Dear Friends in Christ,

At this time of year, we gather once again to enjoy the life of our diocese in the very visible act of doing the work of the Church in our annual synod. I invite you all to participate fully in the worship, the business sessions and the fellowship of God's Holy Church. It is vital that faithful Christians come together in love to do the temporal and spiritual work to which we have been called. Such work is both responsibility and, I pray, joyfully fulfilling for you all.

Recently, during one of my episcopal visits, I met with the vestry of a congregation. Such meetings are part of my responsibility. Sometimes these meetings are very informal, occurring during coffee hour or, perhaps at a luncheon. I always welcome these meetings for several reasons. It is always good to reconnect with the people of God, to learn about their lives; their challenges, their joys, their hopes.

On this particular occasion, the members of the vestry requested a formal meeting; they had something very important to ask their bishop. Following coffee hour, we settled down in the pews. Someone had placed a chair for the bishop in front of the altar rail. Everyone referred to it as the “hot seat.” I sat down. With some trepidation. First, the vestry said they loved their priest. This is always good to hear. But they also had something else on their minds. “How do we grow, bishop,” I heard them say, “teach us the way.” This parish wants to grow; they want to fulfill their mission as Christians. They want to bring others to Christ.

This vestry, as the temporal authority of this particular parish church, is asking precisely the right question. They are asking how to bring others to Christ. During the hour or so that followed, we had a lively conversation. The parish committed itself to offering a series of inquirers' classes in the Anglican Way. They hoped to reach people in the community, welcoming them into the family of faithful Anglicans.

It was a long way home that afternoon, but I reflected a great deal on what we had discussed. The very rich conversation we had shared earlier that day fed me in several ways. I thought about the passage from The Acts of the Apostles, the one that is quoted at the top of this article. It is the verse most people remember. It is from the King James Bible. But that verse is also translated in this way:
And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. However that verse is not the message clear; God adds to His church those who are being saved. But that does not mean we have nothing to do. We have much to accomplish. Read Chapter 2, verses 46 and 47 in their entirety:

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart;
Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Earlier in the chapter, there is also a phrase that reminds us that the early Christians remained faithful in the Apostles teaching and fellowship. That phrase has given me the theme for our present synod: “Committing ourselves to the Apostles Teaching and Fellowship.” It is my prayer that, by so doing, the Lord will add to our numbers those who are truly being saved.

There will be great teaching opportunities during this synod. The clergy will participate in a liturgics workshop during our clericus session on Thursday morning. All delegates and guests are invited to participate in a discussion about mission and growth, which is scheduled for Thursday evening. Father Robert Stackpole, a writer and former Anglican clergyman will deliver a presentation on the Anglican Way. This will take place immediately following lunch on Friday afternoon. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, a bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, will deliver our keynote address following the banquet on Friday evening. Bishop Paul and I are involved in an ecumenical dialogue that, we pray, may result in a communio in sacris agreement with the G-4 jurisdictions and the PNCC.

There will also be many opportunities for all to share in the fellowship we enjoy whenever we gather in Christ’s name.

There will be much to share during this synod. And I extend a very warm welcome to all clergy.
delegates, guests and friends. Blessings to you all as we prepare to do the work of the Church.

Let us Pray:
O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

………………..Your Brother in Christ, +Brian.

Notes from the Secretary

Hope you’ve had the opportunity to relax and enjoy some travel during the summer. Labor Day is just around the corner! Where did the time go?! No big trips for us this summer, but we’ve enjoyed outdoor concerts, day trips and visits from our Austin-based son and Orlando-based daughter. For the past several years, St. Elizabeth’s has not held services in August. We use this opportunity to visit other churches in our area, and we always look forward to meeting new people and joining in worship and fellowship with our Christian neighbors.

The Standing Committee met in Belchertown on June 1st. Bp. Marsh reported that, pending completion of canonical requirements and approvals, postulants Bill Dunn (St. Luke) and Steven Bunnell (Ang. Church of the Transfiguration) shall, God willing, be ordained to the diaconate at the diocesan synod mass in September. Members of the Standing Committee met Steve at the synod in Poland Spring, Maine last fall, and we had an opportunity to meet Bill Dunn at the June 1st meeting. We also met Tom Stockton, a postulant from Belchertown who is on the path to Holy Orders.

Congratulations to Holy Cross clergymen David Coir, who was ordained to the diaconate on June 29th, and Fr. Tom Stone who was installed as Rector on June 30th. May God bless them as they serve in his name.

Special thanks to all who promptly returned the 2018 annual parochial report. The summary will be included in the Synod Report booklet. If you haven’t sent in your 2019 diocesan and/or national church support and have any questions in regard to these obligations, feel free to contact me or Treasurer Kathy Lippman.

Note: Kathy has moved and her new contact information is:
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The ACA General Synod/Joint Synod (G-4) will be coming up in January, 2020 in Atlanta, GA.

For business with our treasurer

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Around the Diocese

Poultney, Vermont
St. David

Greetings from the Green Mountain State. Since the June NEA things here have been about the same, with the exception of what’s mentioned below. By faith we know that the unseen God is working out His purposes, and pray that we may see beyond what is visible to that which is invisible and which in the divine intention promises to be glorious.

In addition to our Sunday Service of Holy Communion, we offer a Tuesday Service of Morning Prayer and a Thursday Service of Evening Prayer. Both are followed by select readings from the early church fathers, with discussion. The early Christians of course were close to the very fountainhead of apostolic Christianity, and it is not surprising to see they faced the same issues in their world as we do in ours.

During our town’s Fourth of July parade we shared the exterior of our rented storefront on Main Street with the Poultney Area St. David’s Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Welsh language and culture. I have mentioned this group in previous editions of the NEA. Together we offered drinks and Welsh treats to passersby, and even a folding chair for a person in need. This young woman had had recent surgery and was not supposed to be standing, but her family had forgotten to bring a chair. We offered one in Jesus’ Name and had pleasant conversation along the way. A kind monetary donation followed after the parade. We often fail to realize how much good we can do for humanity by just meeting basic needs.

The Poultney area has been home to many people with Welsh surnames like Hughes, Jones, Davies, Williams, Owens, Roberts, etc. We are often ‘plugged’ by the St. David’s Society on numerous websites and in the town in general. This has led to an interesting opportunity to share our faith.

The local “Welsh Presbyterian Church,” as it is called, has been conducting “Welsh Heritage Sundays” once a month over the Summer, and their June service followed the Prayer Book liturgy of the Church of Wales. Quite the bold step, indeed. In their July and August services the elder leading them decided to switch to our very own 1928 BCP, having looked through one which I had lent him. Together and with our bishop’s blessing, by the time you read this our two churches will have had a joint service of worship at the Welsh Presbyterian Church on Sept. 1st. This idea was not our initiative. I have been asked to conduct the entire service, with Holy Communion, in the same way as we are doing it at St. David’s. We are simply moving our Sunday Service that day to another location, only with more people in attendance, including, of course, non-Anglicans who will probably outnumber the Anglicans. Whaddya know, a crowd.

Like St. David’s (average Sunday attendance of 6) our Presbyterian brethren have a tiny congregation (about the same). Unlike us they have a large building to maintain, and are hard-pressed to maintain it. Who knows where this is going? God does. But together we hope our community will see us laboring in Jesus’ Name together, and I cannot help but rejoice that the Anglican way is proving attractive to others. A trickle of Presbyterians are finding their way to our Tuesday Morning Prayer Service of late, and the fellowship has been encouraging. Stay tuned.

When we find ourselves confused and not sure what to do next, the counsel of the Book of Proverbs provides heavenly wisdom: “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established” (Prov. 16:3).

---------Rev. James R. Hogan
Pastor & Deacon-in-Charge

West Seneca NY
Saint Nicholas
Anglican Church

Greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Anglican Church in West Seneca, NY

We’ve had a wonderful (but HOT) summer here on the Western Frontier of the Diocese. Our summer began with the ordination of our good friend David Coir to the diaconate – which took place at Holy Cross Church in Webster, NY. Several of us from Nicholas ventured ‘north’ to witness this wonderful service presented by Fr. Tom Stone who incidentally was made Rector of that parish the day after.
Also during the summer we had a chance to host a new postulant in our midst from Holy Redeemer - as Casey Grow came to St. Nicholas on several occasions to be with us on Sunday and to preach a few times. It is a wonderful thing for our community to see so many young men coming forward with a desire to follow the Lord’s will for their lives through ordination.

