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**HOLY EUCHARIST WITH  
ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORTS  
FOR THE YEAR 2013**

*Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit,  
through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

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# I. OPENING WORSHIP

## THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

### 9 AM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014

### HOLY EUCHARIST WITH ANNUAL MEETING

#### OPENING HYMN

Angels, from the realms of glory

*Regent Square*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*  
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Grace and peace to you from God.

*God fill you with truth and joy.*

Almighty God,

*to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Hear the teaching of Christ:

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul

and with all your mind

and with all your strength.

This is the first commandment.

And a second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

*Spirit of God, search our hearts.*

**SONG OF PRAISE****Songs of thankfulness and praise***Salzburg*

Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins.

***Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.***

Through the cross of Christ. God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. ***Amen.***

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

***The word of Christ dwell in us richly.***

#### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Together, let us pray

***Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

#### **THE PROCLAMATION**

**From the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Malachi 3:1-4**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 24:7-10**

***Domini est terra***

***Antiphon:***

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?"

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle." *Antiphon*

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?"

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory." *Antiphon*

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN**

**How bright appears the morning star**

*Wie schön leuchtet*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam -  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -

ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,

and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

**GOSPEL****Luke 2:22-40**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS OF THE WARDENS AND THE RECTOR****THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father. God from God. Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

*(Please offer your intercessions/thanksgivings, either silently or aloud)*

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

***that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.***

Breathe fresh life into your people.

***Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.***

We pray for the world:

*(Please offer your intercessions/thanksgivings, either silently or aloud)*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

***That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

***Teach us to care creatively for its resources.***

We pray for the community:

*(Please offer your intercessions/thanksgivings, either silently or aloud)*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

***that all may act with integrity and courage.***

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

***May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.***

We pray for those in need:

*(Please offer your intercessions/thanksgivings, either silently or aloud)*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

***May they know the power of your healing love.***

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

***Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.***

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

*(Please offer your intercessions/thanksgivings, either silently or aloud)*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

***Father, into your hands we commend them.***

Give comfort to those who mourn.

***Bring them peace in their time of loss.***

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

***May their example inspire and encourage us.***

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

*(Please offer your intercessions/thanksgivings, either silently or aloud)*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

***Grant that we may walk in your presence:  
your love in our hearts,  
your truth in our minds,  
your strength in our wills;  
until, at the end of our journey,  
we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### THE OFFERTORY

Choir Anthem

Lead me Lord

Samuel Sabastian Wesley

#### *Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost***

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

***God's Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to offer thanks and praise.***

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this. all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ;  
*your death we show forth;*  
*your resurrection we proclaim;*  
*your coming we await;*  
***Amen! Come Lord Jesus.***

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

***Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. (Sung 3 fold) AMEN.***

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As Christ teaches us we pray

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.***

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

***We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.***

#### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

***We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

#### **THE INVITATION**

***This is the Lord's table, and all, without exception, are welcome to receive.  
 These are the gifts of God for the people of God.***

*Communion Hymn*

**Blest are the pure in heart**

*Franconia*

**TAIZE CHANT**

**Ubi Caritas**

*Taize*

*Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*

**PRAYER FOR OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

In the name of God and this Congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Holy Communion from the Lord's table.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**POT LUCK BRUNCH**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

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### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

#### Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting February 3, 2013

##### I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The 2012 Annual Meeting was incorporated into a joint 9 AM Eucharistic worship service held in the Parish Hall and included reports for the year 2012.

Annual reports from the Warden’s and Rector followed the Gospel.

Warden Gayle Ruscitti was inspired by reading the entire annual report and noted that our times of flux with more bad than good happening have subsided. From stability, we are in a good and happy place. With the large number of reports in our annual document and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church approaching, it is a good time to reflect, explore and move forward into our mission statement.

Warden Ann Marie Lockwood expressed identity with senatorial candidate Scott Brown’s recent and multiple campaigns as she hopes to enter her third term of service as Junior Warden. She noted how many parishes in our diocese are much worse off in many ways. She observed that one thing we could do to improve would be, as a parish, to give thoughtful consideration to accepting leadership roles. There is a need to rotate leadership to maintain the health of Trinity. A welcome was expressed to former parishioner, Vanna Harrison, who visited Trinity today from Florida as she was celebrating the birth of a grandchild.

Father Mac reflected upon his 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of being ordained and his 7<sup>th</sup> year of service at Trinity. This was the first time in over 20 years that this parish had ever been able to provide a sabbatical for its priest. He noted the health of the parish with new families bringing all ages of children. He gives thanks for all our gifts: those who maintain the facilities as well as those who help with youth, Sunday services and all other aspects of parish life. The May Vestry meeting will be a night for Mutual Ministry Review. People in the neighborhood now know Trinity to be more than just a church building through its meals programs, contributions to the food pantry, Christmas Faire and other functions. He concluded by urging us to think about what ministry ‘you would like to plug into!’

At the conclusion of the worship service, a pot luck brunch was served as parishioners settled into the business portion of the Annual Meeting.

##### II. Approval of the Agenda

*A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the agenda for the 2013 Annual Meeting (reports from the year 2012) as presented. It passed unanimously.*

##### III. Approval of the Minutes from the January 29, 2012 Annual Meeting

*A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the minutes as presented. It passed unanimously.*

##### IV. Nominations and Elections- the following slate was presented:

**Senior Warden** .....Gayle Ruscitti was re-elected to the position of Senior Warden with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.

- Junior Warden** ..... Ann Marie Lockwood was re-elected to the position of Junior Warden with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Clerk of the Vestry** ..... Mille Williams was re-elected to the position of Clerk of the Vestry with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Treasurer** ..... Cheryl Eiding Taylor was re-elected to the position of Treasurer with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Asst. Treasurer** ..... Karen O'Neill was re-elected to the position of Asst. Treasurer with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Vestry (Class of 2015)** ..... Beth Moeller, Cheryl Martin and Linda Allen were elected to the position of Vestry Member with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Vestry (1 year)** ..... Ani Sharoogian was elected as a one year Vestry Member with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Youth Member (1 year)** ..... Ethan Moeller was elected to the position of Vestry Member with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Youth Member (1 year)** ..... Rebecca Cook was elected to the position of Vestry Member with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Steward of the Offering** ..... Penny Allen was re-elected to the position of Steward of the Offering with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Asst. Steward of the Offering** ..... Charlie Johnson was re-elected to the position of Asst. Steward of the Offering with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates**... Justin Varteresian (Vestry member), Mary Torian, Beth Washburn and Ethan Moeller (Youth Delegate) were elected as Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Alternate Delegates** ..... Gayle Ruscitti, Becca Cook (Youth Delegate), Steve Ketcham and John Ellis were elected as Alternate Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.

**V. Parish Committee Reports**

Parish Committee Reports were printed in the Annual Report.

*A motion was made to accept the committee reports. It was seconded and passed unanimously.*

**VI. Report of the Election**

All elections were unanimous. No paper ballots were required.

**VII. Report of the Treasurer-**

The Report of the Treasurer was also given by Fr. Mac.

In the coming year, a budget snapshot will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Trinity ended 2012 with pledge income deficit. We were also behind in total income. The church uses a cash accounting method. Through under-spending, the \$217,000 budget finished \$1000 ahead.

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the treasurer's report.*

A review was presented of the 2013 Budget. Some cuts from the previous year were continued and others were restored. Some staff positions had hours restored with no hourly rate pay increase. \$10000 in pledges has been made, but has not been received as of this meeting. Following discussion from the floor to answer parishioner questions,

*a motion was made and seconded to accept the 2013 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.*

Fund balances were also reviewed with a *motion to approve the balance sheet. This motion was seconded and approved.*

Also to encourage and make giving more convenient in the coming year, there will be a mission envelope of the month. Envelopes will be provided with the Sunday bulletin and the focus will be included in the newsletter.

**VIII. Report of the Wardens**

Both wardens offered thanks for the support received. Comments are noted above within the worship service.

**IX. Report of the Rector**

Father Mac's report was included in the worship service.

**X. Other Business, Blessing and Dismissal**

Touie Jackson mentioned the upcoming follow-up meeting for the December Christmas Faire.

Steve Ketcham mentioned the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with numerous activities to commemorate. There are many stories to be told! For example, Ellen Fettig told Mac about the dedication of the children's chapel and the cross given in memory of polio victim, Jean Mary Midgley, now in the Lane Chapel. Other stories surround the dedications of our church windows. It was also mentioned that the author of the book, "My Friend Flicka," was the daughter of a rector at Trinity.

The meeting was closed with prayer and the hymn, "O for a thousand tongues to sing."

*A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 11:20AM.*

Respectfully submitting,

Camille (Mille) Williams, *Clerk of the Vestry*



## IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – JANUARY 2014

#### THOSE COMPLETING VESTRY TERMS:

<i>Senior Warden:</i>	Gayle Ruscitti
<i>Junior Warden:</i>	Ann Marie Lockwood
<i>Clerk:</i>	Camille Williams
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Cheryl Eiding Taylor
<i>Assistant Treasurer:</i>	Karen O'Neill
<i>Vestry (Class of 2014):</i>	John Ellis, Fran Phaneuf, Justin Varteresian, Ani Sharoogian

#### THOSE COMPLETING OTHER ELECTED PARISH POSITIONS:

<i>Delegates to Deanery and Diocesan Convention:</i>	Beth Washburn, Mary Torian, Justin Varteresian and Ethan Moeller (Youth Delegate)
<i>Alternate Delegates:</i>	Gayle Ruscitti, Rebecca Cook, Steve Ketcham and John Ellis
<i>Steward of the Offering:</i>	Penny Allen
<i>Assistant Steward of the Offering:</i>	Charlie Johnson

#### CONTINUING VESTRY MEMBERS:

<i>One Year Remaining / Class of 2015:</i>	(Barbara Kalunian), (Dwight Kee), Terese Cook
<i>Two Years Remaining / Class of 2016:</i>	Linda Allen, Cheryl Martin, Beth Moeller

#### NOMINEES FOR ELECTED POSITIONS - 2013:

<i>Vestry:</i>	
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Justin Varteresian
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Dwight Kee
<i>Clerk</i>	<b>Open</b>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Cheryl Eiding Taylor
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Karen O'Neill
<i>Vestry (Class of 2017)</i>	<b>Open, Open, Open</b>
<i>Vestry (Class of 2015)</i>	Jim Phillips, <b>Open</b>
<i>Additional Member (1 year)</i>	<b>Open</b>
<i>Youth Member (1 year)</i>	<b>Open</b>
<i>Steward of the Offering:</i>	Penny Allen
<i>Assistant Steward of the Offering:</i>	Charlie Johnson
<i>Deanery/</i>	
<i>Diocesan Convention Delegates:</i>	Beth Washburn, Mary Torian, Justin Varteresian (vestry), <b>Open</b> – Youth Delegate (16-20 years old, 1 year term)
<i>(One must be a member of the vestry)</i>	
<i>Alternate Delegates:</i>	
Ann Marie Lockwood, John Ellis, Linda Allen (vestry), <b>Open</b>	
<i>(up to 4 with one being a youth member)</i>	

## V. PARISH COMMITTEE REPORTS

### EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Terese Cook, Vestry Liaison

#### Children's Christian Spiritual Formation

It seems the longer I stay involved with the Trinity Children's Christian Education program, the more online resources I find to customize a curriculum for our many inquiring minds. This year many of my lessons have been based on material I purchased from a site called TeachSundaySchool.com. I have lessened my repetition this year, trying to spend only 2 weeks on my topics. We have official registration of 43 boys and girls which is identical in census compared to last year. Our weekly average of participants is approximately 18.

This year we started with the "basics" of defining Christianity and exploring what it means to be a Christian. We then took a tour of the Bible, learning the basics of the setup; Old and New Testaments, divisions within each testament, books, chapters and verses. With each new story we learn, we are able to come back to this lesson now that we understand the mapping of the Bible. Since we went back to basics, we started at the beginning discussing the 7 days of Creation. We spent time exploring and celebrating that God makes each of us unique. We built Thankful Trees. Finally, as is tradition, we revisited the story of Christ's birth, adding in a couple new viewpoints on the story. In the weeks ahead we will learn the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer, we will discuss the 10 Commandments, and much more.

The program is a success because of the children who come each week, eager to learn and share their thoughts on how God's love is all around them. This audience along with the dedication of a handful of consistent volunteers is what makes the program a reality.

