

# The Thomist

*...without a doubt*

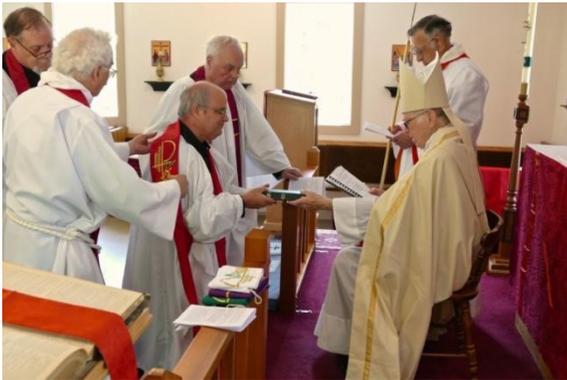
## St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church

*Established December 12, 1992—in Sargentville, Maine.*

373 Bangor Road, P.O. Box 365, Ellsworth, ME 04605-0365

Trinitytide ~Fall 2015

### **Ordination of Kevin Kelly to the Diaconate**



Mr. Kevin Kelly was ordained Saturday, May 30th, a Deacon of the Diocese of the Northeast, Anglican Church in America, here at St. Thomas. Suffragan Bishop James Hiles of Brockton's St. Paul's Parish performed the ordination.



Find us on Facebook at:

**St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church**

Please be sure to:



**Like us on  
Facebook**

Visit us on the web at: <http://stthomasellsworth.org>

### **Synod in October**

The annual Diocese of the Northeast Synod will be Oct. 1-3. at St Joseph Anglican Church, Brooklyn, NY. The purpose of the Synod is to do the business of the diocese, and we also enjoy going for the fellowship with the clergy and laity from other churches. Fr. Gray, Ada Gray, Deacon Kevin Kelly, and Fr. Ed and Linda Kalish will be attending.



### **Church Picnic by the River**



St. Thomas held its church picnic on Sunday, August 30, down by the Union River. As you can see, the weather, food, and company was ideal, and Fr. Ed provided the music.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Our annual parish meeting was held after church on August 30, with the promise of the church picnic to follow. David Simmons, Senior Warden, conducted the meeting. There were twenty-one persons in attendance.

Shirley Landmesser was elected to the Vestry and voted to be the Vestry Secretary as well. Two Vestry members, Jim Geary and Pat Taniashvili, have resigned; Kevin Kelly and Fr. Gray were elected to fill the vacancies. Treasurer Ed Hart gave the Financial Report, which showed that St. Thomas is stable but not growing. The Financial Report was accepted. Other matters discussed were the larger new sign to be placed in front of the church, and advertising in general.

The revised by-laws were accepted after some discussion. Pao-Sheng Hsu, Junior Warden, presented the results of the self-study done over the past year as part of our search process for a new priest. All respondents wanted to see St. Thomas grow and do outreach to younger families.

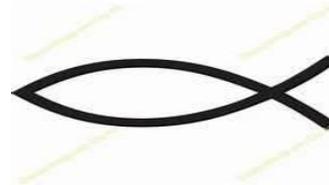
Delegates to the upcoming Synod were nominated and the meeting was adjourned.



## Clericus

This past Clericus took place in Alfred, Maine, June 18 and 19, at the Notre Dame Spiritual Life Center. In attendance from St. Thomas: Fr. and Mrs. Kalish; Deacon. Kelly; Fr. and Mrs. Frank Gray. Suffragan Bishop Hiles presided over the gathering in Bishop Marsh's absence. There was much opportunity for fellowship and friendship. A guest lecturer, Rev. Jim Long, spoke on "The Trinity in the Gospel of Matthew".

See <http://www.acanedio.org/index.shtml> for more details.



## Message from Fr. Kalish

### Live It Out!

In the Epistle of Trinity XV, St. Paul wrote: *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world* (Galatians 6:14). Crucifixion means execution. Both *the world* and *I* have been sentenced to death, and the sentence was carried out upon Mt. Calvary, two thousand years ago. Judgment has been passed upon the world, for *the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life* (1 John 2:16) with which it is filled, but also upon me, because *all have sinned* (Romans 3:23), and *the wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23). The world and I are dead. Bad news for the world; good news for me! The power of the world over me —its intimidation, its seduction— has been broken. And as one who has *died with Christ* (Romans 6:8), I am no longer of any use to the world. This is the new status quo of the believer. Now all I need to do is to live it out.



## Quilt Raffle Drawing and Winner

The drawing for the quilt raffle was held on September 13, and the winner was Ellen Simmons. This patriotic quilt "Non Sibi Sed Patriae" (Not for themselves, but for country), made by Pat Taniashvili, is stitched in a patchwork of red, white, and blue. Ellen intends to donate it to a veteran or the family of a veteran.



St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church  
P.O. Box 365  
Ellsworth, ME 04605-0365