Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you all a Blessed and Joyous Whitsuntide and a glorious Trinity season! May you all enjoy a Summer season of rest and refreshment.

Usually, at this time of year I collect a variety of books, volumes that will be set aside for Summer reading. Though I try to be moderately discriminate in what I take to Cape Cod each year, I inevitably take more reading material than I can possibly consume in a week's time. And there are also the books one buys while on the vacation. Clergy are often incurable bibliophiles. Well, mea culpa.

Arthur Michael Ramsey, the one hundredth Archbishop of Canterbury, was a great devourer of books. He would spend hours in various libraries and bookstores, reading a line, a page or a paragraph from any number of books, carefully returning each volume to its assigned place on the shelf. In a way, he was reacquainting himself with books read long ago and, on the other hand, making new acquaintances. The goal was always to deepen his understanding of theology, the church and the purpose of God in our lives. His approach may be termed “browsing with intent.”

During the last several years, I have adopted something of Archbishop Ramsey’s approach. Such an approach is particularly useful when selecting Summer reading. This past week a clergy friend delivered a dozen books to my office. He wanted me to have them, either for my own use or for distribution to others. Most of the volumes were exceptionally well bound, nearly new and would grace the library of even the most seasoned theologian. I thanked him profusely. He had delivered quite a treasure and I looked forward to “browsing with intent.” When he left, I began to do just that. Curiously, my eye was drawn to a worn little paperback, a book just over a hundred pages long. I opened it at random and read these words: “Every moment we live through is like an ambassador who declares the will of God...”

Every moment we live through is like an ambassador who declares the will of God. The author of these words was Jean-Pierre de Caussade, a French spiritual director. His book is called Abandonment to Divine Providence. The title itself is a gem of spiritual richness. The book invites us to experience each moment as a gift from God, bringing a message of God's will. Oddly enough,
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G-4 UPDATE

Many of you ask about the status of our G-4 communio in sacris agreement. Where are we? What is going on? What are the next steps?
First of all, our communion agreement is very strong indeed. We are participating with each other in any number of ways. We share pulpits when necessary, visit each others' churches, transfer clergy and otherwise support the missions of our separate jurisdictions.
As for next steps...Two weeks ago, the G-4 bishops, Archbishop Mark Haverland, Bishop Walter Grundorf, Bishop Paul Hewett and myself met at St. Luke's Pro Cathedral in Amherst, New Hampshire for two days of talks. We were attempting to consider what next steps we might take to foster greater unity. We were joined in our discussions by Suffragan Bishops Hendy Webb and Chad Jones. Father Jonathan Foggin of the ACC joined us on the second day of our meeting. He will prepare the minutes of our meeting.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church this Pentecost, we may reflect on the power of a moment that we all, with one accord, receive the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds. It is in such a moment that God's will becomes clear. It is in such a moment that we participate in God, as we become the Church.

Summer is a good time to browse with intent. You never know what you will find – or how God will reach you in the moments of your lives.

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian

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Above all, we sought to do God's will and to unify without causing harm to God's church and people. Accordingly, we proposed a “provincial” style of governance, one that would make no change to existing churches. In other words, the ACA, the ACC, the DHC and the APA would retain their own leadership, Constitution and Canons and diocesan boundaries. The only change would happen at the primatial level. A College of Bishops would be formed from the active bishops of all four jurisdictions. Eventually, the College of Bishops would elect a Presiding Bishop (or bishops) to lead the Church.

This proposal will need to be approved by all four jurisdictions. Accordingly, a Joint Synod will be required. The next Joint Synod is planned for January, 2020. A preliminary and informal meeting of the College of Bishops is planned for October, 2018.

Stay tuned. Keep praying. Exciting developments are in the works.

Notes from the Secretary

Thanks to all for getting your 2017 annual reports to me in a timely fashion. I believe all were in by or close to the deadline this year. If you didn’t include (or aren’t sure if you did) 2018 vestry and/or synod delegate names and contact information please send to me so that current records and lists can be maintained. Please send me any changes that occur throughout the year.

The Standing Committee meeting relocated to Kathy Lippman’s house in Palmer, Massachusetts on May 4th due to ongoing renovations on the building in Belchertown which houses the diocesan office of the Bishop. Many thanks to Kathy for opening up her home and for providing a delicious lunch for us.

We were joined by Fr. Gary Drinkwater and Steven Bunnell from Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls, Maine. Steven has been approved for Postulancy and met with the Standing Committee and with some members of the Board of Examining Chaplains. Transfiguration parish is hosting the 2018 diocesan synod and a busy schedule is being planned offering ample time for both business and pleasure. Kudos to coordinator Barry Vail and his team for their ambitious efforts. Information about the venue and registration is included in this issue of the NEA.

Bp. Marsh announced the appointment of Fr. Ed Ihde (St. Nicholas) to the Board of Examining Chaplains and appointed Bp. Webb as Chairman of the Board.

Congratulations to Tracy Gardner (St. Margaret) who has completed the deaconess program.

St. Luke’s Camp will be held in a new location this year. The camp program will be held August 5th -11th at Beaver Cross Camp on the grounds of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY. Please encourage youth in your family, your parish and/or community to attend St. Luke’s Camp. It’s a wonderful experience that enriches the lives of those who attend in so many ways. Camp Director Fr. Matt Mirabile can be reached at: Office- 603-332-4121; Mobile- 203-243-8050; email: fr.matt.mirabile@trinity-anglicanchurch.org) for additional information.

Wishing you all a blessed spring and summer. Hope to see you at Synod in October!

-----Peace, Linnea
**Mechanic Falls, Maine
Transfiguration**

Transfiguration had a busy winter since the New Year. Our Maine winter was pretty severe this year with cold temperatures, lots of snow and ice, and power outages. In fact, the latest “ice out” on the lakes was the last week in April. Many Sundays were snowy and icy but Fr. Gary didn’t cancel service and surprisingly, we got a fairly good turnout considering.

**MARCH:** We continue to meet and plan for the Fall 2018 Diocesan Synod to be held at Poland Spring Resort on October 25, 26, 27. We have met with Cyndi Robbins, owner of Poland Spring Resort, to go over the daily scheduling, the menu options, and all other logistics.

We also worked on our member Capital Campaign to help fund our church building restoration projects.

Father Gary traveled to New York to participate in the Clericus meeting. He enjoyed meeting with the group and felt it was very worthwhile.

Transfiguration and the Historical Society sponsored a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick’s Day Dinner (Public Supper) on March 17th. We also had home-made pies for dessert. It was a good fund raiser and was very well attended at our church in Fellowship Hall.

We were blessed to have a new, larger Altar donated to Transfiguration. It was brought in and re-installed and blessed. It is a beautiful addition to the church and gives our Rector much more room to perform services. The blessings keep coming our way! Amen!

The Ladies of the Church held a “Women’s Luncheon” at one of our local restaurants on Tuesday, March 27th. Many attended and enjoyed the group fellowship. The luncheons are held several times during the year and give them an opportunity to exchange ideas.

Holy week had a full schedule of services. St. Margaret’s of Conway and our church had a joint Tenebrae service on Wednesday, March 28th. The following night, we had a Maundy Thursday service, and on Friday night we did a Stations of the Cross Service in preparation for Easter Sunday. This closed a very busy week for us, as it did last year.

**APRIL:** Easter morning service was well attended and the church was decorated with many Easter lilies and spring flowers. Thankfully, the weather held out for us as Easter came early this year.

The church received a donation for new Anglican prayer books and another donation for new hymnals in a matching complimentary color of burgundy. A welcome addition to our Sunday worship! The new hymnals now have broadened the selection of hymns sung on Sunday morning which have all the familiar hymns we know and love to sing!