What could make the program a bigger success? Family "buy in;" what I mean by that is a larger pool of volunteers. Come spend a week in class with your son or daughter. Any volunteer will be greeted with open arms. The activities are planned out, the materials are available (I have become adept at using the Oriental Trader catalog and website!), and there are absolutely NO requirements for you to be a biblical scholar! Believe me, I learn as much (if not more) from the kids as they do from me.

To you PARENTS – thank you for the privilege of allowing me to get to know your children – they are remarkable! To ALL – come and see what I've seen, the blessings and growth of our youth!

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Beth Sweet, Children's Education Coordinator*

#### Confirmation Class

We were blessed with a wonderful group of young adults who are exploring their faith through a new Confirmation class curriculum called *Confirm not Conform*. The focus of the program is to prepare our young people to make their own decisions about their faith journey and their readiness to undertake the sacramental action of confirming their baptismal vows. Participants in our confirmation class include: Kelsey Anderson, Alexa DeCotis, Robbie Gorham, Julia Klisiewicz, Jack O'Neill and Leah Sweet. Each of our class participants has an adult mentor assigned to walk with them in their faith journey. I am also blessed with the support of our Confirmation Class adult co-leader Pam Hennessy. Our young people will have the opportunity to confirm their baptismal vows when Bishop Fisher visits Trinity on April 6, 2014. We will also prepare adults who wish to confirm or reaffirm their baptismal vows, or be received. Thank you for the prayer and support you give to this class, our mentors and leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

*Fr. Mac.*

**EfM – Education for Ministry**

EfM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of The University of the South. Through a committed small (minimum of six participants) group and with the help of trained mentors and formal texts, it provides participants with a thought provoking education in church history and provides the church with the foundation of an empowered, active, and theologically articulate laity.

Thousands of persons have completed this four-year program. Students enroll one year at a time for studies on the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History since New Testament Times, and Theological and Moral Choices.

EfM is a very personal experience....telling THE story and your story in many different ways. This year our participants include of Paul Del Molino, Gayle Ruscitti, John Ellis, Beth Moeller, Mary Torian, Charles Johnson and Mary Johnson.

Fr Mac is the mentor of our group.

We are looking for new interested members for our next program year starting in September. If you think you might be interested; please talk to any one listed above or Fr Mac.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Fr. Mac, EfM Mentor*

**Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (Pray)**

In 2012/13 the PRAY program awarded seven medals, two God and Me (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), three God and Family (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade), and two God and Life Candidates (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade).

The 2013/14 program is on hold as I adjust to my new role as a middle school math teacher. However, with support of the parish I plan on resuming the program in 2014/2015. We will continue to offer God and Me, God and Church, and God and Life in the fall and God and Family in the spring. I am hoping to make some Boy Scout and Girl Scout council contacts so that we can invite more students to participate in the program.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen Klisiewicz, PRAY Coordinator*

**Youth Group**

Trinity continues to be blessed by the willingness and interest of our young people to actively participate in our community. The numbers and ages of our current youth population have encouraged us to continually evolve our programs. This year brings a new innovation - the creation of “Junior” and “Senior” groups. Those in grades 5-8 were recognized to be numerous enough to start a program of their own. Parents of this age group, coordinated by Beth Moeller, are now meeting two Sundays a month.

**Senior Youth Group**

The Senior Youth Group, for youth in their High School years, grades 9-12, meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 9:45am. Youth of this age have numerous other school, sports and social commitments so we are grateful for having an average of 10-15 participants on these Sundays.

Last year we got a late start due to the adult leadership change, but still managed traditions like a sleepover and the annual trip to “Nightwatch” at St. John the Divine in NYC. This year so far the Senior Youth Group has assisted with organizing the Thanksgiving Food Baskets with the Mission Team and repainting the Christmas Cafe prior to our bazaar. Many of our members provide waiter and waitress staff during the event and also help set-up and break down. Several members regularly assist with our Community Suppers. We celebrated Christmas together with a rousing holiday trivia event. On February 9<sup>th</sup> our first “youth led” service will be celebrated at 10am. Interest exists in another trip to St.

John the Divine, a “late night” movie and fellowship event combined with service at the Community Supper, and perhaps a trip to a zip-line course.

These youth are a wonderful element of our community at Trinity and working with them is a great blessing.

Respectfully,

*Terese Cook, Justin Varteresian and Ann Marie Lockwood*

*Trinity Senior Youth Group Leadership Team*

### **Junior Youth Group**

In the fall of 2013 Trinity started a Jr. Youth Group for our young people in grades 5-8. We have regular meetings at the first and third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. and currently have between 12 and 14 youth in attendance. Our time together on Sundays incorporates fellowship, bible study and mission. The group is active, engaged and enthusiastic! The Jr. Youth have taken on as a mission project providing cleaning supply buckets and personal care packages for the Scattered Site shelters. Working with the local coordinator to identify those necessities that are needed and can have a direct impact to families, the youth have pooled together donations, spent time packaging up, and have delivered once to our local coordinator and will be bringing the second delivery in January. On Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, we all went bowling and had a great time. The Jr. Youth will be helping at the Newcomer’s Dinner on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and will also be having a sleepover that same night. Our young people are especially excited about the opportunity to join the Sr. Youth in a trip to NYC to participate in NightWatch at St. John the Divine. Other activities that the youth will be looking at in the coming months will be to explore opportunities to serve during Sunday worship, making communion bread, perhaps hosting a coffee hour, and engaging in our Trinity family and our greater community beyond our walls.

It is a true blessing to have such a vibrant group of young people to guide and mentor along. The Jr. Youth are supported by Beth Moeller, Dwight Kee, Sarah Prevelige, Beth Stochaj and Tracy Gorham.

Respectfully,

*Beth Moeller, Dwight Kee, Sarah Prevelige, Beth Stochaj and Tracy Gorham*

*Trinity Junior Youth Group Leadership Team*

### **Trinity Church GFS Scholarship Committee**

In 2013, the GFS Scholarship team awarded college scholarships to three worthy recipients. We thank Tyler Anderson, Christine Scharnagle, and Ani Sharoogian for their service to Trinity. Each individual received a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. We wish them luck in the future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terese Cook*

## WORSHIP

**Linda Allen and Cheryl Martin, Vestry Liaison**

### **Acolytes**

Currently we have eleven active acolytes helping at the 10 am service. We are very blessed to have both veteran and novice acolytes and who have been very willing to continue this ministry. Schedules are set every three months and we have been able to work around everyone's schedules and prior commitments.

I would like to thank Lyall and Valerie Chambers and Anthony Matondi for their service as acolytes. I wish them all well as they wish to pursue other interests.

This year we welcomed two new acolytes, Leah Gorham and Charlie Scharnagle. They are both very enthusiastic about this ministry and have caught on quickly to the art of being an acolyte.

Acolytes are not restricted to the younger members of our parish. We welcome any adults who would like to help out as the 8 am service does not have designated acolytes and it is often difficult to find acolytes to serve at the 11pm service on Christmas Eve. Adults filling in these two specific capacities would be a very welcome addition.

Current acolytes are, AJ Cook, Rebecca Cook, Leah Gorham, Brandon Kee, Julia Klisiewicz, Rory Martin, Liam Martin, Abaigeal O'Neill, Jack O'Neill, Shane O'Neill, and Charlie Scharnagle.

Thank you for another great year.

Respectively submitted,

*Pam Hennessy*

### **Altar Guild**

At the present time we have 6 dedicated people on the Altar Guild consisting of Penny Allen, Cathy Ellis, Debbie Harrison, Lisa Ruggiero, Mary Torian and Mary Ellen Yaroshefski. Unfortunately Verna Kosiba can no longer serve due to the other commitments. She is greatly missed.

We set up for the 5pm Eucharist on Saturdays, the 8am and 10am services on Eucharist on Sundays, the 9am Eucharist on Wednesdays in the Lane Chapel and for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and special services that we have during the year.

Our duties consist of cleaning the brass and silver, changing the Altar hangings when the Church Seasons change and laundering the linens every week. We are a very dedicated group of women who work well together and help each other when needed, such as emergencies and vacations.

We had quite a few Baptisms, some weddings and funerals to set up for during the year. It is always an honor to set up for these services.

Ash Wednesday was February 13<sup>th</sup>. There were three services for the imposition of ashes. The palms from the previous year were burned to make the ashes.

The hangings were changed from green to purple. All the crosses were draped in purple. The Crucifix was brought forward to be draped in purple and put on the stand behind the Altar. We had dried branches instead of flowers in the vases.

On Palm Sunday the Super Frontal and hangings were changed to red. The Altar flowers were red. The palms were blessed before the choir and some parishioners went down to Draper Park for a short Ecumenical service.

During Holy Week and Easter we had extra services to set up for. Maundy Thursday we celebrated the Eucharist in the Parish Hall. The bread, wafers and wine was consumed. Foot washing was done after the service for those who wanted to partake. Afterwards parishioners went down to the church for the Watch Night Vigil and the stripping of the Altar. The Altar and all the crosses were draped in black. The Altar was bare except for a black cloth that was draped over the Alter with a lit candle underneath the

Altar. Some of the parishioners stayed throughout the night to sit and pray. The Baptismal area was set up to resemble the Garden of Gethsemane with large and small plants placed around the Baptismal font. On Good Friday from 12 to 3pm with The Way of the Cross Service and clergy from the different churches giving a homily on the Seven Last Words of Christ. In the evening there was the service of Stations of the Cross.

On Saturday, Saturday Easter Eve morning we gathered to decorate the church with the lilies behind the Altar and throughout the church. The jonquils were placed behind the Cross. Thank you to all who came to decorate and clean the brass.

The Easter Vigil was well attended. The church started out in darkness and the first fire was lit. The Paschal Candle was lit from the first fire. Parishioners' candles were lit from the Paschal Candle. It brought the light of Christ into the church. The parishioner's candles were then lit. It was a beautiful service as were the services on Easter Sunday. The choir and parishioners sang out joyfully to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

May 19<sup>th</sup> was Pentecost Sunday. Bishop Douglas Fisher came for the celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Confirmation. He gave the sermon and celebrated the Eucharist.

In Advent the Altar hangings were blue. The Super Frontal and hangings were given by Barbara Kalunian in memory of her parents Charlie and Serphony Kalunian. The hangings were beautiful. The Advent Wreath was lit throughout Advent. After the service on December 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a good group that stayed to Green the Church with the poinsettias and wreaths placed around the church. Greens and the candles were placed in the window wells. Thank you all for your help which helps the Altar Guild greatly.

The 4pm service on Christmas Eve was very well attended. The Children's choir sang beautifully. The Pageant was wonderful with the children in their costumes of sheep, and Wise men. We even had a camel. Fr. Mac gave an inspiring homily at all the services. At the end of the service the lights were dimmed and the parishioner's candles lit while they sang Silent Night. The services at 7pm and 11 pm were fairly well attended. The Adult Choir sang at both services. The 10am Christmas service was fairly well attended also. All the Christmas services are always joyful and uplifting with the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectively submitted,

*Mary Torian-Altar Guild Directress*

### **Sunday Nursery**

The Sunday Nursery at Trinity is an option for parents/caretakers to have their little lambs stay and play while they attend the 10AM service. There are usually 2 volunteers, who have childcare experience, overseeing the children that attend. It is a nice environment for the children. The appropriate age range for this room is from infants up to about age 5 or 6.

Attendance seems to be down for this past year, with usually 2-3 children at most staying to play.

Many Thanks to the dedicated volunteers that give of their time for this ministry.

Volunteers for this past year are as follows- Sheri Keeler-Phillips, Jim Phillips, Molly Steen, Rachel Garay, Valerie and Elaina Chambers, Julia Klisiewicz, and Jacqueline Masse.

Please contact me if interested in volunteering!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sheri Keeler-Phillips*

### Music Program

Highlights of the first half of the year: The wonderful Epiphany Pageant on January 6<sup>th</sup>, with (surprise to me!) 7 week old Carolann Jane Jennings, my first grandchild, as the baby Jesus. In the weeks to follow, the annual Girl Scout celebration with a filled sanctuary and wonderful messages and song, an early Easter celebration on March 31 with guest trumpet, Randy LaRosa and Handbell Choir, the growth of the Childrens Choir, thanks to Jane, and assistants, Beth and Mille. We held a pizza/bowling party for this group of about 28 (choristers and families) at Ficco's in appreciation.

