For those of us who attended, the Twenty-Seventh Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast was a thoroughly enjoyable and spiritually uplifting event. The Church of the Transfiguration, our host parish, has done itself proud in the service of the diocese. Father Gary Drinkwater, Senior Warden Barry Vaill, the synod planning committee and the members of the parish have given us all a truly memorable event. The Poland Springs Resort was an ideal setting for our annual gathering. Curiously, one of the other G-4 bishops, in a gesture of kindness, told me he would pray for a “boring synod.” I suspect he meant that our gathering should be conflict free. It certainly was conflict free. But it was also far from boring. For that, I give profound thanks.

This issue of the Northeast Anglican will feature many photographs and articles devoted to the synod. Though correspondents will no doubt repeat several of the highlights, there cannot be too many reminders of the many excellent presentations, the moving worship services, the great entertainment and the generous Christian fellowship that characterized our time together. Good stories are often repeated. And they should be. The stories told about this synod will undoubtedly remind us of the warmth and Christian love we have shared during our time together.

This synod was unique in several ways. First, the Fall clericus was scheduled to begin a day before the opening of the synod. This change, which essentially moved our Advent clericus approximately six weeks earlier, was very successful. For one thing, attendance was much higher than previous Fall clericus gatherings. Feedback was also positive. Father Merrill Perkins, who plans and directs each clericus with great skill, reported that clergy favored this new schedule. Accordingly, we plan to hold next year’s Fall clericus just prior to our Twenty-eighth synod.

Both clericus and synod programs were met with great enthusiasm. Father Ihde’s presentation on sacred space was exceptionally well presented. A professional architect, Father Ihde showed how traditional church architecture provides an experience of the divine that is unmatched by “new age” departures. To illustrate the often bizarre examples of “contemporary” church structures he showed us several pictures of the curious buildings designed for “worship.” While these provoked a good deal of laughter, the fact that these “alien” structures are used for Christian worship is more than a little troubling.

By contrast, the chapel where the delegates worshiped was an outstanding example of sacred space. Poland Springs Resort is graced with a beautiful Upjohn church building. We were fortunate to have use of this chapel for synod Mass, as well as for morning and evening prayer. It was an ideal setting for the diaconal ordination that immediately preceded the Mass.

Entertainment was another highlight of our time together. The Church of the Transfiguration provided a great variety of performers. We were also graced,
once again, by the music of our own Bishop George Langberg. He always plays, what he calls the “bishop's favorite tune.” I’m not sure where he got that idea.

The temporal business of the diocese was accomplished with dispatch and good will. Our guest for the synod, Bishop Craig Botterill, remarked that we sure do accomplish a lot and do so with great good humor. Bishop Botterill's keynote address was a perfect conclusion to our very successful synod. Many delegates asked for copies of his address. Even now, several weeks after the close of synod, people are still telling me how impressed they were with the bishop's speech. We thank him for his presence among us and for his words of wisdom and Christian love.

There were many other bright moments during our synod: our new Deacon, Jim Hogan, gave an excellent Bible study; Rebecca Harrington received the Walter Kilian award; Valerie Kazarian, one of our excellent Bible study; Rebecca Harrington received the Walter Kilian award; Valerie Kazarian, one of our new deaconesses, represented her parish; several new clergy were introduced; a new parish and two new missions were welcomed into our diocesan family. There were even a few surprises. Father Merrill Perkins was appointed dean of the central deanery. One of his first acts was to compose (with the help of Ed Pacht) a dean's song. It was performed by the three amigos, er, deans: The Very Reverend Monroe, Ihde and Perkins. This exceptional work of art was greeted with sustained applause (and a great deal of laughter). Accordingly, the bishop has commissioned another dean's tune for next year's synod.

In closing, I would like to thank all who have made the synod such a success. Certainly the Church of the Transfiguration heads the list. My thanks also to Bishop Webb, who provides his ordinary with great support and counsel. My thanks also to Linnea, Kathy, Wally and the diocesan standing committee.

There are so many people to thank and I do apologize for those delegates I may have left out of this report. Please know of my thanks and prayers.

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As I write this report, we are preparing for the season of Advent. This penitential season is a time of preparation for the coming of Emmanuel, God among us. For Anglicans, this time of the year is a particularly holy and gracious season, a season during which our hearts are warmed and our spirits lifted as we look forward to the birth of the Christ child.

I wish you all a holy and blessed Advent and a joyous Christmastide!

-----Your Brother in Christ, +Brian+

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The Synod meeting convened with opening prayers, welcoming remarks and announcements by Bishop Marsh. Bishop Suffragan Alexander “Hendy” Webb, diocesan officers, and banquet keynote speaker Bishop Craig Botterill (ACCC) were introduced.

Other introductions and changes since last year’s synod included several men ordained to Holy Orders (Fr. Thomas Stone, Deacon Scott Chase, Deacon James Hogan), new clergymen in the diocese (Fr. Robert Menas, Fr. James Gordon, Fr. Ronald Hansen), and women who have completed the deaconess program (Valerie Kazarian, Tracy Gardner).

A moment of silence and prayer was offered in tribute to Fr. Jim Hurd, a long standing priest in the diocese who passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 25th and will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

The Bishop’s address to synod began with some positive comments on the joint synod held in Atlanta last year. He talked briefly about the work in the continuing church that is bringing traditional Anglicans together.

Changes and growth within the diocese since the first meeting of the synod in 1991 were noted. Bp. Marsh applauded Fr. Gary and the people of Transfiguration for the growth and accomplishments they’ve achieved since joining the diocese only one year ago.

Den. James Hogan was thanked for his ministry and his missionary work to revitalize St. David’s in Poultney, VT. Fr. Alexander Stringer has retired and was recognized for faithfully serving the small mission for several decades.

Two new missions, one in Leominster, MA (greater Wooster area; Fr. Hansen) and one in Brunswick, ME, are currently being established. Bp. Marsh asked for all to pray for those parishes that are strug-
gling and for those called to the ministry, noting the services of both clergy and laity are necessary for the healthy spiritual and temporal functioning of the diocese.

The Bishop addressed the issue of stewardship. The diocese is currently operating with a budget deficit. He urged all parishes and missions to commit to meeting financial support as canonically required (diocesan and national church), in order to ensure that the diocese remains fiscally sound and able to continue growing and drawing others to Christ. Those who have not yet met their 2018 obligations were prayerfully asked to do so before year’s end.

Bp. Marsh concluded by thanking Bp. Suffragan Hendy Webb for his exceptional assistance in carrying out the duties of the episcopacy.

Following a roll call and confirmation of a quorum, Bp. Marsh announced the presentation of the Walter Kilian Award, an award given to a lay person in recognition of outstanding service to the diocese and the ACA. The award was presented to Rebecca Harrington, a longtime member of the diocese who has served in various capacities, most recently as treasurer at St. Margaret’s, a delegate to the ACA Synod, a member of the Standing Committee, and as special assistant to the Bishop. Congratulations to Rebecca and many blessings in the years ahead as she and Jim relocate to Ohio.

Bp. Marsh presented an application for admission into the Diocese of the Northeast From The Church of the Holy Comforter, Poughkeepsie, NY, Fr. James Gordon, Rector. The synod voted unanimously to grant the admission. Welcome Fr. Gordon and Holy Comforter to the DNE!

Business proceeded with review and acceptance of the 2017 Synod minutes, the 2017 parochial report summary, the 2017-2018 treasurer reports, and the proposed 2019 budget. Secretary Linea Shaver thanked Lee Garre for taking the minutes in her absence last year. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer stressed that financial stewardship by all parishes is canonically required and emphasized the importance of meeting support obligations. Treasurer Kathy Lippman noted that income for this year is significantly lower compared to the income at the same time last year and asked those in arrears to meet their 2018 obligations.

Bp. Hendy Webb addressed the synod on recent actions by the House of Bishops and Executive Council, pertaining to the Sacrament of Confession. The House of Bishops drafted a statement expounding the ACA’s theological belief regarding the sacrament of confession. The statement was adopted by the House of Bishops and affirmed by the Executive Council in September. Essentially, the document states the church’s belief that a confession made to a bishop, priest or deacon in the sacrament of penance is inviolable, protected by absolute confidentiality, and the confidentiality of the sacrament takes precedence over any other privacy practice.

The full document contains explanations reinforcing this belief and will be made available to clergy and laity.

Following Bp. Webb’s presentation, the meeting proceeded with a review of the synod reports. Delegates were referred to the Report Booklet (thanks to Allan Wylie for compiling and to Trinity, Rochester for printing).

A few oral comments were presented:

**Chancellor:** Chancellor Jones addressed the synod and encouraged all to engage themselves to publicize who we are and what we believe. He read a very sincere, welcoming pastoral letter written by Fr. Ed Ihde (Rector, St. Nicholas) inviting those seeking a spiritual home to attend an ACA parish, talk to clergy and parishioners, and learn more about us, our beliefs and liturgical worship. Copies of the letter can be obtained from Fr. Ihde or Wally and will be posted on St. Nicholas’ website.