April brought more planning and work on the 2018 Synod. At the past Clericus meeting in March, it was suggested that the Fall Clericus meeting be held at Poland Spring Resort a day and a half before the Synod starts. Father Merrill Perkins from Deep River and Mystic, CT. visited with some of our Synod Committee at Poland Spring Resort to tour the facilities and to talk with Cyndi Robbins, the owner. We had a very productive meeting and discussion, followed by an enjoyable dinner at one of our favorite restaurants in a neighboring town.

Father Gary and Sub-Deacon Steve and his wife gave Father Merrill a tour of Transfiguration after dinner.

During April, we all were excited to hear that our Sub-Deacon Steve Bunnell received a letter from the Bishop accepting him as a Postulant for the position of a Deacon in the Diocese. He continues his studies at Logos House for his journey ahead. We all proudly support him.

On Sunday, April 22nd, we had an official visit from Suffragan Bishop Rt. Rev. Alexander Henderson Webb. Bishop Webb officiated at the service assisted By Father Gary and Sub-Deacon Steve. We had a wonderful service and visit. This was Bishop “Hendy’s” first time at Transfiguration. After Sunday service, a reception/luncheon was held downstairs in Fellowship Hall. A special cake was made for Bishop Webb which everyone enjoyed.

On May 5th, Father Gary and Sub-Deacon Steve will travel to Belchertown to meet with the Standing Committee. Steve will be interviewed by the committee as a new Postulant. Father Gary is going with him to be supportive. Our best wishes go with him.

Our plans (brochure) for the 2018 Synod will also be discussed. Once the plans are finalized, the brochure will “go to press” for distribution to the delegates and member churches. We are looking forward to a well-attended Synod. It promises to be productive, educational, and fun, with a wonderful venue, good food and entertainment. Don’t miss out
Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

“Lent’s long shadows have departed…” That is indeed true here at the Priory where Lent was observed in its traditional manner. The Chapel was dressed in the Sarum Lenten Array as would be seen in 14th and 15th century English monasteries. The pertinent Lenten offices were said and ceremonies observed along with the fasts and obedience prescribed for the Great Lent.

March 26th we had a visit from Fr. Ed Kalish who joined us for spiritual counsel, prayer and lunch and on April 26th Fr. Kevin left the Priory to commit the ashes of Claudia Ryan wife of friend Dcn. Al Ryan of Ocala, FL. All in all it was a busy and productive Lent!

The farm has received some new rescues which include a wonderful 25 year old Leopard Appaloosa horse named Gunner whose story can be read in the Meditation that is sent out each week. We also have taken in 4 beautiful, old and handicapped Icelandic ewe sheep from a farmer and his wife to add to the 2 Shetlands already in our care. We put them in touch with our dear friends the Shakers of New Gloucester who took the remaining 4 younger sheep in the flock which were 3 Shetland and 1 Icelandic ewes. We have partnered with the Shakers many times when we have taken in a handicapped animal with a “friend” who turned out to be perfectly healthy and, in actuality, not a friend at all. The Shakers use only the wool from all their sheep for all of their fiber arts and crafts, neither breeding nor eating the sheep in their care. They are able to replace the sheep who die from old age in this way.

Spring has sprung and has been spent cleaning up from winter, shedding out horses and repairing fences. Some of our posts are over 20 years old but we use them here until there is nothing left. The old

on a wonderful Synod this year! Please make your plans early to be sure that your room will be accommodating to your needs. We promise that it will be a worthwhile retreat and such a delightful experience that you may want to stay a day longer!! Just let us know!

MAY: We now have a new sign in front of the church which replaced the smaller one. Fr. Gary made it and it came out beautiful. If folks can’t find us now they never will! It stands about 10 feet high by the sidewalk.

On Saturday, the May 5th, we will have a “Spring Clean-up” at Transfiguration with raking, painting, window washing, and general maintenance to be done. Lunch will be served at noon to give our volunteers something to look forward to and to keep them going thereafter!

Mother’s Day Service will have a special insert in a beautiful rose covered bulletin, to name and honor mothers both living and deceased. Carnations are given to the ladies as they enter the church for the Sunday service as was done last year.

We are having a Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale, on Saturday, May 26th to raise funds for the church with some ongoing projects. Painting various rooms inside is one of them. We are beginning to prepare for the yard sale in April to give enough time to gather items.

The construction team will start the outside repairs of the church by the middle of May to replace a portion of roof shingles and put up vinyl siding on the entire church building. What a difference it will make in the appearance and will protect our 171 year-old church, built in 1847. We can’t wait for all of you to see it when you come for the service during Synod.

Father Gary will dedicate the Memorial Day Sunday service honoring our Vets as he did last year. The service was well done as he recognized all branches of the armed forces. They stood when their division was called as our organist played a stanza for each one. It had emotionally touched all who were present. Bravo! Fr. Gary. It was a very memorable service, indeed.

Sub-Deacon Steve started a Bible Study program which is held Sunday mornings prior to Sunday Service. It has been well received and all have enjoyed it.

Transfiguration uses seasonal Sunday Bulletin covers each week. They all feature a biblical message and are a welcome handout to our parishioners. On the inside, are Announcements and Up and Coming Events. The back cover lists the Vestry members, Committees, and the traditional church contact information. FYI; We purchase the bulletins from Christian Books at a very reasonable cost. Feel free to call and ask us about them and other items too.

-----Barry Vaill
wood shed is also being turned into a shavings and grain room to make more room in our sheep shed which may be housing more equine things in the future. We also offer free manure/compost weekends this time of year and again in the fall. Anyone, with an appointment, can come and take what they want for lawns, gardens or to add to their own compost piles. This helps us get rid of the eventual outcome of all eating things, and we get to help others as well. Sr. also continues to help find homes for animals on the computer and offer help to those with questions too.

We are SO grateful for our few but steady animal angels who so generously offer financial assistance so that we can continue to save the lives of these very deserving creatures. Every cent counts and 100% is spent on the animals and their needs as they arise. Prices never go down but we are blessed with some outstanding friends who help us in so many ways whether it be delivering hay at cost, trimming horses feet which is especially important to handicapped horses and a wonderful vet whom Sr. has known since she was a teen and who always answers his phone. God does work in mysterious and wonderful ways, touching hearts and creating miracles. Would you or someone that you know like to become an Animal Angel? We could use your help. All contributions are tax deductible and you can read about the animals in our weekly Meditation. Happy Spring!!!

**Scarborough Maine**

**St. Augustine’s**

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. *(Song of Solomon 2:11-12)*

After a long, cold, and snowy winter, St. Augustine’s has emerged into spring, happy to be together and looking back on winter accomplishments.

Our vestry has decided to apply for 501c3 status with the IRS. We want to look attractive to donors when we do fundraising, and this is one way to be on a firm financial footing. Our Finance Committee will be preparing the application for submission and although we’re in no big rush, this is something that we’ve talked about for years, so we’d like to get the job done as soon as possible.

Always planning ahead and finding ways to participate in the community, we have an ongoing effort called Crafty Sundays where we sit down after coffee hour and make Christmas ornaments to sell at our next Christmas Fair in the fall. We had our first spring plant sale the day before Palm Sunday. We sold tulips, daffodils, lilies, and other colorful flowers. The weather was still quite cold, but the flowers were all sold, some even appeared Easter Sunday in the Methodist Church where we meet. At the time only snow drops and crocus were beginning to appear outdoors, so the indoor display was the treat for both churches.

We sponsored a barbershop Quartet concert open to the community, and we will have them back again in December. This was a great time and enjoyed by all that attended.