Festivities in celebration of Trinity's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Evensong, ably directed by Robert Blake, on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Trinity and St. Mary's choirs singing a full program including Tallis' If Ye Love Me and Mozart's Ave Verum. Confirmation with the Bishop on May 19.

In addition, Ani Sharoogian was awarded the annual Jeannie Tattrie Memorial Music Scholarship in May for her contributions to the music program.

The choir held their annual spring dinner at Fresco's in May.

Stephanie and JaganNath on Flute and Violin added wondrous sounds to the choir's many offerings throughout the year.

Thank you all for everything you do for Trinity's music program!

Respectfully submitted,

*Liz Pekkala*

*Organist/choir director*

After an interview with Father Mac on August 29, I was offered the interim organist/choir director's position during Liz Pekkala's absence and played my first service at Trinity on Sunday, September 8. I was immediately greeted warmly with a great deal of enthusiasm and support from staff, choir members, congregation, and Liz. It became clear to me that everyone at Trinity displays a high level of dedication and commitment. My first rehearsal with the Trinity Choir on September 3 proved exciting because of the choir's state of preparedness under Liz's leadership yet their willingness to accept new leadership as well as learn new repertoire. We immediately added a sung Psalm setting to the 10AM worship. During the following weeks in September, October, November and December, the choir sang both familiar and new anthems.

On November 16, the Choir collaborated with Robert Blake and the choir from St. Mary's in Milford for Evensong, continuing a long tradition. The program not only included works by Bairstow and Powell but also a new hymn tune composed by Robert Blake. The Trinity choir again joined the choir of St. Mary's and other Milford choirs in December for an ecumenical Advent service. Christmas Eve at Trinity included three services with several choir members attending all three. The Children's Choir performed at the 4PM service under the able direction of Jane Hanrahan and assistants Beth Stochaj and Mille Williams. Trinity Choir sang for both the 7PM and 11PM service with a musical prelude of congregational carols, a vocal solo by Cathy Poch, organ solos, and anthems sung by the Trinity Choir.

Respectfully submitted,

*Randy Bloom*

*Interim organist/choir director*

### Ushers

#### **8:00 am Service:**

The 8 am ushers enjoyed a busy year this year. Thank you as well to Christine McNulty, Mike Manoogian, Charlie Keegan, Charlie Johnson, Touie Jackson, Caroline Yaroshefski, Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski, Peg Berube, and Andrew Yaroshefski who served this year in this important mission. As always, anyone interested in ushering at 8 am is welcomed to join. It is also not too soon to volunteer for the Christmas Services, your choice: 4 pm, 7 pm and 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrew Yaroshefski, 8:00 a.m. Usher Coordinator*

### **10:00 am Service:**

The Church ushers are the first official representative of the Church that you see when you arrive for worship and who's goal it is to make you feel welcome and comfortable during the service.

This year we had 12 ushers at the 10 o'clock service. Many thanks to Ani Sharoogian, Rick and Carol Davis, Ed Rizoli, Steve and Elizabeth Klisiewicz, Paul Sweet, Pam Hennessy, John Ellis, Brian O'Toole, and Justin Varteresian for their dedicated service.

If you feel you would like to become a part of the ushering group, please call Carol Cormier at 508-234-3084.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol Cormier, 10:00 a.m. Usher Coordinator*

### **Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers**

*Tempus Fugit* is the old Latin saying that many of us cannot deny: Time flies. 2013 was another successful year with so many willing volunteers who give of their time to help make our worship flow. Thank you to all who participated this past year! We continued to be blessed with your presence each week!

At the 8am service, we have been blessed with the addition of Jack Allen as a reader. For most of this past year, Steve Ketcham stepped down for a period of time to serve as a Reader due to shoulder surgery which was a huge success. He is now ready to return to his old status of Eucharistic Minister. David Clinkman also decided that he would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister after a period of serving as a Reader.

At the 10 am services we were blessed the addition of Sarah Prevelige as a new Reader. Kali Vickery also joined the team as a Eucharistic Minister.

We are very flexible groups who are more than happy to help cover for one another as needed. Anyone, at any time, is welcome to speak with Fr. Mac or myself should you have an interest in either thinking about or joining this area of our worship life. We are glad to answer any questions and train you at your pace to enter this area.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth Washburn, Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Coordinator*

### **Altar Bread Ministry**

In years past our Confirmation classes and Family Communion classes would make altar bread for the Eucharist on the Sunday they were Confirmed or recognized for their participation in the Family Communion class. More recently we have been making bread for all our Eucharist services.

We are blessed with a wonderful group of parishioners who make our communion bread. Regular participants in this ministry include: The Prevelige family, Carol Brutsch, Peggy-Ann Berube, Mary Torian, Sharon Manoogian and Tracy Nelson.

Everyone is invited to participate in this ministry! The recipe is simple and the bread freezes and keeps well till used on Sunday morning! If you would like to learn – ask Fr. Mac or any of the bread makers!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Fr. Mac*



**PASTORAL CARE**

Fran Phaneuf, Vestry Liaison

**Birthday Card Ministry**

<b>Birthday Cards Sent 2009 through 2013</b>						
<b>Month</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012*</b>	<b>2013*</b>	<b>*Δ</b>
January	45	47	43	41	43	+2
February	43	45	43	44	47	+3
March	61	68	56	60	58	-2
April	62	63	60	67	68	+1
May	56	57	59	69	71	+2
June	70	68	68	78	74	-4
July	64	59	60	66	64	-2
August	63	57	63	68	67	-1
September	52	53	57	59	61	+2
October	55	52	53	59	66	+7
November	60	59	55	54	66	+12
December	50	48	48	43	56	+13
<b>Total Cards Sent</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>+33</b>

We no longer send cards to people who had been visitors to Trinity.

If you have not received a birthday card, please call Magee in the office. She will see to it that your name is added to the monthly list of birthdays.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Brutsch*

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

We have a wonderful group of people who bring the Eucharist to our home bound parishioners. This year we added Beth Moeller to our group of visitors, which gives us a total of seven people who are willing and able to bring home communion to our home bound parishioners. Fr. Mac and The Parish nurse have been discussing the people that have become homebound recently and we are in the process of adding them to the list of people who receive home communion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary E. Johnson RN, Parish Nurse*

**Parish Nurse**

I think the most visible part of the Parish Nursing is the Healing Meals program. We only had one official cooking party in July. However, the freezer has remained stocked thru individuals preparing meals and filling the freezer. One change that we made this year is to encourage people to bring some of the meals home and keep them in their own freezers so they may be more spontaneous about delivering them. It cuts out the step of remembering to stop by the church when it is unlocked. Sometimes we also prepare meals with the food that is left over after collations or other dinners held at the church.

The Smitten with Knittin' program continues to provide prayer shawls and blankets. The blankets are given to each newly baptized person. Trinity continues to deliver Poinsettias at Christmas time to home bound parishioners and Lilies at Easter. We planned to Carol to the homebound near Christmas but an ice storm made that less than safe. We decided to carol at a later date and sing hymns instead of carols.

As a Parish Nurse I continue to offer education through the newsletter articles, "back door reading" and a few bulletin boards. I am available for Healing Prayer. Fr. Mac and I offer Healing Prayer at the Altar the first Sunday of each month, but I am available any Sunday for prayer. I also offer health education and emotional support on a one to one basis with parishioners. I try to be available at coffee hour after the eight and ten almost every Sunday.

In 2013 we had our first "Blue Christmas" service. It was a service especially for those who feel a sense of loss during the holiday season. It was a beautiful service with many opportunities to light candles in memory of people or things we have lost. There was time to reflect, pray and sing. I am grateful that we had beautiful piano music thanks to David Clinkman. We only had eight in attendance, but it was also a day of an ice storm. It was very well received by those who did attend. We plan to have another one in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary E. Johnson RN, Parish Nurse*

### **Stephen Ministry**

Audrey Kerxhalli stepped down as a Stephen leader at Trinity. She did an outstanding job as a leader. Our Stephen Ministry program has been successful in part due to her leadership. As one member of this ministry team I know I speak for all when I say thank you and I know Audrey will be missed. Audrey has the ability to be calm and poised and she exudes serenity. She has great insight and her ability to discern the true nature of a situation has helped to make each of our Stephen Ministers better. Verna Kosiba has stepped into the role of leading group supervisions. For a while the leadership was rotated thru all of the Stephen Ministers. They appreciate that Verna has stepped in to make sure there is continuity and collaboration between all of the ministers. I know Verna will do an outstanding job. Trinity may consider sending someone to training to become another official Team Leader. We have six Stephen Ministers right now. Two are in between care receivers. There will be a training session of new Stephen Ministers to be run at Sacred Heart in Hopedale and Trinity may send at least one person to go through the training to be a Stephen Minister. This program may only be truly appreciated by the people who have been care receivers. They have had the opportunity to take time to talk one on one with someone who really knows how to compassionately listen. However, since all that is confidential, many may not know how important this ministry is. Please pray for this ministry program and the people involved in it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Mary E. Johnson RN, Parish Nurse*

### **Praying Hands Ministry**

The ladies of Smitten with Knittin' had very busy needles this year! Thank you ladies for your faithful dedication to the Ministry. Once again, we created an incredible amount of items, while enjoying many fun-filled hours of knitting and crocheting together.

Our 2013 prayerful labor of love included:

- 7 prayer shawls knit and delivered
- 72 preemie and newborn hats to Milford Regional Hospital
- 15 Baptismal blankets to our newest members
- 79 items to the Milford Town Library's hat/ scarf/mitten tree
- 79 items to Trinity Church's Christmas Fair
- 41 Chemo Caps for Boston Children's Hospital and Dana Farber Cancer Center Milford.

All of these items represent over 1,708 hours of loving labor, and we enjoyed every minute of it! Thank you everyone for the contributions of yarn to the Ministry: especially Maryellen Y, Lori P, and Barbara

and Touie J. It was greatly appreciated. Finally, we welcome our new members and look forward to another great year!

Respectfully submitted,

*June Jones, Smitten with Knittin' Group*

## OUTREACH

**Justin Varteresian, Vestry Liaison**

### **Mission Committee**

The Mission Committee met several times this year to discuss disbursements and also to discuss the various charities we support. The committee had a budget line item this year, along with past funds, from the Mission Envelopes and donations.

The Mission Committee voted to disburse the following this year:

- ✦ Daily Bread Food Pantry - \$750
- ✦ Unitarian Community Supper program at the Unitarian Church - \$200
- ✦ Episcopal Relief and Development (Goat and Pig) - \$180
- ✦ Armenian Children's Milk Fund - \$150
- ✦ Abby House - \$500
- ✦ Pathways For Change - \$500
- ✦ AGS - Alagille Syndrome Alliance – (Sophie's Walk) - \$250
- ✦ Church World Services – (Milford Area Crop Walk) - \$250
- ✦ Alternatives Unlimited - \$200
- ✦ Diocese of Western Ma (for Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic) - \$1000
- ✦ Wednesday Night Meal (held at Trinity) - \$750
- ✦ Diocese of Oklahoma (Tornado Relief) - \$250
- ✦ Episcopal Relief and Development (Hurricane Sandy Relief) - \$617.77

For a total Mission Outreach funding of \$5,597.77.

This year's Lenten Project collected funds for the Diocesan Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. Thank you to everyone who filled a box or made a donation.

Trinity participated in the Milford Area CROP Walk again this year. It is the fifth year the walk has been held in Milford. Through Church World Service, twenty-five percent of the funds raised remain locally, going to the Milford Salvation Army and Tri-County Elders Meals on Wheels program. The remainder helped Church World Service's many programs.

The Mission Committee held the 'Taste of Trinity' in November. This event raised \$245 for the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who made soup, stew, or brought in bread or goodies for this event. Thank you also to Hannaford's for their donation of bread and baked goods. Thank you especially to those who attended the event!