**Board of Examining Chaplains:** Board of Examining Chaplains: Congratulations to Deacon Mark Black (St. Joseph) and David Coir (Holy Cross). Den. Mark recently completed his canonical exams for the priesthood and Mr. Coir for the diaconate.

**St. Luke’s Youth Camp:** Thank you to Fr. Matt Mirabile, counselors, and staff for another outstanding job running the youth camp this year. The venue received accolades from the campers, counselors and staff who attended (hooray for AC!) and it will be held at the same place next year. Please encourage new campers and counselors to participate. Look for a church bulletin insert via email as summer nears to publicize the 2019 camp program.

**International Anglican Fellowship:** Fr. Merrill Perkins reported that the IAF has committed to over $41K in 2018 for its international missionary outreach ministry. Disaster relief (supplies, monetary), various projects, and financial support to clergy, congregations and the poor, provide hope and serve to grow the Christian faith in the U.S. and worldwide. Visit the IAF website (https://www.iafatac.org) to read more about the wonderful work this organization does and find information on how to donate to support the much needed missionary projects. Chuck and Cathy Wonneberger (St. Matthias), two new sustaining members of the IAF, were recognized by Fr. Merrill and presented with a plaque.

**House of Bishops/Executive Council/TAC:** Bp. Marsh’s term as Presiding Bishop will expire in 2020. Bp. Marsh was applauded by the synod for the work he has done during his tenure to accomplish the *communio in sacris* agreement among the G-4 jurisdictions. Bp. Webb reported that the House of Bishops will be exploring and discussing potential candidates for nomination and election to assume the position in 2020. Other topics addressed at the recent House of Bishops (HOB)/Executive Council meeting included: the necessity for rigorous vetting of new priests before admittance into the ACA to confirm the validity of their orders; how to bring new jurisdictions who wish to join in with the G-4
along the path to intercommunion; and the role of a priest as a missioner.

The next joint synod will be in Atlanta in January 2020.

Bp. Webb also reported that the G-4 College of Bishops met recently in Denver and, while there, met informally with Bishops from the ACCC (Anglican Catholic Church of Canada), including special guests, Archbishop Shane Janzen, Primate of the TAC, and Bp. Craig Botterill.

**Northeast Anglican:** Ed Pacht, NEA Editor, was recognized and thanked for his dedication and service to the diocese and received a standing ovation. Well done, Ed!

**Safe Environment Coordinator:** Fr. Tutor reminded delegates that all clergy and parishes must comply with the practices and policies documented in the Pledge to Protect and the Code of Ministerial Conduct. Contact Fr. Tutor with any concerns or questions: 603-545-9079 or email at elegantines@hotmail.com.

**Yorkie’s Closet:** Thank you to Fr. Jeff Monroe and Fr. Gary Drinkwater for their work in sustaining Yorkie’s Closet. Fr. Gary has taken over as administrator and supplies have been moved for storage at Transfiguration. This ministry continues to offer supplies to continuum churches with limited means and relies on financial support and material donations from individuals and parishes. Shipping and restorative activities are funded by donations. Fr. Gary commented that supplies are always needed and that even worn fabric items in need of repair such as vestments, linens, frontals, lectern and pulpit hangings, etc. are welcome. If non-repairable, any usable sections are removed and used to restore other items. Contact Fr. Gary with questions at 207-312-7318 or gdwr132@yahoo.com.

Some of you may have heard of a well-known vocal group called “The Three Tenors”. They may have competition! We reconvened after lunch and were entertained with a surprise a cappella rendition of a song performed by our own talented group, The Three Tenors. Well done, Ed!

Linnea Shaver reported that a total of $1560 was collected from the Deo Gratias offering. Funds were evenly allocated among the following five recipients:
- St. Augustine of Canterbury (for evangelistic programs)
- Fr. Ronald Hansen (publicity and church supplies for the new mission in Wooster, MA area)
- Yorkie’s Closet
- Our Lady of Seven Sorrows (Fr. LaMarre) Priory and Animal Refuge Center
- St. Joseph’s (stairs project)

Bp. Marsh announced a break in the agenda and introduced Deacon Jim Hogan, who was ordained at the Synod Mass earlier in the day. Den. Hogan presented an informative Bible Study session on Christian unity, drawing on scripture mainly from Ephesians, 4: 1-16. He spoke of the divisions among Christians and within the church. The talk discussed factors leading to division, the church as a living body, and the need for unwavering faith, diligence, and spiritual growth to attain unity. The presentation concluded with the Prayer for all Conditions of Men and the Prayer for the Unity of God’s People (BCP). Thank you Dcn. Hogan and God bless you in your ministry.

Following the presentation, the Synod divided for House Sessions. A brief summary of discussions was presented to the synod by Allan Wylie, President, House of Laity, and Fr. Matt Mirabile, Chairman of the House of Clergy.

**House of Laity**

Stewardship: Financial resources of many congregations are limited or fixed and incomes/expenses vary greatly among parishes. One potential source of income is through bequests; parishioners should be encouraged to include their parish in estate planning/wills; emphasize the need for funding to continue church growth and to bring others to Christ. When a budget is set, personal or parish, church support is a responsibility that should be included.

Guidelines for diocesan and national support payments and suggestions on payment scheduling: Linnea will submit a document that addresses this issue for publication in the NEA.

The House of Laity drew up a resolution endorsing the work of the ACA and its progression to bring about full unity among the G-4 jurisdictions.

**House of Clergy**

Clergy meetings and, in particular, clericus: The consensus by the clergy was in favor of holding the fall/winter clericus in conjunction with the diocesan synod.

Pastoral ministry: Online sessions and programs (e.g. Skype) to help reduce the cost for clergy to attend meetings and/or provide a means to participate for those who can’t attend. Post materials on the diocesan website as a resource for clergy.

Need for a customary (currently being addressed)

**Bishop Marsh announced several new clergy appointments:**

Fr. Matt Mirabile will be heading up a committee to develop strategies for parish growth. The Bishop emphasized that the mission for all of us is to bring others to Christ.

Fr. Merrill Perkins was appointed Dean of the southern NY/CT deanery.

Fr. Jeff Monroe was appointed to chair the committee on the development of a customary.

Fr. Christian Tutor was appointed Spiritual Director of the Deaconess Program.

Fr. Matt Mirabile was appointed Communications Officer.
Elections and other appointments:

Standing Committee: Fr. Ed Ihde and Mike McKinnon-Dane were elected to three-year terms.

DNE Officers: Bp. Marsh reappointed the following Diocesan Officers: Walter Jones, Esq., Diocesan Chancellor; Linnea Shaver: Secretary/Historiographer; Katherine Lippman: Treasurer/Deputy Secretary; Fr. Christian Tutor: Safe Environment Coordinator.


Diocesan Court of the Ordinary: Cn. Brathwaite was reappointed to a six year term and Fr. Jim Gordon was appointed to a four year term to fill out a vacant term.


The synod meeting proceeded with the adoption of resolutions:
Dcn. Black proposed a resolution of thanks to Fr. Drinkwater and the men and women of Transfiguration for hosting the 2018 Synod.
Bp. Webb proposed a resolution of thanks to Cynthia Robbins and the staff of Poland Spring Resort for the wonderful job they did in accommodating the DNE.

The date and location of the 2019 Synod has been tentatively scheduled for September 26-28, at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua, NH. St. Luke’s, Amherst will be the host parish. Clericus will be held preceding the synod on the 25th of September, replacing the clericus historically held in Advent.
Evensong at the Church of the Transfiguration followed after the adjournment of the Synod.
Friday evening we attended a festive banquet featuring a keynote address by Bp. Craig Botterill (ACCC). Bp. Botterill presented Bp. Marsh with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Bede’s Anglican Catholic Theological College, a virtual college providing academic, spiritual and pastoral training for men pursuing Holy Orders in the ACCC and other Continuing Anglican Churches. Educational programs are also offered to laity and ordained clergy for training and professional development. Congratulations, Bishop Marsh!
Thanks again to all who helped to make this an enjoyable and productive synod!
Peace,

-----Cn. Linnea Shaver, Secretary, DNE

Notes from the Secretary
At the Synod this year the topic of support payments was discussed in the House of Laity session. The information below has been in the NEA before but bears repeating, especially given the number of new parishes in the diocese in recent years. It provides a suggested payment schedule for parishes/missions, listing obligatory support items and guidelines for meeting those obligations in a timely manner in a calendar year. Feasibly, this should be helpful for your budget planning and record keeping.

Diocesan Support – 12.5% of the current year plate and pledge collections or $250 per year (e.g., very small missions), whichever is greater (waivers at the discretion of the Bishop Ordinary).
This money supports the operating expenses of the diocese (the financial report you receive at synod gives you a breakdown of these expenses).

Payment guideline: No less than quarterly. Monthly for parishes with pledge and plate income greater than $400 per month. (please note DNE support on your check)

National Church Support – $30 per Voting Communicant as reported on your prior year annual parochial report *
The diocese is canonically required to support the operational expenses of the ACA National Church based on this. The diocese receives financial grants and assistance from the ACA for such things as missionary growth, evangelism, clergy scholarships, and youth programs (e.g., summer camp).

