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*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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BRUNCH

INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE RECTOR

The Wardens, standing before the rector with the new minister, say these words

Father Mac, we have come together today to welcome Susan Schwab, who served faithfully here at Trinity throughout your sabbatical and knee surgery recovery, who has been chosen to serve as Associate Rector of Trinity. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Fr. Mac then says

Susan, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Susan I do.

Fr. Mac addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Susan in this ministry?

People **We will.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Together let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Susan, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for us; and grant that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you our gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The new Minister then kneels in the midst of the congregation, and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Fr. Mac then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Greet your new Associate Rector.

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II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting February 5, 2017

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The annual meeting was incorporated into a joint 9AM Eucharist worship service held in the Parish Hall and included reports for the Calendar year 2016.

John Ellis spoke as Junior Warden of the Vestry following the Gospel. John reviewed services Trinity provides in the community and the work done to the building in the year. He also read a thank you note from Magee, the church secretary. He then talked about items that will need to be addressed in 2017. First, being the organ...repair or replace. Second, a Capital Campaign... We need to work to cancel out the long running deficit, pay for whatever is decided for the organ. Third, Fr. Mac's Sabbatical. It's not a vacation. As a congregation we can survive when Fr. Mac is away as a healthy vibrant community of faith. This is our opportunity to set our course for the next 5 years.

Fr. Mac spoke on the readings and how they fit in with the timing of our annual meeting and 2017 going forward. First, he spoke on the Sabbatical surveys...encouraging everyone to respond so we can share our story, our message.

The 153rd business meeting began at 10:35 AM.

II. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the agenda for the 2017 Annual Meeting (reports from the year 2016) as presented. It passed unanimously.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting

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

IV. Nominations and Elections

Father Mac Murray recognized and congratulated those completing vestry terms and other elected parish positions.

The following slate was presented:

- Senior Warden... Dwight Kee 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... Two candidates: Dave Scott and Ruth Warner, resulting in a paper ballot
- Clerk of the Vestry... Dianne Belamarich 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 Eidinger 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 Carig 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 2020)... Edla Ann Bloom, Wayne Stochaj, Lucille Clinkman 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)... David Scott and Lisa Ruggiero were 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)... Lyall Chambers was elected to the position of Vestry Member with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Continuing Vestry Members... Peach Warren, Cheryl Martin, Gayle Ruscitti, Patricia Peterson and Ginny Starkis
- Steward of the Offering... Charlie Johnson 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.
- Assistant Stewards of the Offering... Ann Marie Lockwood, Verna Kosiba, Touie Jackson and Barbara Chambers were re-elected to the position of Assistant Steward(s) of the Offering with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor. Two openings remain vacant.
- Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates... John Ellis, Patricia Peterson and Wayne Stochaj were elected as Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Youth Convention Delegate... Lyall Chambers was elected as Youth Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Alternate Delegates... Ginny Starkis, Mary Torian and Glen Peterson were elected as Alternate Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.
- Youth Alternate Delegates... Position available for a 16-20 year old.

V. Parish Committee Reports

Father Mac highlighted the work of several ministries and thanked everyone for the necessary involvement of many individuals to make these efforts successful. 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

Ruth Warner was elected to the position of Junior Warden.

VII. Report of the Treasurer

Father Mac reviewed the 2016 financials and the 2017 Budget as the treasurer is traveling... We came in about \$15K under in pledges for 2017. We had people move, pass away and have economic challenges resulting in decreased pledges.

Father Mac highlighted where the insurance settlement money was spent. Dick Kosiba was recognized for managing the actual work that was done. Ron Gorham was recognized for overseeing the engineering of the projects. John Ellis was recognized for all of his hard work with property and other areas.

A motion was made to accept the 2016 treasurer's report and 2017 Budget and seconded then passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports of the Wardens

The Warden's report is detailed in the written annual report.

IX. Report of the Rector

Father Mac's report is detailed in the written annual report.

X. Other Business

Barbara Jackson spoke about the Christmas Fair, particularly on the basket table. She commented that the figures presented with regard to the fair are not realistic as the various chair persons contribute money out of their pockets to their various venues. The various chair persons are considering themselves as potentially “aging out”... new members are needed.

XI. Commissioning of New Vestry

The vestry and stewards were commissioned with prayer.

XII. Blessing and Dismissal

The meeting was closed with prayer and the hymn, “Gracious Spirit, give your servants.” The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Belamarich, Clerk

IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – JANUARY 2018

THOSE COMPLETING VESTRY TERMS:

Senior Warden: Dwight Kee
Junior Warden: Ruth Warner
Clerk: Dianne Belamarich
Treasurer: Cheryl Eiding Taylor
Assistant Treasurer: Karen Carig-O'Neill
Vestry (Class of 2018): Patricia Peterson, Lisa Ruggiero, Dave Scott, Peach Warren

Youth member of the Vestry: Lyall Chambers

THOSE COMPLETING OTHER ELECTED PARISH POSITIONS:

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: John Ellis, Patricia Peterson, Wayne Stochaj

Youth Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Lyall Chambers

Alternate Delegates: Ginny Starkis, Mary Torian, Glen Peterson

Steward of the Offering: Charlie Johnson

Assistant Stewards of the Offering: Barbara Chambers, Touie Jackson, Verna Kosiba, Ann Marie Lockwood

CONTINUING VESTRY MEMBERS:

One Year Remaining / Class of 2019: Cheryl Martin, Gayle Ruscitti, Ginny Starkis
Two Years Remaining / Class of 2020: Edla Ann Bloom, Lucille Clinkman, Wayne Stochaj

NOMINEES FOR ELECTED POSITIONS (as of 1/30/18):

Vestry:

<i>Senior Warden</i>	Ginny Starkis
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Justin Varteresian
<i>Clerk</i>	Beth Moeller
<i>Treasurer</i>	Cheryl Eiding-Taylor
<i>Treasurer-in-training</i>	Open
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Karen Carig-O'Neill
<i>Vestry (Class of 2020)</i>	Lisa Ruggiero, Dave Scott, Peach Warren
<i>Vestry (Class of 2019)</i>	Susan Edmondson
<i>Youth Member (1 year)</i>	Open

Steward of the Offering: Charlie Johnson

Assistant Stewards of the Offering: Barbara Chambers, Touie Jackson, Anne Marie Lockwood, Ruth Warner, Open, Open

Diocesan Convention

- **Delegates:** Ginny Starkis (vestry), Wayne Stochaj, Beth Stochaj
Youth Delegate (16-20 years old, 1 year term) –Open
- **Alternate Delegates:** Open, Open, Open
Youth Delegate (16-20 years old, 1 year term) - Open

V. PARISH COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORSHIP

Wayne Stochaj, Vestry Liaison

Acolytes

Our acolytes perform ceremonial duties such as lighting the altar candles, carrying the cross or gospel during procession and assisting Fr. Mac to prepare for communion. They are an important part of our Sunday service and new additions are always welcome.

The acolyte schedule is defined every three months. With 9 members, most acolytes serve two Sundays during that three month time frame. We have been fortunate to have a flexible team who are always willing to fill in for each other when conflicts arise.

We are blessed to have the following members currently serving as acolytes: Liam Crisfield, Nicolas Figueroa, Brandon Kee, Abaigeal O'Neill, Anna Prevelige, Grace Prevelige, Abigail Scharnagle, Kim Stochaj and Maddie Stochaj.

Acolytes who also served in 2017: Charlie Scharnagle

Thank you all for participating in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Terese Cook, *Acolyte Coordinator*

Altar Bread Ministry

The baking of the bread for our Eucharist here at Trinity has become a mission that gives me a great deal of pleasure.

Being a part of this ministry allows me to continue feeding people which I love doing.

We welcome anyone who may be interested in joining this ministry. If you enjoy baking this is for you.

Please contact Ruth Warner if you would like to give it a try.

We want to thank the Prevelige family, Carol Brutsch, Peggy-Ann Berube, Mary Torian, Sharon Manoogian and Tracy Nelson for their baking expertise in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Warner

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild was busy this past year, with the three weekly services, Easter and Christmas services, along with extra services for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Weekly duties include setting the Altar for the services, polishing the brass, replacing the votive candles and Sanctuary candle, dusting and washing and ironing the linens. We have a dedicated group of women who give their time and talent to make sure the Altar is always setup for services. They are: Mary Torian, Cathy Ellis, Lisa Ruggiero, Ruth Warner, Sheri Keeler-Phillips and Maryellen Yaroshefski.