We sponsored Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This year with Parishioner's help we collected 52 boxes filled with items for children of different ages, as well as the \$7.00 needed for each box to cover shipping expenses. The shoeboxes were delivered to a drop off collection point at the First Baptist Church in Holliston. From there they were then transported to Boone, North Carolina and from which they were delivered to various parts of the world. Thank you to everyone who filled a box or donated to Samaritan's Purse for the shipping expenses. We hope next year to have the same number or more.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Special thanks to the Senior Youth Group who helped to assemble them. A very special thank you to those who helped to deliver baskets: Cathy Poch, Cathy Ellis, Mary Johnson, Beth Washburn, Peach Warren and Ann Marie Lockwood. Parishioners from Trinity, along with Parishioners of St. Mary's, helped deliver hot meals on Thanksgiving Day to those in the community who requested. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Another form of outreach is Trinity allowing other groups outside of Trinity to use our building (Al-Anon groups, Brownies/Girl Scouts) and the donating of used eye-glasses to the Milford Lions Club.

This year's Jesse Tree contained slips for parishioners and also adults and children outside of the parish, including some shelter families. The members of Trinity were again very generous this year. Thank you to everyone who took a slip and fulfilled a request. Thank you to Beth Washburn who helped with the sorting. Thank you to those who helped deliver gifts.

Thank you to everyone who brought in his or her empty & clean soda/beer cans & bottles and dropped them off in the box by the cellar. A special thank you to Jack and Penny Allen for overseeing the bottle & can program, and to the parishioners who help Jack and Penny count and redeem them. The funds brought in from the Bottle/Can returns program go to the Daily Bread Food Pantry. This year's amount totaled \$177.65.

Thank you to parishioners who bring in canned/boxed items for the Daily Bread Food Pantry each week. We continue to have the special monthly collections, but anyone can bring in any item, it doesn't necessarily have to be what we are concentrating on for a particular month. Thank you especially to those parishioners who deliver the donated items to the pantry each week. In honor of Trinity's 150th Anniversary, bags were made for parishioners to fill weekly with items for the Pantry.

We are still collecting the fronts of greeting cards and also labels of Campbell's Soup and their affiliated products for the St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Please see the box upstairs in the Library to drop off items.

Thank you to Ruth Doyle, Mary Torian, Millie Williams, and Ann Marie Lockwood for their help this year with the Mission Committee. Also thank you to Pat Ward (Trinity's Representative to the Daily Bread Food Pantry), Jack Allen, Penny Allen, Magee Lambert, Cheryl Taylor, Charlie Johnson, Gayle Ruscitti, Beth Moeller and Fr. Mac, all of whose help throughout the year was much appreciated.

Please remember that any parishioner who is interested may come to any of our meetings and join at any time. We generally meet one Sunday a month at either 9am or 11am in the Upper Parish hall.

Thank you to all Parishioners at Trinity, without your help the Mission Committee would not be able to do all the good work that was done this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew and Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski, For the Mission Committee*

### **Trinity Discretionary Fund**

The purposes for which discretionary funds may be used are outlined in the National Canon, cited below; that is, for the poor and for other "charitable and pious purposes". Obviously gifts to the poor are its primary purpose. Within "other charitable and pious purposes" includes gifts to any recognized charitable organization (the same ones to which an ordinary individual could make a deductible gift), to the church itself and for certain items such as vestments, books, and other professional items which will remain the property of the church when the priest leaves.

The origin of discretionary funds lies in Title III, Canon 14(f) of the National Church, dating back to 1814, which states:

"The Alms and Contributions, not otherwise specifically designated, at the Administration of the Holy Communion on one Sunday in each calendar month, and other offerings for the poor, shall be deposited with the Member of Clergy in charge of the Congregation or such other Church officer as the Member of the Clergy in charge shall appoint to be applied to such pious and charitable uses as shall be thought fit by the Member of the Clergy. When a parish is without a Rector, the Vestry shall appoint a responsible person to serve as Almoner".

While it is now often customary to supplement the discretionary fund with gifts from individuals and also from the church's general operating funds, one item is of particular importance in the Canon. The words "alms", "contributions" and "offerings" are used, which clearly mean that these are funds given to the church and which therefore belong to the church.

Trinity's Discretionary Fund (TDF) is funded primarily from gifts from parishioners designated for the "TDF." In addition all gifts given associated with Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals are used to fund the TDF.

Balance on January 1, 2013	\$2,516.51
Donations	\$8,049.72
Disbursements	\$9,333.18
Balance on December 31, 2013	\$1,233.05

*As with all parish accounts, this account is reviewed and audited each year by our independent auditor*

### **Covenant Committee**

After over 40 years, the Covenant between St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Trinity Episcopal Churches in Milford is still going strong. It is the only covenant of its type that has continued unbroken for so many years. The Covenant Committee now consisting of Trinity members Penny Allen, Mary Frances Best, Sharon Manoogian, and Arlene Person as well as Sister Theresa Lucier and several St. Mary's members is what has held the Covenant together.

This past year the Committee celebrated its continued existence with the Sixth Annual Senior Fall Social held October 19th at St. Mary's Parish Hall from Noon to 3pm. A light luncheon was served, and the Greater Milford Community Chorus once again provided the seniors with musical entertainment.

The gala November Evensong at Trinity included both children's and adult Trinity choirs joined by members of St. Mary's choir and led by St. Mary's Music Director Robert Blake, assisted by Trinity's Organist Randy Bloom. The Service was followed by a Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall. This event is enjoyed by those from both parishes who look forward to attending each year.

Many don't realize the many things the Covenant Committee has been responsible for in Milford: the Daily Bread Food Pantry, the Thanksgiving Dinner deliveries, the Winterhaven Homeless Shelter (that is no more), the Spring Clean-Up of Senior's homes (not frequent anymore) as well as the aforementioned Fall Social and November Evensong. The most famous was the sponsoring of the two Bosnian refugee families some years ago. That turned out amazingly well.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Frances Best, for the Covenant Committee*

### **Community Dinners**

The end of the month meals are provided on the last Friday and the last Wednesday of each month. The meals are intended to be attended by the community as a whole. Anyone needing to be fed is invited with no questions asked. The reason the end of the month is chosen is that is the time when stress is greatest concerning food. The group also enjoys the fellowship which is provided by our volunteers and the interaction between themselves. We feed many families with children and attempt to have a meal ready for any special needs. The food is supplied by donation from members at Trinity. We are also grateful to our friends at Hannaford's and Whole Foods for their generosity. Dave Scott heads the groups. Please contact Dave if you would like to help. We serve on average 80 meals per nite

Respectfully submitted,

*Dave Scott*

### **Daily Bread Food Pantry**

Trinity Episcopal Church is one of the six founding churches of the Daily Bread Food Pantry which was organized in October of 1991. The Pantry serves approximately 250 families a month and is run entirely by volunteers. There are no paid positions and it is funded exclusively through donations of food and money from local churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals.

Food can be brought to the church and left in baskets at the back each Sunday or it can be taken directly to the Pantry on Monday nights between 6:00 and 7:30. Any monetary donations should be mailed to The Daily Bread Food Pantry, PO Box 122, Milford, MA 01757.

Volunteers help pack the food for the clients on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30. If anyone is interested in volunteering it is best to call the pantry directly at 478-4225 and leave a message or if you have any questions, please call Pat Ward at 478-6119.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Ward*

### **Greater Milford Interfaith Council**

The Greater Milford Interfaith Council met during 2013 and worked on sponsoring the 5th annual Greater Milford Area Crop Walk held on October 26, 2013. We shared booth space with the Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Church at Hopedale's Oktoberfest to raise awareness about the Crop Walk. During our monthly meetings we met with representatives of the Daily Bread Food Pantry, Dave Scott (from Trinity's Community Dinners) and those in charge of monthly meals put on by St. Mary's and Sacred Heart (Milford). A pamphlet was put together listing all the meals available in the local area and copies of it will be located in public areas for people to take. The council also participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held in May at Milford High School.

The Council consists of representatives from churches in Milford, Hopedale and the local area.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski*

### **United Thank Offering**

To the parishioners of TRINITY CHURCH, thank you for making 2013 a great year for our United Thank Offering gift to be sent to the National Church.

As a reminder to those that are not familiar with the United Thank Offering, it is a National Church Organization that helps people in need all over the world. The monies that our church collects, along with that of the National Church, is sent wherever needed by the Church. These funds are used to perhaps buy livestock, dig much needed wells for clean water, set up a clinic, bring doctors into an area or many other different needs at any particular time.

As chairperson of the United Thank Offering, thank you to the many wonderful people who participated in helping me put on this past years U.T.O. breakfast. Thanks to Beth Washburn, Charlie & Sandy Keegan, Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski & family, Barbara Jackson, Dave Scott, thank you all. To err on the side of caution just in case I've not mentioned everyone that helped out in some way that day, again thank you all. If I've missed anyone, I deeply apologize.

We were also blessed to have the coordinator from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, Susan Page Howland be our guest speaker. Thank you Susan for your time and effort. It was greatly appreciated.

As of January this year, we will send to the Diocesan Office in Springfield a check for \$763.46. A small amount of these funds were leftover from U.T.O. 2012's collection.

The bottom line, in 2013, we collected \$664.33, and we had leftover funds from 2012 of \$99.13. Again, I thank you all for your support, and I hope that the 2014 U.T.O. breakfast, will be an even greater success.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Toussaint (Touie) Jackson - UTO Chairperson - 2013*

## **PARISH LIFE**

**Beth Moeller, Vestry Liaison**

### **The Trinitarian Newsletter**

*The Trinitarian* is Trinity Church's newsletter. Issued on a monthly basis, it is one of the main communication tools of the parish. Regular columns include a message from Fr. Mac, a Senior Warden's Report, and updates from the Altar Guild, the Music Director, Youth Group, and Mission Committee. There are also regular columns from our Parish Nurse and the Editor, information on Christian symbols, as well as a monthly calendar. Additionally, announcements of upcoming events (Smitten with Knittin', Christmas Fair, ROMEO'S, Community Dinners, etc.) and status summaries (stewardship numbers, etc.) are given.

In addition to the large number of parishioners who have elected to receive *The Trinitarian* electronically, we are still mailing several hundred hard copies monthly. If you have an email address, you are strongly encouraged to receive your newsletter electronically. This will not only save a considerable amount of time and effort, but will greatly reduce the cost of postage, paper, etc. that we outlay annually.

*The Trinitarian* is YOUR newsletter. If you have some information you would like to have communicated to the parish, by all means do not hesitate to submit an article/information. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to submit articles. The submission deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and articles can either be left in the "newsletter" bin on the office door, or sent directly to: [news@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:news@trinitychurchmilford.org). Also welcome at any time are suggestions and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joanne Buerger, Editor*

### **The Trinity Parish Web Site**

The Trinity web site is found online at <http://www.trinitychurchmilford.org>. The web site provides information about the parish to many people, both within and outside the Milford area. In today's world, a parish web site is important because the web, for many people, has become the first place they look for information. Our website averages about 15 visitors per day, split just about evenly between new and repeat visitors. The number increases significantly for Christmas and Easter.

A parish web site serves four main audiences:

1. **Visitors to the Milford area:** Visitors to the Milford area who are seeking an Episcopal church on Sunday will find us with a simple web search. For these people, the location of the Church and the times of the services are most important. In the week before Christmas, for example, our number of website visitors more than doubled.
2. **Newcomers to the area:** People moving into the Milford area may be searching for a Church. (In fact, several of our newer members found Trinity through the web site.) Newcomers are interested in service times and the location of the Church, of course, but they also want to get a feeling for the parish and they want to know how to contact the parish office or Father Mac.
3. **Parish members:** Parish members are looking for something different. They probably know when and where to find us, but they may need a copy of *The Trinitarian*, or to see a list of who is on Vestry, or the schedule for ushers or lay readers on Sunday. They may also be interested in looking at pictures of parish activities, or reading more about parish groups or our history.
4. **Casual online visitors:** Family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles and so on) who live outside the area may use the website to see pictures of the Christmas pageant or other activities.



Everyone in the parish can help the website. You can contact me by email at [webmaster@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:webmaster@trinitychurchmilford.org), or the parish office at [office@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:office@trinitychurchmilford.org).

