



The Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Reverend Kathleen Cullen, Priest in Charge

July ~ 2015

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Reserved for Rev. Kathleen's return

Please continue to keep both Rev. Kathleen and Mary in your prayers during recovery & rehab

PARISH NEWS

It will be very nice to have The Rev. John McCausland with us for most of the summer. Many of you will recall when he and his wife, Anne attended St. Andrew's a few years back. And then God called them to ministries at another St. Andrew's Church, the one in Hopkinton. It is interesting to see someone we knew personally in another light and we are enjoying having him celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us.

Although there will be a few Sunday mornings when he will not be available, the Diocese made advance arrangements for other supply clergy to cover those days for us. Gratefully, the Diocese has been there to help us through the time of Rev. Kathleen's medical leave. Between Bishop +Rob, Canon Hannah and Canon Nichols as well as Gloria Gallant, we have a great deal of support. They are responsive to every need... Many thanks for their continued loving care. Note the article below, when Rev K. was not available to present the scholarship at West High....



West High Scholarship Award Ceremony was held Thursday, June 4th. The winner is, Binita Gajmer, pictured here with Bishop +Rob and St. Andrew's parishioner and vestry member, Lynda Bennett, who coincidentally is a graduate of West High.

Binita is enrolled in Plymouth State, and will continue her education in nursing, with a minor in chemistry.

Congratulations to Binita and all the students who are so worthy of these awards. We wish them all success in pursuing their careers.

Many thanks to the Bishop, who took time to make the presentation. (Photo

supplied by his executive assistant, Tina Pickering. Thank you.)

An excerpt from a Thank You Note to the Parish

(See the full note & thank you card on the table inside the church)

I think of you and pray that you are well and enjoying this long awaited summer. Enjoy the variety of opportunities that come your way and never forget - God calls you by name and you are loved!

Blessings,

Rev. Kathleen

The Food Pantry & Yard Work

For JULY, the pantry requests that we bring **Canned Fruit** for the food collection. Jack normally makes a trip to the NH Food Bank on the Monday before Food Pantry and would appreciate any help you can give with that. If you are available around 10 o'clock, please speak with him and if you own a truck or van, that would be a great benefit.

Jack & Sandy along with Joan and Debra have done some tremendous yard work already. Please look around the yard, both front and back to behold their endeavors. Thanks to their hard work, St. Andrew's will look like a place that people love and where we are proud to belong.

Thank you to all those who contribute so much to our both Outreach and Inreach efforts.

MILESTONES:

Graduations:

Christopher LaSalle, grandson of Fran LaSalle, graduated from Memorial High School Saturday, June 13. He was in the top ten in a class of over 400 students, a member of the Honor Society, received the Presidential Education Award for Scholarship Excellence as well as several other awards including Young Artist award for his work in creating ceramics. He was also the recipient of several scholarships. Chris will continue his education at UNH in Durham to study Engineering

Kylianne Rose Shannon, graduated from KinderCare on June 18th. Kylianne is the daughter of Michael & Jennifer (Langer) Shannon. Grandparents are Deb & Jim Langer.

Future aspirations: When her teacher asked Kylianne what she wanted to be when she grows up, Kylianne said she wanted to be a vet so she can take care of all the sick puppies and make them feel better 😊

Newborn: Dennis & Mariette Roux welcomed a new member to the family. Mariette's son, Michael and his wife, Sarah brought *Marin Simone* into this world on June 4. 'Little' Marin weighed in at 10 pounds 10 ounces!!! Congrats all around and best wishes for a healthy and bright future for them all.

Retirement:

Welcome *Sandy Fowles* to the world of retirement. Sandy finally took the leap and decided it was time to hang up the phone (literally!) and let someone else coordinate the movers. However, between volunteering at food pantry and with yard work, I understand she helps Jack with his 'shows'. Never one to sit back with work to be done, Sandy has been a great support with Hospitality at coffee hour.

Congratulations to all on their successes, joyful events and future happiness.

Eucharist Minister and Reader Schedule

DATE	CRUCIFER	1 ST READER	2 ND READER	LEM
JULY 5	Kim Chabot	RP Hale	Jack Fowles	Mariette Roux
JULY 12	Phil Petts	Nancy Harding	Phil Petts	Mariette Roux
JULY 19	Kim Chabot	Nancy Harding	Phil Petts	Mariette Roux
JULY 28	Lynda Bennett	Melissa G.	Nancy Harding	Fran LaSalle

First Readers say the First Lesson and the Psalm.
 Second Readers say the Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People
 and the Military List Prayer list



The Right Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, bishop of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire, ordained five to the Sacred Order of Deacons on June 6.

From left are the Rev. Deacons T.J. Ballew, Winnie Skeates, William Cruse, the Right Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, Reed Loy, Tim Brooks, and the Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson.

The ceremony took place at St. Paul's Church in Concord.

"Being able to ordain these five so eager to build communities of prayer, love, and service to a world in need gives me such hope for the future of God's mission in the church," Hirschfeld said. (This article appeared in *The Union Leader* website. The paper dated Thursday, June 25. The item is on the bulletin board in church.)