Payment guideline: Quarterly or monthly, paid in full by 11/30, but no later than 12/31. (please note National Church on your check)

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All checks should be made out payable to the Diocese of the Northeast.
Any parish or mission may request a statement at any time from Treasurer Kathy Lippman by emailing her (RichardL36@verizon.net).

* e.g.-Voting communicants reported by your parish, on the 2017 annual parochial report was N. The amount paid for National Church Support in 2018 should be N x 30.

Thank you for your stewardship in helping the diocese meet its financial obligations.
It was great seeing so many of you at Synod. See my synod report in this issue.
Peace and blessings,

Linnea
White River Junction, Vt.
Trinity Anglican Church

As our redoubtable editor observed in his report to the recent Synod, “News! Without it we flounder. Without it….we can’t share our joys”. While there may not be great joy in Mudville (or the Bronx), there is great joy White River Junction. After completing our parish profile, it became clear to all of the congregation, the bishop and our interim vicar, that Fr. Stephen Rugg, is called to serve our congregation. As I told the bishop, I have never been involved in any search process where there was absolutely unanimous agreement within the vestry, the search and discernment committee, and indeed, the entire parish that any candidate was the one to continue his ministry with us. We are most fortunate and richly blessed to be in the care of Fr. Rugg and to know that care is no longer an interim care.

In the past I have carried on as if the lessons in Trinity were something to be gotten through. Of course they are not nor did I intend to convey that message as they each hold an important imperative about our relationship with God and His expectations for us and our well-being. This Triniti-tide we’ve been treated to a series of sermons tying the long Trinity season together in a number of ways. Among the themes of Trinity has been the importance of space in our relations with God. As in so many things in this world, some of the most important things happen in the space between us. Wars are fought in the space between the opposing sides. Disputes among us are resolved in our ability to create space for the other. We advance by creating that space for the other. Even so, God has created a space for us. He continually invites us into His space. Eastern iconography depicts this as the Trinity at a table with a vacant space. We are invited into that space and this is at least one message of this season. The question raised in these lessons is, will we create that space for the Trinity in us?

My wife and I had the privilege of attending Synod this year and I must take particular note of the way our bishop discussed the relations developed at the joint synod of the four jurisdictions in Atlanta. The bringing together of four independent jurisdictions can be tricky at best. That our bishop was the instrument of this coming together is a blessing to us all, but, beyond that, his relating of the process and his concern for the sensitivities of those coming together showed his gift of working in that vast space between the four jurisdictions to bring them together to be one as our Lord commands us. We at Trinity have had the great privilege and blessing of watching and experiencing God at work in our priest, then our bishop and lately our Presiding Bishop.

----------Alan Wylie

Poultney, Vermont
St. David

For anyone wondering what’s been happening with St. David’s, we’re happy to report that she was “not dead, but only sleeping.” For many years our church was faithfully led by Father Alexander Stringer who ‘officially’ retired on Easter just before his 93rd birthday. We say ‘officially’ because he is still part of our little flock, and continues to serve our Lord well as a mentor to yours truly who is just beginning a new phase in life’s journey as an Anglican. What a joy it is to know this good man and devoted servant of Christ.

Between Easter and late September St. David’s did not conduct any services. We are now meeting twice a month for worship at the Young at Heart Senior Center in Poultney. We thank God that the Center is not charging us anything for this. We are averaging about five people each time we meet on the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month.

I will not be bashful in asking for prayer for both St. David’s and myself. Never in a million years did I think I would become a sort-of church planter, for that is what it amounts to, even when considering St. David’s presence in our community for many years. Some doors are opening for Christian witness, including being part of a joint Thanksgiving Service at another church in Poultney on November 19.

I am grateful to God for Bishop Marsh and everyone in the Diocese who have been very kind to me over the last few years as I have transitioned from being a Baptist minister to an Anglican minister. The experience of receiving Ordination last month in the Anglican Church in America was wonderful. Just to be clear, I am still the pastor at Hydeville Baptist Church where I have labored for nearly 16 years. Wearing two different hats has its challenges, but the same God is over both churches and indeed, over all things. It’s like working for the same employer, only in two different places.

We are presently hoping to rent a small but sufficient (for now) storefront on Main Street right in the middle of Poultney village. The terms are very good, and we are only waiting for the town bureaucracy to give us the final go-ahead before moving in. It will be good to have a more visible presence in town, for a Main Street storefront adorned with an attractive St. David’s sign will be publicity all by itself. Meanwhile we are taking steps to have our website updated. Stay tuned.

Whatever happens in life, wherever we go, we are blessed to know that precious truth which is just as applicable to the Church as it is to individual Christians: “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). We stand with you our diocesan brothers and sisters in anticipation of the coming of Christ, all the
while praising him in the beautiful liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. We are, “your servants, for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor. 4:5)
---The Rev. James R. Hogan, Deacon-in-Charge

**Portland, Maine**

**Saint Paul's**

We are moving along very well, with some new people and some returning people. The atmosphere in the coffee hour is much more lively again. We are actually planning a Christmas Fair to be on December 1 from 9am till 2pm, with lunch served from 12 to 1 pm. The best thing that has happened most recently is that we have found an organist, a fantastic, young musician who brings back memories of Stella M. We think he might be just looking around for now but we hope he decides to stay with us. His name is Dan Mickool; he has a PhD in Pharmacology, and is a professor in the Pharmacy College at the UNE Portland campus. It is hoped that he will help us maintain our sung high mass and maybe carry it to new heights. He is also a choir director. For now Father Andrew is really livening up our Sunday services and has some new plans for the upcoming holidays.

-----John Serrage

**Amherst, N.H.**

**St. Luke**

We at St. Luke's were delighted to be the site of Fr. Ron Hansen's first mass following his ordination earlier this year. Fr. Hansen conducted his first mass on Sunday, September 9 while Bishop Webb was away on an episopal visit. Fr. Hansen will be setting up a mission in the Leominster, MA area in the near future. At Synod some of the funds collected for Deo Gratias were designated to further this work and some of the prayer books which were available at Synod will be going to the mission.

Bishop Webb attended the House of Bishops meeting in Quincy, Ill. Chip Garre attended the Executive Council meeting there as well.

Bishop Marsh made his annual visit to St. Luke's on September 30th. There was one service at 9:30 and a potluck lunch followed.

One of our subdeacons, Bill Dunn, is leading a morning prayer service at the Crestwood Nursing Home in Milford, NH. He will visit one day each in September, October, and November. The initial service had about 10 attendees and was very well received. It is hoped that this is a ministry that will continue in the future. Bill's wife, Ellie, is a deaconess candidate and as part of her work she visits the nursing home on a weekly basis. Thanks to them both for their work.

Bible studies continue: Tuesday night is working on the second Epistle of Peter; Saturday morning is studying the Gospel of Matthew and Sunday evening is studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. Attendance at all studies is good and we appreciate the opportunity to learn more.

We thank all in the parish who contributed to the Deo Gratias collection for Synod. Bishop Webb, Fr. Hansen, Bill Dunn, Lee and Chip Garre attended the meetings at the Poland Springs Resort. We wish to thank all the parishioners of Church of the Transfiguration for all the work they did to make it such a success.

Synod is 2019 will be held (in conjunction with the fall clericus) at the Courtyard in Nashua, NH 25-28 September.

Contributions of food for the SHARE program in Milford continue to be well supported by St. Luke's. There is a list posted monthly of the requirements and Ellie Dunn delivers our boxes on a regular basis. Thank you all!


-----Submitted by: Lee Garre

**Halfmoon, New York**

**St. Thomas of Canterbury**

Recently while we were kneeling in worship there came a sudden loud knocking and clatter on the front door of our church which is kept locked to prevent devils from entering. All at once the door burst open. In rushed a fury of flying hair and whiskers pierced by a pair of wild eyes supported by a gangling architecture of skin and bones. Astonished, our congregation supposed a felon was desperately seeking sanctuary from the police. But no, it was the editor of this august publication, Ed Pacht, who, it turned out, was on his way home from a wedding held the day before where he was best man. [see below, ed.] Was there that of the nuptial that demanded urgent prayer? Ed did not know that St. Thomas is a backdoor parish and that our front door is thrown open only for weddings and funerals.

Our organ is opposite the seldom used doors and Hilary, who plays it, supposed an invasion of angry anti-Anglicans, but remained steadfast and did not skip a beat, setting a fine example for the rest of us. Ed settled on his knees in an empty pew, oblivious in urgent prayer. What began in drama ended in happiness all around.

A few weeks later Bishop Marsh came to us peacefully through the back door to help us celebrate the second anniversary of Father John Bassett's
installation as priest-in-charge and this event too ended in happiness all around.

Our weekly cycle of Sunday Communion, Tuesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study and hour of Anglican Studies before Sunday service continues to our great profit.

We mourned the death of Father Jim Hurd who lovingly cared for us during the many months after Father Dibble’s departure and the arrival of Father Bassett.

Readers are invited to visit www.thomasanglican.org and, better, to join us for worship Sundays at 10.