- ✦ **Take pictures:** We always want pictures of Parish activities. If you take pictures, please consider mailing them to me or to the office. If you have old pictures, even better – we'd love to add them to our history page. We'll be happy to scan them for you.
- ✦ **Read the web pages:** Is the text that's currently on the web accurate? If you see anything that should be changed, or if something is unclear, please let us know.
- ✦ **Get involved:** Since 2000, I've maintained the website by myself. If you know how to do simple picture manipulations with a program like Photoshop Elements, please consider helping.
- ✦ **Give us your ideas:** What would make the Trinity web page more useful to you? If you have suggestions, we would like to hear them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Ketcham, Trinity Webmaster

### Welcoming and Newcomers

We had a good number of newcomers in 2013 with people visiting Trinity Church and attending regularly, and also through the many Baptisms that we had. We gave out Welcoming Bags to those who attended for the first time. The bag contained a Welcome to Trinity brochure, information about the Episcopal Church, activities at Trinity Church, clergy, vestry and staff. There are several prayer cards, bookmark and votive candle and holder. We made them feel welcome by introducing ourselves to them and having them meet Fr. Mac. We are happy to have better attendance and are seeing new faces in the Sunday School.

On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our fourth Welcoming and Newcomers Dinner for all those who were new in 2013. The parishioners brought pot Luck dishes and helped serve the newcomers who were our guests. We had a good turnout and everyone had a good time. It was a good way for everyone to get to know each other. This has become a yearly event. We want to be known as a friendly and welcoming church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Torian, Welcoming Coordinator

### Coffee Hour / Hospitality

#### 8:00 am Service:

Our hostesses prepare, set-up, serve, and clean-up after the 8am Sunday service so that during coffee hour, the rest of us can relax and enjoy fellowship together. Our coffee hour is a special time for us to catch-up with old friends and to make new friends.

This year we have been fortunate to have a growing number of women who have volunteered for this ministry. We give thanks for and to Peggy Berube, Carol Brutsch, Lucille Clinkman, Ruth Doyle, Pat Keppler, Verna Kosiba, Chris McNulty, Aida Mitchell, Debi O'Toole, and Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski.

We also give our thanks to Ruth Doyle and Paul Del Molino who are so faithful in seeing that there is a fellowship time after the 9am Wednesday morning Eucharist.

Hospitality is a Trinity trademark. If you would like to join us, please contact Debi O'Toole at 508-634-3050.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debi O'Toole, 8:00 a.m. Hostess Coordinator

#### 10:00 am Service:

Each week after the 10:00am service, this lovely group of women takes turns preparing for an hour of fellowship.

A buffet, of the hostess's choice, is presented along with coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

I enjoy this ministry very much. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather together, talk and catch up with one another before a new week begins.

Trinity is blessed to have 10 women, who work on a rotating weekly basis, to provide nourishment for the members of our congregation and to any family coming for a visit.

Any questions or want further information please contact Tracy Gorham at 508-634-5373 or at gorhamfamily6@verizon.net

Respectively submitted,

*Tracy Gorham, 10:00 a.m. Hostess Coordinator*

### **T.E.C.W.**

Meetings were held from March to June and September to December.

Our small group kept busy knitting, crocheting and sewing items for the Christmas Fair.

Donations were made to the Dominican Republic, anniversary of Church (T. E. R.), hurricane victims and Father Mac (discretionary fund).

We also donated money in memory of Serphony Kalunian and Connie Kluit.

To a better New Year,

*Ruth P. Doyle, Secretary*

### **TECW Treasurer's Report 2013**

1-1-2013	Beginning Balance	\$509.99
	Interest earned in 2013	\$ 0.35

### **Deposits**

### **Disbursements:**

3-16-2013	Memorial for Serphony Kalunian	\$25.00
3-26-2013	Fr. Mac's Gift [Easter]	\$25.00
5-13-2013	Donation to Trinity Church 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$100.00
5-31-2013	Donation to Dominican Republic Mission Trip	\$150.00
12-8-2013	Fr. Mac's Gift [Christmas]	\$ 25.00
12-31-2013	Closing Balance	\$185.34

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nancy A. Sharoogian, Treasurer of T.E.C.W.*

### **Retired 'Old' Men Eating Out (ROMEOS)**

The Romeo (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon is held monthly at Willowbrook Restaurant in Mendon at 12:30 on the last Friday of each month. The basis of the meeting is simply fellowship. All men regardless of age are invited to attend. The restaurant has prepared a special menu for our meal which is quite affordable.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dave Scott.*

**FUNDRAISING AND PARISH WIDE EVENTS**

**Dwight Kee, Vestry Liaison**

**Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair was a great success with a total of \$12,464.95 to help fun the Mission and ministry of Trinity Church. It was a wonderful day. The crowds were steady and many comments were heard about our fair being the best fair around. That is a compliment to all who chaired tables, worked in the kitchen helped to set up, fill in when needed, to everyone who lent a helping hand . It’s everything that you do to make our fair what it is. It’s what each and every one of you put into your tables your crafts, using your talent and ideas to make our fair like none other. Thank you all so very much. Great Job!

There is some little bit of information I would like to share with you. Our total income numbers would be less if it wasn’t for the generosity of all the table chairs, particularly the chairs of the café, traveling bazaar and greens table. Our fair has no expenses as all of the supplies and materials necessary for all of our tables are donated! We used to include a \$2000.00 expense line to reimburse for the cost of the tables, but due to the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners we no longer have that line item in our budget (but any expenses submitted would be repaid).

Thank you to all of you for your dedication to Trinity and our fair, where would we be without you!

Table	2013	2012
	Total	Total
<b>TECW</b>	\$495.00	\$556.75
<b>Candy</b>	\$583.25	\$619.00
<b>Sports</b>	\$551.00	\$194.00
<b>Baby Table</b>	-	\$100.00
<b>Basket</b>	\$1,974.00	\$2,164.00
<b>Int'l Foods</b>	\$282.00	\$513.00
<b>Christmas Table</b>	\$618.00	\$541.50
<b>Hazel’s Café</b>	\$1,147.50	\$1,176.26
<b>Treasure Trove</b>	\$751.50	\$526.48

Table	2013	2012
	Total	Total
<b>Holiday Greens</b>	\$1,996.50	\$2,041.00
<b>St. Mary’s Pies</b>	\$410.00	\$467.00
<b>Santa Photo</b>	\$190.00	\$285.00
<b>Fr. Mac’s Prayer Beads</b>	\$130.00	\$0.00
<b>Lottery</b>	\$475.00	\$0.00
<b>Children’s Room</b>	\$164.00	\$348.30
<b>Traveling Bazaar</b>	\$2,290.00	\$2,806.50
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$407.20	\$960.75
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$12,464.95</b>	<b>\$13,299.54</b>

These totals are great and I for one am very impressed by all of you. Oh and don’t forget our 2014 Christmas Fair is only 11 months away.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gayle Ruscitti, Christmas Fair Chair*

**St. Paddy’s Day Dinner**

The St. Paddy's Dinner is an annual fundraiser which is held on a Saturday nite closest to the actual St. Paddy's date. Corned-beef, cabbage, and all the fix-ins are prepared by a group of people headed by Dave Scott. The event includes Irish music, Irish step dancing, and a 50-50 raffle. We had close to 100 guests this year from Trinity and the community. This is really a fun event and the money raised is clear profit as all materials are donated by members of the church. Ken Drew is our Disc-Jockey which adds much to the nite.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dave Scott*

This year's off-again on-again ChocolateFest was held on October 19th. Although it did not coordinate with the Crop-Walk, which usually provides us promotional opportunity, it was well attended and eventually raised close to \$1300. Many of our members contributed, acting as servers and/or providing chocolate confections. A special thanks goes to the Sweet and Hennessy families for their chocolate fountains and to Cathy Ellis for organizing and running the children's' activities in the Lane Chapel. Our raffle listed over 40 prizes. Thanks to all who came, contributed and enjoyed the festival.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Howe*

### **Harvest Supper**

The Harvest Supper is always a great time and wonderful pot luck.

Although the food is wonderful, it is not just a time to showcase our scrumptious dishes. It is a time to come together and share in much more. It is a time to come to Trinity and touch base with those you have missed over the summer. It's a time to take stock of all that we have and all God has given us. It's a time to be blessed and to be thankful for those blessings. It's a time to recommit to our church and our church family through stewardship. To strengthen the bonds that we have made and forge new ones. It's a time to sit, talk, relax and feel comfortable.

Instead of our usual penny sale this year we played games that they would have played in the late 1800s in keeping with our year long celebration of our 150 years. The children and some adults took part and there was much fun and laughter.

We had a great time and were all very full and happy when we left. Please join us in 2014.

Respectfully,  
*Gayle Ruscitti, Sr. Warden*

### **Welcome Back Picnic**

The Welcome Back Picnic was held on Sept 8, 2013 after the 10 am service. The picnic was held in concert with the Methodist church. We served approximately 110 people combined along with a few guests from the end of the month feeding programs. The menu included chicken, ribs, sliced steak, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and watermelon. The Methodist church supplied several salads. Fun was had by all. This is an annual event.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dave Scott*

### **Trinity Parish Wide Events**

Trinity Church offers many parish wide events during the year. Dedicated committees and individuals work tirelessly to plan and implement events such as our Annual Meeting Pot Luck Brunch, Welcome to Summer BBQ, Harvest Supper, Welcome Back BBQ, Chocolate Fest, Community Dinners and Game Night. We welcome not only our parish members, but also family and friends of our members and the surrounding communities. Great food and fellowship is shared by all whenever we have events like these. Please join us in 2014 for some or all of our parish wide events.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dwight Kee*

**CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT****Ethan Moeller, Ani Sharoogian, Vestry Liaison****Mutual Ministry Review**

Trinity conducts a Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) every other year. In such a review, the ministry of the clergy, vestry, other lay persons and that of the total congregation, all of whom are deeply involved in the quality of the total ministry of the parish is reviewed. The objective of the MMR is to establish a relationship between clergy and the members of the congregation which creates an environment of mutual trust and confidence for a stronger joint ministry.

In 2013 we hosted an MMR here at Trinity facilitated by Ed Farrell the Diocesan Transition Officer on Monday May 13th. We started with a catered dinner and then had the review. This was attended by the Vestry, ministry leaders and parishioners. We gathered a lot of helpful information. Of the people attending the MMR and representing the church the following areas were noted as the most important to the Parish.

**Spiritual Faith****Ministries in the community****Church Family**

The Vestry considers these areas as Action Items that are discussed at every meeting to continually evaluate the needs of the Parish.

***Spiritual Faith:*** This action item is led by Linda Allen, Cheryl Martin, and Cheryl Eiding Taylor. During Advent we had a graffiti board on the window by side door for parishioners to put down their wishes and prayers for Advent. Fr. Mac instituted a 5:00pm Saturday night service that has been well accepted.

***Ministries in the community:*** This action item is led by Fran Phaneuf, Justin Varteresian and John Ellis. All action items have a community theme so it was our spiritual faith team that hosted a Christmas House on Christmas day from 11:30am to 3:00pm followed by the Community dinner. We also had volunteers from the parish who committed to an hour throughout the day to welcome the public. This was a very rewarding day.

***Church Family:*** This action item is led by Terese Cook, Dwight Kee and Beth Moeller. This team has worked hard to strengthen our youth group. We now have a Jr. and a Sr. youth group. In keeping with the theme of community the Jr. Youth group has been collecting cleaning supplies and personal items for our scattered site shelters. The Sr. Youth group will be conducting the entire church service from selecting music, reading lessons and the Gospel.

This year the Vestry will continue to work and expand the visions of the Parish in spirit, community and family.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gayle Ruscitti, Senior Warden*

## **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING**

**Gayle Ruscitti, Vestry Liaison**

### **150 Anniversary Celebrations**

In 2013 we entered into our 150<sup>th</sup> year as a Parish. Such a momentous year we decided to have a year of celebration. Our first church service was held on the third floor of the building at the corner of Exchange street and Main street that houses the Chinese Restaurant. If you look close you will notice the third floor is no longer there. This service took place on May 17<sup>th</sup> 1863.

To kick off our anniversary year on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 we gathered on the corner of Exchange Street and Main Street to say a prayer and sing hymns as we walked back to the church. This was followed by a lovely Evensong at Trinity led by Trinity and St. Mary's choirs.

On Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> we held a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala held at the Italian American Veterans Club. This was greatly attended by parishioners. Some dressed in Victorian clothes. We were thrilled to have past clergy and parishioners that grew up in the church come back to share this time with us. It was a great event.