Throughout the summer months we continued to hold Wednesday evening services of Holy Communion celebrating the saints as they came up on our calendar. Sometimes as few as three and at times, as many as ten came to celebrate with us in St. Michael’s Chapel which is located in the undercroft of St. Nicholas parish.

In August, our choirmaster and organist, Don Bliss had eye surgery - that went well, but put him ‘out of commission’ for a couple of weeks. In his stead, Fr. Ihde stepped in to man the organ, which was a big step for him as he hadn’t played the organ in a church for nearly twenty years.

Finally in September, everything went back to normal as our organist recovered and our wonderful church choir returned to begin again the church year.

In June our parish picnic at the Spears’ was rained on twice during the same sunny day, and the croquet game was postponed to next summer! However, despite the thunder and the repeated retreat indoors, the vacationing spirit persisted, and we look forward to a less dramatic event another year.

By the time you read this Susan Dench will have hosted a baby shower for Esther Nigro who is expecting the week after Synod. Esther and Aaron had intended to go to Synod, but have had to drop out for baby Nigro’s sake. Former Nebraskan residents, the Nigros have been with us at St. Paul’s for well over a year now, and we will be delighted to welcome a really new young parishioner.

Within the Anglican tradition some things change and some things stay the same. We have now enjoyed a full year under the care of Father Andrew Faust, and his wife, Brenda. Last February the congregation voted him to be our Rector for the next year.

-----------Shyla Spear

Leominster, Massachusetts
St. Andrew’s Anglican Church

Greetings from St. Andrew’s mission in Leominster, Massachusetts.

OUR MISSION PRAYER: O Lord, we lift up our church growth to You, we draw near to you Almighty God, united as brothers and sisters within your kingdom. Gathered together, we lift our eyes to see your face. Hopeful with faith, we lay our lives before you. Lord, may your Holy Spirit transform us, may your light shine upon us and bring peace. We open our ears to hear your good news, we open our eyes to see your truth and we open our
hearts to receive your endless love. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Currently we worship and fellowship at 62 Maple Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453, every 4th Sunday in the month at 3pm. As we continue to work towards a specific location. We asked that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

HONORARY CANON: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; let me take this opportunity to thank our God who is in heaven for allowing us to be alive today. On Sunday, May 26th, 2019 the Clergy, the Laity, and the Standing Committee of the REDEEMED ANGLICAN CHURCH of Ghana was led by the Holy Spirit to extend to me her call to be HONORARY CANON. I have been truly humbled and honored by the extension of this call.

I am honored because the Redeemed Anglican Church of Ghana is more than just a ministry to me, for it is a family. You are my Brothers and Sisters in Christ and what God has done through you in Ghana is truly amazing. I am honored to be asked to be a part of the Redeemed Anglican Church future.

With that said, I am writing to announce that I have prayed with my wife and many others, through the guiding of the Holy Spirit I have been led to accept your call to be HONORARY CANON. May the Lord continue to guide us by His Holy Spirit as we live our lives together in Christ.

On Sunday, June 2nd, 2019, your Honorary Canon was installed in a service by our rector, The Right Reverend Dr. Alexander Hendy Webb, of St. Luke’s Anglican Church Pro- Cathedral of Amherst, New Hampshire, United States of America.

I ask for your continued prayers as we live our lives together. We know that we will be faced with many challenges and hardships, but we can trust in what the Lord has told us. We can trust that these challenges are used by God to strengthen our faith and so that we will be better able to serve our neighbor.

I rejoice in this new call and our continued partnership in the gospel. May the Lord continue to bless us and our ministry as He has been so generous in His blessings in our past.

-----Yours In Christ, Canon Hansen, Priest-In-Charge

White River Junction, Vt.
Trinity

Χριστός ανέστη! Αληθῶς ἀνέστη! [Christos aneste! Aalethos aneste!]
He is risen! Truly, he is risen!

Happy Easter! May the surprise of the Resurrection transform each of us.

This Easter season has been a busy one for Trinity WRJ. For the second year in our history, Trinity has had the wonderful experience of celebrating the Triduum in our worship space. Our congregation has prepared for the full and fervent celebration of these Mysteries throughout the year by attending liturgy discussions with Fr. Rugg and studying the texts of the Apostolic Fathers. These discussions have rivaled the popularity of our Bible Study and cohered nicely with our study of Hebrews. As we complete our study of Hebrews, we will begin our journey deeper into the Mystery of Christ by engaging with the journey motifs in the Gospel of John.

This Spring has also been a busy one for the Vicar. Fr. Rugg completed the coursework for his PhD program at Boston College this May. He also spoke at two international conferences this Spring. In March Fr. Rugg delivered a paper entitled, “Making (Voided) Metaphors: Mystical Reading, Affirmed Abyss, and the God-Who-May-Be-For(e)-Khôra in Genesis 1:1-2” at the annual meeting of the Mystical Theology Network (Continental Philosophy panel). In April Fr. Rugg spoke alongside Richard Kearney and John D. Caputo at a conference on Philosophy and the Ethics of Reinterpretation; his paper, “Solidarity with the Absent Other” analyzed the Lukan re-interpretation of Samaritan otherness and focused on the necessity of re-interpreting the Cleansing of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11–19) as a tragedy.

Trinity–WRJ has also rolled out a new website (www.trinityanglicanuv.org). Fr. Rugg welcomes any and all feedback on the viewing experience of the site—just respond with the response form on the site.

--------Fr. Rugg

Chaplains

Our chaplains are called upon regularly to minister to our veterans and their families. Over the last 3 months, we have handled baptisms for active duty members of our armed forces, several weddings for veterans and as always, military funerals for those who have passed. During the summer, we handled funerals for US Army and US Navy veterans in various locations in Maine and New Hampshire.

Chaplain Fr. Gary Drinkwater offered the invocation at the annual dinner of the Propeller Club in Portland which gather on National Maritime Day to remember merchant mariners who have given their lives in service of the nation.

The chaplains were also honored to preside over the opening ceremonies for the Wall That Heals, a replica of the Viet Nam wall in Washington, inscribed with over 58,000 names, that came to Conway NH through
American Legion Post 46 and with the help of St. Margaret’s.

Chaplain Fr. Monroe gave the invocation and was master of ceremonies for the opening events which include presentations by several Viet Nam Vets who brought several of the names on the wall to life with personal experiences on how they lost their lives.

Chaplain Fr. Drinkwater presided over the wreath laying ceremony honoring the armed services and the merchant marine. In recognition of the women who served,

Deaconess Tracy Gardner was asked to read the prayers at the closing ceremony for each of the services, those who go to sea, police, fire, EMT’s and for our country.

Fr. Drinkwater is a veteran of the US Coast Guard and Fr. Monroe is in the US Navy Merchant Marine Reserve and is an American Legion Chaplain.

--------Fr. Monroe

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

This summer has been a whirlwind; at least, for me, personally. And it is fast coming to a close. At the center of the whirlwind is my son, Cameron.

His father and I made one huge mistake: we blinked. And in that blink of an eye, our baby became a young man. Life really does go by quickly. Those thousands of moments pass like a fan of flashcards, or an old film reel projector, with only seconds to view them as they blur in motion. We long to hit “Pause” or “Replay.” But there’s no rewind button, except in our minds, and in our memories, and in the thousands of photographs that I’ve taken through the years.

Regretfully, last spring, I withdrew as counselor for St. Luke’s Camp. This would have been my 10th year, and Cameron’s as well. But with this also being his last summer before heading off to college, and with so many other planned activities, I declined. I thought about the camp all week, and I missed seeing everyone. But our parish was represented by Casey Grow, who enjoyed his introduction to SLC as a new boys’ counselor. I look forward to seeing pictures, and reading camp reports from Father Matt and others.