-----David Bullard

**ed note:** I love Dave’s hilarious account of my visit to St. Thomas, but here’s the way it really was. I had been to a wedding in Preble NY, two hours to the west, on Saturday where I was not best man, but actually father surrogate, having been asked to walk the bride (an old friend) down the aisle. Since Halfmoon looked like the best place for me to attend church that day, I rushed to get there, but it took longer than I anticipated and I was late. My entrance was much as described, but it was while Fr. Bassett was preaching the sermon, standing in the center aisle. I did make quite a scene. It was good to worship with these folks, to share their coffee hour, and afterwards to spend a great afternoon with Dave at his historic home in Schuylerville, well north of the church.

**Tuxedo, NY**

**Saint Elizabeth’s**

The bare trees, early darkness and chilly air remind us that winter is on its way (as I’m writing this, there’s snow predicted for tomorrow — oh, my!). On October 20th we had our annual roast beef dinner and, once again, chef Skip Briggs and his kitchen crew did an incredible job. The dinner was delicious, and our parishioners furnished lots of sweet goodies for our ever-popular dessert table. We are so thankful for all our parish volunteers who help make this fund-raiser event a great success. Thanks also go out to the volunteers from our local boy scout troop who helped at the dinner – kudos to you!

The other October highlight was the opportunity for several of our parishioners to attend the ACA Synod in Maine. Our sincere thanks to all the folks at Transfiguration of Mechanics Falls for their warm hospitality and for making this Synod a memorable and wonderful experience for all in attendance. Everyone enjoyed this very special time to share in worship, meaningful discussions, and happy social gatherings with fellow Anglican friends old and new. On a related note, I’ve included a short article “What is Deo Gratias?” in this newsletter for those who may be new to our Diocese and unfamiliar with this practice of giving thanks through prayer and love offerings to help others. The Deo Gratias committee hosts a meeting at Synod to review requests for assistance and distribute the collected funds. Please share the article and encourage others to participate.

Plants are moving along for our annual poinsettias and wreaths sale that will take place Nov. 29th – Dec. 1st. Thank you, Bob Davies and Dot Schmidt, for handling the logistics for this event year after year – your dedication is so appreciated. Our food pantry volunteers are also extra busy this time of year, as they will be collecting and distributing special holiday meal items for Thanksgiving and Christmas in addition to the other foods provided to needy families throughout the year. The volunteers and supporters of the pantry are truly a blessing to those they serve. We thank God for this wonderful outreach endeavor.

We continue to prayerfully pursue our pastor search and extend our thanks to seminarian Ray Davison who has been with us on several occasions to conduct Morning Prayer. On a somber note, we were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Fr. Jim Hurd who had assisted us as a supply priest, celebrating Holy Communion with us at St. Elizabeth’s in recent months. His warm smile and genuine love for those he served were gifts that will be sorely missed by all of us. Although we were blessed with his presence at St. Elizabeth’s for only a short time, we thank God for bringing Fr. Jim into our lives and for giving him the opportunity to share his faithful ministry and friendship with us. Our prayers for comfort and peace go out to all of Fr. Jim’s loving family.

The upcoming weeks between now and the new year will be filled with much activity for most of us. During this time let us not forget to give thanks for all the blessings we have in our daily lives and remember to set aside ample quiet time for prayer, meditation and reflection during Advent, in preparation for the joyful celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In closing, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas, and peace, good health, and happiness in the year ahead. May the Holy Spirit be with us all as we worship together and strive to better serve our Lord and Savior in 2019.

-----Ingrid Magar
Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

We have been busy here at the Priory farm getting the animals and other things ready for winter which will be fast upon us. Fr. Kevin continues to hear confessions, offer spiritual council and guidance and write the weekly Meditation, all here at the Priory. He is always available by appointment. He has also been offering the sacrifice of a Nine-Day Novena of Masses and Prayers for the dearly departed. Every year the book of names gets larger and larger as those we love pass on to their reward. It is a time of reflection, as we will ALL eventually return to the dust from which we were fashioned. There is no escaping this reality, it is only a matter of time. When will we become nothing more than a name in a book and what will we do until we get there? It is definitely worth our serious consideration. Fr. Kevin has been writing about the topic of death and hope in November issues of the weekly Meditation.

On October 16th, the Priory celebrated 25 years of existence. On October 16th, 1993, Bishop Bruce S. Chamberlain (RIP) received the solemn professions of 8 men and shortly after, 1 woman as Benedictine monks/nun, after a two-year Novitiate period. He then commissioned and blessed this group as The Servants of the Holy Family of the Order of St. Benedict. It would later take the name of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory and would be located in Raymond, Maine at the LaMarre farm. Bp. Chamberlain then ordered and blessed Br. Robert Herrick (RIP) as Prior of this community, having been unanimously elected by the brethren. Fr. Kevin has been offering a colorful history of the Priory in the recent editions of the Meditation and may produce an anniversary booklet to commemorate this milestone. [I intend to run this as a serial in NEA. See elsewhere in this issue – ed] It’s amazing what can and has happened in only 25 years! Fr. Kevin and Sr. Mary Francis celebrated their 25th Anniversary of solemn profession this past October 16th, with a solemn Mass at the priory chapel, and then in keeping with the Benedictine motto of “Ora et Labora” went back to work outside at the farm! AD MULTOS ANNOS! (many years!)

The animals at the Priory are getting fuzzy in anticipation of the cold weather on our doorstep. We are getting e-mails weekly from people who have animals that they can no longer care for, or ones that have handicaps that are too much for some. We “triage” these animals carefully, “virtually” help many in placing their animals, or find another alternative. We only take the ones here who have no more hope. We thank God for the few “Animal Angels” that have stepped up to help us do God’s work and all are important to us from the Widow’s mite on up. Every donation shows that someone, somewhere was touched by God and prayerfully humbled themselves to generously help “the least of these.” We are not fancy but functional and God does great things here, sometimes the smallest thing that an animal accomplishes can be an amazing miracle. We are entering the seasons of Thanksgiving and miracles... Will you consider helping? All donations are tax deductible and should be made out to The Servants of the Holy Family with a note “for the animals.” The animal’s progress can be followed in our Meditation.

As Winston Churchill aptly said: “Give us the tools, and we’ll do the job!”

A Blessed Thanksgiving to all!

----- Sr. Mary Francis, OSB

Fr. Kevin reading the names of the faithful departed from the Priory's Memorial Book before the altar.

Waterville, Maine
Holy Trinity

Greetings from Holy Trinity, which meets the second Sunday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. at Woodlands, a nursing home in Waterville.

Recently Deacon Kevin Kelly of St. Thomas Church in Ellsworth, ME has been serving a Deacon’s Mass at this home. On September 9, he served at Woodlands, and six people came to the service. Deacon Kelly had led Morning Prayer in the past, so he had no difficulty finding the location. One of the attendees from the prayer meetings in the past came. On October 14, only two came, both Congregationalists who greatly appreciated the service. On November 11, there were seven attendees. One other wished to attend, but the heat in the theater where we meet could not be adjusted. That can be an issue this time of year! The sermon for November 11 was based on Matthew 18:21 to 35, a parable on forgiving others. It is one of Jesus’ harder sayings, but still highly authoritative. Forgiv-
ing others for their sins against us is not really too much to ask, considering what Jesus has done for us! And I’m preaching as much to myself as to anyone else!

A blessed Advent and Christmas season to all!

----Deacon Kevin A. Kelly

West Seneca, N.Y.
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Advent greetings to all from Saint Nicholas’ Church in West Seneca, NY. We’ve had a busy time since our last NEA news submission. The events began in September with the continuation of our Wednesday Night Evening Mass services at 7 PM which has been well attended by about six faithful souls. It is during these weekday services that we celebrate various Saints Days according to the 1928 BCP calendar.

Also, in September, we welcomed back our choir who had been on hiatus for the summer. We are all so very fortunate to have these very talented (and young) voices join our celebration each week throughout the church year.

In October, several of us from WNY ventured up to Maine to witness the ordination of our friend Pastor Jim Hogan to the diaconate in the Anglican Church in America. What a great occasion to be framed within the context of a Diocesan Synod!

In December we again invited the neighborhood and celebrated Saint Nicholas Day with the accompaniment of the Buffalo Silver Band. Directed by Bill Cocca, this award winning British Style Brass Band is now in its 105th anniversary year. The band is a wonderful compliment to our ministry here.

Rochester, N.H,
Trinity Anglican Church

Fr. Matt has been preaching a sermon series on what it means to be a church. Here are some thoughts, mostly in his words: lowliness, gentleness, longsuffering, love and unity are the qualities that make, or break, a church. We are called by God as a people set apart for His purpose, a unique gathering of people upon whom He has placed His Spirit, to guide and empower us to bear witness for Jesus. God’s people meet frequently for teaching, fellowship, eucharist and prayer. Not merely as a group of people who go to church together, but to be a people who have responded to the offer of eternal life in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” from the depths of our being that causes us to orient our entire lives around the Love of God for us and the world. That’s our calling.

“Trinity is changing.” “It’s not like it used to be.” “I don’t recognize people in church anymore.” Growth is a good thing, but it also means change. And change is something we are often unprepared for. Our past is an important part of our future. Whether you are an original member who remembers the old days or a new member filled with excitement, we are all members of one body, one church, and it is Christ’s church and not our own. Our duty now is to move forward and follow Jesus now, in this time.