We were blessed to have our newly elected Bishop Fisher join us. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we continued our celebration with the Bishop and celebration of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

In keeping with the spirit of community over the 150 years we made special bags that were blessed by Fr. Mac for parishioners to keep their food pantry items in. They are also used to give supplies to the scattered site shelters.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, we will be hosting a High Tea in the Victorian fashion. On April 6<sup>th</sup> when the Bishop will be visiting us we will be burying a time capsule. Suggestions are needed. What do you think we should include from our world that 150 years from now they would know what was important to our time?

Respectfully,  
*Gayle Ruscitti*

## MANAGEMENT OF PARISH RESOURCES

### John Ellis, Vestry Liaison

#### Grounds Committee

Team effort and the right equipment went into another year of cleaning out and pruning the old while new plants catch the attention of passers by.

A group of eleven have dedicated time on major half day projects in the Spring and Fall.

Unitil the first signs of Spring appear..."Creative Blessings"

With gratitude,  
*Catherine Poch*

#### Property Committee

**Chairperson:** Paul Sweet

**Members:** John Ellis, Ron Gorham, Dick Kosiba, Rick Nelson, Steve Masse, Rob Nelson

Property related issues for 2013 included several items worth noting, such as a replacement furnace for the rectory, new copy machine and service contract, shingle repair on church roof due to wind damage, repair of door thresholds at church and rectory, church architectural drawings scanned for preservation, and a beautiful 150th anniversary sign made and erected by John Ellis.

Efforts will be made in 2014 to assess and prioritize outstanding property issues. These include:

- Updating kitchen equipment
- Stained glass maintenance
- Organ repairs
- Church foundation
- Window treatments and cooling improvements for parish hall
- General repairs and maintenance for church and rectory

I'd like to thank Father Mac for being available to schedule and consult with contractors for various projects, Dick Kosiba for his continued "handy" work, John Cook for his landscaping services, Cathy Poch and the Landscaping Committee for involving us with their efforts to beautify the grounds, and related to that, a special thanks to Chris Collins and Eric Olson for donating their services to expertly remove a dying tree on the property. I'd like to also acknowledge the many parishioners who have donated their time throughout the year to assist with various projects.

Thanks to all of you!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Sweet, Property Committee Chairperson*

#### Stewardship / Annual Pledge Campaign

2013 has been a year of growth in the area of our overall stewardship at Trinity - the sharing of our time, our talent and our treasure. Our actions show that we are moving in a direction of caring for all people and properties that been entrusted to us as gifts from God. This is good news as we close out 2013! We truly are moving beyond thinking of stewardship as just the money issue as we move outside ourselves to care for those who are in need: from a listening ear, to being fed, to needing help in other ways. Stewardship is a broad and all-encompassing area; yes funding is important, but care of our community and one another is the deeper issue. There are so many ways to understand our overall stewardship in our parish community as we invite, welcome, guide and nurture those within our community and outside our community.

One of the important tasks of the Stewardship Committee, with the guidance of our parish leadership through the Vestry, is to engage in our annual pledge campaign. Yes, this is the money aspect. It does take funding to

help us carry out all that is done through this parish. Like you, our parish has responsibilities in order to stay afloat: honoring the work of our staff with fair compensation, paying our utilities, fixing our property, and being prepared to understand what next big fixes will be down the road.

Like you, each year we need to understand what our hopes are, how we are being called to work in the world, and how to be prepared for this work by way of our finances. We do not have an endowment that we draw from like some parishes – we have a bit of income but not enough to sustain us. We have been and continue to be solely dependent upon you, our parishioners, to ensure the funding that is needed for the year to come. We sent our annual pledge letter in October with replies requested by mid-November. In the meantime, articles were written in the newsletter and parishioners were kind enough to share what Trinity means to them.

The Finance Committee worked in the background to assess our needs in order to continue our work in the local and wider community. Each year costs continue to rise and our dollars are stretched further.

We would ask that you think of ways in which your sense of stewardship has blossomed as a member of Trinity. What ways might you like to see growth in this area here over the year to come? If you are interested in learning more about stewardship then please know that you are encouraged to speak with John Ellis, Beth Washburn, any Vestry member, or Fr Mac. Perhaps you have an area that you might like to learn more about. If so then let us know and we will gladly do some research for a special article in the Trinitarian. Perhaps you might like to join the small but humble group of two are your Stewardship Committee!

In Peace,

*Beth Washburn and John Ellis*

**Annual Pledge Drive Statistics**

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Pledged \$'s:</b>	\$176,306	\$172,680	\$166,595	\$160,109	\$159,431
<b>Total Pledges:</b>	124	127	123	133	134
<b>Average Pledge:</b>	\$1,422	\$1,360	\$1,354	\$1,204	\$1,190
<b>Pledge Amounts</b>					
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>\$0:</b>	7	6	4	8	8
<b>\$1-\$999:</b>	55	59	55	64	65
<b>\$1,000-\$1,999:</b>	32	37	39	37	37
<b>\$2,000-\$2,999:</b>	12	10	12	11	10
<b>\$3,000-\$3,999:</b>	10	7	4	6	7
<b>\$4,000-\$4,999:</b>	2	1	3	4	5
<b>\$5,000+:</b>	6	7	6	3	2

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Increase:</b>	38	51	41	37	42
<b>Same:</b>	53	43	57	73	49
<b>Decrease:</b>	15	13	9	11	28
<b>New:</b>	17	20	16	12	15

**Parish Records**

I am thrilled to share that my big work with our parish registers was completed mid-way through the year. I was able to build new indices for Books A, B and C and decided that I should carry it through to the current register, Book G. My hope is that entries will be more easily entered and tracked as we move forward. I was able to make many additional connections for so many of our Trinitarians that have gone on before and who are new to us this year. As much as this work seemed daunting, I will confess that I found that I really enjoyed it and even had some fun with it! I was able to gain so much insight into our history and to realize



that we have been and continue to be a place of welcome, respite, renewal for so many on a spiritual journeys these past 150 years. My hopes and prayers for many more years to come.

Respectfully,

*Beth Washburn, Steward of the Books*

**ELECTED DIOCESAN DELEGATES TO CONVENTION AND DEANERY****Becca Cook, Vestry Liaison**

This year's Diocesan Convention was held at Chez Josef, in Agawam, on October 26<sup>th</sup>. At the convention, the delegates heard presentations from various ministries in which the diocese is involved, approved the diocesan budget, and heard Bishop Doug Fisher present his vision for the diocese.

In his annual address, Bishop Fisher encouraged congregations to work together, and to reach out to the neighborhood of which we are a part. He suggested that parishes begin to survey the community in order to find out what the needs are, and then work to try to address them.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Justin Varteresian*

# VI. REPORT OF THE ELECTION

## *Vestry Officers:*

*Senior Warden* .....

*Junior Warden* .....

*Clerk*.....

*Treasurer*.....

*Assistant Treasurer* .....

*Vestry (3 year term)* .....

*Vestry (3 year term)* .....

*Vestry (3 year term)* .....

*Youth (1 year term)*.....

*Vestry (1 year term)* .....

*Vestry (1 year term)* .....

*Additional Vestry Member (1 year term)* .....

*Additional Vestry Member (1 year term)* .....

## **OTHER ELECTED PARISH POSITIONS:**

*Steward of the Offering:*.....

*Assistant Steward of the Offering:* .....

*Treasurer:* .....

*Assistant Treasurer:*.....

## **Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates:**

*Delegate* .....

*Delegate* .....

*Delegate (Must be a member of the vestry)* .....

*Youth Delegate*.....

## **Alternate Delegates:**

*Alternate Delegate* .....

*Alternate Delegate* .....

*Alternate Delegate* .....

*Alternate Youth Delegate*.....

## VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### a) REVIEW OF THE 2013 BUDGET VS. ACTUALS

Trinity Episcopal Church - Milford MA  
Treasurer's Report as of December 2013 for Operations (Treasurer's Report)

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)
<b>Income</b>							
4101	Pledges - Current Year	161,000.00	17,886.94	13,413.00	161,000.00	148,378.52	(12,621.48)
4102	Pledges - Previous Year	2,000.00	10.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,109.00	(891.00)
4103	Pledges Upcoming Year	18,000.00	4,019.69	10,000.00	18,000.00	18,650.00*	650.00
4150	Plate Offering	3,250.00	416.51	269.00	3,250.00	2,918.43	(331.57)
4160	Special Day Offerings	4,500.00	5,201.90	2,000.00	4,500.00	8,902.91*	4,402.91
4170	Church School Offering	100.00	0.00	12.00	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
4180	Hall Use Donations	1,600.00	130.00	137.00	1,600.00	1,370.00	(230.00)
4195	In Kind Donations		0.00			0.00	
4201	Christmas Fair	12,000.00	12,291.45	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,464.95*	464.95
4202	Chocofest		0.00			1,240.00	
4203	Fund Raising Events	3,000.00	6.00	0.00	3,000.00	9,002.78*	6,002.78
4301	Diocesan Holdings Dividends	8,000.00	0.00	666.00	8,000.00	8,024.75*	24.75* <i>See Note Below</i>
4305	Stock Dividends		0.00			0.00	
4400	Interest on Operating Acct	10.00	0.23	0.00	10.00	6.50	(3.50)
4401	Interest on MMarket	100.00	3.52	12.00	100.00	65.00	(35.00)
4498	Deficit Funding		0.00			0.00	
4499	Faith Funding	16,000.00	7,619.70	1,334.00	16,000.00	26,054.94*	10,054.94
4590	Flower & Candle Donations	3,000.00	940.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	3,377.00*	377.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$232,560.00</b>	<b>\$48,525.94</b>	<b>\$40,843.00</b>	<b>\$232,560.00</b>	<b>\$241,564.78*</b>	<b>\$9,004.78</b>

**NOTE:** \* Diocesan Holdings reflects balance as of 9/30/2013

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Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)
<i>Expense</i>							
5001	Assessment for Common Ministry	21,504.00	1,792.00	1,792.00	21,504.00	21,504.00	0.00
5002	Missions Budget Expense	4,000.00	333.00	334.00	4,000.00	3,996.00	(4.00)
5003	TDF Budget Expense	700.00	58.00	62.00	700.00	696.00	(4.00)
5004	Sabbatical Budget Expense	4,500.00	375.00	375.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
5101	Altar Supplies	700.00	105.98	59.00	700.00	663.70	(36.30)
5110	Music	450.00	87.39	37.00	450.00	341.41	(108.59)
5111	Choir Robe Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5112	Junior Choir Expenses	500.00	0.00	40.00	500.00	408.79	(91.21)
5113	Supply Organist or Soloists	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5114	Organ Maintenance	800.00	551.00	0.00	800.00	1,526.40*	726.40
5115	Organist Salary	12,190.00	0.00	1,014.00	12,190.00	10,529.08	(1,660.92)
5116	Social Security - Organist	933.00	0.00	78.00	933.00	799.73	(133.27)
5201	Christian Education	1,000.00	(79.60)	84.00	1,000.00	661.10	(338.90)
5202	Christian Ed Director Salary	6,900.00	575.00	575.00	6,900.00	6,900.00	0.00
5203	Christian Ed Director Social S	542.00	43.99	47.00	542.00	527.87	(14.13)
5205	Stewardship Educ & Supplies	800.00	0.00	66.00	800.00	1,111.60*	311.60
5206	Adult Christian Formation	300.00	70.27	25.00	300.00	594.44*	294.44
5211	Parish Nurse - Salary	6,204.00	517.00	517.00	6,204.00	6,204.00	0.00
5212	Soc.Sec: Parish Nurse	487.00	39.56	36.00	487.00	474.73	(12.27)
5220	Pastoral Care	1,200.00	200.35	100.00	1,200.00	1,070.98	(129.02)
5225	Pastoral Staff Subscription		0.00			0.00	
5230	Annual Convention&Safe Church	360.00	0.00	5.00	360.00	413.10*	53.10
5231	Church Development Costs	1,500.00	231.75	125.00	1,500.00	1,153.44	(346.56)
5235	Required background checks	100.00	0.00	9.00	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
5240	Fundraiser expenses	750.00	(814.00)	62.00	750.00	5,683.02*	4,933.02
5300	Office Supplies	2,000.00	340.47	166.00	2,000.00	1,132.27	(867.73)
5301	Equipment Contracts	2,200.00	107.06	187.00	2,200.00	1,634.69	(565.31)
5303	Bulletins & Printing	360.00	54.75	30.00	360.00	455.55*	95.55
5304	Office Postage	1,300.00	0.00	109.00	1,300.00	1,083.48	(216.52)
5305	Documents & Forms	75.00	0.00	6.00	75.00	269.29*	194.29
5306	Telephone - Church	2,000.00	227.68	163.00	2,000.00	2,519.20*	519.20
5310	Rector's Salary	50,000.00	4,166.67	4,166.00	50,000.00	50,000.04*	0.04
5311	Social Security - Rector	11,678.00	973.12	972.00	11,678.00	11,677.44	(0.56)
5312	Pension - Rector	16,802.00	1,400.11	1,399.00	16,802.00	16,801.32	(0.68)
5313	Medical-Dental: Rector	18,600.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	18,600.00	18,600.00	0.00