Cameron had so many Civil Air Patrol activities this summer, and was only going to be home for brief periods, that I wanted to spend the time with him. He was away more days than he was home. Beginning on June 19, through August 18, he was away 41 of 60 days, including a quick trip to Paul Smith’s College for registration/orientation. He missed his high school graduation to do something far more important to him: attending the Advanced Pararescue Orientation Course at the AFB in Tucson (June 19-30.) (You may remember that he graduated the Pararescue Orientation Course last June in Albuquerque.) He graduated this year’s advance course, (not an easy feat!) and was very excited. We flew out for a few days to attend the banquet (no one knowing whether they graduated or not until their name was called!) We landed in 108º heat; the next two days it was 110º. How we love the northeast! We all flew home on the 30th, the day of his high school graduation. He got his diploma the next day from his counselor, and found that he’d gotten another scholarship. Here are the CAP schools he attended: USAF Advanced Pararescue Orientation Course, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson (12 days); Hawk Mountain, PA, Ranger School (10 days); NYS Wing Encampment, Cadet Staff (11 days); and NYS Wing Emergency Services Ground School (5 days). In between, on days that he was home, he volunteered with the fire department, and Mom did lots of laundry.

This past Sunday (August 18,) Holy Redeemer parish celebrated Cameron’s graduation from high school, and his graduation from Holy Redeemer as its esteemed Acolyte and Crucifer for the past decade, as he prepares to begin college life at the end of August. The parish send-off was a delight. During communion, Diane sang a solo, Fairest Lord Jesus; and at the end of the mass, Father Dave gave Cameron a special blessing. Then we gathered for the feast: sausage-egg casserole, mushroom quiche, blueberry muffins, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and, of course, a cake! Our friend John Dodge returned to join in the celebration. John was Cameron’s instructor on the altar, beginning at age nine, and was also his Confirmation sponsor. It was a nice reunion, catching up with him, and seeing all of our church family.

My baby is flying the nest! Life will be very different, but I’m excited for him. Paul Smith’s College is a wonderful, supportive school, with a great culinary program (his major,) located in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of New York State. And it’s a drive of just under five hours, so no airports are involved. Thank you for indulging a proud mom! Now, I must run: we’re off for a few days for a family road trip, before college move-in day on August 30. The destination is Jonesville, Michigan, founded in 1828 by our very own Benaiah Jones! Stay tuned for a report in the next NEA.

--------Diane S. Jones
Amherst, N.H.  
St. Luke

It has been a hot and busy summer in the northeast and I personally look forward to cooler weather and fall activities like our 28th Annual Diocesan Synod! St. Luke's is hosting the Synod again this year and we are excited about all our visitors. Safe travels to all and we look forward to seeing you!

Clericus will be held the day before Synod. This is a practice which started last year to give clergy a chance to incorporate their meeting with Synod thus making one fewer trip away during the year. We will host Clericus at St. Luke's on Wednesday, 25 Sept.

We were sad to say good-bye to Doug Sleeper (a former Sr. Warden) and his wife, Jennifer Coppins (our altar guild directress) earlier this spring when they moved to Vermont to be nearer grandbabies! A very worthy reason. They will be missed but we are assured they will visit often.

Tuesday evening Bible Study is working on the book of Samuel. Saturday morning study is editing a book on prayer being written by our Sr. Warden, Richard Griffith, and it is being used as the basis for this study. Most recent class discussed Anglican prayer beads and a booklet could be made available if there is anyone interested in learning more.

----------Submitted by Lee Garre

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

It’s hard to believe Labor Day is only a couple of weeks away! We hope all of you are having a healthy and happy summer. In addition to lots of other fun activities, many of us have enjoyed attending several wonderful outdoor summer concerts at nearby Skylands-New Jersey Botanical Gardens. Our own Bp. Langberg was the performer for one of these concerts. Bishop also volunteers as the audio technician for all the summer concerts, leads informative hikes on the historical Skylands estate grounds throughout the year and has done extensive computer mapping of the gardens and plants located on the estate.

We don’t hold Sunday services at St. Elizabeth’s during August but enjoy visiting local churches to worship with fellow Christian friends and neighbors we don’t normally see on Sunday mornings. Our briefer parish news during this August break time is a good opportunity to feature some interesting history about our chapel and the surrounding area. The talented Bp. Langberg is also our Town of Tuxedo historian and has lectured locally about our connection with the direct descendants of Alexander Hamilton who lived in the Eagle Valley area of Tuxedo. These Hamilton family members owned the estate that is now St. Mary’s Villa-Table Rock and St. Joseph’s Adult Home, run by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate. The Hamiltons built St. Elizabeth’s Chapel in Eagle Valley in memory of daughter Elizabeth who died when she was only about eleven years old. Much of the land in Eagle Valley was farmland owned and operated by the Hamiltons, and many of the older homes still here were built to house those who worked for the family. In fact, the home Bp. Langberg and Betty live in was purchased from the Hamiltons by our grandfather (note: I think most of you know that I (Ingrid) & Linnea are Bp. Langberg’s twin sisters). Also, my (& Ken’s) home was the gatehouse to the Hamilton estate - lots of interesting history here! Sharing Bishop’s passion for local history is his wife, Betty, who has served as president and membership chairperson of the Tuxedo Historical Society. Betty has spent countless hours cataloging historical documents and photos, setting up displays, helping with special THS events, recruiting guest speakers, etc. Kudos to both Bishop and Betty who do so much for our community!

On a sadder note, we report the passing of parishioner, Harry Prokop, who fought a long and courageous battle with cancer. Through it all, Harry continued to share his faith and extend his unselfish caring concern for those around him, and he will be sorely missed by all of us at St. Elizabeth’s. We pray that his family will find peace and comfort at this difficult time.

\ We also keep Christine Oetzel, sister of Betty Langberg, in our prayers. Christine recently had artery surgery related to the stroke she suffered several months ago. Thankfully, the surgery went well and we pray that God will bless Christine with patience, optimism and encouraging progress as she continues her recovery from the effects of the stroke.

On a personal note, thank you to all who have kept my hubby, Ken, in your prayers. Ken had a stroke earlier this summer while we were traveling home from an RV trip to visit family in Minnesota and, thankfully, he was not driving at that time. We were in a campground about 40 miles east of Toledo, OH, and had immediate local ambulance response. They traveled west towards Toledo, transferring Ken to an eastbound mobile stroke unit ambulance
sent from St. Vincent’s Hospital in Toledo. St. Vincent’s is one of only 5 or 6 hospitals in the country with a mobile stroke unit ambulance, and the emergency personnel on board were able to begin diagnostic testing and treatment before even reaching the hospital. Ken spent 5 days in ICU in the stroke unit at St. Vincent’s and received wonderful care there. With the blessings of that rapid response, he experienced no loss of limb movements, just some compromised focus and concentration problems that we’re praying will improve in time – God was truly watching over us!

In closing, our thanks go out to all the clergy and lay volunteers who shared their time, talents and Godly faith with our youth during St. Luke’s camp week – so greatly needed in today’s times.

Our services at St. Elizabeth’s resume on September 1st and we’re extremely grateful for the service assistance we’ve been receiving from seminarian Raymond Davison and Fr. Merrill Perkins. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our pastor search for St. Elizabeth’s. We’re looking forward to our parish picnic on September 8th and to seeing folks at the Synod gathering in late September. God’s blessings to all.  

---------Ingrid Magar

Mechanic Falls, Maine
Anglican Church of the Transfiguration

Summer is always a busy time at Transfiguration. We certainly have had a lot going on. That is a good thing. Here is a review of our activities over the past three months.

June

Parking-one of our most significant logistical concern has been “parking”. There is very little off street parking and the few street spaces are very limited. We have been working with a local contractor to develop a plan that could be done in two phases. The first involved (for those familiar with Transfiguration), the left side of the church building. We anticipated that we could make 15 + spaces available. The first phase involved taking down two very large Maple trees that had decayed to the point of being a huge safety factor for us. Our contractor began to clear spots during the month up to the second tree.

We had our 3rd Annual Yard Sale on June 1st that help raise funds for our expanded parking project. It went well with a number of our parishioners working during the week and the day of the sale.