For the start of Lent the Altar, Lectern and Pulpit were draped in purple and the crosses were veiled also in purple. For Palm Sunday everything was changed to red and the fan palms were arranged behind the plain cross. As part of the Maundy Thursday service the crosses were veiled in black, the Altar stripped and draped in black. On Easter eve a group of parishioners helped polish brass and decorate the church with lilies. The plain Cross was brought up front and placed on the stand with daffodils behind it, and the altar was dressed with the super frontal. The Easter Vigil that night, and both Easter day services, were well attended.

During the Fall the Sacristy underwent a much needed update. The walls & trim were painted, new IKEA cabinets given as a gift were installed, the existing cabinets below & above the sinks along with the closet doors were repainted and the floor refinished. Thank you to Mary Torian for having the floor refinished and to Rev. Susan for having the existing cabinets and closet doors painted. Thank you to John Ellis and Dwight Kee for installing the IKEA cabinets and hanging the new bulletin board, wall hooks paper towel holder and towel bar.

A special thank you to Cathy Ellis for painting the walls and helping to pack up and move everything out of the sacristy before all the work start. Also thank you to Mary and Cathy for helping with planning what cabinets to get. Thank you to the Altar Guild members and the Lay Eucharistic Visitors for working out of the Blue Room while all the work was going on. We are awaiting the final coat to be done on the floor and unpack some more things and then we will be finished.

At the start of Advent the manger was setup and decorated, the hangings were changed to blue and the Advent wreath placed out. A Saturday morning was spent polishing the brass and silver in preparation for the Christmas services. On Christmas Eve, following the 9am service, the church was greened. Thank you to everyone who helped hang the wreaths and garland, arrange the poinsettias, place greens and lanterns in the windows, and set the Altar and hang the Angel. The Wise men and camels were placed in the Narthex in preparation for their journey to arrive at the manger to see baby Jesus on Epiphany. The Christmas Eve services at 4pm, 7pm and 10:30/11pm were well attended. The 9am service on Christmas Day was lovely.

Thank you to the members of the Altar guild and Fr. Mac and Rev. Susan. Thank you to everyone who helped with polishing before Christmas and for assembling the candle and drip cups for the Easter and Christmas Eve services. A big thank you to the parishioners (young & old) who help decorate the church for Easter and Christmas as well as taking down & cleaning up when the time comes. The Altar Guild appreciates everyone's help.

If any parishioner (male or female) is interested in perhaps joining the Altar Guild or learning more about what we do, please speak to Maryellen Yaroshefski or to any member of the Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Yaroshefski, Altar Guild Directress

Blue Christmas

Trinity held the annual Blue Christmas Service this year on December 10th at 4:00 pm. It is a simple service with time for quiet reflection. We had about 18 in attendance this year. I thank David Clinkman for providing beautiful music before, during and after the service. It has been suggested that next year the music be played for a longer period of time before and after the service to allow people more time to sit and be still. Fr. Mac suggests we have a longer time of silence between each hymn and reading, more time for quiet reflection.

During the service the people who attend light many candles and write down their prayers on slips of paper. At the end of the service we light the slips of paper on fire and watch as the flames ascend towards the sky. Thank you to Diane Belamarich for organizing this part of the service for us.

And thank you to Beth Moeller a lovely coffee hour after the service.

I also want to thank Ruth Warner for her donation to our blue glass collection for Blue Christmas services in the future.

Respectfully,

Mary E. Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

A very special opportunity continues in our parish at every service. This is the opportunity to read a lesson and/or to serve as the Lay Eucharistic Minister during communion. Honestly, for me, there was a long-time inner dialogue prior to my stepping forward. It sounded like: "I think I would like to try, but Oh what if I make a mistake?...HMMMM, maybe someday".

While I cannot remember exactly when or why I decided to actually volunteer for this ministry, I can promise you that my fears soon disappeared. I believe that participating in any service as a Reader or as a Lay Eucharistic Minister is uniquely meaningful, offering a special way of connecting with everyone in the congregation. If you know me at all, you know that I am not skilled at forcing others to do anything! However, I really hope that you'll come to me with any thoughts or questions you might have. A schedule of LEM and Reader assignments is created on a regular basis and conflicts/substitutions are handled internally by group members.

Thank you, Thank you to ALL who share in this ministry for your quiet dependability and personal commitment.

I want to especially recognize the wonderful addition of three new participants this past year: Lisa Ruggiero, Brandon Kee and Charlie Scharnagle.

Respectfully submitted,
Peach Warren, Coordinator

Music Program

The music program at Trinity continued through 2017 with both the adult choir and the youth choir contributing to the worship from late August and mid-June. In September Liz Pekkala and Jane Hanrahan returned to assist with the youth choirs along with Beth Stochaj. Liz was also able to substitute for me in my absence. Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch, James Jones, Lyall Chambers, Beth and Wayne Stochaj enhanced our worship with their solo skills both vocal and instrumental. Maddie and Kim Stochaj shared their violin and cello abilities on several occasions.

In Father Mac's absence, Reverend Susan Schwab supported the choir and music much in the same ways Father Mac has. Susan organized the Covenant Thanksgiving evensong with St. Mary's Church continuing the long-standing bond between the two congregations. A potluck meal followed the evensong with congregants from both churches mingling while enjoying a delicious meal. Although St. Mary's does not have a music program, it is hoped that in the coming year they will develop one. Susan also helped organize and lead the three services of Lessons and Carols for the weekend following Christmas providing Trinity's members another opportunity to sing familiar carols.

The organ committee's work entered another phase with the decision, supported by the Vestry, to replace Trinity's Hook and Hastings 9 rank 1870's pipe organ with a 22 rank pipe organ which will correct logical problems and musical limitations of the current instrument. The committee listened to several different organs, 3 pipe organs and one electronic organ, and decided a pipe organ comprised of pipes and materials from various older instruments would be a good cost-effective solution to the challenges created by the Hook and Hastings. As part of the Capital Campaign project, the new organ is projected to be completed in late summer or early fall of 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Bloom
Minister of Music

Sunday Nursery

While a decision was made in 2015 to discontinue staffing the nursery during Sunday services, the nursery remains open and available for parents to use if they would like.

If you are interested in running the nursery program, please see me.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Stochaj

Ushers

➤ 8:00 am Service:

The 8 am ushers enjoyed a busy year this year. Thank you to Christine McNulty, Charlie Keegan, Charlie Johnson, Touie Jackson, Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski, Peg Berube, Steve and Elizabeth Klisiewicz, Ginny Starkis, Evelyn Yaroshefski, 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.

Thank you again to our Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Ushers: John Ellis, Brian O'Toole, Paul Sweet, Patricia and Glen Peterson, Mary-Ellen, and Andrew Yaroshefski.

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

➤ **10:00 am Service:**

The 10 AM ushers this past year were: Paul Sweet, Pam Hennessy, John Ellis, Brian O'Toole, Rick Davis, and Carol Davis. Thanks to all of them! We could really use a few more ushers, for the coming year. Please consider doing this, and speak to me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Varteresian, 10:00 a.m. Usher Coordinator

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Lyall Chambers & Lisa Ruggiero, Vestry Liaison

Adult Education

The primary Adult Education opportunity occurs during Lent. In 2017 our Lenten Program focused on the Five Marks of Love. This six-week series offered an opportunity to observe and reflect on ways in which Christ's love expresses itself in and through us; in our lives, in our faith communities and in the world around us.

We have explored the desire for ongoing Adult Formation and as a result have asked Rev. Susan Schwab to continue here at Trinity as Associate Rector with her principle focus being Christian Formation (for all ages).

Blessings,

Fr. Mac

Confirmation Class

In the Fall of 2016, thirteen students began their journey to confirmation. For this journey, we are using the Confirm not Conform program. This program provides the students with lots of space to explore their beliefs and to help them find the bedrocks of their faith. The goal of the confirmation class is to challenge the youths to look at things they thought were true, really think about whether they believe that or not, and ask themselves why they believe it. It has exposed them to new ideas, new ways of thinking, new experiences, and new questions along the way. After one and a half years of class the students are well on their way into examining their faith and preparing for confirmation. We look forward to confirmation at the Bishop's visit in May of 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Stochaj

Youth Group

We are blessed to have a vibrant and active Youth Group at Trinity. Friends are always welcome and most often we have several join us. Although we had some challenges in meeting on a regular basis we have been able to get together for fellowship and service projects over the last several months. It is inspiring to know that Trinity is able to provide an environment for our young people to explore, question and generally discuss whatever is on their mind. We continue with a combined group in grades 6 - 12. Jr. Youth and Sr. Youth groups together, and we now have a very active group from grades 6 – 12.