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5314	Rector Equity Fund	3,000.00	250.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
5315	Rector's Expense Allowance	2,600.00	273.42	213.00	2,600.00	2,760.09*	160.09
5316	Rector's Continuing Education	1,500.00	0.00	125.00	1,500.00	669.27	(830.73)
5317	Rector's Sabbatical Budget Expense		0.00			0.00	
5320	Supply Clergy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5330	Secretary's Salary	14,144.00	1,178.66	1,175.00	14,144.00	14,143.92	(0.08)
5331	Social Security - Secretary	1,110.00	90.18	87.00	1,110.00	1,082.18	(27.82)
5332	Secretary Pension		0.00			0.00	
5333	Secretary - Life Insurance		0.00			0.00	
5350	Worker's Comp Insurance	574.00	544.00	0.00	574.00	1,118.00*	544.00
5360	Web Hosting/Website	75.00	0.00	9.00	75.00	98.20*	23.20
5361	Software Upgrades & Purchases	1,500.00	0.00	125.00	1,500.00	411.27	(1,088.73)
5362	Professional Fees	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	450.00*	50.00
5363	Hardware Purchases		0.00			50.40	
5400	Utilities - Heating Fuel - Church	4,000.00	388.94	500.00	4,000.00	2,553.68	(1,446.32)
5401	Utilites - Electric - Church	2,500.00	273.19	212.00	2,500.00	2,339.26	(160.74)
5402	Utilites-Water/Sewer - Church	600.00	0.00	50.00	600.00	510.21	(89.79)
5403	Trash removal - Church	1,200.00	0.00	100.00	1,200.00	1,275.27*	75.27
5404	Snow Removal - Church	500.00	70.00	100.00	500.00	390.00	(110.00)
5405	Floor Cleang Contact - Church	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	375.00	(25.00)
5406	Bldg.Main.& Rpr - Church	2,000.00	(1,106.68)	163.00	2,000.00	2,514.02*	514.02
5407	Grounds Maintenance - Church	900.00	0.00	75.00	900.00	647.20	(252.80)
5410	Sexton Salary	5,486.00	457.17	459.00	5,486.00	5,411.04	(74.96)
5411	Social Security - Sexton	431.00	34.97	35.00	431.00	419.64	(11.36)
5420	Sexton Supplies	500.00	293.78	38.00	500.00	595.19*	95.19
5430	Utilites - Fuel Oil - Rectory	3,500.00	586.43	500.00	3,500.00	3,886.19*	386.19
5431	Utilities - Electric - Rectory	1,600.00	228.00	137.00	1,600.00	1,779.59*	179.59
5432	Utilities-Water/Sewer- Rectory	600.00	0.00	50.00	600.00	698.77*	98.77
5433	Utilities: Telephone - Rectory	800.00	72.43	63.00	800.00	657.22	(142.78)
5434	Snow Removal & Grounds Maint - Rectory	750.00	0.00	61.00	750.00	300.00	(450.00)
5435	Bldg.Main& Rpr - Rectory	1,000.00	(556.34)	87.00	1,000.00	1,866.20*	866.20
5440	Blanket Insurance	3,780.00	3,903.00	0.00	3,780.00	7,683.00*	3,903.00
5450	Capital Impr Budget Expense	3,000.00	250.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
5600	In Kind General		0.00			0.00	
5926	Flower & Candle Expense	2,400.00	0.00	200.00	2,400.00	2,585.26*	185.26
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$232,285.00</b>	<b>\$20,137.70</b>	<b>\$19,254.00</b>	<b>\$232,285.00</b>	<b>\$237,202.74*</b>	<b>\$4,917.74</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b><u>\$275.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,388.24</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,589.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$275.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,362.04</u></b>	

**b) 2013 YEAR END ASSET AND FUND BALANCES****Trinity Episcopal Church - Milford MA  
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013**

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>			
1001	Operating Acct - Milford Nat'l	8,255.17	29,370.56
1055	MM Savings Acct	53,755.45	53,820.45
1501	Merrill Lynch Investments	1.15	1.15
1505	GFS - Original Gift (Diocese)	14,885.96	14,885.96
1506	GMLane-Original Gift (Diocese)	32,644.80	32,644.80
1507	ICleveland-OriginalGift(Diocs)	21,276.67	21,276.67
1508	Trinity Endowment (Diocese)	17,629.88	17,629.88
1515	GFS Appreciation (Diocese)	59,418.02	63,835.72
1516	Lane Appreciation (Diocese)	35,355.72	39,398.69
1517	Cleveland Appreciation(Dioces)	14,149.36	16,255.58
1518	Trinity Appreciation (Diocese)	12,614.11	15,984.20
1800	Church & Parish Hall	1,634,819.00	1,634,819.00
1802	Contents: Church & Parish Hall	163,481.00	163,481.00
1810	Rectory	197,036.00	197,036.00
1812	Contents: Rectory	19,703.00	19,703.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,285,025.29</b>	<b>\$2,320,142.66</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
2000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	2,871.21	7,733.72
2125	Steeple Loan	13,721.46	0.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$16,592.67</b>	<b>\$7,733.72</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>			
3101	Fund Balance - Operations	(55,247.87)	(48,184.88)
3222	GFS Scholarship Fund	5,845.16	4,345.16
3223	GFS Savings Fund	591.78	(1,008.22)
3224	GFS Dividends Fund	15,809.27	15,809.27
3225	Mission Fund Balance	5,908.38	9,360.58
3228	P&I Capitol Imp Reserve Fund	53,779.28	59,483.84
3229	Air Conditioning Fund Balance	529.00	408.00
3230	Vestry Sunshine Fund Balance	138.72	138.72
3232	Rector's Sabbatical Balance	5,000.04	9,500.04
3260	Memorial Fund Balance	8,126.02	21,334.02
3261	Tattie Memorial Music Scholarship Fund Balance	1,000.00	750.00
3270	Property & Contents Fund	2,015,039.00	2,015,039.00
3280	Sabbatical Fund Balance Lilly	3,939.32	3,521.91
3301	Fund Balance - Restricted	207,974.52	221,911.50
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,268,432.62</b>	<b>\$2,312,408.94</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,285,025.29</b>	<b>\$2,320,142.66</b>

### c) REVIEW OF THE 2014 BUDGET

Income			2014	2013
Account number	Account name	Budget Category (see key below)	Vestry Approved Budget 1/13/2014	Actuals
4101	Pledges - Current Year	P	\$ 157,400.00	\$ 148,378.52
4102	Pledges - Previous Year	P	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,109.00
4103	Pledges Upcoming Year	P	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,650.00
4150	Plate Offering	P	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,918.43
4160	Special Day Offerings	O	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,902.91
4170	Church School Offering	O	\$ -	\$ -
4180	Hall Use Donations	O	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,370.00
4201	Christmas Fair	E	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,464.95
4202	Chocofest	E	\$ -	\$ 1,240.00
4203	Fund Raising Events	E	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,002.78
4301	Diocesan Holdings Dividends	I	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,024.75
4400	Interest on Operating Acct	I	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.50
4401	Interest on MMarket	I	\$ 75.00	\$ 65.00
4499	Faith Funding	G	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 26,054.94
4590	Flower & Candle Donations	O	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,377.00
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 229,182.00</b>	<b>\$ 241,564.78</b>

Expenses			2014	2013
Account Number	Account Name	Budget Category (see key below)	Vestry Approved Budget 1/13/2014	Actuals
5001	Assessment for Common Ministry	O	\$ 21,612.00	\$ 21,504.00
5002	Missions Budget Expense	O	\$ -	\$ 3,996.00
5003	TDF Budget Expense	O	\$ 750.00	\$ 696.00
5004	Sabbatical Budget Expense	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
5101	Altar Supplies	W	\$ 600.00	\$ 663.70
5110	Music	W	\$ 450.00	\$ 341.41
5111	Choir Robe Cleaning	W	\$ -	\$ -
5112	Junior Choir Expenses	W	\$ 500.00	\$ 408.79
5113	Supply Organist or Soloists	W	\$ 300.00	\$ -
5114	Organ/Piano Maintenance	W	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,526.40
5115	Organist Salary	W	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 10,529.08
5116	Social Security - Organist	W	\$ 1,224.60	\$ 799.73
5201	Christian Education	S	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 661.10
5202	Christian Ed Director Salary	S	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
5203	Christian Ed Director Social S	S	\$ 527.84	\$ 527.87
5205	Stewardship Educ & Supplies	PL	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,111.60
5206	Adult Christian Formation	S	\$ 600.00	\$ 594.44
5211	Parish Nurse - Salary	PC	\$ 6,203.60	\$ 6,204.00
5212	Soc.Sec: Parish Nurse	PC	\$ 486.98	\$ 474.73
5220	Pastoral Care	PC	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,070.98
5230	Annual Convention&Safe Church	PL	\$ 600.00	\$ 413.10
5231	Church Development Costs	PL	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,153.44
5235	Required background checks	PL	\$ -	\$ -
5240	Fundraiser expenses	PL	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,683.02
5300	Office Supplies	.5* W, PL	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,132.27
5301	Equipment Contracts	.5* W, PL	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,634.69
5303	Bulletins & Printing	W	\$ 400.00	\$ 455.55
5304	Office Postage	PL	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,083.48
5305	Documents & Forms	PL	\$ 200.00	\$ 269.29
5306	Telephone - Church	PL	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,519.20



Expenses			2014	2013
Account Number	Account Name	Budget Category (see key below)	Vestry Approved Budget 1/13/2014	Actuals
5310	Rector's Salary	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.04
5311	Social Security - Rector	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 12,293.00	\$ 11,677.44
5312	Pension - Rector	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 16,987.00	\$ 16,801.32
5313	Medical-Dental: Rector	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 18,624.00	\$ 18,600.00
5314	Rector Equity Fund	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5315	Rector's Expense Allowance	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,760.09
5316	Rector's Continuing Education	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 669.27
5317	Rector's Sabatical Reserve	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL		
5320	Supply Clergy	W	\$ -	
5321	Deacon Expense Allowance	.2*W,S,PC,O,PL	\$ 500.00	
5330	Secretary's Salary	PL	\$ 14,144.00	\$ 14,143.92
5331	Social Security - Secretary	PL	\$ 1,110.30	\$ 1,082.18
5350	Worker's Comp Insurance	PL	\$ 544.00	\$ 1,118.00
5360	Web Hosting/Website	O	\$ 100.00	\$ 98.20
5361	Software Upgrades & Purchases	PL	\$ 500.00	\$ 411.27
5362	Professional Fees	PL	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
5363	Hardware Purchases	H	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.40
5400	Utilities - Fuel Oil - Church	H	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,553.68
5401	Utilites - Electric - Church	H	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,339.26
5402	Utilites-Water/Sewer - Church	H	\$ 600.00	\$ 510.21
5403	Trash removal - Church	H	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,275.27
5404	Snow Removal - Church	H	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.00
5405	Floor Cleang Contact - Church	H	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.00
5406	Bldg.Main.& Rpr - Church	H	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,514.02
5407	Grounds Maintenance - Church	H	\$ 700.00	\$ 647.20
5410	Sexton Salary	H	\$ 5,486.00	\$ 5,411.04
5411	Social Security - Sexton	H	\$ 430.65	\$ 419.64
5420	Sexton Supplies	H	\$ 400.00	\$ 595.19
5430	Utilites - Fuel Oil - Rectory	H	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,886.19
5431	Utilities - Electric - Rectory	H	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,779.59
5432	Utilities-Water/Sewer- Rectory	H	\$ 800.00	\$ 698.77
5433	Utilities: Telephone - Rectory	H	\$ 800.00	\$ 657.22
5434	Grounds Maint (Snow Removal & Grounds) - Rectory	H	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00
5435	Bldg.Main& Rpr - Rectory	H	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,866.20
5440	Blanket Insurance	H	\$ 3,903.00	\$ 7,683.00
5450	Capital Impr Budget Expense	H	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5926	Flower & Candle Expense	W	\$ 2,600.00	2585.26
	<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 228,926.98</b>	<b>\$ 237,202.74</b>
	<b>Surplus / Deficit*</b>		<b>\$ 255.02</b>	<b>\$ 4,362.04</b>
	* Deficit is funded out of Investment Funds			

Key to Budget Categories	
Expense Category	Income Categories
W - Worship	P - Pledge/Plate
S - Spiritual Development	E - Events/Fund Raisers
PC - Pastoral Care	I - Investment Income
O - Outreach	G - Growth & new- givers
PL - Parish Life	O - Other
H - Holy Space (Facilities)	

## VIII. REPORT OF THE WARDENS

Happy New Year to all as we are well into 2014. Twenty thirteen was a steady and blessed year as we continue to live into our Mission Statement. *“Sharing the Grace of God, the light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit, through worship, ministry and fellowship.”* If you look at our ministries you will see a thriving church reaching out to our community and each other.