Our tree contractor took down the very large tree that was badly decayed. It turned out to be an adventure. The tree was so large and tall that a large crane had to be called in to insure a safe removal. Also, the tree size prevented a local woodsman from cutting it up for firewood. It doubled our projected cost for taking the tee down.

Capital Campaign – we launched a capital campaign directed at our commercial neighbors to help with the expanded off-street parking.

Hymnal Plus – as we previously reported in the last issue, we were all saddened by the loss of our beloved organist and Musical Director. In effect, we had no music on Sundays and therefore started to search for a system that could meet our needs. We visited local Music Stores and learned of an international system called “Hymnal Plus” that was marketed by a company in Pennsylvania. It was very reasonable, one-time cost that has worked beautiful in our church. Call us if you would like to know more.

August

Porch – we are pleased to report that the contractor completed Phase 1 and our parishioners can park right next to the church building. He did a beautiful job. We are looking at fencing along our property line where the parking is, to prevent anyone falling off the retaining wall.

Survey – our abutting neighbor (where the new parking is) raised a concern about the boundary. This has caused us to engage a local Survey firm to map out all our property lines. We expect to have it completed by August 31st.

Ice Cream Social – our 3rd annual social will be held August 22nd at 6:30 PM. This year we will feature a “patriotic” hymn sing followed by local Maine made Ice Cream and other refreshments. This
is always a popular event.

Steve Bunnell Celebration Dinner Plans – we will have a parish dinner on September 19th to celebrate and honor Steve’s elevation to a Deacon at the September Synod in Nashua, NH.

Web Site - we have used the Jean Bunnell memorial funds to develop a new Transfiguration web site. Jean’s family requested that the funds be directed towards this project. It is anticipated that the site will be launched sometime this month.

Annual Church picnic at Meg Harmon’s, August 18

Lay Leadership Conference

Transfiguration is proud to sponsor and host the very first Lay Leadership Conference at Poland Spring Resort (same place as last year’s Synod). On Friday, October 25th. We mailed out a promotional brochure the first week of August to all churches in the Diocese. This will give the laity a chance to exchange ideas, concerns and solutions and potentially learn new things with our workshop topics. Low cost hotel options are also made available for those traveling any distance. We hope this will become an Annual event, maybe more often.

The Conference Workshops will be held at Cyndi’s Dockside Restaurant just down the hill from the Lodge on Route 26. The workshops offer a variety of topics which will cover helpful tips to make operating your church easier. Ample time is scheduled to give everyone a chance to meet with other Lay Leaders and share their ideas.

The Meeting Room at Cyndi’s Dockside Restaurant

Who would benefit by attending?

This Conference is designed for church Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, Treasurers and Vestry members responsible for the business administration of our member churches. It will give those attending an opportunity to meet and network with attendees from other churches and to exchange ideas, concerns and potential solutions that will address the business of their church.

Workshop Topics

- Church Financial Management Systems (QuickBooks and Other Products)
- Suggested Monthly Financial Statements
- Budgeting (associated Reports)
- Church Auditing (how to and why they are needed)
- Bank Financing (if needed, what is necessary to do)
- Capital Campaigns (church members/business neighbors)
- Marketing (to bring in new members)
- Clergy openings, benefits, etc.
- Annuity/Will/gifts

Cost of the Conference

The Conference is $25.00 per person which includes lunch of assorted sandwiches, soup, salad and beverage, as well as morning and afternoon refreshments.

The Anglican Church of the Transfiguration

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The First Lay Leadership Conference

on Friday, October 26th, 2019 at the

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Cyndi’s Dockside Restaurant
Raymond, Maine
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory
Our Benedictines

Summer at the Priory has been peaceful but full. Some of our older animals have passed on and we currently have some baby ducklings which we hope will be “seeing eye ducks” for our 2 blind ones. We are grateful for our Animal Angels who help financially with the lives of the animals in our care. We could not do this without them.

In addition to animal burials, Fr. Kevin has performed funerals for friends who have recently passed away this Spring and Summer.

We are continually visited by wild animals as the seasons turn. The turkeys have retreated into the deep woods to lay eggs and foster their young ones...we’ve had a sighting of one brood already! Deer come into the pasture at night to partake of the loose hay that is put out by Sr. Mary Francis for the horses in the morning. How the deer are able to slide between the seven strands of electric fencing is a miracle in itself! Foxes and coyotes have left their signs and calling-cards in the form of scat, skunks...well, you know when they’re hanging around! There are probably many others who visit, especially at night, who prefer to remain ananymous!

Dogs Alice and Chloe - RIP.

Fr. Kevin makes a marker cross for every animal buried in cemetery.

A Temporary cross marks Chloe’s resting place while a permanent cross is being made.

Fr. Kevin serves as our Priory Cemetery and cares for the animal cemetery. Mint plants and wild-flowers have been planted in the resting spots. These plants create fragrances that deter scavengers after an animal is buried, although they are buried as deep as Fr. Kevin can dig in the Sebago clay which is very hard-packed.

After a slow start, our gardens have taken off. Pumpkins run wild in the garden. Cukes, zucchini, and beans are in there somewhere!

Earlier this summer, the Priory was given a large statue of St. Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord. Fr. Jeff Monroe, Rector of St. Margaret’s in Conway, N.H. brought it down from the church where it had been for a while. The statue is quite old and arrived in a deteriorated condition. Fr. Kevin took on the challenge of restoration, and has been working on it this Summer. It’s almost completed, and we’ll share the results with you in the next edition of the Northeast Anglican. Stay tuned! You might be surprised at the transition!

Also, a reminder of our annual Novena for the departed. November 1st – 10th It’s not too early to
send us the names of your departed loved ones (human and otherwise) to be added to our Liber Memoriale, (memorial book). Nine days of masses and prayers for the departed will be offered on their behalf. Offerings are most welcomed but not required in order to participate in this act of love and remembrance. 

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Sr. Mary-Francis, O.S.B.

Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

The Summer has been busy for the parish of the Good Shepherd. In early July, we held “Summer Thunder” vacation Bible school in collaboration with the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of New Hampshire. This was our sixth year of sponsoring this wonderful ministry in Charlestown. During the week we reached a total of nine children. The theme of this year’s program was “Jesus My Savior and Friend.” The daily Bible lessons included stories of Jesus calming the seas, healing, and transforming the souls of those seeking His help. All these lessons were accompanied by short memory verses, songs and skits involving that well-known superhero, “Captain Obvious” in blue cape and long red gloves. We were blessed by the presence of four youth missionaries, under the direction of Kelly Halbeck, CEF Southwestern NH Local Director.

In the craft periods, we made a superhero suncatcher with a black and white portrait of Jesus at the center on the first day. In succeeding days, the children made, capes, masks, a medal, and a Roman centurion’s helmet. They invented their own superheroes with special powers and gave these characters names— including “M,” “Rainbow Girl,” “Amazing Man,” “Star Girl,” and, of course, “Captain Obvious.” The children were assisted by Fr. David and Jeanne Moody, Fr. Art Bennett, and on several days by a volunteer from Life on Maine, a Foursquare Church across the street from us.

The thought repeated each day throughout the week was that it is fun to pretend to be super heroes with super powers, but Jesus is so much better, as demonstrated by the Bible stories of the various ways in which He ministers to people. On the last day of Summer Thunder, we learned that despite our most vivid imaginations, the true superhero in our lives is Jesus Christ who heals, forgives, and loves us beyond our comprehension. Dee Blanchard provided yummy and healthy snacks for the children each day.

In many ways, the highlight of Vacation Bible School occurred at the very end of the program. Kramer, our iconographer from Portsmouth, NH, brought over our new “Christ, the Good Shepherd” icon and unveiled it in front of the children. It was an exciting moment for them, and they asked many questions about the image and the meaning of the symbols. It was a wonderful teaching moment. That afternoon, we had the icon hung over the altar under Sean’s supervision.

In the June-July 2019 issue of the Trinitarian Magazine, Bishop Marsh facilitated the publication of a very nice article about the collaboration between Sean Kramer and Good Shepherd parish members in creating our beautiful work of art. During the course of nearly a year, Sean provided us with photographs depicting the steps he used to paint the image. We posted these images on our church FaceBook page to track the centuries-old process of creating icons. In late August, Sean posted photographs of many of the steps that he followed to achieve the final product on his website. (http://seandominickramer.com/christ-the-good-shepherd/). Sean recently agreed to “write” two more icons for Good Shepherd that will form a triptych with “Christ, the Good Shepherd” at the center. Bishop Marsh has asked us to pray about what saints might be represented on the side panels. Our amazing spiritual journey continues.