PARISH PHOTO

Copies of the parish photo are available inside the church. Not only did RP take the photo, he contributed the copies having them done by a professional printer.

We extend out thanks to all who made that day so special, and especially to RP for his generosity.

Honors for the month of JULY

Birthstone: Ruby

Flower:

Larkspur

BIRTHDAYS

04	Brian Sullivan	05	Gage Crotty
08	Bob Baxter	16	Emily Spring
21	Bev Brown	28	Edna Swank

ANNIVERSARIES

02	Ken & Kim Carlton	28	Sirena & Justin Crotty
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REMEMBERANCES

Ann O'Brien by the Langer Family
Myrtle Jacobson and George Schorling by Jack Schorling
John F. LaSalle by Fran LaSalle

Please remember if you make an announcement in church to do so at the lectern so everyone will hear what you have to say. Thank you.

Ministry opportunities:

Have you ever considered volunteering for one of the many opportunities available at St. Andrew's? We invite you to assist in the *Thrift Shop* Saturday mornings Aug – June from 9am to noon or any part of that time or any Saturday. Mariette will be happy to speak with you or just stop in one Saturday morning.

There will always be room for someone to assist the *Altar Guild*, either on Saturday for set up or Sunday after church for clean up. Speak with Lisa Spring if interested in either or both.

The *Hospitality* coffee host list is in need of fulfilling for Sunday mornings...a little set up and clean up, and a few goodies will be great. See Mariette for details.

Pastoral Visitor simply put, is a chance to visit with folks who are no longer able to attend church. Just a friendly stop by someone in the church means so much to these folks who feel isolated from a place they miss. Please see Fran for more info.

Food Panty volunteers are always needed: each Monday prior to food pantry is the day Jack makes a trip to the NH Food Bank and would appreciate help with this task. Tuesday morning they begin filling the tables for clients around 7:30 and finish cleaning up around 10am. Any time during those hours would make a huge difference. *Yard work* also takes place the day of food pantry, beginning around 9:30 after the first rush of folks, and keeping the grounds tidy and trimmed is a nice reflection on the church. It shows someone cares. See Jack or Joan for details

Acolyte, Eucharistic Ministry, Readers for Sunday services are always welcome...please speak to either Fran or Mariette.

Join our upbeat church as we move forward in this 21st century and make a habit of lending a hand to those in need....you have more to offer than you think!

Vestry Minutes Highlights
April 6, 2015

Present: Rev. Kathleen Cullen, Fran LaSalle, Lynda Bennett, Phil Petts, Jack Fowles, Mariette Roux
Also attending: Barbara Hickok, who is temporarily assisting to fill treasurer duties.

Absent: Brian Sullivan

Rev. Kathleen opened the meeting in prayer.

The March vestry meeting minutes were approved on motion made by Fran and seconded by Lynda. All were in approval.

Treasurer's Report

- Fran presented the treasurer's report, distributing profit and loss statements for vestry review. Net income for the month of March was \$658.49. Although we were billed and paid for shoveling, we have not received the bill for snow plowing. Pledge income was on target. The thrift shop brought in \$700 for the month. Lynda made motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mariette seconded the motion, and it was so moved.

Junior Warden's Report

- Fran thanked Jack for his help with maintenance and repair issues and for keeping our property together through the winter.
- Wilkin's Electric has notified us via letter that their recent water heater installation at Conant Street should be followed up with a city inspection. Jack will follow up.
- Phil agreed to check AA sign-off sheets (these are located in the kitchen).

Priest's Report

- Rev. Kathleen read a letter from Gloria Gallant, Diocesan Finance Manager, formally notifying St. Andrew's that our request for Fair Share Adjustment was approved and forgiveness was granted in the amount of \$4,310 for the period beginning April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016. We should acknowledge with a thank you card.
- Per Mission Resource Committee recommendations, we need to be open to partnering with other churches to maintain and move forward with ministry.
- Barbara will research grant opportunities suggested by the Mission Resource Committee.
- Jack and Barbara agreed to attend a Sunday service at St. Peter's Londonderry to speak about our partnered food pantry ministry. Barbara will contact St. Peter's for possible dates.

Parish Life/In-reach

- Parish Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 2nd, 8 – 12. Donations of gently-used items are being accepted from parish members. Donations can be brought to the parish hall on Sundays prior to the date or to the thrift shop on Saturday mornings. Tables can be rented for \$15 donation to the church. Advertising will be done. Direct any questions to Mariette, who is also looking for help to set up tables (early morning, 7am) and/or take down tables at noontime. All offers of help gladly accepted.
- Office supplies have been picked up by Mariette, Jack, Rev. K and Mary. Mariette has the Staples charge card.

Worship and Prayer

- The Bishop's vestry visit is rescheduled for May 4th at 6pm.
- Rev. Kathleen thanked everyone who assisted with Holy Week activities.
- Organist – RP away on April 26. Summer organist schedule needs to be determined.
- Dick Brown is working with Mary to record Sunday services.

Outreach/Neighborhood

- AA Representative meeting has been rescheduled to April 22nd at 6:30pm.

Diocese

- Registrations are being accepted for the lay leadership conference on May 9th. So far, Fran and Mariette have registered from St. Andrew's. There is no fee, and registrations can be completed on the Diocesan website. The conference will be held at Rundlett School in Concord.

Capital, Buildings and Property

- Thank you to Brian for purchasing and assisting Jack in mounting the message board in the parish hall.

Fran reviewed the calendar for April and May.

New Business

- Fran will provide Sunday counters with office keys.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariette Roux, Clerk of Vestry

Vestry Members (three year terms)

Fran LaSalle, Jr. Warden: 2017 Mariette Roux, Clerk of the Vestry: 2016
Lynda Bennett: 2017 Jack Fowles: 2018
Phil Petts: 2016 Brian Sullivan: 2017
Both Senior Warden & Treasurer positions remain open

Delegates to the Southern Convocation (two year terms)

Monica Lajoie – Jackie Schorling – Sue Critz

MUSIC at St. Andrew's

Choir Director & Organist

John Spring & RP Hale

We thank both men and the members of the Choir for their dedication and contribution of time and talents lending us their beautiful music, which adds greatly to our worship service. Since the 28th of June was the choir's last day for the summer, a cake and little celebration took place during the coffee hour.

The cake had the music scale and notes plus the edge around the cake looked like piano keys.



CMC Parish Nurse Program at the Parish of Transfiguration
107 Alsace St, Manchester, NH ~ 603-663-8004 for questions or to Register

Chair Exercise Classes:

Tuesday's at Bedford Presbyterian, 10AM

Tuesday's at St. Elizabeth Seton 9-10AM

Thursday at St. Anthony 9:30AM

Thursday's at Transfiguration, 9:30AM

Knitting Group: Tuesday's at Transfiguration, 1:00-3:00 PM

Massage: call 603-663-8004 to register

Chair Massage,

2/12 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

2/25 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Parish of Transfiguration, 2/4 @ 10:30AM

2nd Tuesday at St. Joseph Cathedral Rectory, 1-2 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church - Goffstown

1st Monday @ St. Elizabeth Seaton, 6-7:30PM

1st Friday @ St. Pius X, 9AM

Senior Group: St. Joseph Cathedral, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM

SHINE (Supportive Services for Older Adults)

St. Matthew's in Goffstown NH on Wednesday's 10:30-11:45AM

T'ai Chi for Health: Parish of Transfiguration, Tues. 6-7 PM

Contact 603- 289-0927 or nhtaichi@comcast.net to register

Walking Groups:

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30 AM

Wednesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30-10AM

Yoga: Sundays 3PM Bedford Presbyterian – Free will offering

From Conant Street:

July is right around the corner. The thrift shop is getting ready for much needed time off. Please save all donations for the August re-opening.

In other news; use sunscreen; drink plenty of water and never ever leave pets or children in a car.

Closing thoughts

"One cannot be what one is not". Just like the tiger that cannot change his stripes - each of us is who God intended us to be. Changing who we are may upset all the plans He laid for us. This is not say we cannot be open to small changes to help make us more pleasant to live with, yet each person is who they are by God's design.

What we can do is to explore who we are, then follow where that takes us. Each of us has been born for a special purpose even though many do not realize what that purpose is, or could be. I recall a friend who before it became more accepted, confided in me that their daughter was expecting a baby, but was not yet married. It was evident they were upset over the situation. However, God does not bring a child into world without a good reason. Saying that did help the friend to feel

differently about the situation. As it turned out through the course of the pregnancy, the doctors discovered that her daughter had a serious condition that if treated early she would live a full life. If left undiagnosed, it would have been fatal. In essence, that child saved her mother's life and maybe that was her purpose.

Do you believe you have met your purpose? We could all question this at some point in our lives. Do not overlook the little things which are often more important than achieving great success. One good deed that impacts another person's life may be your purpose. Perhaps you continue through life always performing 'Random Acts of Kindness' without realizing you may have affected anyone.

It may be our desire to reach the greatest goal of recognition, but that is not the reason for which God put any of us on this earth. He simply wants us *to be* and *do* the best we can every day and not worry about the next. Greatness to God, is not worldly, it is spiritual.

Embrace who you are, for you have no way of knowing what a Gift you are to others....
May you find peace in this day and every day hereafter!Fran

The Thrift Shop will be closed for the month of JULY

We pray for the volunteers who spend countless hours sorting donations, assisting clients and keeping our Thrift Shop tidy and functioning at full speed. We thank them for their dedication to such a worthwhile cause.

Notes of Interest:

School is out for the summer. Remember to keep a watchful eye for children playing, any balls bouncing in the street as well as little bike riders.

July 1st New Hampshire's law "Hands-Free" for driving takes effect. Please to do not text or make calls while driving.

For those who depart for places unknown during the summer...enjoy - be safe and we'll look forward to seeing you all back in September. We'll be here!!!

But God has shown us how much he loves us - it was while we were still sinners, that Christ died for us

- Romans 5:8