The whole purpose of establishing Trinity was to preserve the Anglican Faith as it had been received. There is no “preserving” unless it is passed on, and we are in the process of passing it on. We have regular visitors resulting in a steady stream of people going through new members classes and becoming members. We have changed processes and procedures to manage these efforts and will continue to make adjustments as growth requires.

This means that there is a lot going on, and it means that there are signs of growth both in numbers and in depth.

Christian Education Committee

Part of the vision for Trinity is to ensure that we can pass on the faith to the succeeding generations. One way we can do this is by providing Classical Christian Education of the highest caliber. Last spring we formed a task force to explore what it might take to accomplish this. We believe that people will place the education of their children above most everything else. The vestry recently approved the formation of a Committee that has been charged with the task of presenting a workable and sustainable plan to establish Christian Education as part of our mission. This plan, should we decide to implement it, will be self-funding and legally isolated from the church. Please pray for wisdom and insight for this work.

New Members Reception

As a Parish on Purpose everything we do is about growth. Not merely for the sake of adding people to
pews, but to expand the Kingdom of God and make an impact in our community and beyond. Only God brings real growth and that is our prayer.

On Sunday September 16th we were happy to receive 14 new members to the parish, including spouses and children (not all pictured). Most of these have been with us for several months and all have become engaged in the life of the parish. They have also gone through our new members classes.

Our new members include Julie Heard and her son Avery. Her husband Bredin is stationed with the Air Force at Pease and she has been our organist since last April. Most people already know Brenda Anair who actually joined the church over a year ago but was officially received at the service. She was joined by her daughter Angela Mastrella and her daughters Irie and Acadia. Dave and Katie Balian live in Rochester. Katie’s father was an Episcopal Priest and she is helping to produce the bulletin. Dave is a social worker and once ran a men’s shelter. Fr. Robert Philp and His wife Beth served in this diocese before moving south. They returned last spring and Fr. Philp assists in the liturgy.

We are currently running another new members class and the next New Members Reception Service is planned for November 18th. We hope to see you there to welcome another group of new members God is gifting to the church. Let us keep them in prayer.

**Baptism**

Penelope Snow, daughter of George Snow III and Alice Riches Snow was baptized on October 28th. Bishop Riches from the Reformed Episcopal Church (Penelope’s grandfather) came to perform the baptism.

**Proposed New Reredos**

One of the projects we have been working on over the last few months is a renovation to the altar area (reredos). Here is a photoshopped image of our sanctuary with a proposed new wood reredos behind the altar and wood paneling flanking it. A fund will be set up to accomplish this and you will hear more about it at the Jubilee celebration.

**T30th Jubilee**

On November 3rd Trinity Anglican Church celebrated thirty years since our formation and 25 in our building. The Jubilee was originally suggested over a year ago. During this last year several committees were spun up to accomplish the various objectives outlined in our Parish on Purpose plan and our Jubilee celebration was among them.

Our Jubilee was a time to celebrate the achievement and work that so many have contributed to maintain this parish over the years. It was also time to take stock of our growth and to look forward to what God is doing in the future. And what better way to celebrate than to meet for food, a raffle, prizes, dinner, fellowship and contra-dancing!

One of the important themes of the event was continuity with the past. The parish has gotten many new members and it was important for them to connect with the history of the church. This was done with a display table and bound history as well as a digital presentation of photos. Much of the historical material was provided by Ray and Marilyn Tucker and Barry Dunphy. Mike McKinnon created the bound histories and digital presentation.

The whole event was held both inside and outside the building with the use of a large heated “wedding tent” that allowed for overflow capacity. And overflow we had, which was especially useful for the children, who were unfazed by the wind and spent most of their time on the dance floor showing off their “moves” to parents. Cheryl Perry, the wife of Sr. Warden Fred Perry, booked the tent, the caterer and the musicians. Every part of the church was decorated for the event, with posters, decorated pumpkins and more. The many hours of decorating, led by Deborah and Brenda, with the help of MaryAnn, Cheryl, Karen, Wayne and Diane, made the whole place truly festive and wonderful. We are blessed to have this sort of talent and energy in our parish! Dr. Susan Smith sent beautiful invitations to all as well.

Where there is food there is fellowship, and there was plenty of both. Folks mingled during the hors d’oeuvres and enjoyed chicken parmesan and pasta. Dinner presentations were
opened by an address from the Most Rev. Brian Marsh, our bishop. Fr. Don Wilson, who was the pastor of the second wave of people who left Redeemer consequent to the consecration of Gene Robinson, made remarks about their journey and how it led that core group, eventually, to Trinity. Remarks were also made by our Sr. Warden Fred Perry and Jr. warden Michael McKinnon, in recognition of those who have contributed so much in volunteerism to the church. Two faithful members who have gone on to be received into eternal life last summer, were recognized with awards, Gary Temple and Lew Buttrick. Fr. Mirabile closed out with comments on the vision and mission of the church and the future, charging us in the end with the concluding words from Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s Harvard address in 1978, “It will demand from us a spiritual blaze”.

Upcoming
By the time you read this we will have had our annual Christmas Fair, and a new members reception, and we will be hosting a Messiah sing-along on December 15. December, of course, will also bring our Christmas services.

Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well, looking out the window at the 4” of white stuff on the ground has given me my first hint that, yes, winter is coming on fast, despite the calendar saying it is still fall. For those of us who are “winter people, not a problem. The rest, not so much. Our annual summer yard sale went off without a hitch. We had a tremendous amount of quality goods for sale, and many willing buyers. Because of the great weather, we were able to showcase some items outside, and many more inside. Those treasures not snapped up were donated to a Christian charity, Agape Ministries, in a nearby town.

Here are 2 of our members, Tracy Gardner, our Deaconess, and Noreen Frizelle manning the outside table.

Inside there was a huge collection of everything from Christmas decor, to furniture, to tools, to exercise equipment.

In September, Women’s Bible study continued, with a well-attended group meeting at noon on Friday. The study is led by Marion Santy, and focuses on women in the bible.

Also in September, a 90th birthday celebration was held at the home of John Kropac, who was turning 90. He is probably the longest participating member of St. Margaret’s and has served over the years in many capacities, as did his late wife Mickey. The catered cookout was a wonderful event, not only attended by parish member and friends, but also extended family who traveled from around the country to attend.

We were also happy to welcome Valerie Kazarian, our other diocesan Deaconess, who visited us from St. Augustine’s parish in Maine. How lucky are we in this region to have not one, but two Deaconesses.

In October, our planned Blessing of the Animals was short circuited by some very forceful weather, in which part of our area was without power for several hours in the afternoon. We generally have a lively four footed gathering. Better weather next year, we hope.

Synod went well, and we were represented by Rebecca and Jim Harrington, as well as Loretta and Bob Whitehead. Our Deo Gratias donation was over $100.00.

We have been sad to say goodbye to two of our most active members. Jim and Rebecca Harrington have been a force at St. Margaret’s for many years. Jim’s wonderful voice provided my solos, and Rebecca’s tireless organization and fund raising skills will be hard o equal. Marion Santy took pictures of all the parishioners and presented the couple with a photo album and our best wishes at a small celebration after services. We will miss them.

Father Monroe recently presented a gift of appreciation to Mary Thomas and Ann Wilcox, two Ladies Guild members who have done the lion’s share of organizing the Christmas Fair every year for many, many years. They have handed over the reins to Marion Santy, with help from a few “elves”. This is a monumental undertaking, with the main attraction being our gift baskets, made by the ladies of the parish. They are always scooped up quickly. We also serve a luncheon, and have Christmas and other
On November 11, we remembered our veterans, both living and deceased. People were invited to come forward and light a candle in thanks and remembrance. Fr. Gary Drinkwater, kindly filling in for Fr. Monroe, was the first to light a candle, followed by several parishioners. Several of our favorite patriotic songs were sung, including the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful". The service was concluded with Jack Poirier, from the American Legion in Conway, reciting prayers for the different branches of the service, as well as the Merchant Marine, who have also lost many Mariners in different conflicts.

We now look forward to our Christmas Fair on the 17th of November, and our annual Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan. Those of us of Scottish descent or who wish to pretend for a day, will dust off our kilts, kilted skirts (women) sporrans, Glengarries, sgian-dubhs, and Tam O’Shanters, and perhaps enjoy a Glenlivet or Glenfiddich to celebrate. Just to be clear though, a Scotsman is Scottish. Scotch is a whiskey made in Scotland, although the two can sometimes be seen together!

We wish our Anglican friends, and all others an enjoyable rest of the fall season, and a joyous and blessed Christmastide.

-----Maureen Ferguson

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

The annual Synod for the Diocese of the Northeast was held in Poland Springs, Maine and hosted by the Parish of the Transfiguration, which did an admirable job in creating an atmosphere of hospitality and ease. During the Synod, Fr. Christian was appointed by Bishop Marsh as the new Director for the Deaconess program in the Diocese. The Deaconess is part of a lay Order that honors the ministry of women as they work in prayer, education, parish visitation and administration, assisting the clergy in spreading the Gospel on the parochial level. The women who are ‘set-apart’ are not clerics and do not receive Ordination, as the Sacrament of Orders is reserved to men alone. It is a ministry, though, that is unique and privileged calling women to service for the local Church. As the formation, and continued formation, of those called to be Deaconesses continues under new direction, pastors are asked to discern if any in their cure are suitable for this ministry, and women who feel a call to this consecration, are encouraged to contact Fr. Christian for more information. It was also at this Synod that Joann Samson, PhD, the Senior Warden of All Saints, was approved as a Candidate for Deaconess. She brings an impressive resume, both secular and spiritual, that will be blessing for the local Church in Concord.

The Solemnity of All Saints has become a day of festive rejoicing for the Parish in Concord, New Hampshire. As the Patronal Feast, liturgically it is celebrated with resplendent worship. This year Bishop Marsh lent his clergy from Good Shepherd in Charlestown, to enhance the Divine Service. Dcn. Scott Chase, the newly ordained curate, received a crash course on the role of Deacon in a solemn Mass. Fr. David Moody returned as an always welcomed addition at the altar as the assistant Priest. With the requisite Sacred Ministers, and servers, the rubrics were fulfilled for a liturgy befitting the Feast.

Immediately after the Holy Eucharist, a High Tea was presented to the Parish and guests. Jane Cormier organized the tea, with ladies of the congregation assisting in the pouring and presentation of the delicacies. Both reception rooms were filled with revelers who were treated to linen covered tables, a fine china service, and ample comestibles—some expertly made by parishioners! Despite being a weeknight, the easy conviviality kept many of the attendees late into the night: contentedly enjoying the hospitality of All Saints.

Whenever the annual Visitation of the Ordinary, dawns on the calendar for the parish, it is incumbent, as a Catholic community, that the Bishop be received with affection and the dignity due his Office. This year Bishop Marsh celebrated his 70th year of life with All Saints. Coming to inspect the Parish, review it’s Priest, and meet with the Vestry, can be an ardu-
As the Season of Advent progresses, All Saints will be hosting two events that will be used to educate and elevate. The Feast of St. Nicholas, Thursday, December 6, will be hosted with a Nicholas Tea which will be geared to children to learn of the legends, hagiography, and music that highlights this mis-labeled Saint. To warm attendees a simple tea with treats will be offered at the close of the event. Also, for Saturday, December 15, will be the Gaudete Tea, which will take the form of a more traditional Lessons and Carols service. All in the area of Concord (and beyond!) are invited to attend. Also, the Christmas schedule is: Solemn Mass on December 24 at 9:00 PM, and Mass of the Shepherds on December 25 at 9:00 PM.

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess 5:18

Listening to sleet hitting the living room window, adding an icy layer to the two inches of snow that fell early this morning, and looking out at the now leafless trees is a far cry from the sunny, hot and humid day, 26 Aug., when a small band of St. Thomas congregants joined together to celebrate a belated 25th anniversary during our annual meeting and church picnic with the ever delightful Bishop Webb.

During our annual meeting, we were pleased to learn Karen and Ed Hart, our treasurer, were planning on arriving in Maine, sometime in September, for a visit, most likely leaving right before Thanksgiving. Karen’s doctors cleared her to leave FL, following her liver transplant and subsequent recovery period. They did arrive in late September and Karen continues to do very well. This upcoming Sunday will be their last time with us until next year. They will be missed.

Dcn. Leroy Weed and Dcn. Kevin Kelly are serving our Camden and Waterville missions, respectively, once a month. Dcn. Leroy has served and sown “good seeds” in Camden since June, and Dcn. Kevin began serving in Waterville in August. Both missions are very grateful for their service.

When Dcn’s Leroy and Kevin took on serving their missions, it never crossed their, or our, minds they might need to take on more responsibility at St. Thomas. In mid-September, they and our associate priest, Fr. Frank Gray, along with our parish priest, Fr. Kalish, learned God had a plan none anticipated. They may not have anticipated what was coming, but each has more than met the challenge each would face when Fr. Kalish suffered a stroke in his sleep. Linda Kalish awoke to her husband unable to talk or move. Fr. Kalish was first taken to EMMC in Bangor, then transferred by ambulance to Portland, where it was determined he had experienced a stroke. Amidst our concern whether he might or might not recover, we at St. Thomas found ourselves looking at our Associate Priest and our deacons to fill in for Fr. Kalish and Fr. Kalish found himself on a path he had not envisioned the week before.

In addition to serving their missions, our deacons have been doing an outstanding job of doing Morning
Prayer and giving sermons, while each assist Fr. Gray as he performs Mass. It has been interesting observing how each improves and grows each Sunday, while hearing Fr. Kalish singing hymns and worshipping with us in the pews. Fr. Kalish finds himself on the experiential side of a stroke and his determination to recuperate and return to the altar and pulpit is inspiring. These four men have had to answer the call to serve under unexpected conditions, yet each has been blessed by God’s gentle grace to serve humbly and with full commitment. St. Thomas has been blessed as well.

Linda Kalish has continued to play the organ each Sunday, missing only two Sundays following Fr. Kalish’s stroke. Watching her and Fr. Kalish, it is evident they fuel one another’s determination to heal and serve. It is impossible to ignore the lessons God is teaching each of us through them. Applying those lessons may not be easy for any one of us, but Linda and Fr. Kalish are God’s proof it is possible.

When Fr. Gray announced he could no longer serve the Camden mission, he also acknowledged his age (in the 80s) was the primary factor. When he stepped in to substitute for Fr. Kalish, he perceived he was not at his best. The congregations were more forgiving than he was. We are an aging congregation, so well aware of the limits that come with aging. Yet, Fr. Gray has shown us those limits can be overcome and mastered. Through Fr. Gray and his lovely wife Ada, God has shown us no matter our age we can do the unexpected with His guidance and love.

This Thanksgiving, St. Thomas has much for which to thank God. We are thankful for and pray for Karen Hart’s continued improvement, for Fr. Kalish’s unrelenting determination and recovery, for Linda Kalish’s unstopping service and strength, for Fr. Gray’s providential and consistent service, for Dcn. Leroy and Kevin continued commitment and growth in their ministries; for Pao-sheng Hsu, our Jr. Warden, who is somehow managing her very full plate, for those from St. Thomas who are now with us unrelenting determination and recovery, for Linda Kalish’s unstopping service and strength, for Fr. Kalish’s unrelenting determination and recovery, for Linda Kalish’s unstopping service and strength, for Fr. Gray’s providential and consistent service, for Dcn. Leroy and Kevin continued commitment and growth in their ministries; for Pao-sheng Hsu, our Jr. Warden, who is somehow managing her very full plate, for those from St. Thomas who are now with God, and for His love and constant presence.

May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and winter!  

Valerie Brown McCadden, Clerk

**Mystic and Deep River, Conn.**  
St. Matthias and St. Peter’s Churches

Things continue to hum along here in South-eastern Connecticut. This was a good quarter for visitors to the Olde Mistick Village Chapel, as the tourist season continued to be strong throughout September and October. (The milder-than-usual weather seems to have helped.) There was a good turnout for the annual Blessing of Pets ceremony (see accompanying photo), which was held late morning on Saturday, October 6, at the Duck Pond in front of the OMV Chapel. It is always good exposure for St. Matthias, even if the event doesn’t result in any new churchgoers.

In late September I traveled with Jim Siebold to Quincy, Illinois, for the Fall Executive Council meeting; then I traveled on to Oklahoma to visit my father. Late October of course was our Diocesan Synod at the wonderful Poland Spring Resort in Maine; rather than having a separate Clericus in early December (only six weeks later), that retreat was coordinated with Synod events, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Shortly before Clericus and Synod, I was approached by Bishop Marsh regarding the vacant Area Dean position covering Connecticut and Southern New York; so yes, that is another hat which I now wear in my service to the Church!

As Christmas-tide and the New Year both approach, our prayer is that the blessings of the Incarnation would be manifest to and through us throughout the coming year.

---Faithfully, Fr. Merrill Perkins

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**
Parish orders for 2019 Ordo calendars can be placed via email; lhots@myfairpoint.net - $3.50 each, no minimum, plus media mail postage. Invoices will be emailed after receiving an order.

Logos House continues to train numerous students for Anglican ministry or developing a deeper understanding of Anglicanism. Four of those students are in Haiti, all four in our deaconate studies, under the supervision of the Anglican Province in America (APA) Global Partnership. These four students and our Academic Dean, Fr. William Martin, have worked diligently to work through many challenges, including limited access and language barriers.

One of the Haitian students organizes each online meeting, gathering the other three students at the home of their priest so they can use his computer and his dependable Internet access. None of the men...
 owns a computer or the ability to get online. All four men speak Creole and very broken French; none speak English. Fr. Martin does not speak Creole, but does speak French and English. All reading materials have to be translated into French and the students bravely struggle to improve their French so they can understand what they need to read. God’s call to serve drives these men to climb over the obstacles that would discourage most people from continuing their studies. Fr. Martin is mindful that each of these students is eager to preach the Gospel to the many Haitians who are hungry for their message. He and they wish their studies could move along faster, but are very grateful for every inch they move forward.

Fr. Martin finds himself always learning from all our students, marveling at their input, commitment, and humbleness.

---Valerie Brown McCadden
Executive Administrator

Mechanic Falls, Maine
Transfiguration

It has been a very busy quarter for our church. Much preparation was put in for the DNE Annual 2018 Synod held on October 25th through October 27th at Poland Spring Resort in Poland, Maine. We were honored to be able to host this splendid event. More about the Synod later

September 2018
Planning Session

Father Gary organized a Saturday Planning Session to focus on establishing a “mission statement” for our church. After much discussion and participation from our 14 members attending this important event. The following was adopted unanimously:

“The Church of the Transfiguration provides traditional conservative Christian worship and teaching to bless the lives of members and all whom we interact”

Father Gary also presented a Power Point presentation to set the stage for the day’s activities. He will be glad to share a copy of it with any other parish.

Building Renovations

Our contractors completed the major renovations of the inside and outside of our 170 year old building:

Brand new Vinyl Windows for the entire building
New Vinyl Siding of the entire building (white) to keep in the tradition of the historic church
Partial new Roof
New Flooring Downstairs in Fellowship Hall
New Heat Pumps for the entire building
New Floor in Fellowship Hall

What a difference it had made to the appearance of the building which was badly needing the improvements. It has been noticed by the residents of Mechanic Falls as well.

Ladies’ Luncheon

A Ladies’ Luncheon was held at the home of Barry and Elaine Vaill on Saturday Pond in Otisfield. After a delicious lunch, everyone went on a Pontoon Boat ride on the lake. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all that came.

Synod Prep

Our Synod Committee met weekly to work on the “gift bags” handed out at Synod to all that came. We also met each week with the staff and ownership at Poland Spring Resort.

September proved to be a busy month for our parishioners with Sunday worship and Bible study as well as all the ongoing daily activities at the church.

October 2018

Sunday Bulletins

We continued the tradition this year of Fall seasonal Sunday Bulletin covers each Sunday. We purchase these from Christian Books for a very low cost for 50/100 bulletins. If any church would like more information, please let us know. They are most attractive and we can add the Sunday service content and we list the church contact info on the back page.

Christmas Fair/Quilt Show

Our committee for our annual Christmas Fair (“Christmas At the Olde Country Store”) was busy preparing for this important fund raiser to be held on November 3rd.

The Synod committee was also working on decorations, gift bags and planning for the Synod. As it was getting closer, so was the excitement building. Everyone at Transfig. was involved in getting it ready.

A Quilt show was also being planned for the same day as the Fair. More about it later.

2018 Synod

We are thankful to the Diocese and all that came. Over 85 registration forms came in and we were most happy with the attendance.

The venue was perfect and the weather cooperated. Transfiguration had parishioners to greet all that came, assisted with getting them their hotel accommodations and registration material. A welcoming reception was held on Thursday afternoon with punch, cheese, crackers and cookies. After Dinner Thursday evening, a Maine humorist (Gary Crocker) entertained everyone followed by Bishop George. What a great day.
Friday morning was started with a Holy Eucharist an Ordination of Deacon Hogan at the Poland Spring Chapel, directly across the street from the Inn. It is a historic church building that was perfect for the service. The Synod business meeting was held as usual during the day.

Transfiguration hosted an Evensong service officiated by Father Gary and Father Merrill Perkins. We were delighted to have the Synod attendees see our church building and sanctuary. Friday evening was the Synod Banquet with delicious food and “Maine Lobster” for those electing to have it. Transfiguration had 14 parishioners at dinner Friday night, almost our entire committee. The Keynote address was delivered by Bishop Botterill from Nova Scotia. Everyone very much enjoyed his talk. A Barbershop quartet performed after the keynote address and Bishop George performed as well. A busy day enjoyed by all.

Saturday, was started with Morning Prayer followed by Breakfast. We then said good by and thanked all that came to this wonderful Synod. After everyone left, we packed up and brought back to Transfiguration the decorations and supplies we had used. On the way home, we had the first snowfall of the season with about three inches accumulating.

Synod was great and thanks to all again for making it happen. We made lots of new friends and were able to see others from previous year synods. We look forward to Synod 2019 !!!

November 2018
Christmas at the Olde Country Store/Quilt Show

November started off with a bang with our first Annual Church Fair called “Christmas at the Olde Country Store”. It was held on Saturday November 3rd at our church in Fellowship Hall downstairs. The Fair featured baked goods, crafts and Christmas items. It was well attended and financially exceeded all our expectations. We certainly look forward to next year.

The afternoon of the Fair featured a Quilt Show upstairs in the Sanctuary featuring quilts by our own parishioner Marjorie Lydecker. She is a skilled quilter, creating museum-quality quilts. One of her creations, “Somewhere in Time” is part of the National Quilt Collection. The show certainly added to the festive day’s events at the church. The Quilt Club meets every Tuesday morning at the church.

As you can see, this has been a very busy, active quarter at Transfiguration. ---- Barry Vail

West Winfield, N. Y.
St. Lucy

On September 25, Emily Dibble was married to Cody Clapp. Bishop Williams came back east for the ceremony.

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Our Fall calendar has been busy at Good Shepherd. On Saturday, September 8, Bishop Marsh ordained Mr. Scott Chase to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Fr. Stephen Rugg, Trinity Anglican Church, White River Junction, Vermont gave the Ordination Sermon. The Very Reverend Christian Canon Tutor, All Saints Anglican Church, Concord served as Master of Ceremonies, Fr. Art Bennett presented Mr. Chase to the Bishop, and Fr. David W. Moody served as acolyte. Refreshments followed the service in the parish hall with the presentation of gifts from the parish to our new deacon.

On Saturday, September 29, we celebrated the Feast of St. Michaels and All Angels with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Blessings of the Badges at the Charlestown Fire Station at 10 a.m. Fr. Art, a former police officer, organized this annual event to show community support for the first responders. Charlestown clergy gave meditations about service and sacrifice for others and offered prayers for the police, fire, and emergency personnel. Fr. David blessed the badges place on a table by first responders and their vehicles. Participants also received a St. Michaels and All Angels key chain.

The following Sunday, Fr. Art read the Order of Morning Prayer from the 1662 B. C. P. at Revolutionary War Weekend at Fort at No. 4.

In late October, Bishop Marsh, Fr. David, Dcn. Scott, Jeanne Moody, and Aare Ilves attended the
Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

It’s November 15th, and our first significant snowfall is underway. Notice that I said significant. We’ve had snow twice before since mid-October, (hey! It’s the Northeast!) but not more than an inch or so. Yesterday, we got about two inches, with a coating of ice underneath, making for hazardous driving. This evening, I’m watching some serious snow piling up. It began slowly, then almost immediately turned heavy. Predictions are for 8 to 12 inches by morning, so it should be our first snow day, giving us another long weekend. [We ended up with 12 inches, and the hoped-for snow day!] Meanwhile, I’m dodging drivers who cannot comprehend the concept of slowing down when bad weather hits, and I’m praying that they don’t hit me. If God has a God-ometer, to measure incoming prayers, today that meter is running higher than usual. I’m sure many others are praying for safety. But the Finger Lakes region, so far, is negligible, as measurements go. It’s the California meter that is off the charts. The news is more tragic every day. Multiple meters have been broken during the past two weeks, with prayers from California residents, and from so many of us around the world on their behalf. We continue to pray for all who have been affected by the shootings and the wildfires.

Fr. Dave Leo got promoted: he is now our Vicar! Congratulations, Fr. Dave, and thank you for inspiring us each Sunday with your sermons. Fr. Ed Ihde, our Dean, continues to visit us once each month. He, too, inspires us with his sermons, and with his steady and steadfast support of our parish. We are thankful for both of these men [pictured here] who have come to mean so much to us.

Our Snowbirds have flown, and our numbers are few. But we participate more fully in our worship and in the life of our parish. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we are thankful for so many things. And we are hopeful, too.

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

Brooklyn, N.Y.
St. Joseph’s Anglican Church

Greetings in the name of the Lord from St. Joseph’s Anglican Church in Brooklyn, NY.

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

In September, we celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Alice Trapp, our oldest member who just turned 103. She is pictured to the right. Now, I must be confused because she doesn’t look a day over 25 but that’s just my opinion. Can’t fault someone for being wrong. Also celebrating a birthday was me but, of course, when you’re the photographer, it’s kind of hard to take a picture of yourself without it looking like a selfie. I’ll manage.

In October we had our Annual Harvest Evening Service in which we thank the Lord for all that He has given us. To the left is a picture of the altar decorated with fruit and vegetables.

We had three birthdays for the month of October: Ms.
Evadne Banner, Mrs. Joyce Jones-Pennill and Mr. Egbert Engleton

Also in October we went to the Annual Synod which was held at Poland Spring Resort. Although it was chilly all the parishes pulled together and made it a warm and loving gathering. Pictured to the right is the cast and crew representing St. Joseph’s of Brooklyn, New York. Present from left to right are Canon Neville Brathwaite, yours truly (Deacon Mark Black), Deacon Herby Rodney, Mrs. Laverne Brathwaite and Mrs. Joyce Jones-Pennill. While at the synod, I was examined by the Board of Examining Chaplains and passed. I look forward to the “Laying on of Hands” by Bishop Marsh so that I may join the brotherhood of Priests serving God and the Body of Christ’s church.

In November, much needed repairs were finally able to be made starting with the Church steps. We are thankful for donations from Mrs. Jessica Mascoe, Deo Gratias and other assorted members who volunteered their time searching and interviewing contractors. God bless all of y’all who could and could not give.

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

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

New Missions

Fitchburg/Leominster, Mass., Fr. Romad Hansen
Brunswick, Maine, Fr. Andrew Faust

New Parish

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: Holy Comforter,
(Fr. James Gordon)

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RIP
The Rev
James W, Hurd
1948 – 2018

The Reverend James Wilson Hurd, 70, of Springfield, beloved husband of the late Ida Mae Hurd, died at his home on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Father Hurd was born in Springfield, MA on March 2, 1948, the son of the late Rollin W. Hurd and Helen (Walker) Hurd from Hampden, MA.

Father Jim was a Graduate of the University of Massachusetts (1970) and the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church. He served parishes in the Episcopal Church for many years before joining the Anglican Church in America.

After joining the ACA Diocese of the Northeast, Jim served many parishes in the diocese as a supply clergyman. He also served as Rector of St Matthias Anglican Church in Mystic, Connecticut and Priest in Charge of St Thomas of Canterbury in Halfmoon, New York.

As an extension of his ministry, Father Hurd became a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol based at Westover Air Force base for Squadron MA015.

Father Hurd devoted his life to serving his church and community as well as loving his family. He was a proud and devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend. Father Hurd had a loving soul and all who knew him spoke of his kindness and gentleness. He will be missed beyond words.


Jim was known throughout the diocese as a very enthusiastic preacher and faithful Christian teacher. A dependable supply clergyman, he will be deeply missed.

The service was held Friday, October 4 at St Peter’s Church, Buckingham Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. A good delegation from the diocese was present.

Please keep the family in your prayers.
"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon him."

News Notes:

New Clergy:
Father Ronald Hansen (newly ordained at St. Luke's), preparing to begin a Mission in Mass.
Deacon Scott Chase (Newly ordained)
Good Shepherd
Deacon James Hogan (ordained at synod)
in charge at St. David’s
Father Robert Menas
assigned to St. Augustine's as regular supply)
Father James Gordon, (received with his parish)
Holy Comforter, Poughkeepsie NY

I’d hoped for reports on the following for this issue. We’ll try to bring more news next time.
Late News from Connecticut

The afternoon of November 18 - the Sunday before Thanksgiving - Fr. Merrill was invited to participate in a community Thanksgiving service held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centerbrook, Conn.; pictured are area clergy, Fr. Merrill is on the far right, in the back row.

WHAT IS DEO GRATIAS?

The main purpose of the Deo Gratias ("Thanks be to God") offering is to bring more prayer into our homes. To take part, one needs only to make or purchase a small coin bank and keep it handy. Upon occasions of joy, sadness, uncertainty, or simply a quiet time with our Lord, say a prayer to thank him for His love, comfort and grace; then drop a coin in the bank in appreciation.

The monies from participants should be gathered in each parish and sent to the Diocesan treasurer in time for the funds to be available for the Deo Gratias committee to disburse at Synod. Letters from parishes, requesting funding for various needs, are typically brought to the Synod by attending delegates, or may be mailed ahead. The committee reads and discusses each request; then those in attendance vote on how they wish to distribute the funds collected each year. Everyone attending Synod is cordially invited to participate in the committee meeting.

Please remember that the primary focus of Deo Gratias is PRAYER, not fund-raising. The act of putting a coin in the offering bank is a gesture of love to help us bring body, mind and soul together in the presence of God. Our loving relationship with our Lord can be seen and felt and used through our coins. They allow us to turn our thanks into a medium in which our prayers can go out into the world to help God’s people.

Deo Gratias is an enriching, personal prayer exercise that draws us closer to our loving God. I encourage all of you to make this a part of your daily prayer life. ----Ingrid Magar

Our History : Part I

By ‘Br. Chip’ of the Raymond Benedictines

The idea of a contemplative monastic community within the Diocese of the Northeast began around 1990-91 when shortly after the formation of the Anglican Church in America and the re-forming of the Diocese of the Northeast, then-Diocesan Ordinary, Bishop Bruce S. Chamberlain discovered that he had several men in his diocese who were either living solitary monastic lives, living some form of ruled life, or were seeking to live under a rule of life along monastic lines.

Several meetings were held at St. Margaret’s in Conway (a brand new church and the diocesan pro-Cathedral) and Old St. Paul’s in Portland, Maine (a venerable 225+ year old parish) so that the Bishop could gather these men together and determine where each man was in their spiritual journey and what God was calling for in the overall scheme of things. Br. Robert Herrick, an anchorite Benedictine monk from East Waterboro, Maine had been attending St. Paul’s for his sacramental needs, met with Bp. Chamberlain and at the Bishop’s request Br. Robert agreed to assist the Bishop in both the discernment process, formation, and novitiate direction of those men who would be approved by the Bishop for living under a monastic Rule. Br. Robert recommended that the Benedictine Rule and traditions would suit such a group, and the Bishop gave Br. Robert the authority to oversee all aspects in the process of formation. A postulancy period was begun which served to help all applicants and inquirers discern their respective callings. Not all who applied were accepted and a few left on their own.

September 17, 1991 was the date on which those who qualified for the Novitiate began their lives as Novice Benedictines. A Mass and service was held at Old St. Paul’s in which each man made their simple vows. Br. Robert skillfully administered a novitiate program that was exclusively tailored for each Novice as their state of life directed. This novitiate was rather eclectic: consisting of parish priests, a seminarian, and lay-brothers, a couple who held outside jobs. He gave individual instruction, and a couple of the men were able to attend Roman Catholic monasteries (as guests) as part of their training as well. It’s a credit to Br. Robert for the great fidelity that he showed in helping to guide each man towards the final goal of formal profession which is no easy task when individuals with various egos are involved, no matter how humble they try to be! There were a lot of bumps along the way, but most persevered through the two-year process. Br. Robert and the Bishop met frequently to discuss the progress and direction the Novices and the group on the whole was making. The Bishop in September of 1993, announced at a gathering of the Novices that they had all been approved for making their final vows and the community would be officially given his recognition and blessing in October. The election of a Prior (community Superior) was held at that time, and Br. Robert Herrick was nominated, reluctantly accepted the nomination, and unanimously elected to the position.

On October 16th, 1993, (the Feast of St. Hedwig, a 13th century Cistercian abbess), The Servants of the Holy Family of The Order of St. Benedict was officially founded as Bishop
Chamberlain celebrated a Mass at his pro-Cathedral in Conway, N.H. Each brother made his solemn vows during this mass and became a fully professed monk of the community. The community itself was given full approbation and blessing by the Bishop, and the Prior was blessed and given his charge of the Community.

October 16th, 1993 at St. Margaret’s, Conway, N.H. Photo taken after the Mass, Solemn Profession Ceremony, and Blessing & Institution of the Community, and Blessing and Charge of the Prior


Bishop Bruce S. Chamberlain, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast, who gave his approbation and blessing in the foundation of our community and received the solemn professions of the brethren and blessing of the Prior.

Br. Prior Robert Herrick, OSB, our first duly-elected Prior and spiritual director to the brethren of the community. He served officially as Prior from 1993 – 1995.

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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**

**Brunswick:** Fr. Andrew Faust,

**Camden:** Resurrection Mission (at members’ homes.) Dcn. Leroy Weed

**Deblois:** St. Francis
Fr. James Dumond 1069 Rt 193 (207)638-2444

**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. Andrew Faust,

**Raymond,: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory**
for service times call ahead (4 Shaw Road) (207)655-4444 Rev. Prior Kevin LaMarre, OSB

**Scarborough:** St. Augustine of Canterbury - Sun 10:30am, (United Methodist Church, 2Church St.), (207)799-5141
Father Robert Menas

**Waterville:** Holy Trinity - (Woodlands Home). 2nd Sunday 10:30 a.m. Dcn. Kevin Kelly (207)990-0058

**Massachusetts**

**Belchertown:** occasional services at the bishop’s oratory (21 Sherwood Drive) contact Bishop Marsh (413)323-7869

**Fitchburg/Leominster:** Father Ronald Hansen

**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 OSB.

**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

**Poughkeepsie:** Holy Comforter, (18 Davies Pl) Fr. James Gordon, (845) 471-2286

**Tuxedo:** St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am
(38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley)

**Webster:** Holy Cross - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road). (585) 671-0411
Fr. Edward Ihde, Fr. 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**

**Poultney:** St. David: twice monthly at Young at Heart Senior Center.
Call Dcn 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.

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

Jan
10 – Fr. Ed Ihde, birthday 1950

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

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

Next Issue in March
Deadline for submissions will be around February 15.