On Charlestown Yard Sale day in late July, Fr. Art Bennett joined Pastor Tim Golden of Life on Main Church to staff a booth representing both churches under the banner, “Different Styles, Same Faith.” They handed out church literature along with
hot dogs and soft drinks to feed the bodies and souls of over 100 people who stopped by. In late August, Deacon Scott Chase initiated a Sunday morning Bible study hour before our 10:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist. He did this to provide an opportunity for those who work and cannot attend the Wednesday morning Bible study. Finally, on the day before the feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, Fr. Art Bennett and other clergy in Charlestown, NH will Bless the Badges of police, fire, and emergency service personnel from Charlestown and surrounding communities. Last year the service was attended by 75 people. Summer has come and gone and Autumn will soon be upon us as we meet at the DNE Synod at the end of September. We look forward to seeing clergy and parish delegates as we gather to accomplish the work of the Church. ————Fr. David Moody

Mystic, Conn.
St. Matthias

As usual during the summer months here in southeastern Connecticut, we have seen an upturn in visitors to St. Matthias Church. The highlight of this quarter, of course, was Bishop Marsh’s annual visitation, on July 14. A number of visitors were present for the event, as well as all of our present congregants; three of our members (Dr. Fred Spaulding, Nancy Badgett, and Fr. Merrill) all have July birthdays, and during the time of announcements His Grace prayed the Prayer for a Birthday (p. 597) over the three of us. There also was a wonderful reception following the service, to which several of the visitors that day attended.

As I’m sure many others are, we are looking forward to Synod in September; several of us will be attending, and look forward to seeing many of you!

———Faithfully, Fr. Merrill Perkins

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Holy Comforter

We have had some activity here at Holy Comforter. Our organist is an avid cyclist and is very active in the bike racing community. He doesn’t own a car, and cycling is his primary mode of transportation, including getting to and from work, shopping and necessary services such as doing his laundry at a nearby laundromat. In early June he was in a race in Connecticut and for sake of a better description “wiped out”. The extent of his injuries included a fractured clavicle, broken pelvis and broken left arm to mention the major ones. Fortunately his mother was with him and was able to get his bike back to Poughkeepsie. He spent about a month and a half recuperating which included physical therapy and is still unable to play the organ. His spirits are good and he has a positive attitude toward returning to his “favorite sport”.

On the positive side, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church here in Poughkeepsie decided to replace their pew cushions. They weren’t sure what to do with old ones, and considered sending them to a landfill. But their Senior Warden, who happens to be my wife Bobbie, and the rector decided to offer them to other parishes. Needless to say, Holy Comforter got the best of the lot.

Looking forward to a productive Synod and seeing all those friendly faces.

———Jim Gordon+

Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret Of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Goodness, the winter was so long this year, it seemed as though we didn’t have much of a summer, and here we are into the fall already. When you start seeing the adverts for the local fall fairs, you know its the last hurrah for the lazy hazy crazy days. As summers go, this was not too bad, and had no really extended days of 90+ weather, which was a happy circumstance for those of us who do not enjoy the heat.

May continued with the Women’s Bible Study, held every Friday at noon. The group is led by Marian Santy and has a faithful group of ladies. We appreciate Marian’s initiative in starting this group, and her dedication to its continuation and progress. May saw the service of Christian burial and Celebration of life for our brother in Christ John Richard Kropac, who passed away earlier in the month. John would have been 91 in December of this year. He, along with his late wife Mickey, had given many years of service to St. Margaret’s. He had been Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Treas-
In addition, he was the “go to guy” with any questions about the church’s physical plant. He continued to be involved in maintenance and repair up until recently, when age and ill health overcame willingness and dedication. With a full head of white hair and a tall and erect carriage, John’s appearance belied his age. Many family members traveled from out of state to attend the services, and he was considered the patriarch of a large, loving and extended family. Two of his daughters, Wendy and Kathy gave touching eulogies, and a solo of “Daddy’s Hands” was sung by Miss Willow Carter, soprano. He was interred in our Memorial Garden alongside his late wife Mickey.

There was a Veteran’s Service on May 26th, when all branches of the service were remembered. Church members were invited up to light candles for those family or friends who sacrificed all for their country. Father Brad Mathias, our new Curate, gave the sermon the first week in July. Father Brad’s sermons are always interesting and relevant, he frequently adds personal touches which helps bring relevance to his points. We have very much enjoyed having Father Brad as our curate. He has updated the web page, and sends out interesting articles over the net to those of us on social media. Father and his wife Paige recently welcomed a new granddaughter, Carolina. Father Brad again was with us and did the service on August 4.

Father Brad was also instrumental in bringing an event for children ages 5-12 to St. Margaret’s. The Children’s Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is a 5 day club where children experience games, contests, and learn missionary and bible stories. Father stated that it “provided us with a unique opportunity as Anglicans to engage our community in a new and outwardly focused way, as well as opening the door for us to develop positive, new relationships with other churches in the Conway area.” He also was happy to note that one 10 year old committed his life to Christ. Huzzah! Several church volunteers supplied snacks, lunches and support to the event, and we thank them all.

July saw the blessing of new Sub-Deacon Steve Brunner. Father Monroe gifted him with a new Communion set. Also in August many parishioners visited the “Wall that Heals” which was the Vietnam memorial Wall replica brought to the local American Legion in Conway. This event was facilitated by a Vets group, including our own Jack Poirier. Father Monroe was very involved as well, giving prayers at the opening ceremony, as well the wreath laying, and closing. I was able to obtain a rubbing of the names of two of my own classmates, who died in 1966. Jack Poirier was also instrumental in obtaining a flagpole for the front lawn of St. Margaret’s. This was dedicated on August 11, after church services. Also that day, Kathy Kropac took pictures of church members for the Parish Directory. We hope you got our good side, Kathy!

There has been a scaled down coffee hour for the summer with just, well, coffee! We miss the wonderful light lunch and abundant snacks that those of the parish bring on Sunday, and are looking forward to the return of this lovely custom. Not that we come on Sunday for the food, of course. However, it proves the adage “you never miss something till it’s gone”.

We are now looking forward to our annual yard sale, where treasures are parted with and fellowship and outreach are the words of the day. We hope that Saturday, August 31 is sunny, not too warm and we have a good crowd.

So start digging out the fall sweaters, change the outside baskets from red, blue and pink, to orange, yellow and rust. Breathe in the beautiful fresh crisp fall air, watch the fall foliage and thank God for the 4 lovely seasons which we enjoy in this part of our great country.

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Maureen Ferguson. Ladies Guild

Ellsworth, Maine
St. Thomas
Fr. Ed Kalish, Rector
Fr. Frank Gray, Asst. Priest
Dcn. Kevin Kelly
and Leroy Weed

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:24
How our small parish can best serve the Lord and best invite our surrounding community to join us in worship has been, and continues to be, discussed in earnest. Bp. Marsh’s 11 Aug annual episcopal visit to St. Thomas served to whet our desire to do all we can to ‘spread the Word,’ beyond our parish walls, despite the fact we are a commuting congregation. Our closest parishioner to our church lives 29 miles away, our furthest 60-65 miles away. Bp. Marsh provided some useful tips. One, an inquirers class, had been on our radar prior to his visit. At our Annual Meeting on 25 August 2019, his other tips were discussed and will be further considered at our next vestry meeting in September. An instructed Eucharist, a special ministry, and a special project appear to be promising. Plans to have an inquirers class in October were kicked into motion at the Annual Meeting and Fr. Kalish reminded us he will need to rely on us to be involved and engaged for such a class to happen. His message was heard.

During our Annual Meeting, the St. Thomas vestry welcomed two new members, John Gibson and John Douglas, while losing Hew Crawford. The officer roster remains the same; Pao-sheng Hsu as Jr. Warden, Ed Hart as Treasurer, and Valerie McCadden as Clerk. Returning vestry members, Mike McCadden and Linda Kalish, will be now be joined by the two Johns. Having two members with the same first name should provide some light moments during future vestry meetings.

Dcn. Kelby is no longer serving the Waterville mission, due to lack of attendance. He and Dcn. Weed are now alternating months to serve the Camden mission, often attended by five or six people. One of the attendees, a devout Anglican, can no longer do the long drive to St. Thomas. She cherishes the ministry she receives each month and our deacons cherish the opportunity to serve her and the other attendes who reside in the retirement village in which she lives.

Fr. Kalish continues improving from his stroke. His determination is remarkable and there aren’t enough words in the English language to describe the strength his wife, Linda, possesses and provides him. Their faith in God’s love and acceptance of His purpose is an object lesson for anyone who wants to learn how to persevere in the storms that life can rain down.

Fr. Kalish read his 2019 Rector’s Report at our Annual Meeting and with his permission is included in this quarter’s NEA report. It is only fitting that Fr. Kalish’s expression of thankfulness and his and his wife, Linda’s abiding faith be extended throughout the diocese.

Rector’s Report for St. Thomas Annual Meeting
25 August 2019

To the Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Anglican Church:

Greetings to all of you in our Lord Jesus Christ from Linda and me! We are grateful for all of you as a congregation, and each of you individually. I am glad to be your Rector, and received support and encouragement from the Vestry during our time recently with the bishop.

This past year has had some real tests. Looking now upon last year’s [Rector’s] report, I had no idea what was soon to follow. As you all know, I was dealt a stroke last September, which left me struggling, along with a host of issues I had never considered previously. I was reduced to sheer dependency upon all of you, but especially on my wife [Linda]. During the long months of the fall and winter, I waited for relief associated with the symptoms: an inability to speak and read accurately, to comprehend, to hear what others were saying, and the paralysis in my right side.

I can say, however, with absolute conviction, I was certain that our God knew what He was doing with this massive trial. Life became much simpler and more basic. There it very little one has do except to hope and pray that God will bring over time that semblance one had lost. It gave me humility toward everyone around me, and others with similar physical conditions. One sees with amazement the solicitousness of loved ones who care and try to help.

In December, as you know, I began to offer my role [Clerk’s note: return to the pulpit] here as your priest. My speech was faltering and stammering, but with time I found myself more and more in the regular cycle of the Prayer Book liturgy. I began to write individual sermons. There seems now to be a marked improvement. Perhaps even further progress will bring brighter and better moments just ahead.

This fall, we are attempting to reach out to others, as the bishop suggested. If we can do this together, we will be doing something corporately, which is the entire name of the game, so to speak. This is the body of Christ, living and moving in all its varied gifts. There is no other way to succeed.

Our blessings to you all! Yours always in Christian love,

Fr. Ed Kalish

Nothing further could possibly be added after this beautiful and humble letter, other than to extend blessings and best wishes to everyone within and throughout the DNE from St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine.

Until next quarter -

----------Valerie Brown McCadden, Clerk

ed note: If you want to know more about the beloved rector of St. Thomas, Ellsworth, here is a video interview from an Evangelical group in the 80s after he had come to Christ and before he became an Anglican. It is worth watching.

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Logos House of Theological Studies
Ellsworth, ME
http://logoshousetheological.org

Logos House continues to provide affordable theological education of students from traditional Anglican and other theologically conservative jurisdictions in preparation for Holy Orders – for ministry as Deacons, Deaconesses, and Priests in parish and other pastoral settings.

Some might be unaware that our programs are at times geared towards laypersons in the process of discerning their calling, which is not the same as being “called.” The discernment process might or might not reveal a person is “called” to the ministry.

“No matter the study track, our educational mission is to permeate theological growth and understanding with each individual’s spiritual life and prayer.” If, during that mission, it becomes apparent to our clergy instructors a student does not have a “calling” to the ministry, the student’s efforts will be gently redirected towards lay service, which should in no way be seen as a negative.

All Christians are called to serve the Lord, some to selflessly serve in the ministry, and most to serve as laity in the Body of Christ. While God calls each of us to humble service, the genuinely called Christian is called to humble service, away from sense of self. Fr. William Martin, our Academic Dean, points out that “serving Christ is a selfless privilege to which few are called.” Logos House prepares its students, academically and spiritually, to embrace and understand that “privilege” of humble service. Logos House also prepares those students revealed not to be “called” to Anglican ministry to serve the Church in non-ministerial ways.

Located and administered from Ellsworth, Maine, our program is geared to men and women who are in full or part-time secular employment or are retired from secular employment, and have discerned the call to part-time (or full-time) ministry. Accordingly, our study program involves online conferencing with instructors and the Academic Dean, reading assignments, written work, and mentoring with assigned parish clergy.

Also, a long-term priest-track student from the Diocese of Mid-America, APA has completed 79 hours of intense study and was presented his diploma by Bp. Robert Giffin in July. This month he returned to his studies with Logos House to expand on what he has already learned, necessitating the creation of new courses. All five of our recently graduated students studied diligently to prepare to answer the call that led each of them to train with Logos House.

Effective 31 July, our president, Fr. McCready, resigned his position because he has decided to switch to a different denomination. We thank Fr. McCready for the two years he served as president and wish him well.

We have accepted four new students in the last month and are looking forward to learning from them as they learn from us. They join several other students who challenge their instructors weekly to prepare them theologically to best answer their call to serve.

-----------Valerie Brown McCadden
Executive Administrator

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

Paschal-tide at All Saints is a continuous 50 Day celebration of the Mystery of our Redemption in Christ Jesus, culminating in the final festival after Trinity Sunday of Corpus Christi—the Feast of the Body of Christ—in which we celebrate the Mystical Presence of Christ in Holy Communion. Again, the parish planned a lavish Solemn Mass and Procession for the day. Again, the Divine Majesty showed His Providence by granting us gorgeous weather, a full church, and a well supplied altar.

The Reverend Dr. David Moody of Good Shepherd in Charlestown, New Hampshire, came to serve as assistant priest for the ceremonies. The Reverend Deacon Dennis Ryan, newly ordained in the APA, and a ‘summer’ member of All Saints, served as Deacon for the Mass, offered their able and welcomed assistance at the Feast. The familiar ceremonies are now well ingrained in the people of All Saints, and the majesty in worship is second nature on this glorious festival which always ends with a lavish luncheon.

The Deaconess formation program that is hosted at All Saints is settling to become a program that is consistent and spiritually nourishing for the candidates. The women in formation, coming from varied educational and professional backgrounds, inform and encourage their cohort in doing the work of a Deaconess: ministering the charity of Jesus Christ. Assignments can be a challenge as they peruse
Scripture, pastoral formation, and catechetical praxis, in an environment that is mutually enriching and grounded in prayer. The great maxim: ‘Prayer and Work’ encapsulates the ministry focus for those in the program. To learn more about this ministry in the Diocese of the Northeast, please contact Fr. Christian, or see the information which will be provided at the Synod.

Youth is the future of the Church. While we must always honor the wisdom and sacrifice of our forebears in the Faith, it is incumbent for us to hand on this love of Christ to the new generations. All Saints hosted a musical Summer Camp entitled ‘Technicolor Promise’ which was organized by Jane Cormier, our Arts Ministry Director. Taking to heart that a parish must grow from the area that it is planted, it was decided to focus on local cultivation. For a week at the parish, children came to learn the scripture about Noah’s Ark in song. Luncheon and snacks were provided, and the camp was FREE. The culmination was a performance on Friday evening in which under the able direction of Ms. Cormier, the children sang and performed their musical before a delighted crowd of family and parish, as well as answered questions on the importance of ‘what’ they learned about God that week. Fr. Christian led scripture discussion for the children, and introduced the performance, parishioners helped with food and other tasks making the Camp a success and one worth repeating.

In his ministry with New Hampshire Right to Life, Fr. Christian, again ran the table at Soulfest in Gunstock, NH the first few days of August. With good volunteers the Gospel of Life was proclaimed to the attendees of the festival, and many people learned of the value of being pro-life. On October 3, the Annual fundraising banquet for NHRTL will be held in Manchester, NH. Any who would like to attend, please see the information on www.nhrtl.org this is a wonderful event to support the work that Fr. Christian and all the volunteers do to protect Christ in the vulnerable!

Another blessing for a parish is always the incorporation of a new soul through Holy Baptism. On August 25, Oliver Drew Perkins, was baptized into Christ’s Holy Catholic Church. This little one—four months old—did his duty of evangelization by bringing a multitude of his family and well-wishers to witness his spiritual regeneration. Such events open the door for God’s grace to work on those who maybe seeking for a place or renewed relationship with Christ.

Seeing the success of the Summer Camp, Jane Cormier, has decided to start a Youth Chorus from All Saints. With auditions, the number of children, at this writing, in the chorus are 10. In September, the chorus will begin training and classes to develop their talents. They will begin performing at Services, and in December be allowed to travel with the well known ‘Dicken’s Carolers’ from All Saints who perform at varied venues traditional Christmas carols for hospitals, towns and businesses.

Upcoming events for All Saints will be the annual welcome back luncheon to be held on September 14, at White Rock community center in Bow, NH. Parishioners come with food and share an extended time renewing friendships and enjoying community. Also, the great patronal feast of All Saints is on Friday, November 1, beginning with the Solemn Mass at 6:00 PM. All members of the Diocese are invited to attend this celebration of Mass and High Tea. Please see the website for All Saints for more information: www.allsaintsnh.com

Halfmoon, New York
St. Thomas of Canterbury

St. Thomas of Canterbury’s website, thomasanglican.org, is worth more than a good look. How about a good listen? On it you can listen to Father John’s sermons and may save your soul by doing so. We are easy to find. Look for our new sign. When by our way please worship with us. Plenty of good seats (and kneelers).

-------David Bullard
Brunswick, Maine

Fr. Andrew Faust is beginning a start-up mission that so far has had occasional services with several interested folks attending and some pub theology type discussion groups. In a conversation with him I thought it sounded promising.

incredible! The fireworks celebrating our nation’s birthday were spectacular and the longest I have seen!

August began with St. Luke’s camp under the direction of Fr. Matt. We were blessed to have Fr. Matt’s sons, Francis and Mattias, as counselors along with our own Julie Heard, Sarah Harrington and Joyce McCluskey. They were all very much needed with a large group of children – 20 in all! The children had morning and evening prayer along with the Holy Eucharist daily. There was time for rest and relaxation along with teachings and of course lots of good food!

August also saw our first annual Reboot Alumni Picnic, hosted by one of our former Reboot graduates and his wife.

The last couple of weeks of August will be fairly quiet as everyone gets back into the rhythm of school and work after enjoying a beautiful summer. Fall promises to be very busy! Stay tuned!

Rochester, NH

Trinity Anglican Church

In May Trinity began a six week program led by Fr. Matt for those suffering from depression, PTSD, addictions and anxiety. The Deep Recovery program was created by Fr. Matt and heals the roots of trauma behind maladaptive behaviors through the integration of Christian spirituality, neuroplasticity and recovery models. It was also most helpful for those who do not suffer from these things themselves, but want to come alongside those who do.

Trinity’s church family and guests enjoyed a wonderful church picnic in June complete with delicious food, games, music and most importantly a time of fellowship with one another. It is an annual event we all look forward to!

Our March rotation of Reboot finished with a lovely graduation celebration for the veterans. Each one shared their journey toward healing leaving those in attendance shedding many tears as we listened to their stories and being ever so grateful to God for His healing of their souls. Butch Lewis did not disappoint preparing a veritable feast of prime rib with all the fixings to honor our Reboot graduates and their families!

June also gave us an opportunity to serve at the Rochester Community Kitchen providing those in need not only a hearty meal prepared by Leslie Richardson and Ed Jerlinski, but clothing, toiletries and household items as well donated by Trinity’s parishioners.

We try to have church outings periodically as a way of strengthening our bonds of fellowship with one another and in July we attended a July 4th summer concert in Center Harbor, New Hampshire by the Center Harbor town band. The summer concert series is conducted by our own Carlos Martinez who is incredible celebrating our nation’s birthday were spectacular and the longest I have seen!

Jean M. Davis, age 78, died on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019. She was born in Allentown, Penn. to Helen and Edward Reckus and was one of four children. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Fr. James Davis, her parents, and her brother, Edward. She is survived by her two children, Michael and Michelle, two of her siblings, Patricia and William, and her two grandchildren.

Jean appreciated and pleasantly remembered her time working at Huntington Commons caring for others. Later in life, helping others as an Avon representative brought her great joy. Jean will be fondly remembered by her church, her community, family and friends.

Scarborough, Maine

St. Augustine of Canterbury

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

In our last chat with you, St. Augustine’s was just coming out of our winter interlude and looking forward to our year of activities. Our activities began with a lily sale on the day before Palm Sunday.
We sold a variety of Easter plants on the front lawn of the church and since we are right on Route 1, everyone can see us. This sale was followed by a two week sale in May and June. Our fall mum sale will be next month. We’re finding that these plant sales work very well for us. People are beginning to expect them and to plan for them.

Last Christmas we hosted the Scarborough High School chorus in a “Holiday” Concert (the school district wouldn’t let us call it a Christmas Concert!). This was an event that was free of charge and open to the public. About 45 people attended. It was a wonderful event and was very well received by everyone and then and there, we planned with the choir director to make this an annual event.

We had hoped to have a group come to the church in the spring to offer a program but were unable to coordinate anything. Then, out of the blue (aka the Holy Spirit) the music director called and asked if we would like to host a spring concert of the High School choir and the choir from the University of Southern Maine. Of course, we jumped at the chance. Again, we offered a concert free of charge and open to the public and, again, it was a terrific program. We are hopeful that we can plan on a Lenten program in the spring of 2020 – in addition to the Christmas program this coming December.

Music seems to be a ministry that St. Augustine’s is being called to. While it is a very slow process, we are developing a small community of people who gather to share a spiritually oriented event. There’s no preaching and there is no service, but it is our hope that people will begin to become comfortable coming into the church to share and that may grow into something Sunday-oriented. Maine is said to be the least churched state in the country, and we meet with a lot of skepticism. But, as Paul said, “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some” (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). One never knows when seeds are planted and, who knows. If someone in the group ever needs the church, perhaps they will turn to us. This approach is definitely unconventional but that’s not necessarily a bad thing. Time will tell.

On a more conventional note (no pun intended) St. Augustine’s has just completed this year’s Backpack for Homeless Children project. We again stuffed seventy-two backpacks with school supplies and delivered them to three southern Maine school districts. The project provides backpacks to 100% of the homeless children in those districts. The project is supported completely through the donations of cans and bottles, so five cents at a time, we meet this need which would not otherwise be met.

We were fortunate this summer to accept the proceeds of a family yard sale. Our parish is small, and we are unable to collect enough donation to have a yard sale of our own – but a family that we consider “friends of the parish” made this unique offer and we were pleased to accept. We helped to price the items and we did the advertising, but overall, this was an easy project to be involved in.

So, in September we are looking forward to our annual mum sale and an additional music program. September 21 is the International Day of Peace and to mark the day, we have invited a choir of young girls from Portland. Most of the girls are refugees from war-torn countries from around the world. Again, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are going to be able to provide a day of peace and unity born out of war and chaos. Is this not what we are really all about?

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

---------- Valerie Kazarian

Webster, N.Y.
Holy Cross

Ordination of the Rev. Mr. David Coir to the sacred order of Deacons at Holy Cross on June 29.

organist Ms. Elaina McKie, Very Rev Ed Ihde, Dcn David Coir, Most Rev Brian Marsh and Rev Thomas Stone

Breaking News:
St. David’s, Poultney

Deacon Jim Hogan of St. David’s has developed a close working relationship with Frank Sears, Elder of Administration and de facto leader of the Welsh Presbyterian Church in Poultney.

On Sunday, September 1, Dcn. Hogan led a joint Communion service at the Presbyterian church. 20 attended, 7 from St. David’s, 10 from the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and 3 from the Poultney Area St. David’s Society (a Welsh culture and language group, representing the many people of Welsh descent in the area).
Deacon Hogan writes: “Yesterday St. David’s Anglican Church became St. David’s Traveling Anglican Church. In actuality we sank into union with the larger Body of Christ on earth, combining our voices of praise with those of fellow believers of another Christian congregation in our town.

“Our entire and unedited Service of Holy Communion - Anglican prayer books, liturgy and all - went down the block to the Welsh Presbyterian Church for an uplifting joint service of worship recognizing and celebrating our unity in Jesus Christ. Select prayers “For the Church” and “For the Unity of God's People” (BCP, pp. 37-38) were made during the service, the second prayer by all in unison. "Anglican" and "Presbyterian" melted into one Christian congregation of worship, and connected with the ancient undivided Church and the praise of myriads of angels in heaven.”

The host church commented, “The Sanctuary of The Welsh Presbyterian Church was truly blessed this Sunday during the 1st Joint Worship between the congregations of St David’s Anglican Church and The Welsh Presbyterian Church. Witnessing the two congregations under one roof was truly a spiritual event,”

That’s what Bishop Marsh, and just about everyone else said about this year’s camp. Not only did we have the most children we had in years, twenty in fact, but we also had the most and best counselors as well. It was fantastic.

The weeks leading up to St. Luke’s Camp always become hectic as prospective campers come on board or complete their forms. This year, as it was last year, all the applications and forms were provided online through Beaver Cross Camp, administrated by the Episcopal Diocese of Albany. This streamlines the application process and makes it easier for Beaver Cross to be in compliance with New York State statutes. But it also creates opportunities for people to come to St. Luke’s Camp that may never had had the opportunity. For example, this year one Manhattan family found St. Luke’s by doing an online search for “Anglican Camps” and found us. They filled out the forms and sent their daughter, Mel, to camp. This might not have been possible in the past. And Mel was a wonderful addition to our campers.

Speaking of additional campers, this year we welcomed several Sudanese children, seven girls and one boy, to St. Luke’s camp. They have come to us because their church meets at Old St. Paul’s in Portland and their pastor is interested in being received into the ACA. What a treasure! These children were some of the best behaved children ever. They loved receiving Holy Communion and doing morning and evening prayer, something that had not been very familiar with.

The camping experience was facilitated by a great team of counselors this year, several from
Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester, NH. Sarah Harrington, a teacher who attends Trinity, did a wonderful job leading the rehearsals for the play written by Bp. Marsh, which he writes each year. This year the play, in keeping with our theme was called “A drive through the Forest of Truth”. Julie Heard, Trinity’s Organist, also helped by providing musical accompaniment both for the play and for our worship services. Joyce McCluskey, also from Trinity helped keep all the kids in line and directed the production of the costumes and props. Ed Petit, from St. Paul’s Portland helped provide oversight and fatherly care. Fr. Mirabile’s sons, Matthias and Francis shared on manhood with the boys. And this year we had Casey Grow, a young man from Canandaguia, helping as well.

Each morning the day started with Morning Prayer, said at the cabin. This was followed by breakfast and then a service of Holy Communion with a short homily. That was followed by a half hour teaching session with PowerPoint presentations on the theme “Know the Truth”. Each presentation was designed to introduce essential biblical truths which are often challenged as children grow older.

The presentations were age appropriate and each section was followed up with “Big Kid Facts”. The sessions were titled “In the Beginning”, “In the Garden”, “In the Family”, “In the Womb”, and “In the Church”, with afternoon and evening sessions covering “In the World”. These covered topics like Creation, Made in God’s Image, Created Male and Female, the sanctity of life in the womb, etc… The children had a lot to think about and were able to ask questions. Sarah and Julie did break-out sessions in the afternoon and evening on girls’ issues while Matthias, Francis and Fr. Mirabile did the same for the boys. Our teaching goal was to pre-empt the challenges to a Christian world-view that the children will experience as the progress through school.

Of course no camp is complete without drama, and this year it came as a thunderstorm passed over the camp and a lightning bolt hit just outside one of the cabins. This sent an electric charge along the plumbing pipes running underground, which was transmitted to the bathroom where two of our girls, Junisia and Aya, as they were washing up. They received a jolt but were found to be unharmed after having been taken to immediate medical care for an examination. The bolt also struck only feet away from Joyce while she was in her car. Needless to say, this became a major event and topic of discussion the rest of the evening and on Friday.

The performance of Bp. Marsh’s play came off without a hitch, and Bp. Marsh remarked about how well prepared the children were, how they all knew their lines and how the poppers were done. He felt that it was one of the best camp performances he had seen!

One of the goals of camp is to provide plenty of opportunities for fun, and in this we succeeded. The kids did archery, swam in the lake, and played “Beaver Bubble”. Beaver Bubble is done with large inflatable balls that have a cavity inside for a person. The balls are clear and you can run and bump into one another surrounded by a giant bubble. This was one of the highlights of the week and everyone had a great time. Even Fr. Mirabile got into one of the bubbles. This opportunity couldn’t be passed up by his son, Francis, who ran into his dad from the back and sent him headlong, rolling across the grass. I’m sure Francis enjoyed that more than his father did!

Camp was such a success this year that one wonders what can be done to top it next year. With twenty children, all of whom want to come back, we hope to have even more next year. More kids, more fun, more of God in our lives. But success is measured in more than fun, it is measured in the impact the content of the camp has had on the Faith of each child. Mel, one of our surprise campers said, “I’ve been to a “church camp” before. But this was a “Christian, Christian, Christian! Camp!” And she can’t wait until next year to return. Other children remarked about how much they appreciated receiving Holy Communion each day and how helpful the content was. When Christ is the center of the camp, and children can love the experience they leave with a positive appreciation of the Church and of the Christian Faith. Our prayer is that we can excel at this more and more and raise up children who have a steadfast faith in a God who loves them and has equipped them to live out that love in the world. In fact, This was the new camp motto introduced this year, “To love the God who loves me and to live this love in the world!”

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

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**Camden:** Resurrection Mission (at members’ homes.) Dcn. Leroy Weed & Kevin Kelly
lay contact David Bardon (207)336-2421.

**Deblois:** St. Francis
Fr. James Dumond 1069 Rt 193 (207)638-2441

**Ellsworth:** St. Thomas - Sun 10am
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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

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Sun 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)
(207)828-2012.
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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
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**Massachusetts**

**Belchertown:** occasional services
at the bishop’s oratory (21 Sherwood Drive)
contact Bishop Marsh 413-323-6445

**Leominster:** St. Andrew
4th Sunday 3pm, 62 Maple Avenue, Leominster.
Father Ronald Hansen (978-340-0908)

**New Hampshire**

**Amherst:** St. Luke - Sun 8.30 & 10am
(3 Limbo Lane) (603)672-6054.
Bp. Alexander H. Webb

**Charlestown:** Good Shepherd - Sun 10am
(20 Summer St.)
Bishop Brian Marsh. 413-323-6445
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**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,
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**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)
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**Webster:** Holy Cross - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road). (585) 671-0411
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**West Seneca NY:** St. Nicholas. Sun 9.30am
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Fr. Eugene Bagen

**West Winfield:** St. Lucy Mr. Greg Conklin, 145
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5314. Fr. Richard Dibble

**Vermont**

**Poultney:** St. David: Sun 10am. (150 Main Street)
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)

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our mission in Indonesia,
and its people
in your prayers
and in your giving.
Clergy Anniversaries

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

Sep
08 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, P 2001
10 - Fr Rich Dibble, D 2000
20 - Bp. Owen Williams, birthday
24 – Fr, Mark Black, birthday 1969

Oct
05 - Bp George Langberg, birthday
10 – Fr. Ronald Hansen D 2015
12 - Dcn Harry Wellman Birthday
16 – Fr. Frank Bartlett, birthday
17 - Fr. James Dumond, birthday
17 – Fr. Ed Ihde. P 2012
19 – Bp. Hendy Webb birthday 1951
25 - Fr Rich Dibble, birthday
26 – Dcn Jun Hogan D 2018
28 - Fr. Neville Braithwaite P 1979

Nov
05 – Fr. Frank Grey, birthday
07 - Bp Brian Marsh, birthday
23 – Fr. David Moody, birthday 1937

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

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

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