We have continued our support of the Scattered Site Shelters by filling cleaning supply and personal care item buckets. In addition we had a very successful bake sale on Super Bowl Sunday (aka the Annual Meeting) and will look forward to doing that again this year. Grace Prevelige was able to join others for the DR Mission Trip this past summer and we have had outings to Patriot Place and Boda Borg. This past fall we spent a few Sunday nights enjoying fellowship and making ornaments for the Youth Group Tree as the Christmas Fair. We also continued with a service project that we started in 2016 called Cookies for College, supplying any college student from Trinity with a box of homemade cookies and notes of encouragement to help during the final few weeks of the semester.

Whether it is engaging in discussion around the bible, exploring and understanding what we are called to do, understanding the needs of those around us, or just hanging out with friends and enjoying fellowship the Youth Group is one of the great gems at Trinity. I would encourage anyone to get involved in being a Youth Group leader (there is really not much too it!). It is a truly rewarding opportunity to work with our Youth.

Respectfully,

Beth Moeller, Trinity Youth Group Leadership Team

Sunday School

This year we have official registration of 18 boys and girls which is about the same census we had last year. Our weekly average of participants is approximately 14, a little higher than last year's average.

This year we started with a deeper study of the Lord's Prayer using a variety of games to not only learn the words in the prayer, but also understand the words we are saying. We also had conversations of gratitude, for our friends and our families and also our clergy. We wrote notes of thanks and created trees of gratitude for our Thanksgiving tables. In the blink of an eye the Holidays were upon us and we, of course, had conversations about the Mary and Joseph's travel to Bethlehem. In the weeks ahead we will continue exploring with the new content I have come upon.

The children who come each week are still eager to learn and share their thoughts on how God's love is all around them. Their enthusiasm and energy are what keep me motivated to try new ideas. This young group of learners, along with the dedication of a handful of consistent volunteers is what makes the program a reality.

As always, 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

PASTORAL CARE

Edla Ann Bloom, Vestry Liaison

Birthday Card Ministry

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Δ 2016
January	41	43	43	49	52	61	+9
February	44	47	54	54	56	53	-3
March	60	58	63	64	78	67	-11
April	67	68	70	67	71	64	-8
May	69	71	73	72	74	74	-0-
June	78	74	78	83	83	81	-2
July	66	64	66	71	79	79	-0-
August	68	67	69	70	79	78	-1
September	59	61	62	66	65	67	+2
October	59	66	65	65	57	55	-2
November	54	66	70	69	68	68	-0-
December	43	56	59	62	60	60	-0-
Total Cards Sent	708	741	772	792	822	807	-15

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

Care of Our Homebound Parishioners

We continue to have volunteers bring Eucharist to our home bound parishioners, we delivered lilies at Easter.

Respectfully,

Justin Varteresian

Healing Meals

We did not have any cooking parties to stock the Healing Meals freezer in 2017, as the Community Dinners usually have left overs and the volunteers package them up as Healing Meals as needed.

Respectfully,

Mary Johnson, Healing Meals Coordinator

Prayer Group

This year brought back our Saturday morning 8am contemplative prayer group. Join together for prayer & coffee from 8am till 9am Saturday in the Parish Hall. No age or gender restrictions. Also, no specific order or agenda, just prayer and coffee (or bring your own beverage). Bring a prayer you'd like to share, bring a person, thing, or concern that you'd like to have other people pray over with you. Or, just come to join in a community of prayer. No strings, no attachments, no commitments just an hour on Saturday mornings to share prayers to Him, with others.

Respectfully,

Fr. Mac

Smitten with Knittin' / Praying Hands Ministry

Thank you, ladies, for another splendid year of knitting & crocheting and for your faithful dedication to the Ministry. We created an amazing amount of items this year, just under 200, which represents over 1,700 hours of very loving labor! I'm extremely grateful for all this help.

We will continue with our primary focus on making Prayer shawls and baptismal baby blankets. New members and ideas for how we can support our community are always welcome.

We are looking forward to another good year of knitting and crocheting. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

June F Jones, "Smitten with Knittin'"

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry at Trinity has been a presence at Trinity for over seven years now. We have been blessed with several who have been trained in this unique one-on-one listening ministry. We have teamed up with Sacred Heart Hopedale for training, continuing education and supervision, We currently have one active Stephen Minister who continues to meet on a regular basis with the Sacred Heart team to support one another and do continuing education together.

We are a quiet ministry of the parish but a very dedicated one. Please know that you are always welcome to speak with me or Fr. Mac about Stephen Ministry. We are very much here to help you understand how it works and of the benefits it can be to anyone who enters into it. If it might help you feel more comfortable then please visit the Stephen Ministry website: stephenministries.org to see various ways in which we minister God's people - each one of you.

Respectfully,

Fr. Mac

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Lucille Clinkman & Cheryl Martin, Vestry Liaison

Community Dinners

The community dinner ministry has become a ministry to help people who are looking for a hot meal as well as others to share it with.

Trinity Church serves meals on the last Wednesday of each month. The United Methodist Church serves meals on the last Thursday of each month and The Hopedale Unitarian Church along with Sacred Heart Church in Hopedale serve meals on the last Friday of the month.

The volunteers who work in our kitchen and dining room are very dedicated to the jobs that are so important. To name them all would be almost impossible but you all have our sincere thanks.

If you are interested in volunteering feel free to just show up any of the dinner evenings or talk to Ruth Warner.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Warner

Covenant Committee

The Covenant Committee celebrated 45 years in 2017. This covenant between St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Trinity Episcopal Church is the oldest continuing covenant between a Roman Catholic and Episcopal church in the world.

However, the membership in the Covenant Committee is getting smaller each year. Beth Lucier of St. Mary's (a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society) has taken the place of Sister Theresa as leader of St. Mary's group - which includes Alice DePalma and Virginia Lalime.

Trinity's group includes Mary Frances Best, Sharon Manoogian and Arlene Person. It would be nice to have another member or two.

In 2017 the Committee hosted the Annual Harvest Luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall in October. The group attending was entertained by the Greater Milford Community Chorus. The Annual Covenant Evensong and Pot Luck Supper was held in mid-November with both the adult and children's choirs participating. Father Peter Joyce, the new pastor at St. Mary's was co-celebrant with Reverend Susan (Father Mac still recovering from knee surgery). the service was lovely and the supper a nice time of eating and fellowship. Everyone seemed to have a good time -- as they usually do.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Best, Committee Member

Daily Bread Food Pantry

The Daily Bread Food Pantry does not have a website.

Questions regarding the Pantry should be made by **calling the Pantry directly at 508-478-4225.**

The Pantry distributes food on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Trinity Church was one of the six churches who joined together to found the Daily Bread Food Pantry in 1991. The Pantry is run totally by volunteers and is funded totally by donations of food and money from local churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals.

The pantry is always in need of low salt and low sugar foods. As you know eating healthy is not easy. Other items always in need are: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toiletries (such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant), diapers, and laundry supplies.

Food and Monetary Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry every Monday evening between 6:00 and 7:30 PM. The Daily Bread Food Pantry is located at 21 Exchange Street, almost directly across the street from Trinity's back door.

Food Donations can also be brought to Trinity Church each Sunday and left in the baskets at the back of the Church.

Trinity has a rotating list of volunteers who deliver this food every Monday evening between 6:00 and 7:30. Please contact Pat Ward (508 478-6119) if you are interested in being a sub or would like to be added to this list. Right now we have five people that rotate this pick-up and delivery.

The Pantry is always looking for new people to help.

Please call the Pantry directly (508 478-4225) to volunteer:

1. Volunteers to pack the food for clients on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This is on a rotating schedule and is never more than once a month.

2. Volunteers to help either Tuesday or Thursday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 stocking shelves with food for the clients to pick up that night. This may involve some lifting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ward

Dominican Republic Mission Team

Since 2011 our diocese has sent over fifty people to a small Dominican town on the border of Haiti—the town of Jimani, in 2015 to the La Barquita area of Santo Domingo and in 2017 to San Pedro de Marcoris.

Participation from Trinity has included

- ✦ 2011: Ann Marie Lockwood, Peach Warren
- ✦ 2012: Ann Marie Lockwood, Peach Warren, Ani Sharoogian
- ✦ 2013: Ann Marie Lockwood, Peach Warren, Ethan Moeller, Fr. Mac Murray, Ani Sharoogian
- ✦ 2014: Fr. Mac Murray, Beth Moeller, Gayle Ruscitti, Becca Cook
- ✦ 2015: Ann Marie Lockwood, Peach Warren, Fr. Mac Murray, Beth Moeller, Becca Cook, Jack O’Neill, John McCarthy
- ✦ 2017: Sarah Prevelige and Grace Prevelige

2016 was a Sabbath year for our mission effort. Our 2017 Mission Trip renewed our relationship with Padre Jean Nephtaly Desir, the priest we first worked with in Jimani. Padre Nephtaly is now in San Pedro De Macoris. Our 2017 team included over 22 missionaries from around the diocese. Our work included offering a Vacation Bible School and a work project to build a playground for the children.

With the generous amount of time to prepare for the 2017 trip, we were able to prepare all supplies and ship all via barge to avoid the extra fee and hassle of the extra suitcase for each participant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fr. Mac Murray

Laundry Love

Trinity provides Laundry Love care to people at two different laundromats in Milford. On the first Thursday of each month we are at Double Bubble (DB) and on the third Wednesday of each month we are at EZ laundromat. We have volunteers there from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Our expenses for 2107 were:

January DB no record estimated \$80 EZ \$130

February DB \$90 EZ \$212

March DB \$ 50 EZ \$80

April DB \$30 EZ \$220

May DB \$70 EZ \$ 200

June DB \$153 EZ \$160

July DB \$90 EZ \$ 260

August DB \$ 90 EZ \$ 240

September DB \$90 EZ \$230

October DB \$80 EZ \$ 320

November DB \$90 EZ \$160

December DB \$120 EZ \$ 270

Total spent in 2017: \$3615.00

Trinity has a line item in the budget for the cost of Laundry Love. We also receive multiple cash donations from many people, including the owners of the laundromats. We have also had multiple donations of laundry supplies.

When the town of Milford had down town trick or treating they asked people to bring donations for Laundry Love. We received many boxes of dryer sheets, fabric softener and soap. We also received these type of donations from the Hoboken Citizen's Club in Milford.

Laundry Love has evolved. We started out by providing as much money as people needed to do as many loads as they could on Laundry Love night. We now provide \$10 per person per night.

Laundry Love night used to be run 5 pm to 9 pm, now we stop at 8 pm.

What the volunteers report is that now that there is a cash limit the atmosphere is calmer. It used to be quite chaotic. We have a lot of regulars, who count on us. We are developing relationships with our clients as they have become regulars. However, I get the biggest kick out of people who walk into the laundromat not knowing anything about Laundry Love and feel like they just won the lottery.

We have a couple of our LL clients who help us with translating.

We have also had help with volunteering from people from St. Stephen's in Westborough, thanks to Deacon Beth Washburn. One of our lead volunteers is from the Hopedale Unitarian Church.

A goal for 2018 is to collaborate with other LL operations, such as the one run in Worcester to see if we could improve our operation.

Respectfully,

Mary Johnson, Laundry Love Coordinator

Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition (MAHC)

MAHC (Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition) which is housed at Trinity had another great year. The group was started at Trinity by Father Mac (president of the group) and two other parishioners. The group had original goals of resource management, food security, transportation, and elder affairs. The coalition started the summer food program for children which provides lunch and activities for those in the Milford area who might not receive lunch when school is not in session. In the summer of 2017 we served about 10,000 meals to participants. MAHC also worked very hard to bring public transportation to Milford. The organization has supported the transit system (MWRTA) with printing, signage, and marketing advice. Please continue to support this vital service. The coalition shares responsibility for all programs with a wide range of local churches, community organizations such as the Rotary of Milford and the YMCA as well as local, state and federal government. A new push is underway to provide supplemental support for the Senior Center. Another aim is to reach out to the undeserved immigrant community and show inclusion to all. MAHC meets each 2nd Thursday of the month. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully,

Dave Scott

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 - \$1250
- \$ Abby's House - \$500
- \$ Alternatives - \$750
- \$ Pathways for Change - \$250
- \$ Armenian Children's Milk Fund - \$350
- \$ Episcopal Relief & Development (for Natural Disaster Relief)- \$200
- \$ Episcopal Relief & Development (for Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief)- \$1000
- \$ Change the Babies - \$500
- \$ Unitarian Church of Milford Meals Program - \$250

- \$ Five Talents (Micro loans program) - \$500
- \$ Dismas House - \$500
- \$ Rev. Meridyth Ward - \$500
- \$ United Thank Offering - \$500

This year's Lenten Project collected funds for "Change the Babies", to help provide for the children at the Mampong Babies Home in Kumasi, Ghana. "Change the Babies" is a ministry created by the Rev. Betsy Fisher to support the Mampong Babies Home. Trinity is one of seven parishes in the Diocese who have each pledged to raise \$1500 a year for a period of five years, the cost of caring for one baby from birth to age 5. Thank you to Parishioners who donated to the Lenten collection and to the special collection held in the Fall. The total amount collected, including Mission's donation was \$1,697.59 Parishioners can donate anytime, there are canisters in the Parish Hall, outside the church entrance, in the Narthex or using one of the envelopes marked "Change the Babies".

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and to those that helped sort and fill the baskets.

This year's Jesse Tree contained tags for adults and children in and outside of the parish. Through the generosity of parishioners many families were helped. Thank you to those who help hang the tags on the tree, to those who took a tag and fulfilled a request. Thank you to those who helped with sorting and being available for pickups and for deliveries. Thank you to our Parish secretary who took the requests as they were called/sent in, and who was available for pickups.

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. Thank you to Arlene Person for counting and redeeming the bottles & cans. The funds brought in from the Bottle/Can returns program go to the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

Thank you to the 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 to Mary Torian, Lucille Clinkman and Ginny Starkis for their help with the Mission Committee this year. Also thank you to the wardens and Fr. Mac, Magee Lambert, Cheryl Taylor, Charlie Johnson and the Stewards of the offering, your help throughout the year was much appreciated. Thank you to Pat Ward, Trinity's Representative to the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Thank you to Pat Stafford and Cathy Ellis for their help with the Jesse Tree this year.

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 after the 8am service.

Finally, thank you to all Parishioners of 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, 2017	\$1,071.91
Donations	\$10,433.55
Disbursements	\$7,451.51
Balance on December 31, 2017	\$4,089.95

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

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering was organized in the early nineteen century to support the missionary efforts of the Episcopal Church throughout the world. Since that time, it has evolved to provide funding grants for a variety of needs and programs, internationally and here in the United States. Applicants must demonstrate a need for support and a plan for how a UTO grant used to build a well, buy livestock, establish a clinic, or open an after-school program for latch-key kids, for example, will be funded and continue to grow after the UTO grant has been used.

Trinity Church has been a long-time supporter of the United Thank Offering. Each day, many of us give thanks for the blessings we have received by dropping a few coins into a UTO blue box. Those gifts are gathered and celebrated in the spring at the annual UTO breakfast. In 2017 our contribution was \$725.58.

Special thanks are due this year to Touie Jackson for his long and faithful service as UTO chairperson. He has been a model of commitment and enthusiasm for the United Thank Offering for more than 20 years.

Thanks are also due to Charlie and Sandy Keegan, Steve King, Peggy-Ann Berube, Lucille Clinkman, John Ellis, Dwight Kee, Ruth Warner, and Mary Ellen Yaroshefski whose hard work makes the annual breakfast possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Starkis, UTO Chairperson

PARISH LIFE

Patricia Peterson and Ginny Starkis, Vestry Liaison

Hospitality / Coffee Hour

➤ 8 am Service:

Our hosts prepare, set-up, serve, and clean-up after the 8 A.M. 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.

We are fortunate for the people who have volunteered for this ministry. We give thanks for and to our hosts: Lucille Clinkman, Cheryl and Bill Gladwin, Pat Keppler, Chris McNulty, Aida Mitchell, Debi O’Toole, Ruth Warner, and Mary-ellen Yaroshefski. We thank Peggy Berube and Verna Kosiba for many years of wonderful treats as they leave our rotation.

We also give our thanks to Paul Del Molino who is so faithful in seeing that there is a fellowship time after the 9 A.M. Wednesday morning Eucharist.

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

Respectfully,

Debi O'Toole, 8am Coffee Hour Coordinator

➤ **10 am Service:**

Each week after the 10:00 am service, a lovely group of women takes turns preparing for an hour of fellowship. Coffee hour is a wonderful opportunity for regular parishioners to gather together, talk and catch up with one another before a new week begins. It is also an opportunity to extend hospitality to visitors and to seekers looking for a new church home. Trinity is blessed to have 6 women who work on a rotating weekly basis, to help make this happen.

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

This is a companionable ministry for those who love to serve others quietly and simply. As Mother Theresa said: "We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love."

Please contact Audrey Kerxhalli at 774-275-0635 or at AudreyKerxhalli@yahoo.com for any questions you may have or to join our group of hostesses.

Respectfully,

Audrey Kerxhalli, 10am Coffee Hour Coordinator

ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

The Romeo's Lunch Group met on twelve occasions in 2017. Participation varied from three to eight people, and we visited eight restaurants, some more than once. On three occasions, we had speakers: two Mendon historians, an attorney, and Fr. Mac, who gave a travelogue of his voyage on the Pacific Ocean. The greatest number of participants were once at the Thai Pepper (8 people) and once at Willowbrook (7 people). The mode number for participation is 6.

Romeo's is a social group for retired men and any other men who would like to join us during their lunch hour. The purpose of the group is fellowship. Romeo's generally meets on the first Friday of the month at 12:30.

If interested in attending or being included in our email group, please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or 508-634-8996.

Respectfully submitted,

David Clinkman, ROMEO's coordinator

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 features include a message from Fr. Mac, Vestry Minutes, updates from the Mission Committee, and a monthly calendar. Additionally, announcements of upcoming events (Smitten with Knittin' aka Praying Hands, 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 15th of each month, and articles can be sent directly to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org. Also welcome at any time are suggestions and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Klisiewicz, Editor

The Trinity Parish Web Site

A new Parish website is being worked on by Natalie Leroux and Lindsey Sweet. Thank you both for all your work in getting the new website up and running.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Kee, Sr. Warden

Welcoming and Newcomers / Visitors

We have welcomed many new people to Trinity over the past year. They have been given a Newcomers bag with information about the church, prayers and a votive candle. We also ask them to make out one of the yellow information cards so Fr. Mac can contact them and welcome them to Trinity Church.

Any member of Trinity should go up and introduce themselves and notify Fr. Mac so he can greet them on leaving the church. We are a friendly church and want new people to feel comfortable being here.

We wanted to have a Newcomers Dinner and have them come as our guests. With Trinity being busy with other activities at church it has been very difficult to get a date that would work for the dinner, so we have not had one in a while. Hopefully we can try and get a good time this year to have a Newcomers Dinner. I am looking for people who would be willing to help with planning a dinner. Please speak to me if you are willing to help.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Torian
Welcome Committee

FUNDRAISING AND PARISH WIDE EVENTS

Gayle Ruscitti and Dave Scott, Vestry Liaison

“Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future” Capital Campaign

Almost a year ago the vestry began exploring the possibility of undertaking a capital campaign to address some of the improvements and obligations that we knew we would be facing in the upcoming year. We discussed how to proceed and ultimately decided to interview campaign consultants to explore our options. We interviewed six candidates and unanimously agreed to hire Brian Raiche of Cornerstone Fundraising to undertake a feasibility study to see how much money we might be able to raise.

The vestry had previously identified several areas that needed to be addressed: the organ requires upgrading or replacing and the upper parish hall needs air conditioning; repaying ourselves for the money we spent to replace the windows in the parish hall and restructuring our finances by paying off \$50,000 of debt would be possible.

The feasibility study revealed that we could raise about \$325,000 from parishioners at Trinity and, in addition to the items that the vestry had identified, there was considerable interest in upgrading and improving the kitchen to expand our food ministry.

In response to the results of the feasibility study, the vestry voted to undertake a capital campaign.

During the month of December, leadership donors who had indicated that they might be able to make major gifts were contacted by Father Mac and Brian Raiche. As of December 31, 2017, more than \$160,000 had been pledged by 17 donors.

Receptions were scheduled during January to kick off the overall campaign, beginning with a vestry/parish leadership gathering. Additional receptions for the entire parish will follow.

The goal is to be able to wrap up the entire campaign by the annual meeting in February.

The capital campaign, entitled Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future, is off to an excellent start!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Starkis
Capital Campaign Committee

Christmas Fair

This year's fair was again a great success. We did extremely well. Many thanks go out to all who helped set up/take down and work at the fair. We could not have a fair without your help. You all did a wonderful job with your tables. Below are the most current figures I have for how each table did and how we did as a whole. Thanks again for another successful fair.

Table	2017	2016	2015
Bake Table	\$377.00	\$437.00	\$473.25
Basket Table	\$3,214.00	\$2,900.50	\$2,896.00
Jewelry('17)/Books Table	\$690.25	\$143.50	\$30.00
Busy Fingers Table	\$880.05	\$1,371.50	\$1,083.00
Candy Table	\$757.05	\$768.75	\$556.00
Children Room	\$551.50	\$385.45	\$364.00
Christmas Table	\$986.00	\$589.75	\$730.50
Hazel's Cafe	\$1,339.75	\$1,169.00	\$1,529.81
Heavenly Scented Table	\$327.00	\$427.00	\$0.00
Holiday Greens	\$1,723.00	\$2,202.00	\$2,565.50
Lottery Table	\$453.00	\$484.00	\$588.00
St. Mary's Pies	\$480.00	\$403.00	\$431.00
Santa's Photos	\$580.00	\$270.00	\$271.00
Tinseltown Raffle	\$2,455.00	\$2,224.80	\$3,926.00
Treasure Trove	\$750.03	\$658.80	\$793.55
Youth Group Ornaments	\$76.00	\$102.50	\$199.61
TOTAL	\$15,639.63	\$14,537.55	\$16,437.22

Thanks again everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Ruscitti, Christmas Fair Chair

Mary Ellen Yaroshefski, Co-chair

St. Paddy's Day Dinner

The St. Paddy's Day dinner again filled the kitchen with those wonderful smells of a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage. A wide assortment of additional root vegetables were included and served. A real hit was the soda bread which was included with the meal along with desert. Many thanks to all the folks from the kitchen crew for all their help. The fundraiser was successful and all monies went to continue outreach programs at Trinity. Thank You for attending.

Regards,

Dave Scott

Welcome Back BBQ / Picnic

The welcome back picnic is long tradition at Trinity. It marks the end of summer and calls attention to the start of a busy church schedule. The 2017 picnic was held on Sept. 10. The Methodist Church across the street from Trinity also attended which has been the case for many years. The total number of people served was 125. The picnic was planned by Dave Scott with the help of many folks from both churches. The menu served included burgers, dogs, and chicken. Various smoked meats including pork ribs, sausage, beef and turkey were also prepared. The addition appeared to be a big hit. The Methodist Church brought many salad items which were so delicious. The desert of the day was watermelon. The meal came at a cost of zero since several parishioners contributed to fund the event.

In Christ,

Dave Scott

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Peach Warren, Vestry Liaison

Trinity Church GFS Scholarship Committee

In 2017, the GFS Scholarship Committee team awarded college scholarships to two worthy recipients- Leah Sweet and Julia Klisiewicz. We thank Leah and Julia for their service to the Trinity and wish them success and happiness with their future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Kee, Sr. Warden

Safe Church Training / CORI

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. requires that every parish actively seeks to “ensure that it is a safe place; safe for those who worship, safe for those minister, safe for those who come in need, safe for children and safe for all who seek or serve Christ.” Each parish must identify those individuals working with children and youth and urge them to attend a three-hour Safe Church for Volunteers workshop. The workshop will be offered by the Diocesan Safe Church Officer, Rev. Tanya Wallace or by an individual that she has approved. Workshops are offered periodically throughout the Diocese.

Having successfully completed the certification process with Rev. Wallace, I then presented a three-hour workshop in October 2016 to 15 individuals in our parish hall. All participants received a Certificate of Attendance and Completion. The workshop includes both small group and large group discussion, as well as a 25-minute video that focuses on the protection of children.