We had one of our periodic Ladies’ Luncheons which was, as usual, well attended. This is a time of fun and fellowship with no set agenda. The Luncheons are meant purely for a time to share a meal and enjoy each other’s company. The men are always welcome, and everyone has a chance to talk and socialize.

In April many of us attended the funeral services for Claudie Ryan, Deacon Al Ryan’s wife, which were held at St. Paul’s in Portland. Deacon Al was our deacon for several years before his retirement and move to Florida. “Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Father Amos Mihanda has been working a day job, going to school for his master’s degree, and being available to supply for us occasionally. On May 12 he graduated from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary with his Master’s degree in Christian Counseling. The countless hours of study, driving to Massachusetts for classes, and helping St. Augustine’s and other parishes has occupied his life for years now. Our best wishes go to him as he starts the next period in his life.

St. Augustine’s has now been without a priest or deacon for 2½ years and we are now able to begin to offer a stable schedule of Communion twice monthly with available supply clergy. We hope this...
will be the beginning of a regular schedule of Communion. During the summer months we will continue to plan for growth and community involvement, and to celebrate our social and religious life around St. Augustine’s. Our next step will be to look to the next level.

The people of St. Augustine’s hope you will all have a blessed summer. We enjoy reading all about the “doings” at our sister parishes around the Diocese and we pray that all your efforts, whatever they are, will be rewarded.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

-----Pax. --Valerie Kazarian

Webster, New York
Holy Cross Anglican Church

The journey to spring has been an arduous task for those of us in Rochester, New York. We thought it would never come! Sometimes we forget that we need patience, but God does display a beautiful spring. From the gloomy grayness comes the colorful spring blossoms. Rochester comes to life with its Lilac festival bringing cheer to all.

In getting there we have had a lot of prayer for our fellow churches in the area. The change in leadership in a church is a struggle as we at Holy Cross know all too well. In the 1928 prayer book, we can find the guidance that we seek. I thank Tom Stone for his introduction to this time of prayer several years ago during a family prayer service.

“For Grace to guide and keep us the following Day, and for God’s Blessing on the business of the Same.

In particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in all things, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under our afflictions. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.”

During change take time for your faith and prayer to remind us all that we all are one family and we need to help each other. In our family these past months we have continued to develop in our prayer and fellowship. We had a thoughtful reflection during lent with Stations of the Cross and a wonderful Holy Week. We thank all the Clergy of Western New York whose fellowship has spread among those that have had the privilege to hear them speak. Recently, David Coir is a postulant for Holy Orders, and he is visiting us from Holy Redeemer as a part of his training with Father Ihde. Father Ihde continues as our Priest in Charge and we are ever thankful for his presence. Father Leo, Father Cunningham, and Deacon Stone are blessed to have his guidance and instruction as they work together to provide “the gifts of God to the people of God”.

Alison Stone has been voted to continue with leading the St. Martha’s Guild and the outreach. Our outreach has continued to support food for the hungry by giving to the food cupboards in Penfield and Webster Communities. A small group walked May 6 for CROP Walk sponsored by the Webster Council of Churches of which we are a member. We must thank Joyce Rice for her initiation of and connection to this community tie. Please pray for her and her family as she is one of our last original members. She recently had significant change in downsizing from the home built by her husband and herself. Her strength, fortitude, and tenacity are attributes that we all strive for each and every day.

The youth of Holy Cross continue to mature into fine young people. We congratulate two young men, Thomas Stone and Michael Bowen, for receiving awards from their High School for outstanding work in school. As the school year comes to a close we pray for all the young men and women graduating and hope that they find support and comfort in God. On reveal day, senior William Bowen decided to attend SUNY Polytech in Utica, NY next fall. Samuel Shutt continues to grow taller than his parents and Christopher is following in his brother’s footsteps. Both have been busy with Basketball and couldn’t be prouder of their Syracuse Team. Sam is helping with Unified Basketball which is a wonderful service.

The best of news is when new little ones come into the world. God’s amazing miracles arrived early this spring for Jeanne Hoose as her grandson had twins. Her great grandson and great granddaughter were born...
on April 19, 2018. Ben & Juliane introduce the new additions to their family Emmett William Ryck and Ryleigh Jeanne Ryck 4lbs.

Here is a thought from Psalm 37 23-29
“I have been young, and now old.
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
Or their children begging bread.
They are ever giving liberally and lending,
And their children become a blessing.
Depart from evil, and do good;
So you shall abide for ever.
For the Lord loves justice;
He will not forsake his faithful ones.”

We had a very pleasant visit from a minister and his family from Austin, Texas due to the October Synod in Atlanta. They wanted to join with us as a member of continuing Anglican Tradition. Summer is ahead and the sunlight warms the cold bones, but let us remember to lead others to warmth and fellowship with one another where ever we are. To do so patience is so very important for us all. God Bless our Northeast Anglican community!

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Linda Bowen

Portland, Maine
St. Paul

Spring at last. We just finished a long cold winter. Our steeple was brought crashing to the ground during one of the ice storms. We have every intention of putting it back up. On the up side we only had one service canceled during the winter, one of our early Sunday morning masses.

But now in spring big things are happening at St. Paul's.

Father Amos Father Amos received a Master of Arts in counselling (with a special emphasis on mental health and family therapy) from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and will be looking for positions to use his new skills.

Father Logan will be retiring as rector as of June 1 with a farewell party on May 20, but he is not leaving us altogether, and will be assisting and covering for the new rector.

Father Andrew Faust will be our interim rector. We will be trying to interest him in continuing some of our Missal service while he will be trying to interest us in his prayer book service. A compromise acceptable to all will eventually be worked out I am sure.

Ongoing will be the poverty and the opioid crisis in the neighborhood surrounding our church and the unchurched Millennials living up on the hill. For these we need all your prayers.

-----John Serrage

Amherst, N.H.
St. Luke

This spring has been a very busy time at St. Luke's. In April we hosted the House of Bishops Meeting and the Meeting of the Executive Council. On May 2 and 3 we hosted the G4 meeting.

Shown are the four Presiding Bishops of the Continuing Anglican Church in the United States and their prime assistants. From left to right: Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander Webb, Suffragan Bishop of the Anglican Church in America (ACA) and Rector of St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral in Amherst, NH; The Most Rev. Mark Haverland, Archbishop of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC); The Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Province of America (APA); The Most Rev. Dr. Brian Marsh, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church in America (ACA); The Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones, Suffragan Bishop of the Anglican Province of America (APA); and The Rev. Rev. Paul Hewett, Presiding Bishop of the Diocese of The Holy Cross (DHC). These four represent the largest continuing Anglican jurisdictions in the US.

As the Traditional Anglican Church continues to grow today, there have been some changes to the administration and the individual development of several jurisdictions.

These four jurisdictions have come together to share and develop an administration of Anglican tradition so that Anglicans in America will feel comfortable in worship in any continuing Anglican Church in America. This meeting on May 2 and 3, 2018 at St. Luke's in Amherst, NH was a follow up to the groundbreaking agreement signed by the four
145 Christians of several different denominations came and read the 1928 version of Evening Prayer with us. Fr. Luke Ubler, a Roman Catholic priest from Queen of Heaven parish in West Seneca preached the sermon and Fr. Ed Ihde from Saint Nicholas led the service with Deacon Tom Stone from Holy Cross and Fr. Phillip Cunningham, reading the lessons. The night was a blessed event filled with great hymns and a vocal duet performance from the Saint Nicholas choir led by our organist, Don Bliss. Afterward we all enjoyed some wonderful food prepared by our parishioners and great fellowship.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week were of course the primary focus of this season. On Palm Sunday we were again blessed to have a string quartet which performed a number of wonderful Mozart pieces accompanied by our organist, Don Bliss.

On Easter Eve we traveled to Holy Cross Church in Webster to celebrate Easter Vigil with the congregation there. Easter Vigil is among the oldest recorded services of the Church and it was our great honor to bring in the Light of Christ as we began several readings prior to the Easter exclamation ‘Alleluia Christ is Risen!’ in a heretofore darkened sanctuary.

West Seneca, N.Y.
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Pentecost greetings to you all from Saint Nicholas’ Anglican Church. Much has happened since our last installment in the Northeast Anglican Newsletter.

The events began late in March when Saint Nicholas Church again hosted the West Seneca Lenten Journey for a night of Lenten observance and fellowship.
On Easter Sunday, we invited a brass ensemble to help celebrate the risen Christ living among us. Saint Nicholas saw a few new faces and many old friends come here for Holy Week services. The week was filled with all that you might expect and more including parish pot luck on Maundy Thursday that was very well attended.

On the Day of Pentecost it was a great joy to welcome back our former Rector and one of the founders of Saint Nicholas Parish, Father Eugene Bagen. Fr. Bagen was ordained in the Roman Catholic Church in 1973 and served the Diocese of Buffalo both at their Cathedral here in Buffalo and at the diocesan level from which he eventually left the Roman Catholic Church to join the Anglican Church of Saint Luke (then APA – now ACNA) in Aurora, NY. Fr. Gene has been licensed by Bishop Marsh to serve Saint Nicholas parish and the greater Anglican Deanery of the West. He begins his role here as Priest Associate on Trinity Sunday where he will preach the sermon exactly 45 years from the date of his first mass in the R.C. Church.

-------- Fr. Ed Ihde

Canandaigua, N.Y.
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

There are certain times that we reflect on our lives, and think about how satisfied or dissatisfied we are with them. The New Year holiday is one of those times. Other times are our birthdays, or anniversaries, or changing seasons. In our liturgical lives, a special time for reflection is the Lenten Season. This year, during the Lenten Season, Holy Redeemer underwent some major changes. Our treasurer was forced to take a sudden leave of absence due to health reasons. Two weeks later, our priest resigned, and then our musical accompanist (our ‘organ’ is a computer) resigned as well. In a very short time, our very small parish was reduced substantially in number and in pledged income, in part because of some conflict over differences of opinion about financial strategies; and in part because of some health issues.

During that same week, our second priest, Fr. Dave Leo, was hospitalized due to illness. It was a very difficult time. We still had some snowbirds who had not yet returned from warmer climes. But our area dean, The “Most Reverend” Ed Ihde, rode to the rescue, and said Mass for us, and on that Sunday we had a new (and youthful!) visitor. I have begun wearing several new hats: Treasurer, Clerk of the Vestry, Musical Accompanist, Coffee Hour Hostess Extraordinaire, and Chief Bulletin Maker. At first, it was stressful, trying to juggle so many responsibilities, but the Holy Spirit is with me, and I am enjoying the opportunity to contribute to the life of our parish in new ways. Fr. Ed has been invaluable in his assistance to Holy Redeemer. He visited us the weekend of April 21-22, to preside over a vestry meeting on Saturday, and stayed overnight to concelebrate mass on Sunday morning. He created our new website, and, under his guidance, I am learning to work on it as well. We hope to launch it very soon, after we add some photographs. He has also provided insight and ideas and encouragement to our vestry.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom is found on page 20 of the Book of Common Prayer. We hear and say the words of this prayer: “...that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests...” But we do not always pay close attention to them, or truly absorb their meaning. On the first Sunday in May, our (Jones) family literally lived those words: the three of us were the only ones who were at church that morning! Fr. Dave Leo was ill, and our other ‘regulars’ were elsewhere. So we did Morning Prayer, we sang a few hymns, we ate our refreshments, and we celebrated Rogation Sunday (and HR’s 14th anniversary!) by planting some flowers in the garden. And He granted our requests, because our Interim Vicar, Fr. Dave Leo, was well again and back on the altar the next Sunday, delivering yet another inspirational sermon. And two of our snowbirds, Carol and Jim, returned. Carol had suffered a mild stroke in Florida, but the love and many prayers she received had her walking well again. We are delighted to have them back.

Despite these many challenges, we are doing alright. Of course, we would appreciate your prayers, as we embark on this new journey. But I am confident about the future of Holy Redeemer, and about the many possibilities which lie ahead. Recently, I was at church on a weekday...
afternoon, selecting and setting up the hymns on the computer. It was a quiet, sunny day. As I sang some of the hymns to see which ones I would choose, I felt peace and happiness. In the midst of my stressful life, I found sanctuary. And I knew that all would be well. -----Diane S. Jones

White River Junction, Vermont
Trinity Anglican Church,

As we approach the end of our first year of the interim at Trinity occasioned by Bishop Marsh’s retirement from his ministry here, I find that I write with some fear and trepidation. It is standard practice, at least as I have experienced it, for the departing rector to fully depart, i.e., get out of town, but, of course, ours hasn’t and so any comment about how well things are going now might suggest things were not going so well before he left. Well, we all know that’s not so, but I am compelled again to note his extraordinary dedication in bringing us to this point.

This is our fourteenth year and, more significantly, the first anniversary of Bishop Marsh’s retirement from his ministry in founding and building Trinity. We might think of celebrating his withdrawal from Trinity as he deserves a respite from his driving two hours and 115 miles (each way!) every Sunday (save one or two when we granted him a vacation) celebrating mass at Good Shepherd along the way for those 13 years. It should be noted that he maintained a teaching position through much of this period until he was elected Bishop Suffragan and eventually Bishop Ordinary of the diocese, not to mention being elected as Presiding Bishop of the ACA. So, we can celebrate the heavy lifting of establishing and maintaining Trinity and the lightening of his load.

And so we can also celebrate a new ministry made possible through the appointment of an interim vicar who lives in the Upper Valley. This new ministry has permitted us to have a monthly Bible study along with a weekly discussion of the Gospel and sermon after the mass. Throughout the bishop’s ministry here, the logistics of celebrating the full Triduum of Holy week at Good Shepherd and Trinity made two celebrations impossible and those single celebrations took place for both parishes at Good Shepherd. This year, however, for the first time, we were able to celebrate the full Triduum here at Trinity, which made the services more accessible and much better attended.

As we continue in our search and discernment process, we feel richly blessed in the continuation of Trinity as we have seen growth over the past year in stewardship, in attendance, and membership. As always, God has richly blessed us as we attend to His plans for us. -----Alan Wylie

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

Lent is known as a renewing Season in which we follow the example of Our Savior in the desert for 40 Days. In New England, Lent is more than likely to be a Season in which frost and chill, snow and rain test the soul, rather than the drying heat of Palestine. This became evident especially on the Friday in which Fr. Christian Tutor, of All Saints Parish in Concord, New Hampshire was slated to lead the Stations of the Cross, for the National 40 Days for Life in Manchester, New Hampshire. The non-violent, non-confrontational 40 Days for Life is an international ministry in which vigils are kept outside abortion clinics in prayerful witness to the Lord and Giver of Life, for a span of 40 days. Fr. Christian is recognized in New Hampshire as a pro-life witness, and member of the Right to Life, where he serves as Educational Trust Chairman. He, and a brave contingent, assembled in blizzard conditions and encircled the Manchester abortion facility with prayer and song, witnessing the power of the Passion and Christ’s healing presence.

Some may consider such displays as futile, but the good will and sacrifice displayed on that frozen Lenten Friday may bring the casual observer to the realization that Life is worth defending even when not convenient.

The Diocese of the Missouri Valley invited Fr. Tutor to give the Lenten Retreat at the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Motherhouse in March. Bishop Stephen Strawn, Ordinary, extended the gracious invitation, and clergy from that far-flung diocese assembled for the 3 days of reflection and renewal. A hallmark of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley is the simple and genuine fraternity of the clergy. Those present were well steeped in the Catholic ethos, and readily assumed the discipline of a retreat. Common Prayer and Common Life are a compliment to a fruitful spiritual examination, and the attendees meditated and listened to the conferences centered around the theme ‘The Priest and the Heart of Christ.’ The struggles and triumphs of the ordained life were reviewed with some humorous and other times
poignant reminders that the clergy are to mirror the Christ in His command to “learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.” Well after the spiritual exercises were complete, and the clergy return to their respective homes, did the following come in a gracious review of the Kansas retreat: “Truly, I enjoyed all of the reminders and lessons learned throughout the presentations given. Most of us as priests certainly spend contemplative time in one form or another just reading, and learning day by day of our Savior, but the contemplative life style of which you have lived is certainly one of great focus and faithfulness...Thank you for sharing your heart with all of us at our Clergy retreat, and for reminding us of the value we truly do have and of our great responsibility to our Lord in caring for our Cures and for ourselves.”

All Saints was blessed with two recent celebrations of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The first was for Benjamin and Tayleia Niemi, who are in their mid-twenties, and eager about starting a new life together, and setting down roots and planning a family. The other involves Percy and Patricia Bouffard, who after losing their spouses to death, have found love in their 70’s, settling into a new life already enriched with children and memories. As both newly wed couples begin their journey as images of Christ’s love for His Church, may they be given many, many years of blessings and peace.

Holy Week as the culmination of Lent immerses us, as is the focus of Holy Church, in the beauty of the Bride the Church. Through symbol and ceremony, procession and song, Christians are to live the Passion in Holy Week. All Saints manifests its Faith by celebrating all of the intricate full liturgical ceremonies prescribed for this Week. The journey with Our Savior is not just an empty commemoration of His death and passion, but a living active thanksgiving for the Gift of Salvation. Good liturgy takes time and patience and prayerful planning: not because of an adherence to fussiness, but out of love for the things of God.

The Festal Season will culminate with the external Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 3. The Parish revels in the beauty of this celebration as parishioners take to the streets bearing aloft an embroidered canopy and incense, as the Mystical Presence of Christ in the consecrated Host is carried in procession around the precincts of the church and surrounding buildings. As with all celebrations, the Parish of All Saints invites the diocese to join in any, and all, celebrations. Just visit our website for more details and calendar of events: www.allsaintsnh.com

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

Praise God - spring is here and new life is bursting forth all around us – so beautiful! Only a short few weeks ago we were hoping we wouldn’t have to hide the eggs for our annual parish Easter egg hunt in the snow! Luckily, the weather cooperated that day and lots of neighborhood children had great fun finding the treat-filled eggs. Easter morning was once again a glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our chapel was filled with the sweet scent of beautiful lilies and joyous voices singing praises to God. We were blessed to have Bishop Langberg with us as celebrant at our Easter Mass.

We welcomed spring with our annual flower sale May 10th – 12th. Our thanks go out to long-time co-chairs of this event, Bob Davies and Dot Schmidt, and the other dedicated volunteers who helped at the 3-day sale. The sale is always a popular neighborhood event, featuring a great selection of flats and hanging baskets for spring planting.

With guidance from Bishop Marsh and our current priest-in-charge, Fr. Peter Geromel, we are continuing our search for new pastoral leadership for St. Elizabeth’s congregation. Please keep us in your prayers as we proceed in the months ahead.

During May and June, many of you will likely be attending graduation celebrations with friends and families. We congratulate all graduates for their accomplishments and send our prayers that God’s love and the Holy Spirit will guide them and bless them with a happy and successful future. At St. Elizabeth’s we congratulate our parishioner graduates Michael Rizzuto, son of
Tanya and Mike Rizzuto (and grandson of Bp. Langberg & Betty), and Robert Malone, son of Brian and Mary Lynne Malone. Kudos to both of you!

As we enjoy the beautiful spring weather here in Tuxedo we look forward to months ahead filled with summer vacation trips, picnics with friends and family, and many other opportunities to attend fun summer events. In closing, we send our prayers to all of you for a safe, healthy and happy summer as well.

-----Ingrid Magar

Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, at long last “spring is sprung, the grass is riz” and we know where the birdies is! Doesn’t it seem like just overnight, everything greens up? To quote a line from a famous movie “Lordy Miss Scarlett, it’s a miracle!” It just makes us appreciate the beauty and abundance of nature that the good God has provided.

February saw our annual meeting, which was well attended. All our dedicated vestry members were re-elected, and we are so grateful for their service. Peter Thomas (Sr. Warden), Richard Collupy Jr. (Jr. Warden), Rebecca Harrington (Treasurer), Loretta Steward-Whitehead, (Clerk), as well as Richard Legault, Jamie Bergeron, Miriam Tod, and James Harrington round out the group presently keeping St. Margaret’s humming along successfully. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, organized by Wendy and John Kropac, was also well attended, with a larger attendance than last year. The word is getting out!

March also saw our annual St. Patrick’s day corned beef and cabbage supper. The Bishop, Most Reverend Brian R. Marsh, joined us for the festivities, as well as giving the homily the next morning at Mass. It is always wonderful to have a visit by the Bishop, and a lovely duet, “Be Not Afraid” was sung by Marshall Santy and Wendy Kropac during the service.

The Lenten season concluded at St. Margaret’s with many services during Holy week. There were, of course, Stations of the cross every Friday, but we also celebrated Palm Sunday, with a distribution of Palms, a service at noon on Maundy Thursday, and three services on Good Friday. There was a Mass at noon, stations of the cross at 2:00, and a Tenebrae service held jointly with the Journey church at 7:00. Their Pastor, Mr. Trevor Skalberg, joined Father Monroe in conducting this very moving service. Easter Sunday dawned sunny, and just a trifle chilly. The men of the church put on the annual breakfast, and there were a few Easter bonnets in evidence. The choir, under the direction of Tracy Gardner, did a lovely rendition of “Resurrection”.

In April, we were visited by Fr. Bob Menes, who gave the homily, while Jim Harrington did a baritone solo of “April Showers”.

A service of Christian Burial was held in late April for Tracy Hart, son of Charlotte Whiting, a longtime church member. Several family members gave warm testimony and fond remembrances regarding Mr. Hart’s life and his impact on the family. Mr. Hart was also related to other St. Margaret’s members including John, Wendy and Kathy Kropac, and Jane Marie Kenny. A lunch was provided by the family after the service was concluded.

A women’s bible study has been started on Friday at noon. The focus is on women in the Old Testament, with its relevance to women today. Those ladies not working on Friday have been encouraged to attend. Finally, the May flowers and communion wine have been given by Fran Shore in memory of her husband Donald, and for the glory of God. We also praise God for the return of several members who had a challenging winter, health wise. We are happy to see them back on a regular basis.

We are now looking forward to several events. Our Veteran’s service will be held May 27, as well as Sea Sunday (always a fave of Fr. Monroe, a former Mariner), on May 20. We are also informed that the Second Anglo Fest will again take place in July at the Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alford, Maine. So many interesting events with opportunities for fellowship!

So, from all of us at St. Margaret’s we wish all our friends a safe and enjoyable summer season.

-----Maureen Ferguson, Ladies Guild

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

After a harsh March and unseasonably cool April, spring is finally here in southeastern Connecticut! Everything is green and blooming now, and we rejoice in our Creator and the annual renewing of nature.

The weather cooperated for the Procession of the Palms at Wooster Chapel in Deep River on Palm Sunday; on Maundy Thursday, we had a soup and bread supper, the washing of feet, and Holy Communion in Deep River; Good Friday saw several congregants, and some visitors, turn out for
Stations of the Cross at the Chapel at Olde Mistick Village.

On Easter Sunday, we had a well-attended 9 AM Mass in Mystic, then dashed back to Deep River for Mass at our regular time of 10:30! On May 3, for the National Day of Prayer, I opened the Olde Mistick Village Chapel from 10 AM to 4 PM, with about 20 people all told coming in, a few just to see the Meetinghouse, but most to spend a few minutes in prayer. There were even some folks - four Pentecostals, and a Baptist couple from Rhode Island - who in their turns prayed for me, and the ministry of St. Matthias Church!

The response to the services we have recently had in Mystic, has convinced us of the need to resume year-round services there. Thus, commencing on Whitsunday, services for St. Matthias in Mystic will be Sundays at 10:30 AM (Holy Communion), and for St. Peter's in Deep River, Sundays at 4:00 PM (Evensong). We pray that this new arrangement will result in increased participation in both communities. Be sure to visit us at either (or even both) locations if your vacation plans bring you to southeastern Connecticut!

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Faithfully, Fr. Merrill Perkins

Wells, Vermont

St. David

After his many years of faithful service. Father Alexander Stringer, well into his nineties, has retired. St. David’s, the work he began so many years ago will continue under new leadership. Pastor Jim Hogan will be stepping in. Pastor Hogan, who was a guest speaker at our 2016 Synod comes from another denomination and has applied for ordination among us. We pray for fresh growth in our work in Western Vermont.

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Halfmoon, New York

St. Thomas of Canterbury

At dusk on Easter Even Father John Bassett kindled a small fire at the foot of the steps to the front door of St. Thomas of Canterbury, we parishioners arranging ourselves on the steps, each holding a small candle. An ember from the fire lit every one’s candle during a moment of prayer. We entered the darkening church where we beheld the lighting of the Paschal Candle. This quiet celebration was intensely moving. It was the culmination of Holy Week when we met every evening to listen to the readings and to worship and thank God for our redemption.

Easter Day was joyous. Our splendid organist, Dr. Hilary Tann, boldly intoned the magnificent hymns of the season, inspiring voices, otherwise shy, to raise the very rafters of Heaven. Our little congregation sensed a suffusion of love for Jesus Christ and His love for us. Such was Holy Week and Easter in Halfmoon.

During Eastertide Bible study gave way to reading C. S. Lewis’ Screwtape Letters, a fun way to learn about the wiles of Satan’s employees as they set about corrupting unsuspecting Christians.

Rogation Sunday we trod the metes and bounds, hymnals in hand, singing We Plow the Fields and Scatter. (Your writer, once upon a time a farmer, takes Rogation seriously for personal reasons.)

Through a curious set of circumstances we are sharing our sanctuary on Saturdays with a Seventh Day Baptist congregation, a happy coming together with good men, women and children who pitch in with buildings and grounds tasks, the first instance being a long needed repair to the mechanism in the men’s room commode. It satisfies that more praise and prayer ascend from our church building, a veritable Christian hotspot.

Finally a word about refreshments. Since time immemorial after-service refreshments have been various half-price stickies from the day-old table at the supermarket. Surreptitiously, fruits and cheeses are taking over. Clearly faith and nutrition are compatible qualities.

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David Bullard

Brooklyn, N.Y.

St. Joseph’s Anglican Church

Greetings in the name of the Lord

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

In March, a few members of our congregation celebrated birthdays. Our very own Sister Miller, Mr. Vanroy Mahon, George and Greg Banner and Canon Earl Morris, who was made a canon during our recent Episcopal visit in April, are one year older and one year wiser. Pictured to the right is a selfie of yours truly, Sister Miller, Deacon Herby Rodney and a cadre of happy smiles lighting up the altar who look like they enjoy being in pictures. Also celebrating birthdays is Ms. Luanne Rodney, daughter of our very own Deacon Rodney
Pictured to the left are Ms. Marie Black and Ms. Violet Black, daughters of yours truly. I was blessed for them to agree to go to church with Daddy in order to celebrate Marie’s birthday. Somehow their smiles look a little too nice. That look you get when you walked into a room and find someone with their hand in the cookie jar.

Pictured to the right is newly baptized member of Christ’s family, Mckenzie Nisani Worrell-Nunez who is the granddaughter of our very own, Mrs. Charmaine Worrell. Standing to the right is her mother, Amanda Worrell and to the left holding her, is her father, Clarence Nunez. Let’s take a moment to welcome little McKenzie.

In April our very own Lisa Mullings celebrated her birthday. Unfortunately I didn’t get a picture of her but she still deserves recognition for all that she’s done for St. Joseph.

We were also blessed to have three (3) of our new members confirmed. Mrs. Velma Gardiner, Ms. Leanna Romain and Mr. Raphael Gibson. Pictured to the left you will find them sharing the joy of cutting their confirmation cake. Let’s please take this time to welcome them into the family of Christ.

To the right is our altar decked out with Easter lilies. It is our tradition is to have the parishioners donate a flower in memory of a loved one or loved ones. Then we go out and purchase the lilies. I would really like to give Canon Morris a standing ovation because he takes a ton of flowers and always arranges them in such a way as to bring out the radiance of the altar.

As previously mentioned, our organist and choirmaster, Mr. Earl Morris was made a canon during the recent visit from Bishop Marsh. Pictured in the next column you can see the Laying on of Hands by Bishop Marsh and the support of the congregation at this momentous occasion. Please join us in celebrating and congratulating Canon Earl Morris on his elevation.

Now you know that this submission wouldn’t be complete if we didn’t include a picture of the Deacons of St. Joseph. We pray that God bless you in all of your future endeavors and may His blessings be with you and remain with you in all things done in His name.

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

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

Rochester, N.H.

As I sit here it seems that winter has actually yielded to Spring, much to our delight! It seems almost enough reason to give an alleluia. And alleluias are indeed due, but chiefly because Christ our savior has been sacrificed for us and has risen from the grave. By his dying and his resurrection he has won for us everlasting life. But more than that, he has communicated that life to us and it is available to us here and now, not just in the sweet by and by. There is a resurrection power that is available to every believer in the Holy Spirit through faith with prayerful attention. Christ has risen. He is risen indeed.

Our winter was a typically busy one and the season of Lent is always marked by more services and devotion. Our weekly Wednesday morning Mass in the Lady’s chapel is regularly attended by at least four and often more than that. Perhaps at some time in the future we will follow it up with a bible study at the church if there is enough interest. We held two Re4m seminars over the winter, the Prayer seminar, which has been offered before, which always has interest, and one on Healing the Soul. The seminar “Healing the Soul” explored how we are made in the Image of God and how painful experiences can mar that Image. We discussed how trauma is located in the body, brain and spirit and some of the techniques available to help bring healing. There was a lot of material presented but the seminar proved to be effective and seemed to break something lose in the spiritual realm, because it led to a break through in the lives of a few of the participants. Beautiful!

Holy Week brought us together for the moving services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and
we had an amazing Easter with the church filled to capacity at the 10 am Service. For the children there was an Easter egg hunt and a visit from a strange furry fellow.

I have been meeting with the senior officers of the vestry on a regular basis in what we are calling a "Rectors Council". This allows us to spend time discussing things that are critical to the forward movement of the parish. Among these has been the issue of the mission or “purpose” of the parish. A Parish on Purpose insert was produced that describes what it means to be a “Parish on Purpose”. One of the goals is for us to become an exceptional parish, one that is attractive, retains visitors, and accomplishes our mandate to "Go into all the World".

There is a lot going on in our parish and we are working on improving our ministries on many fronts:

We recently moved the meeting room to the upstairs to create a room dedicated to our younger Sunday School children. This reflects our commitment to young families, which is a mission critical focus for the church and it has been greatly appreciated by the mom of young children that are attending. Our Sunday School program is becoming better defined and organized and in June we will have a meeting to begin to plan our Fall 2018 Sunday School Program. It will be better than ever before!

We have formed a Reredos Renovation Task Group that will submit a design plan for a new reredos. Our main goal is to replace the orange dorsal hanging and beautify the area at the altar. This project is connected to our Year of Jubilee (30 years as a parish and 25 in the building).

We are forming a Task Force on Christian Education to explore how we might offer Christian education in Rochester. This is critical to the future of the parish. Families will move across the country for a good church and a trustworthy place to educate their children. The Task Force will look at models like Classical Christian Education and the Anglican Schools Association.

We have also instituted some protocols to improve communication between the vestry and our various committees.

In other news, on May 5th we held a Cinco De Mayo Fiesta Night, enjoying fellowship and Mexican fare. We held New Members Classes, with eight attending. Among those were the Rev. Robert Philp and His wife Beth, who have moved into the area. Fr. Philip has been assigned to our parish and we are grateful to have him.

We have two postulants; Kathy Lewis, for the deaconess program and Michael McKinnon for Holy Orders. As we move towards the summer we are anticipating our upcoming Church picnic in early June.

-----Fr. Matt+

Bill Bodah, a longtime member of Trinity departed this life on April 26, and was laid to rest in the Veterans’ Cemetery on Springvale ME along with the remains of his wife of 62 years who died in February. Fr. Matt conducted the service. I will remember him as one of the sweetest men I’ve ever known. ---ed
the completion of painting the interior of our narthex and sanctuary. We recently decided to renew the 25-year old carpet in the same areas and have chosen to replace it with a dark blue-green colored material that reflects the color of the wood work. This contrasts nicely with the existing red carpet in the aisle and altar area.

In April, Fr. Art Bennett, in collaboration with another pastor in the Charlestown Area Church Network, started “Men's Morning.” This breakfast meeting is held in the Charlestown Community Room starting at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. It provides an opportunity for men to gather together in a relaxed atmosphere before Saturday morning chores and to share thoughts and experiences. We pray that these meetings will provide an opportunity to minister to men who are unchurched and witness to them the power of Christ in our lives.

Good Shepherd will sponsor a week-long vacation Bible School, “Summer Thunder,” the second week in July. This will be the fifth year that we have collaborated with the Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Hampshire to teach the Good News to children in the community.

We look forward to seeing our friends from around the Diocese of the Northeast at the October Synod in Maine.

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

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

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News Notes
Bishops, Summer Schedule
Bishop Marsh
June 7-9. Alfred, Maine. Clericus
June 12. ACA House of Bishops teleconference
June 19. G-4 Bishops teleconference
June 21-2. California. Diocese of the West Synod
June 24-July 8. Bishop Marsh vacation
July 15. Scarborough, Maine. Episcopal Visit to St. Augustine's
July 30. Mystic, Connecticut. Episcopal visit to St. Matthias
August 18. Webster, New York. Ordination (DV) at Holy Cross

Bishop Webb
May 23 - June 1: Bp. Webb vacation
June 10: St. Paul's, Portland, Institution of Interim Priest
August 27: St. Thomas, Ellsworth visitation
September 10: Trinity, Rochester visitation

Pastor Jim Hogan has requested ordination in the Diocese of the Northeast.
Mr Steve Bunnell, subdeacon at Transfiguration, has been approved as a candidate for the diaconate.
Father Gene Bagen, former priest at St. Nicholas, has returned to active service and will serve in the Western Deanery.

Intercommunion Prayer Cycle
First Sunday after Trinity, June 3 St. Stephen’s Church, Athens, GA Rev. Nicholas Athanaelos, Rector St. Hilda of Whitby Church, Atlanta, GA Rev. Terrence Hall, Rector St. Luke's Church, Augusta, GA Rev. Daniel Trout, Priest-in-charge St. George's Church, Columbus, GA Rev. Canon Terrence Keller, Rector Christ the King Church, Douglasville, GA Rev. Canon Edward Warner, Vicar St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA Rt. Rev. Chander H. Jones, SSC, Rector
Third Sunday after Trinity, June 17 St. Aidan's Church, Des Moines, IA Rev. Bradford Johnson, Priest-in-charge St. John's Cathedral, Quincy, IL Rt. Rev. Stephen D. Straw, Dean St. Andrew's Church, Franklin, IN Rev. Keith Coyner, Rector Cathedral of St. Edward the Confessor, Indianapolis, IN Very Rev. J. Charles King, Dean St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Indianapolis, IN Rev. Todd Bragg, Priest-in-charge St. Mary of the Angels Church, LaPorte, IN Ven. Franklin Endres, Vicar


Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 8 St. Aidan's Church, Chestertown, MD Rev. Thomas Burr, Priest-in-charge St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD Rev. Thomas Burr, Rector St. Michael the Archangel Church, Frederick, MD Rev. Pothin Ngyele, Rector St. Alban's Church, Joppa, MD Very Rev. J. Gordon Anderson, Rector Mount Calvary Church, Lothian, MD Rev. Canon Robert H. Tregenza, Rector St. Stephen's Church, Timonium, MD Ven. Guy Hawtin, Rector


Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, August 12 St. Barbara's Church, Jacksonville, NC Rev. Donald Lerro, Priest-in-charge St. Michael the Archangel Church, Matthews, NC Rev. O. Michael Caitho, Rector All Saints Church, Mills River, NC Ven. Erich A. Zwingert, SSC, Rector St. Bartholomew's Church, New Bern, NC Rev. Ashley E. Jones, Jr., Stated Supply Christ Church of the Sandhills, Pinehurst, NC Rev. Dr. John L. Sharpe, SSC, Rector St. Timothy's Church, Swannanoa, NC Rev. Frank O'Donnell, Vicar

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, August 19 St. Peter's Church, Waynesville, NC Rev. Michael Bolt, Vicar St. Matthew's Church, Weaverville, NC Rev. Gregory Miller, Rector All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC Very Rev. David Haines, Rector St. Luke's Church, Amherst, NH Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander H. Webb, Rector Good Shepherd Church, Charlestown, NH Most Rev. Dr. Brian R. Marsh, Rector All Saints Church, Concord, NH Very Rev. Christian Tutor, Rector

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, August 26 St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Conway, NH Rev. Jeffrey W. Monroe, Rector Trinity Church, Rochester, NH Rev. Matthew J. Mirabile, Rector St. John's Church, Somersworth, NH Rev. Troy Brackett, Priest-in-charge St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Adam, NY Rev. Richard P. Cumming, Vicar St. Joseph's Church, Brooklyn, NY Ven. Dr. Alan Koller, Rector Holy Redeemer Church, Canandaigua, NY Rev. David Leo p-i-n-e

When God of old came down from Heaven,
In power and wrath He came;
Before His feet the clouds were riven,
Half darkness and half flame:
Around the trembling mountain's base
The prostrate people lay;
A day of wrath and not of grace;
A dim and dreadful day.
But when he came the second time,  
He came in power and love,  
Softer than gale at morning prime  
Hovered His holy Dove.

The fires that rushed on Sinai down  
In sudden torrents dread,  
Now gently light, a glorious crown,  
On every sainted head.

Like arrows went those lightnings forth  
Winged with the sinner's doom,  
But these, like tongues, o'er all the earth  
Proclaiming life to come:

And as on Israel's awe-struck ear  
The voice exceeding loud,  
The trump, that angels quake to hear,  
Thrilled from the deep, dark cloud;

So, when the Spirit of our God  
Came down His flock to find,  
A voice from Heaven was heard abroad,  
A rushing, mighty wind.

Nor doth the outward ear alone  
At that high warning start;  
Conscience gives back th' appalling tone;  
'Tis echoed in the heart.

It fills the Church of God; it fills  
The sinful world around;  
Only in stubborn hearts and wills  
No place for it is found.

To other strains our souls are set:  
A giddy whirl of sin  
Fills ear and brain, and will not let  
Heaven's harmonies come in.

Come Lord, Come Wisdom, Love, and Power,  
Open our ears to hear;  
Let us not miss th' accepted hour;  
Save, Lord, by Love or Fear.

*For Whitsunday (Pentecost)*  
By John Keble

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**August 5 - August 11**  
**Beaver Cross Camp, Greenwich, NY**

St. Luke’s Camp is 16 weeks away. Have you made plans to have your children or others you care about attend?

Why Beaver Cross Camp in Greenwich, NY? Camp Ashmere in Peru, MA is closing and this is their final season. We want to ensure that your camper has the best possible experience and so we have moved the camp.

Beaver Cross Camp is run by Christ the King Spiritual Life Center of the Episcopal diocese of Albany. The camp’s 600 acres has an outstanding set of features from, canoeing and swimming, to archery, impressive high and low ropes courses, climbing wall and more. Learn more at [www.beavercrossministries.org/](http://www.beavercrossministries.org/)

The Theme this year at St. Luke’s Camp is “Rooted in Love”. The greatest foundation we can lay is the security of knowing that God’s love will never abandon us. There will be games, events, activities, a play, and all the fun that St. Luke’s is known for. And, of course, Daily Communion, and teaching. Our counselors are carefully vetted and are “Pledged to Protect”. We look forward to seeing your children at St. Luke’s Camp this year. Please visit the website for registration forms at [www.stlukescamp.com](http://www.stlukescamp.com).

A Web portal will soon be available where you can register and submit medical records securely online.
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1928 ALLIANCE SEeks SECRETARY

The 1928 Prayer Book Alliance is seeking a secretary. This position, beginning July 16, will require 2-3 hours a week and attendance at one board meeting a year in person or online.

The secretary will serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He or she will keep a record of the Annual Meeting and occasional online meetings and votes; write thank-you notes to donors and enter donations into a database; notify directors of meetings and events; and keep corporate records and the corporate seal.

She or he will be a lifelong or longtime Continuing Anglican or Episcopalian in a parish using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. The secretary will be a layperson, knowledgeable about the 1928 BCP and its place in our religion and heritage.

The secretary will be a in accord with our mission to spread the Good News by increasing knowledge and use of the classic, traditional 1928 BCP throughout the Church. She or he will have a can-do attitude and perform the secretary’s duties with accuracy and alacrity. Must have excellent grammar and spelling skills. Experience with a nonprofit such as a church or faith-based organization is desirable, but not necessary.

The 1928 Prayer Book Alliance is a 501c3 nonprofit organization incorporated in 2002. To learn more about our organization, visit our website,

www.1928prayerbookalliance.org

Please send an email to

jam@1928prayerbookalliance.org

Explain why you’d like to join the 1928 Alliance as secretary and director. Describe your church-related and other working experience; education; skills; family and community activities; and include your e-address, phone number, and parish name and location.

Please submit with your application a brief letter of recommendation from a clergyman; church organization director; employer; or teacher/professor.

Deadline for applications is June 15.

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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.
Tentative Synod Schedule

October 24 & 25
Wednesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon, Clericus with Synod following

Oct 25 Thursday
1.00-4.00pm Standing Committee
4.00-6.00pm Registration
4.00-5.30pm Welcome Reception
6.00 Dinner
7.00 Gary Crocker, Maine humorist
8.00 Music with Bishop Langberg

Oct 25 Friday
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am breakfast
9.00am various workshops for clergy & laity

10.00am Synod business meeting
12.00 noon Lunch
1.00pm workshops
2.00pm Synod business resumes
4.00pm Holy Eucharist at Church of the Transfiguration in Mechanic Falls
6.00pm Synod Banquet
7.00pm Flashpoint Barbershop Quartet
8.00pm Music with Bishop Langberg

Oct 26 Saturday
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Breakfast
11.00am check out

Synod registration form is below. Mail with your check to Barry Vail at the address given.
Room reservations must be made by September 30. Call Poland Spring Inn directly 207-998-4351.
Most rooms $120. Be sure to mention the Synod.
There is no elevator, so, if stairs are a challenge, be sure to request a first floor room.

Anglican Church in America, Diocese of the Northeast
Registration for the 27th Annual Synod
October 25-27, 2018

Send this form to: Barry Vail, 5 West Shore Drive, Otisfield, ME 04270
Hosted by Church of the Transfiguration, Mechanic Falls ME

One form per participant
Name: ____________________________ City/Town' ______________ State: ______
Zip: ____________________________ Location: ______________
Parish/Parishioner: ______________ ____________________________

Check One: (_) Clergy (__) Delegate (__) Alternate (__) Parishioner all are welcome!

Registration fee per person for the ENTIRE Synod: $115.00 (add $5 for lobster per person) This includes Thursday Dinner, Friday Lunch, and the Friday Synod Banquet with entertainment both nights after dinner

( ) Yes! I will be attending the entire Synod: $115
( ) I will be attending Thursday - Dinner & Entertainment: $40
( ) I will be attending Friday - Lunch only: $35
( ) I will be attending the Friday Synod Banquet Dinner: $40
( ) I will be attending Friday Lunch & Friday Banquet: $576

Synod Banquet Dinner includes Beef and Haddock, Lobster option is an extra $5.00
Synod Banquet Dinner Choice: ( ) Beef ( ) Haddock ( ) Lobster(+$5)

Breakfast is included with a room reservation at Poland Spring Resort. Non-Alcoholic beverages are available during Synod for all who attend.

( ) Yes! I am considering staying Saturday night
Be sure to call Poland Spring Resort directly at 207-998-4351
to reserve your room. Please mention the Diocese of the Northeast Synod.
Approximate location of churches
Dioiece of the Northeast
Parishes and Missions

Connecticut

Mystic: St. Matthias — (at Old Mystic Village, Coogan Blvd.) Sun 10.30AM
Fr. Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484

Deep River: St. Peter— Sun 4.00PM
(Wooster Chapel, 57 High St.) Fr. Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484

Maine

Camden: Resurrection Mission — (at members’ homes.) Fr. Jeffrey Monroe 207-799-5141
lay contact David Bardon (207)336-2421.

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
Fr Gary Drinkwater 207-312-7318

Portland: St. Paul
Sun 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)
(207)828-2012.
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.
Fr. Jeffrey Monroe 207-799-5141
Park Residences’ Theater of Woodlands Assisted Living, 141 W. River Road, Waterville Me

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

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. David Leo, 585-978-5236

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,
Fr. Phillip Cunningham, Fr. Eugene Bagen

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: A house church,
Pastor James Hogan (802-265-2206)

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.

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

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

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

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

Next Issue in September
Deadline for submissions will be around August 15.