The homeless and downtrodden are forever with us and especially this past year we have increased our efforts to share the light of Christ with our community. Our community meals have increased in size and we've added a second monthly meal. Dave Scott the team leader has reached out to several grocery stores and they now donate meat for the meals so others are now sharing the Grace of God through ministry and fellowship.

We have two amazing groups: our Jr. Youth Group and our Sr. Youth group filled with amazing kids with amazing ideas. Our Jr. Youth Group has been organizing and collecting cleaning supplies and personal items for the scattered site homeless shelters in the Milford area.

The Vestry has hosted members from the board of Milford's Daily Bread Food Pantry to discuss what their present needs are and how we can contribute as a community of Faith.

There was a third trip to Jimini in the Dominican Republic to teach another VBS. There was increased participation from Trinity and the group is growing. The excitement for the trip grows even for those who don't go. The donations that come in for the trip from individuals from Trinity and all over the Diocese is amazing. Along with all the VBS supplies there was much donated funds. This past year the group was not only able to hold the VBS, but they were able to buy groceries for over 125 families, replace a families roof, and change an individual's life by purchasing for them an prosthetic leg.

Our mission committee meets to discern where mission funds are needed most out in the community and worldwide. Our parishioners are very generous with the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and the Jesse Tree. Many of our funds go to buy sheep, cows and animals to help families in other countries sustain themselves and contribute to their communities.

Pastorally and spiritually we see the church growing. Pews on Sunday are being filled by new families. Our Stephen Ministry is thriving and supporting our parishioners and our visiting Lay Eucharist Ministry supporting our homebound has grown with new members..

We had a big milestone this past year. We started a yearlong celebration of our 150th anniversary. We started with a lovely evensong with our covenant church St. Mary's on Friday May 17, 2013. On Saturday May 18th we held a 150th Gala at the Italian American Veterans club and had a fantastic time. On Sunday May 19th Bishop Fisher was with us for a celebration of confirmation, reception and reaffirmation. There is more to come to round out the anniversary year so read your bulletins and Newsletter.

The best way to become informed about Trinity is to read all about the ministries featured here in this report. Read it and you will realize how we as a Parish are living our Mission Statement. I think you will find it phenomenal reading.

Many blessings for 2014.

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

Where love and charity are found, God himself is there.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gayle Ruscitti, Sr. Warden*

*Ann Marie Lockwood, Jr. Warden*

## IX. REPORT OF THE RECTOR

### RECTOR'S REPORT

From the Parish Register for 2013, we have been blessed by the following additions and events in our Trinity Parish Family:

#### Baptisms (15)

Andrew Harrison Eastwood  
 Claire Norah Collins  
 Aurora June Cantillon  
 Jill Renee (Spiker) Nelson  
 Kali Anne Vickery  
 Meredith Rose McCarthy  
 Dean Richard Anderson  
 Reese Renee Anderson  
 Alyssa Jayden Cahill  
 Alice Marie Corman  
 Carson Alexandar Thomas Garrett  
 Luke Daniel Mastoras  
 Carolann Jane Jennings  
 Nolan Trent Lanzillo  
 Sophia Lorraine Lanzillo

#### Marriages (1)

Charles Edward Morse & Anne Michele Davis

#### Transfers Out (0)

#### Receptions (3)

Barbara Anne (Hourihan) Thayer  
 James Elton Thayer  
 Robert Joseph Prevelige

#### Reaffirmations (1)

Sheryl Lynn Keeler-Phillips

#### Confirmations (8)

Kristin Laurel (Taupin) Anderson  
 John Dalton Edmondson  
 Susan Williams Edmondson  
 Tracy Lynn Gorham  
 Charles George Ketcham  
 Jill Renee (Spiker) Nelson  
 Kali Anne Vickery  
 Sarah Ann Prevelige

#### Transfers In (1)

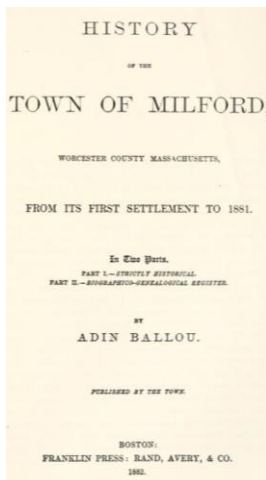
Dianne Ester Balemarch

This has also been a year in which we have felt great loss. We mourn the passing of:

#### Burials (12)

Clara Constance Hickmott Morton Dunbar	Jeannette L (David) Shaheen
Robert "Bubba" Cardarelli	Beryl K Findeisen
Hope K. Dutko	Stanley B Macomber, Jr.
Serphony (Bedrosian) Kalunian	Larry Martin
Robert E. Hensel, II	Annie Harding
Serma (Germagian) Barsamian	Irene (Barsamian) Felton

150 years in Milford. From Adin Ballou's History of the Town of Milford:



#### V. THE EPISCOPALIAN SOCIETY.

Though the Protestant Episcopal Church is comparatively ancient, its representative parish in this town is of recent date. Religious services of the denomination were first held here in Irving Hall, on Sunday, May 17, 1863, commencing at 4.30 P.M., conducted by Rev. Reese F. Alsop, of St. John's Church, Framingham. Trinity parish was organized in April, 1864, and was incorporated by act of the Legislature, in May the same year. Its membership consisted of about twenty persons, who signed the parish constitution. Its officers, past and present, without material change, are: *Wardens*, Charles Dove and George G. Parker; *Vestrymen*, William H. Chamberlain, Charles A. Dewey, James I. C. Cook, William Kelley, Charles J. Thompson, William Nichols, William J. Ferguson, Thomas J. Wales, and Thomas J. Bostock; *Treasurer and Collector*, Charles Dove; *Clerk*, C. J. Thompson. Its present number of communicants is about 80. Its Sunday-school numbers about 55 teachers and scholars, under the superintendency of Charles Dove, with a library of 300 vols.

After organization the church maintained regular religious services in Washington Hall until the erection of its sanctuary, situated on Congress Street, corner of Exchange. The land and edifice were paid for by subscription from members of the parish and congregation and outside friends, in sums of from \$5 to \$300,—costing about \$9,000. It was consecrated, with the customary solemnities, March 21, 1871.

More recently a new tower has been erected, and various interior improvements made, at a further cost of \$1,500. Still more recently, the parish has provided itself with an admirable organ, costing complete about \$1,400. The average Sunday audience numbers 100 or more.

The public have long been accustomed to regard the Episcopalians as an eminently respectable Christian denomination, even though questioning some of their ecclesiastical claims to apostolical descent; and the members of our Trinity Church take honorable rank among the religious people of Milford in all the relations of life. I suppose there is no need of my presenting any statement of their doctrinal or ceremonial peculiarities; all inquirers having ample access to their published expositions of faith, order, and observances. I am indebted to their first warden, Mr. Charles Dove, for most of the foregoing particulars, and also for the following succession of their rectors:—

Rev. Henry Adams, commencing Jan. 1, 1864.	Rev. John M. Benedict, till June, 1874.
Rev. George G. Jones, commencing May, 1865, and continuing to '68.	Rev. William F. Lloyd, till April, 1877.
Rev. E. B. Allen, till June, 1870.	Rev. George R. Wheelock, till 1879.
Rev. Reginald H. Howe, till Jan., 1872.	Rev. Wm. James Alger, commencing Jan. 1, 1881.

In this my 8<sup>th</sup> year as your rector, and the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Trinity in Milford, I am reminded that we are stewards, called to Trinity to live into the summary of the law as Jesus gave it to us:

One of the scribes came near and ... asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:28-31*

I give thanks to those that have come before, all of us who are here for a time and for the generations yet to come, who will know God's grace in this place, loving God and loving our neighbors.

There are many ways we have extended ourselves this year to share the love of God and neighbor.

We have expanded our monthly meal program, offering nutritious full dinners on the last Wednesday and Friday of every month. People from around our community – singles, families, children – gather for dinner and fellowship.

Our Saturday service, started in October, is drawing new members, returning members and people for whom Sunday morning presents schedule conflicts.

In addition to our excellent Sunday morning Christian Education program for our children, we now have two very active and vibrant youth groups – Jr. and Sr. High ages.

Our lay pastoral care program, Stephen Ministry, provides dedicated, trained, confidential Christian care givers to walk with members of our community as they tackle life's challenges. I give thanks for all our Stephen Ministers and Leaders. Audrey Kerxhalli, one our original Stephen Leaders, "retired" this year and I give thanks for her service and dedication to this ministry. I thank Verna Kosiba for taking on the coordination of our Stephen Minister's Supervision meetings.

Our choir continues their dedicated service, rehearsing on Tuesday evenings and helping to lead our worship on Sunday mornings. This year has seen transition as we have welcomed Randy Bloom (and Edla Ann) as he stepped into the role of interim Choirmaster and Organist. We all miss the love and care that Liz Pekkala has provided for our adult and children's choirs over these past 13 years.

As I read through our Annual Report I am reminded of what an incredible and active congregation we are. We have saints and angels all around us, blessing us with their gifts and talents. We all have unique gifts to share and I encourage us to express our gratitude to all among us for all the ways we expand God's kingdom here and now.

We are making a difference here in Milford and around the world, living into our mission statement: *Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit, through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

An exciting new opportunity is coming to Trinity – Our Bishop and our new Canon to the Ordinary were so excited by their visits to Trinity, that in the spirit of expanding our Mission and Ministry to our community and the world, we are encouraged to take on the services of a deacon. To that end, The Rev. Donna Kingman will be joining us in mid-March as our new Deacon. Donna will spend some time getting to know our Trinity family and will fulfill her role: "To interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world (particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely)." Donna will help us to identify, understand and respond to the needs of our community.

I encourage you to review this report and find the ministry areas you feel called to. If you've got an idea for a ministry that's not already here – talk to me and let's explore it!

Respectfully submitted,

*William MacDonald Murray, Rector, Trinity Church Milford*

# X. OTHER BUSINESS

# XI. BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

## BLESSING

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

## Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

**Service Participants/Assisting in our Worship**

**9:00 am Service**

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. William MacDonald Murray
<b>Organist</b>	Randolph R. Bloom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	All Vestry Members
<b>Food Pantry Pick-Up Person</b>	Patti Kelly
<b>Acolytes</b>	Rebecca and AJ Cook
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gayle Ruscitti and Ann Marie Lockwood
<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Yaroshefski & Carol Cormier
<b>Nursery Volunteers</b>	Rachel Garay and Julia Klisiewicz
<b>Pot Luck Brunch Hosts</b>	The Vestry

**The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church are  
 THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH**

supported by

The Reverend Mac Murray, Rector  
 Randolph R. Bloom, Minister of Music  
 MaryBeth Sweet, Christian Education  
 Mary Johnson, Parish Nurse

Magee Lambert, Church Secretary; Paul Del Molino, Sexton  
 Gayle Ruscitti, Senior Warden; Ann Marie Lockwood, Junior Warden  
 and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts  
 led by  
 The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts