in their nascent steps to follow Jesus. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated at All Saints, and was attended by a large contingent of Rainbow Girls who honored her for her love and participation in their organization.

Donald Smith, a founding member of All Saints, died on February 6, after a brief illness. He was known for his visits to the local retirement communities where he delivered flowers to the lonely and engaged those who needed a sympathetic ear. His Requiem Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Concord, at the gracious invitation of the Pastor, due to the limited size of All Saints Church.

Stations of the Cross on March 9, for the 40 Days for Life will be led by Fr. Christian at the Planned Parenthood in Manchester, New Hampshire. The ministry of 40 Days for Life is simply that of witness and prayer. The participants in this non-violent, non-confrontational, vigil stand begging the Mercy of God for the sins against Life. Fr. Christian was asked by the coordinators of the vigil to preside because of his very visible presence in New Hampshire as a leader in the pro-life movement.
Fr. Christian was invited by Bishop Strawn to lead the Priest’s Retreat for the Diocese of the Missouri Valley the week of March 12, in Kansas City, Missouri. The retreat is an annual event for the spiritual benefit of the clergy in the Missouri Valley diocese. The theme this year: *The Priest and the Heart of Christ.*

A Sacred Music Concert on Saturday, March 24, as a preparation for Holy Week will be held at All Saints. Singers will offer a wide variety of Sacred Song to prepare the listener for the beauty of Holy Week. The event is sponsored by Piccola Opera, under the direction of Jane Cormier, and All Saints Church as a joint venture to inspire, educate, and evangelize.

The Diocese of the Northeast is invited to peruse the website of All Saints—www.allsaintsnh.com—to read more about upcoming events, and especially to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and Paschal-tide. All are welcome at All Saints!

**Webster, NY**
**Holy Cross Anglican Church**

Our small church has been joyfully busy with our service to others and we have continued to educate ourselves. We are very grateful for the continued support of the Diocese and Father Ihde as the priest in charge as we continue to discern the direction of our parish. As long as we continue to reflect and behave in the manner in which Christ has shown us and have faith in the Trinity all will work out.

In November, we had a small breakfast and watched a brief video for the International Day of prayer for the Persecuted Church (Sunday, Nov 5, and the video was by The Voice of the Martyrs). Also, on a similar theme, some of us are going to the one night showing of “Tortured for Christ” at Tinseltown on March 5 (this is based on the book by Richard Wurmbrand, the founder of The Voice of the Martyrs.

Holy Cross spent the holidays with giving in their hearts. In September, November, December and January we continue to support the Webster Council of Churches and the Community Dinners run out of the Assembly of God Church. We put together 12 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We sponsored a young woman and her 5 children that are starting over after dealing with domestic violence. We supported 2 food cupboards in our area both Hope House and Penfield Food Cupboard. We alternate our giving between the two agencies. We provide 12 shampoo & conditioners for Hope House at Christmas.

During advent the Stones continued their family tradition of ringing the Salvation Army Bell. It was a great event as always. We have been praying for many on our prayer list which continues to bring comfort and solace to so many. If you wish to be included don’t hesitate to contact Deacon Tom Stone at anglicanrev@gmail.com.

The Lessons & Carols was a special night with music by Elaine and a break for fellowship between Lessons & Carols and The Christmas Eve service. During communion one of our young members played a medley of holiday songs on his violin. It provided such joy and connection for those in attendance. (I leave his name out for privacy as this is posted on the internet.) We enjoyed a reunion with past parishioners Sandy and Richard Popowych. It was great to see them and reconnect.

Our Epiphany service was led by Father Leo. He celebrated Holy Communion, and we had a very small potluck for after the service. It was delightful to meet his daughter and her future mother-in-law. We wish them all the best with the planning of the young couples wedding. Many prayers for them and Father Leo and his wife.

In January we start the year with a reorganization. Our new members to the Vestry are elected as we say thank you for your service to Linda Bowen and Larry Holmes. The Vestry welcomes Elsbeth Howland and Bill Wurzer. Father Ihde is our Priest-in-Charge and Deacon Tom Stone continues to study for his Ordination into the Priesthood. He continues to spend one Sunday a month with Father Ihde and Deacon Cunningham at St. Nicholas in West Seneca, NY. St. Martha’s Guild is beginning its new year with a tea on February 18 for the
women of Holy Cross to revisit their mission and plan for the upcoming year. Alison Stone continues to lead this group in fellowship and prayer. She has also continued to work on growing the Altar Guild membership to assist with the care of linens and preparation of the altar every week.

We have some sad news to convey. On January 1st, Vera Gleason passed away. She and her husband, Dr. Peter Gleason, are long time parishioners of Holy Cross with deep ties to Rochester. They settled in Rochester in the 1950’s, but in 2014 they moved to Matthews, NC to be near their children. Let us pray for her and her whole family in this time of grief. She was an active lady who cared for all those that were near. Her image of her tennis whites at the church picnics was always fun.

*May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

She was interred in a brief graveside ceremony at the White Haven Memorial Park at 210 Marsh Rd. Pittsford, 14534. The ceremony was at 11:00 on Friday (January 12). The family plans to have a memorial service later in the summer when the whole family can attend.

There is a nice obituary for her in the Democrat and Chronicle which can be found at http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=187758861

We look to this season of Lent with several weekday services to celebrate. On Wednesday February 28th Deacon Stone will participate in a Lenten service at St. Nicholas in West Seneca our sister parish. This is a service that St. Nicholas shares with other parishes in their area, and it is expected to be a very moving experience. We share rides to get there as it’s over an hour away. This is similar to the November Festival of Choirs held in Webster. This service allowed all the churches in the area to collect their choirs, and ministry together to present an evening service like no other. One of our friends Barbara Killian participated as a singer. On the evening Wednesday, March 14, we will be observing the Stations of the Cross and will partake of the reserved sacrament. With a brief service followed by a light meal and time for fellowship. The evening should be special. This moving liturgy will allow us to gather during this important time in the Christian year.

We look forward to this time and during Holy Week, we will have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and we will once again observe the Easter Vigil on Saturday night and then Easter morning Service with Father Leo. Father Ihde, Father Cunningham, and Deacon Stone will lead the Vigil. Pictures of last year’s event are posted on our facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/1928prayerbook/

We appreciate all the likes we can get. Keep in touch and post your messages of encouragement. All the best to everyone in the Diocese and beyond from those of us in Western NY and more specifically Webster, NY. Where the motto is “Where Life is Worth Living”. Blessing to all!

-----Linda Bowen

**Charlestown, NH**

**Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd**

We have had a busy winter season at Good Shepherd with the excitement of ice, snow, and frozen pipes which challenged our wardens and sexton. Challenges were overcome with prayer, grace, and hard work. We managed to survive the subzero weather of early January with no loss of heating or water damage. We celebrated by having the walls and woodwork of the narthex and sanctuary painted for the first time in 15 years. Our 19th century tin ceiling now looks very elegant. We are grateful to our Junior Warden, Phil Turner, for seeing this project through. It adds a great deal to the appearance of our chapel. But every improvement yields its own set of new questions. Now what do we put on the wall behind the altar? It is a large, blank, white space. Many ideas have been offered. Hopefully, we will be able to show you the results of our deliberations in the next issue of the *Northeast Anglican*.

On February 13, we held our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper after the service of Evening Prayer. All available space around our large round table was occupied by hungry folks eager to partake of Dee Blanchard’s tasty pancakes and Bonnie Turner’s homemade apple sauce along with sausages and bacon. It was a grand occasion for our parish family to share. The next day Bishop Brian Marsh celebrated Holy Eucharist and administered ashes to parishioners.

We will hold a Lenten discussion led by Bishop Marsh on the evening of March 13 on the topic
“What does it mean to be an Anglican?” We look forward to this event as we hope it will encourage people who are not familiar with our Anglican tradition to come and ask questions. Fr. Art Bennett has again organized a Seder on the evening of Friday, March 23 led by Rabbi Irving Luchans from Worcester, Massachusetts. Rabbi Luchans is a longtime friend of Bishop Marsh and has graciously agreed to come again. He will provide us with welcome insights into this important Jewish family ritual.

Finally, your correspondent, Fr. David Moody, submitted his resignation as Good Shepherd’s Associate Rector effective at the end of 2017. As the Bishop noted at our last vestry meeting, “Fr. David is still trying to figure out what that means.” We ask your prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide him in defining the next phase of his journey to serve God and His Church as a priest.

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

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

At the time of year when caring, compassion, and generosity are emphasized to a greater degree than during the rest of the year, we found a way to share those gifts with others in need.

Holy Redeemer, searching for a family to adopt for Christmas, was struck with the idea of extending this Christmas charity to people at the end of life, in a hospice. This splendid and slightly unusual idea came from our dynamic treasurer, Karen DesCamp, and Holy Redeemer is indebted to her (no pun intended!) for giving us the opportunity to adopt more than one family. Karen obtained a wish list, and we all set about making those wishes come true, with our donations of various gift cards, non-perishable foods, coffee, stamps, stationery and office supplies, paper goods, travel-size toiletries, and the like.

Light Hill, a new hospice which opened in June 2016, sits on a hill with a view of Canandaigua Lake. It is a beautiful, peaceful, and picturesque setting, both inside and outside. It is a 2-bed home, with quarters for the families as well. A substantial gift was made to purchase and renovate the existing home, and many community volunteers completed the renovations and furnishings. More than 100 volunteers continue to work in many capacities to ensure that the terminally ill patients and their families are comforted in their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Light Hill celebrates “light through the trees and hope through the shadows.”

Karen and I visited Light Hill to deliver our gifts just before Christmas. The director and volunteers were delighted to receive us, and insisted on giving us a tour of the home. We were impressed with all that we saw, and with the welcome that we received. We delivered gifts that day, but we received many more in return, knowing how much our small parish helped to make the end of life a brighter time of hope and peace, in the celebration of Christ’s birth at this Christmas season and throughout the year.

-----by Diane S. Jones

Rochester, N.H.

Well this is your editor, filling in rather inadequately with a brief report from my parish.


A pancake supper was held on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday had two services of Holy Communion with ashes, and for Lent a Friday evening prayer service (Stations, Litany, and Evening Prayer) has been added to our Sunday and Wednesday schedule.

January is Parish meeting time, which was held on the 14th. Officers were elected and the budget approved, but most important was the presentation by Fr. Matt. and discussion of a renewed direction for the parish, calling for a deepening spirituality and an expanding outreach. Stay tuned. I’m expecting the Lord to bless us in a special way this year.

Another in the series of Re4m seminars, this one themed on prayer, was held in January. I was not able to attend, but these meetings have become an important part of Trinity’s spiritual life.

Sadly we lost two of our long-time faithful members since the last issue:

Betty Hussey, 84, of Gonic died Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Frisbie Memorial Hospital. Born November 16, 1933 in Lebanon, ME to the late Henry and Dorothy
Betty was a registered nurse at Frisbie Memorial Hospital for over 35 years. For many years she was an active member of the Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester and enjoyed volunteering at the Gaffney Home. She was survived by her husband of 62 years. Her funeral was conducted by Fr. Matt. Mirabile in the chapel of Edgerly Funeral Home.

Beverly Bodah, 82, of Rochester died Thursday February 15, 2018. Born April 28, 1935 in Wichita KS she was the daughter of the late Buddy and Levigna (Nixon) Boyd. Beverly has lived in the Rochester community for the past 55 years. She was a homemaker who loved her family and always cared for them. She enjoyed making ceramics, painting and other arts and crafts. She is survived by William R. Bodah to whom she was married for 62 years. Her funeral also was conducted by Fr. Matt. Mirabile in the chapel of Edgerly Funeral Home.

I don’t have any fresh news about Camp for this issue, but I’ll take this chance to repeat that this is one of the most important things that we as a diocese can do. You may have noticed in this issue how many of our long-time members are being called away from this earth. That’s inevitable. Everyone does that sooner or later, but what that means is that the pioneers of our Continuing Anglican movement will not always be with us. A single generation church will all too soon pass away, but our mission is to see that the Gospel, both Word and Sacraments, is proclaimed and practiced until He comes again. There are those among us who are younger and not yet equipped for the task, but they are an important part of the church of today, and will be the church of tomorrow - unless we feed them and involve them so little that they drift away.

St. Luke’s Camp is a God-given tool for doing the job, for building our youth with all their natural vitality into what God is calling them to be... Fr. Matt and his predecessors have done a great job this far, but the Camp Director is not the camp. We need kids to attend, to learn that the church is theirs, that the Lord of the Church is calling them, and, when the time has come, to be its leadership here on earth. We need staff, counselors and others to provide the camp experience that will help these young soldiers of Christ to be His hands and feet and voices in this hostile world.

Send kids, your own, your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors. The costs are kept as low as possible, but if they are a problem, ask - there are scholarships available. Let’s not miss the chance to give them something that will last through eternity. Applications will be available soon.

Great-Gramma’s Going Home

Great-gramma’s asleep. She’s resting right now, preparing herself to go away, to leave the place she’s always lived, to fly on up to a special place where angels lead her to the light, and in that light before her Lord she dances once again. She’s gone from us and won’t be back, but hasn’t forgotten us, for she will pray for those she’s left, and waits for us to come, and come we will when it is time, and Jesus calls us, “Trust in Me, and let me lead you home,” and by His Cross, if we let Him, we’ll pass the gates of Heaven above, and see the Light, and dance with her, in everlasting joy.

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Financial and material aid are still underway, although at a slower pace.

To date, over $36,300 have been contributed.

Donors have included individuals, church congregations, Christian groups, and national organizations from throughout the United States and Canada.

Because over 50% of the island is still without electricity and running water, The Rt Rev Juan Garcia, Ordinary for the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC) has purchased generators, bottled water, and foodstuffs for parishioners in need.

Needless to say that, without support from his Anglican brothers and sisters, Bp Juan’s burden would be even greater.

The IAF continues to serve as a conduit for transferring donated funds as needed.

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Updated information to follow as it becomes available

NEW ENGLAND CHURCHES SEND SUPPLIES TO PUERTO RICO

The parishes of the Diocese of the Northeast, Anglican Church in America, will be sending over 100 pounds of liturgical material to Puerto Rico to be used by the churches destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Maria. The Presiding Bishop’s Mission Fund, also known as Yorkie’s Closet, has gathered vestments, altar material, worship aids and other items used in the worship of the church that will be used to replace items damaged or lost in the fall hurricane. Two packed suitcases will be transported from Mechanic Falls through Portland, Maine and delivered to Star Shipping, a division of TOTE Marine Transport who has agreed to deliver the material to Bishop Garcia in San Juan on one of their ships at no cost. The items will be distributed throughout Puerto Rico by the Bishop as the parishes continue to rebuild.

“The National Church, along with our joint synod partners the Anglican Catholic Church, Anglican Province in America and the Diocese of the Holy Cross has made every effort to help the churches in Puerto Rico get back on their feet again after the devastating hurricanes this past fall,” said the Most Rev. Brian Marsh, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America. “We know these badly needed items will help the Puerto Rico parish communities restore the worship of those communities that remain faithful in looking to God, and all of us in His Holy Church, for support.” The joint synods of the Continuing Anglican Church have contributed over $35,000.00 dollars to the parishes in Puerto Rico for support of their rebuilding efforts. The shipment from the Mission Ministry follows needed supplies shipped to Zimbabwe this past fall with the help of Bay Ferries and the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. Contributions from members of the Portland Propeller Club helped cover the cost of shipping the material to the Port of Jacksonville.

“The devastation in Puerto Rico was significant and months later they are still trying to get back to normal,” continued Bishop Marsh. “We are reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Christ with needed aid and our continued prayers.” The Anglican Church in America is part of the worldwide Traditional Anglican Communion, with members in 44 countries. The Church seeks to uphold the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the Anglican tradition within the one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. The Communion repudiates all deviation or departure from the Faith, in whole or in part, holds Holy Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Undivided Church as authentic and authoritative, and worships according to the traditional Liturgies of the Church.

TOTE ASSISTS BISHOP’S MISSIONARY SUPPLY TO TRANSPORT AID FOR PUERTO RICO CHURCHES

TOTE Maritime stepped up and transported several suitcases of items for the Diocese of Puerto Rico, Anglican Church in America, from parishes in the continental US. Many of the small rural churches in Puerto Rico were destroyed by Hurricane Maria and their worship items lost. Anglican parishes contributed items used in worship which
were delivered to the TOTE terminal in Jacksonville on the 24th. The items were delivered to Bishop Garcia in San Juan on the 27th. “The Church and all of us extend our deepest appreciation to TOTE Maritime and Mr. Wyle Norman and his staff for their assistance and support in sending these items to Puerto Rico where they are desperately needed,” said the Most Rev. Brian Marsh, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church. “The men and women of TOTE have made an extraordinary effort to support the needs of the island and they all have our deepest appreciation and prayers.” The material was transported on the Containership PERLA DEL CARIBE, one of TOTE’s new LNG powered vessels. TOTE operated the ill-fated EL FARO, which was lost two years ago in a hurricane.


First Sunday after Easter, April 8 St. George's Mission, Juneau, AK Chair of Vicar is vacant St. Andrew's Church, Atmore, AL Ven. Thomas Raines, Priest-in-charge St. Bede's Church, Birmingham, AL Rev. Kyle Clark, Vicar St. Matthias Church, Dothan, AL Lt. Rev. Chandler Jones, Area Dean-in-charge St. James the Great Church, Smith Station, AL Rev. John Klein, Priest-in-charge All Saints Church, Prescott, AZ Rev. Ian E. Dunn, Rector


Rogation Sunday, May 6 St. Mary the Virgin Church, Delray Beach, FL Rt. Rev. William Perkins, Rector St. Peter's Church, East Palatka, FL Rev. John Jacobs, Vicar Holy Trinity Church, Fernandina Beach, FL Rev. Bradley Cunningham, Rector Church of the Holy Guardian Angels, Lantana, FL Ven. David C. Kennedy, Rector St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, FL Rev. Canon Raymond Unterburger, Rector Our Lady of the Angels Church, New Smyrna Beach, FL Rev. Canon Richmond Bridge, Priest-in-charge
Sunday after Ascension, May 13
St. George Church, Ocala, FL
Rt. Rev. Arthur Rushlow, Rector
St. Martin's Church, Ocala, FL
Rev. David Sokol, Vicar
St. Michael & All Angels Church, Orange Park, FL
Rev. Richard Tarstiano, Rector
St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL
Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse, Dean
All Saints Church, Palatka, FL
Rev. Frank Bartlett, Priest-in-charge
Good Shepherd Church, Palm Bay, FL
Rev. Donald Lock, Rector

Pentecost, May 20
St. Michael's Church, Panama City, FL
Rev. Pete Windham, Priest-in-charge
St. Philip's Church, Pinellas Park, FL
Rev. John H. Poole, Vicar
Trinity Church, Port Charlotte, FL
Rt. Rev. Stanley Lazarczyk, Bishop-in-residence
St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, FL
Rev. Kevin Burks, Priest-in-charge
St. Peter's Church, Port St. Joe, FL
Rev. Lou Little, Priest-in-charge
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Port St. John, FL
Rt. Rev. John Vaughn, Rector

Trinity Sunday, May 27
St. Matthew's Church, Riverview, FL
Rev. Kenneth Bailey, Rector
St. James of Jerusalem Church, Sarasota, FL
Rev. David Conway, Vicar
St. Andrew's Church, Tallahassee, FL
Rev. Patrick Malone, Priest-in-charge
St. Mark's Church, Vero Beach, FL
Rev. Canon Michael L. Ward, SSA, Rector
St. Mary's Church, Winter Haven, FL
Rev. Guy DiMartino, Stated Supply
St. Thomas Church, Alto, GA
Rev. D. Geordan Geddings, Vicar

West Seneca, N.Y.
St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas’ report did not arrive in time to make this issue, but they are a very active parish. The following are notes gleaned from their Facebook page.

Friday
Feb 2:
There was a candlelight celebration of Candlemas in Saint Michael’s Chapel.

Sunday Feb 11: After Mass on this last Sunday before Lent there was a “Shrove Sunday” breakfast followed by the annual meeting.

Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion with ashes in St. Michael’s Chapel.

Wednesdays during Lent: The annual West Seneca Lenten journey held in five area churches, Anglican, RC, Lutheran, Methodist, and UCC.

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross and Adoration.

Good Friday St. Nicholas participates in the West Seneca Community of Churches service held in St. Nicholas’ host church, Covenant United Methodist.

Parish Lenten Retreat March 3 at Stella-Niagara in Lewiston, N.Y.

And an interesting thing that St. Nicholas has done before: "Pub Theology" will meet again! Join us at the Thin Man Brewery on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00pm as we share in fellowship and discussion over food and drink. (This is something I’d like to hear more about) ----ed
Brooklyn, N.Y.
St. Joseph

News Notes

International/Traditional Anglican Communion
Bishop Juan Sion Lobos reports that his translation of *The Book of Common Prayer* into Ki ‘ch’e, the ancient Mayan language spoken by many people in Guatemala, is nearing completion. His translation will be reviewed and edited by language specialists in Guatemala prior to publication. The IAF is currently receiving contributions to assist in the publication costs. This will be the first time a prayer book has been translated into Ki ‘ch’e (pron: Kee CHAY). We pray that this prayer book will serve the spiritual needs of Guatemala’s faithful Christians.

Bishop Wellington Murinda was recently consecrated Bishop to serve Zimbabwe, Africa. Bishop Michael Gill was chief consecrator. Bishops Andrew Mukayamba and Craig Botterill were co-consecrators. We pray for the godly episcopal ministry of Bishop Murinda.

Concerns have been expressed regarding the unsettled political situation in Zimbabwe. Bishop Michael Gill has reported that Bishop Murinda and the faithful people under his authority and ministry are safe. We continue to pray for the good Angli-cans in that country.

Diocese of the Northeast
The diocese has had a very busy and productive year. Three men were ordered deacon; two men were priested. In addition, Bishop Webb was consecrated bishop. The Board of Examining Chaplains has been very busy conducting canonical exams. At present, Mr. Scott Chase is completing his written exam for the diaconate. Several men have inquired about vocations to holy orders. Three women are currently preparing to be set apart as deaconesses.

Synod 2018
The Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast will be hosted this year by our newest parish, *Transfiguration of Mechanic Falls, Maine*.

Dates: Thursday, October 25, Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27
Location: Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine Street, Poland Spring, ME
Lodging, meetings and meals at “The Maine Inn” on the Resort grounds.
Entertainment both nights, including a barbershop type chorus, a Maine humorist, and our own Bishop Langberg.
Services will be held both in the All Souls Chapel on the Resort grounds and at the parish church in Mechanic Falls, 7 miles away.
Registration packets and pricing information will be sent out to clergy and delegates.
April 20, 2011. Wednesday in Holy Week, called “Spy Wednesday” for the prominent place given to Judas in the Passion reading today. Some thoughts for the day...

Spy Wednesday

“One of you…”
Is it I?
“One of you…”
It is I.
“One of you…”
All of us.
“…shall betray me.”
And he did,
and I did,
and we did.
“Take and eat…”
And he did,
and I did,
and we did.

“…Go and do what you must…”
And he did,
and I did,
and we did.

“…and repent and turn to me.”
A Cross,
a death,
a sacrifice,

“Repent and turn to me.”
and we can,
will we?
I will.
I sinned.
I betrayed.
Take me back.

“…for the forgiveness of sins,
for the life everlasting,
come to me.”

April 22, 2011. Good Friday. For years I’ve spent the three hours (12-3) walking in Hanson Pines, meditating, and, perhaps, writing. It is a beautiful day, but I’m not quite up to such a long walk. I drive down to the Pines, walk in with my prayer book and my writing pad and sit by the River for a while. I read Morning Prayer and sat meditating, looking at the stillness of the River, at the cold and dark depths of the water, with the bright sun on its surface. A duck took off noisily into the air, and this poem emerged.....

Into the Depths

Into the depths before me,
into the darkness
of the waters beneath the sun,
into the depths I gaze,
and know
the darkness of my soul,
the cold, deep darkness of my sin.

Out of the depths I cry,
seeking to know the light,
seeking the warmth of the sun,
seeking that I be lifted
out of the depths,
into the light.

And from the waters
there burst forth life,
with whirring wings
and quacking voice,
singing praise,
coming forth
to fly away;
and by the darkness of His dying,
and by the brightness of His rising,
so shall I.

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Parishes and Missions

**Connecticut**

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

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

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**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,

**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

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**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.

**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 203-243-8050

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**New York**

**Brooklyn:** St. Joseph - Sun 11am (123-131 Arlington Avenue). Canon Neville Brathwaite (718) 756-1258, Dcn. Herby Rodney, Dcn Mark Black

**Canandaigua:** Holy Redeemer - Sun 10am (4575 Rte 364 - East Lake Road). Fr. Dale Bove (585) 490-8933

**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. Edward Ihde, 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

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**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,) Fr. Stephen Rugg (603-523-9640)
Clergy Anniversaries

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

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

Apr
16 - Fr. Christian Tutor, birthday
17 - Bp Robert Harvey C 1980
23 - Fr. Robert Ley, D 1994
23 – Fr. Matthew Mirabile, birthday

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

Projected regular deadlines will be the 15th day of Feb, May, Aug, & Nov

Next Issue in June
Deadline for submissions will be around May 15.