The Vestry has agreed that Trinity should conduct another Safe Church Workshop in the Fall, 2018. The workshop will be held in the evening and those who work with children and youth will be notified and encouraged to attend for certification/ recertification.

Respectfully submitted,
Peach Warren, Safe Church Officer

MANAGEMENT OF PARISH RESOURCES

Edla Ann Bloom, Dave Scott and Ruth Warner, Vestry Liaison

Grounds Committee

A small dedicated group of volunteers cared for and ensured that our parish grounds were maintained and decorated for all the holidays and occasions. Thank you Cathy Poch for all your years of service to this ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dwight Kee, Sr. Warden

Parish Records

The work of keeping parish records is not just a practice that is left over from days gone by but one that is important on many levels: parish statistics (see Fr. Mac’s Report); acceptable alternative proof of identity for the federal government; and family genealogy and lineage. There is a rich legacy to be found as one works through these records. A new Steward of the Records is needed. Know that if you anyone is interested that Fr. Mac will gladly teach you what is needed and feel comfortable that you can always check in with me. I will gladly mentor you. This is important work in all parishes that can be done on one’s own schedule. Please consider this calling in this new year at Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Washburn

Building & Property Committee

Considering all the projects completed in 2016 to the roof and parish hall, 2017 was a relatively quiet year for the Property Committee.

In the spring we replaced the floors in the Lane Chapel and Mary Moore Room, which was the last project associated with the 2015 Valentines Day Storm Insurance Claim. We chose wood laminate, which turned out to be a great decision. The rooms are much warmer and inviting. We received many positive comments from parishioners and the groups that use those rooms!

2018 will be a busy year as we plan and complete the projects associated with the Capital Campaign. Projects include air conditioning the parish hall & kitchen, replacing our organ with a more modern instrument, interior church painting and potentially expanding the kitchen.

Beyond the big projects, other goals for 2018 will be to develop a long-term capital plan and a system for identifying, tracking and completing small repairs and routine maintenance.

We could also use some new committee members. If you are a tradesman, handyman/woman, serious DIYer, or just looking for a way to contribute your time/talent... WE WANT YOU! Please feel free to discuss your interest with Fr. Mac or John Ellis.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ellis, Building & Property Committee Chairperson

Stewardship / Annual Pledge Campaign

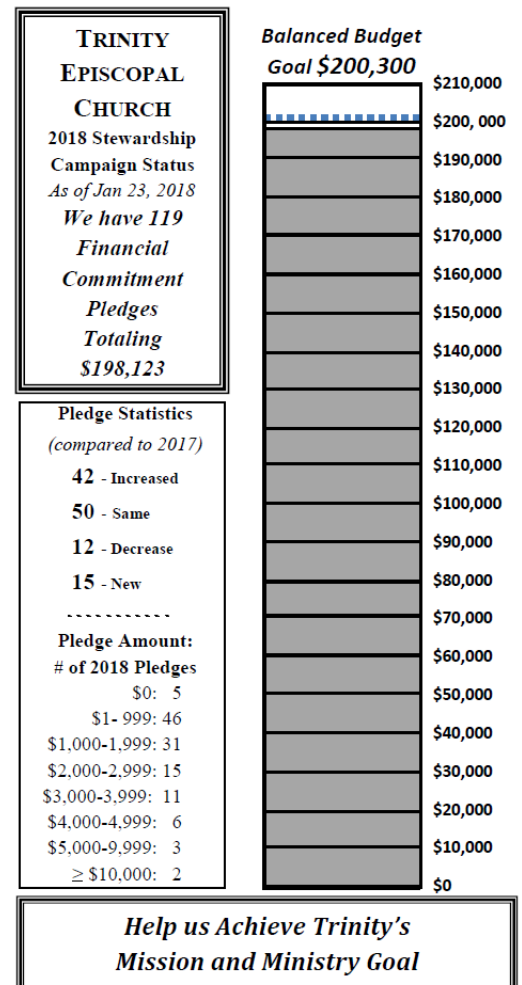
We began the 2018 Stewardship drive on September 1, 2017 with a letter stating our goals. The letter was sent to the entire Trinity Church family. A large number of the approximate 300 hundred names on the mailing list are not regular attendees but have a connection to Trinity. Many make one-time small gifts to our church. The list contained approximately 115 members who are regular attending and pledging members of our church family. Rev. Susan was asked to seek themes for her service messages which centered around giving in all different ways. Each service began with a relatively short but direct reflection from either Dianne or Dave to encourage thought about giving and what it means to an orderly budget plan and growth at Trinity. This part of the campaign went on for five weeks. On the third week of the sessions we had a "Sunday Sundaes" at coffee time after the two Sunday services. This was done to maintain focus on giving and to make it enjoyable. The fifth Sunday was celebrated with a "Southern Themed" Thank You Breakfast. This again was to maintain focus and to say thank you to all who have pledged.

For the most part, it was a successful campaign though it fell a little short of the total needed to present a balanced budget which was originally forecast at \$203,000. We ended the campaign with a request for each pledger to consider increasing their giving by \$5.00 per month. If that could happen we will reach, if not exceed, our goal. Thank you for all your generosity and faith in our total mission to ourselves and the world.

God Bless Each of You!

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Belamarich and Dave Scott, Stewardship Co-Chairs



VI. REPORT OF THE ELECTION

Vestry Officers:

- Senior Warden* Ginny Starkis
- Junior Warden* Justin Varteresian
- Clerk*..... Beth Moeller
- Treasurer*..... Cheryl Eidenger-Taylor
- Assistant Treasurer* Karen Carig-O’Neill
- Vestry (3 year term)* Lisa Ruggiero
- Vestry (3 year term)* Dave Scott
- Vestry (3 year term)* Peach Warren
- Youth (1 year term)*..... Grace Prevelige
- Additional Vestry Member (1 year term)* Susan Edmondson
- Additional Vestry Member (1 year term)* _____

OTHER ELECTED PARISH POSITIONS:

- Steward of the Offering:*..... Charlie Johnson
- Assistant Stewards of the Offering (6):* Barbara Chambers
- Touie Jackson
- Ann Marie Lockwood
- Ruth Warner
- John Ellis
- _____

Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates:

- Delegate* Wayne Stochaj
- Delegate* Beth Stochaj
- Delegate (Must be a member of the vestry)* Ginny Starkis
- Youth Delegate*..... Kim Stochaj

Alternate Delegates:

- Alternate Delegates*..... John Ellis
- Alternate Delegate* Patricia Peterson
- Alternate Delegate (Must be a member of the vestry)* Justin Varteresian
- Alternate Youth Delegate* Brandon Kee

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**a) REVIEW OF THE 2017 BUDGET VS. ACTUALS**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

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Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)
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NOTE: * Diocesan Holdings Dividends reflects balance as of 9/30/2017

Income

4101	Pledges	192,708	30,705	34,396	192,708	188,105	(4,602)
4150	Plate Offering	3,500	471	288	3,500	3,954*	454
4160	Special Day Offerings	6,000	2,251	3,000	6,000	4,626	(1,373)
4170	Church School Offering	0	0	0	0	0	0
4180	Hall Use Donations	4,000	120	337	4,000	3,602	(398)
4201	Christmas Fair	14,000	16,033	14,000	14,000	15,219*	1,219
4203	Fund Raising Events	1,500	10	125	1,500	89	(1,411)
4301	* Diocesan Holdings Dividends	9,000	0	750	9,000	9,353*	353
4400	Interest on Operating Acct	10	2	1	10	10*	0
4401	Interest on MMarket	75	0	9	75	13	(61)
4499	Faith Funding	21,500	1,287	1,788	21,500	20,378	(1,121)
4590	Flower & Candle Donations	2,500	660	1,000	2,500	1,936	(563)
Total Income		\$254,793	\$51,541	\$55,694	\$254,793	\$247,289	(\$7,503)

Expense

5001	Assessment for Common Ministry	27,261	2,272	2,269	27,261	27,261	0
5002	Missions Budget Expense	2,500	208	212	2,500	2,499	(0)
5003	TDF Budget Expense	1,200	100	100	1,200	1,200	0
5101	Altar Supplies	700	74	62	700	573	(126)
5110	Music	300	0	25	300	74	(225)
5112	Junior Choir Expenses	250	0	0	250	0	(250)
5113	Supply Organist or Soloists	300	0	25	300	200	(100)
5114	Organ Maintenance	1,000	300	500	1,000	1,248*	248
5115	Organist Salary	16,068	1,300	1,339	16,068	15,600	(468)
5116	Social Security - Organist	1,262	99	104	1,262	1,193	(68)
5201	Christian Education	500	0	38	500	162	(338)
5202	Christian Ed Director Salary	9,164	741	763	9,164	8,897	(266)
5203	Christian Ed Director Social S	680	56	56	680	680*	0
5205	Stewardship Educ & Supplies	1,000	0	87	1,000	1,635*	635
5206	Adult Christian Formation	600	0	50	600	87	(512)
5211	Parish Nurse - Salary	0	0	0	0	0	0
5212	Soc.Sec: Parish Nurse	0	0	0	0	0	0
5220	Pastoral Care	1,200	0	100	1,200	960	(239)
5221	Community Meals Budget Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0
5222	Laundry Love Budget Expense	3,000	250	250	3,000	3,000	0

Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)
5230	Annual Convention&Safe Church	300	170	0	300	170	(130)
5231	Church Development Costs	500	0	38	500	713*	213
5232	Hospitality Supplies	500	27	38	500	378	(121)
5240	Fundraiser expenses	400	0	34	400	0	(400)
5300	Office Supplies	1,200	129	100	1,200	1,069	(130)
5301	Equipment Contracts	2,500	107	212	2,500	2,908*	408
5303	Bulletins & Printing	500	60	41	500	401	(99)
5304	Office Postage	1,100	248	88	1,100	960	(139)
5305	Documents & Forms	100	0	12	100	0	(100)
5306	Telephone - Church	2,200	125	184	2,200	2,161	(38)
5310	Rector's Salary	56,650	1,988	4,721	56,650	53,917	(2,732)
5311	Social Security - Rector	12,577	1,048	1,049	12,577	12,576	(0)
5312	Pension - Rector	18,332	1,527	1,527	18,332	18,331	(0)
5313	Medical-Dental: Rector	19,656	1,586	1,638	19,656	19,038	(618)
5314	Rector Equity Fund	3,399	283	283	3,399	3,399	0
5315	Rector's Expense Allowance	3,500	270	291	3,500	2,174	(1,325)
5316	Rector's Continuing Education	1,500	270	125	1,500	1,653*	153
5317	Rector's Sabatical Budget Expense	5,000	416	413	5,000	5,000*	0
5320	Supply Clergy	5,000	(1,699)	0	5,000	0	(5,000)
5321	Deacon's Expense Allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0
5330	Secretary's Salary	14,569	1,214	1,215	14,569	14,569*	0
5331	Social Security - Secretary	1,144	92	96	1,144	1,114	(29)
5350	Worker's Comp Insurance	918	951	0	918	1,020*	102
5360	Web Hosting/Website	125	0	10	125	187*	62
5361	Software Upgrades & Purchases	500	0	41	500	579*	79
5362	Professional Fees	500	0	0	500	5,899*	5,399
5363	Hardware Purchases	500	0	41	500	58	(441)
5400	Utilities - Natural Gas - Church	3,000	1,036	500	3,000	4,034*	1,034
5401	Utilites - Electric - Church	4,700	469	391	4,700	4,377	(322)
5402	Utilites-Water/Sewer - Church	600	0	50	600	393	(206)
5403	Trash removal - Church	1,200	300	100	1,200	1,968*	768
5404	Snow Removal - Church	400	140	150	400	340	(60)
5405	Floor Cleang Contact - Church	400	0	0	400	0	(400)
5406	Bldg.Main.& Rpr - Church	2,000	0	163	2,000	905	(1,094)
5407	Grounds Maintenance - Church	600	(232)	50	600	600*	0

Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)
5408	Green Energy Initiatives	150	0	7	150	150	0
5410	Sexton Salary	5,651	476	470	5,651	5,720*	69
5411	Social Security - Sexton	444	36	37	444	437	(6)
5420	Sexton Supplies	450	303	32	450	696*	246
5430	Utilites - Fuel Oil - Rectory	2,000	1,004	400	2,000	2,329*	329
5431	Utilities - Electric - Rectory	2,200	123	184	2,200	2,076	(123)
5432	Utilities-Water/Sewer- Rectory	1,100	0	91	1,100	837	(262)
5433	Utilities: Telephone - Rectory	1,100	367	88	1,100	1,416*	316
5434	Snow Removal & Grounds Maint - Rectory	750	15	61	750	750	0
5435	Bldg.Main& Rpr - Rectory	1,000	(804)	87	1,000	1,000*	0
5440	Blanket Insurance	4,427	4,950	0	4,427	9,576*	5,149
5450	Capital Impr Budget Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0
5926	Flower & Candle Expense	2,500	905	212	2,500	3,289*	789
Total Expense		\$254,827	\$23,313	\$21,250	\$254,827	\$254,455	(\$371)
Difference		(\$34)	\$28,228	\$34,444	(\$34)	(\$7,166)	

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

b) 2017 YEAR END ASSET AND FUND BALANCES

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1001	Operating Acct - Milford Nat'l	31,240.29	90,576.03
1055	MM Savings Acct	21,080.99	5,594.15
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)	62,576.72	67,275.75
1516	Lane Appreciation (Diocese)	38,246.45	42,546.86
1517	Cleveland Appreciation(Dioces)	15,655.35	17,895.71
1518	Trinity Appreciation (Diocese)	22,541.52	6,492.49
1800	Church & Parish Hall	1,495,787.00	1,495,787.00
1802	Contents: Church & Parish Hall	163,481.00	163,481.00
1810	Rectory	210,010.00	210,010.00
1812	Contents: Rectory	19,703.00	19,703.00
	Total Assets	\$2,166,760.78	\$2,205,800.45
Liabilities			
2000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	1,851.32	9,034.83
	Total Liabilities	\$1,851.32	\$9,034.83
Fund Balance			
3101	Fund Balance - Operations	(50,438.79)	(37,594.34)
3221	TDF Fund Balance	5,543.69	0.00
3222	GFS Scholarship Fund	7,832.62	7,032.62
3223	GFS Savings Fund	(1,116.66)	(1,116.66)
3225	Mission Fund Balance	14,698.33	15,764.34
3226	Flower & Candle Fund Balance	0.00	(118.00)
3227	P&I Fund	576.00	0.00
3228	P&I Capital Imp Reserve Fund	30,321.76	61,021.13
3230	Vestry Sunshine Fund Balance	(60.27)	(0.27)
3232	Rector's Sabbatical Balance	23,021.99	8,423.08
3233	Youth Fund Balance	543.62	801.62
3234	Community Supper Fund Balance	8,096.54	8,510.87
3240	Laundry Love Balance	2,089.57	4,254.45
3245	Change the Babies Balance	54.34	1,217.59
3251	Helen Draper Ayer Fund Fund	(101.25)	(101.25)
3260	Memorial Fund Balance	8,706.76	18,338.46
3261	Tattie Memorial Music Scholarship Fund Balance	702.86	702.86
3270	Property & Contents Fund	1,888,981.00	1,888,981.00
3301	Fund Balance - Restricted	225,457.35	220,648.12
	Total Fund Balance	\$2,164,909.46	\$2,196,765.62
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$2,166,760.78	\$2,205,800.45

c) REVIEW OF THE 2018 BUDGET

Income			
Account number	Account name	Budget Category (see key below)	2018 Budget
4101	Pledges	P	\$ 200,300
4150	Plate Offering	P	\$ 3,500
4160	Special Day Offerings	O	\$ 5,600
4170	Church School Offering	O	
4180	Hall Use Donations	O	\$ 4,000
4201	Christmas Fair	E	\$ 14,000
4203	Fund Raising Events	E	\$ 1,500
4301	Diocesan Holdings Dividends	I	\$ 9,500
4400	Interest on Operating Acct	I	\$ 10
4401	Interest on MMarket	I	\$ 50
4499	Faith Funding	G	\$ 18,500
4590	Flower & Candle Donations	O	\$ 2,500
	Total Income		\$ 259,460

Key to Budget Categories

Expense Category
W - Worship
S - Spiritual Development
PC - Pastoral Care
O - Outreach
PL - Parish Life
H - Holy Space (Facilities)

Expenses			
Account Number	Account Name	Budget Category (see key above)	2018 Budget
5001	Assessment for Common Ministry	O	\$ 27,433
5002	Missions Budget Expense	O	\$ 2,400
5003	TDF Budget Expense	O	\$ 1,200
5101	Altar Supplies	W	\$ 500
5110	Music	W	\$ 200
5112	Junior Choir Expenses	W	\$ 250
5113	Supply Organist or Soloists	W	\$ 600
5114	Organ/Piano Maintenance	W	\$ 1,000

Expenses		Budget Category (see key above)	2018 Budget
Account Number	Account Name		
5115	Organist Salary	W	\$ 16,550
5116	Social Security - Organist	W	\$ 1,266
5201	Christian Education	S	\$ 500
5202	Christian Ed Director Salary	S	
5203	Christian Ed Director Social S	S	
5205	Stewardship Educ & Supplies	PL	\$ 750
5206	Adult Christian Formation	S	\$ 600
5211	Parish Nurse - Salary	PC	
5212	Soc.Sec: Parish Nurse	PC	
5220	Pastoral Care	PC	\$ 1,000
5221	Community Meals	.5 PL, O	
5222	Laundry Love	.5 PL, O	
5230	Annual Convention&Safe Church	PL	\$ 300
5231	Church Development Costs	PL	\$ 500
5232	Hospitality Supplies	.5 PL, O	\$ 500
5240	Fundraiser expenses	PL	\$ 300
5300	Office Supplies	.5* W, PL	\$ 1,200
5301	Equipment Contracts	.5* W, PL	\$ 2,500
5303	Bulletins & Printing	W	\$ 500
5304	Office Postage	PL	\$ 900
5305	Documents & Forms	PL	\$ 100
5306	Telephone - Church	PL	\$ 2,580
5310	Rector's Salary	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 58,350
5311	Social Security - Rector	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 12,986
5312	Pension - Rector	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 19,083
5313	Medical-Dental: Rector	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 20,160
5314	Rector Equity Fund	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 3,501
5315	Rector's Expense Allowance	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 3,500
5316	Rector's Continuing Education	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 1,500
5317	Rector's Sabbatical Budget Expense	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 5,000
5320	Supply Clergy	W	
5321	Deacon Expense Allowance	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	
5322	Assoc Rector Salary	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 12,000
5323	Assoc Rector Housing Allowance	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	
5324	Assoc Rector Social Security	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 918
5325	Assoc Rector Pension	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	
5326	Asoc Rector Medical Dental	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	
5327	Assoc Rector Expense Allowance	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	\$ 1,000
5328	Assoc Rector Continuing Education	.2*W, S, PC, O, PL	
5330	Secretary's Salary	PL	\$ 15,006.07
5331	Social Security - Secretary	PL	\$ 1,148
5350	Worker's Comp Insurance	PL	\$ 951
5360	Web Hosting/Website	O	\$ 200
5361	Software Upgrades & Purchases	PL	\$ 500

Expenses		Budget Category (see key above)	2018 Budget
Account Number	Account Name		
5362	Professional Fees	PL	\$ 500
5363	Hardware Purchases	H	\$ 500
5400	Utilities - Natural Gas - Church	H	\$ 3,200
5401	Utilites - Electric - Church	H	\$ 4,700
5402	Utilites-Water/Sewer - Church	H	\$ 780
5403	Trash removal - Church	H	\$ 1,440.00
5404	Snow Removal - Church	H	\$ 400
5405	Floor Cleang Contact - Church	H	\$ 400
5406	Bldg.Main.& Rpr - Church	H	\$ 2,000
5407	Grounds Maintenance - Church	H	\$ 600
5408	Green Energy Initiatives	H	\$ 150
5410	Sexton Salary	H	\$ 5,820.53
5411	Social Security - Sexton	H	\$ 445.27
5420	Sexton Supplies	H	\$ 450.00
5430	Utilites - Fuel Oil - Rectory	H	\$ 2,000
5431	Utilities - Electric - Rectory	H	\$ 2,200
5432	Utilities-Water/Sewer- Rectory	H	\$ 1,100
5433	Utilities: Telephone - Rectory	H	\$ 1,100
5434	Grounds Maint (Snow Removal & Grounds) - Rectory	H	\$ 750
5435	Bldg.Main& Rpr - Rectory	H	\$ 1,000
5440	Blanket Insurance	H	\$ 4,950
5450	Capital Impr Budget Expense	H	\$ 3,000
5926	Flower & Candle Expense	W	\$ 2,500
	Total Expense		\$ 259,417.42
	Surplus / Deficit*		\$ 42.58

VIII. REPORT OF THE WARDENS

As the Wardens reflect back on Two-Thousand and Seventeen two words stand out in our minds, blessed and busy.

In 2017 the Vestry welcomed new members : Edla Ann Bloom, ,Lucille Clinkman , Wayne Stochaj and Lyle Chambers our youth representative .Thank you to all vestry members especially those who are completing their terms : Patricia Peterson, Lisa Ruggiero, Dave Scott, Peach Warren and Lyle Chambers.

Father Mac went on Sabbatical and also had to have both knees replaced. We were blessed by the gift from god for our Sabbatical supply priest Reverend Susan Schwab. Susan quickly became part of our Trinity family. She connected very well with our Trinity congregation. She was an advisor and resource for guidance for the Wardens. With her help, and the teamwork between the leadership, staff and the congregation everything went very smoothly while Father Mac was away. In preparations for Father Mac's Sabbatical, a Sabbatical Committee lead by Verna Kosiba was formed to ensure everything went smoothly for the Sabbatical.

Our 2017 Stewardship Campaign has been very successful so far and is very close to meeting our goal so that we can attain a balanced budget for 2018. Thank you to our Stewardship Committee of David Scott and Dianne Belamarich for all your hard work.

Trinity interviewed several consultants for a planning study and potential Capital Campaign. After interviewing many great consultants, the Capital Campaign Core Committee lead, by Ginny Starkis decided on Brian Raiche with Cornerstone Fundraising. After a successful planning study, Trinity decided to proceed with our Capital Campaign "Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future which was kicked off at the beginning of December.

Our own Beth Washburn was ordained to the Diaconate. Congratulations and thank you for all the times you were able to help in the office when Magee was away and for all your leadership guidance.

Our Community Meal program continues to thrive on a monthly basis as we continue to prepare and serve meals to individuals in our community who may need a meal or fellowship. Trinity is responsible for Wednesday meal, First United Methodist Church on Thursday and Sacred Heart Hopedale, Union Evangelical Church and Hopedale Unitarian Parish for Fridays. Thank you to all those that prepare and serve the meals on a monthly basis. New Volunteers are always welcome.

Our old tile was replaced with new flooring in the Lane Chapel and Mary Moore room. A special thanks goes out to John Ellis who chose the flooring and coordinated with the contractor the installation of the floor and to all the volunteers that helped out.

Our Sacristy was able to get a makeover of new cabinets were purchased and old cabinets were sanded and painted. Also the floors were sanded and received a new coat of polyurethane. Thanks to Cathy Ellis, John Ellis, Mary Ellen Yaroshefski, Rev. Susan Schwab and Mary Torian for your contributions in making this project a success.

As you can see there was a lot that went on at Trinity during the year. The only way the success of these ministries are possible are through volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are not currently involved in Trinity's ministries please think and pray about what talents you have and what ministries you can share them in. Most of the ministries do not require a lot of time. . Thank you to all ministry leaders and all Trinity parishioners who have given their time and shared their talents to make 2017 a great year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dwight Kee, Sr. Warden
Ruth Warner, Jr. Warden

IX. REPORT OF THE RECTOR

From the Parish Register for 2017, we have been blessed by the following additions and events in our Trinity Parish Family:

Baptisms (15)

Willa Janet Montag
 William Travis Montag
 Dallas Lyndsey Montag
 Izabella Marie Kelly
 Penelope Jeanne Woods
 Amanda Beth Rudenauer
 Viviana Mae Johnson Elliot
 Shaelyn Marie Elliot
 Gabriella Rose Gutierrez
 Mia Bianca Haddad
 Lydia June Olson
 Aiden Alan Richard Gaffney
 Bryan Richard Gaffney
 Katherine Lindsey Hutchins

Transfers In (1)

Jennifer M. Mickel

Marriages (2)

Norman Armand Benard and Marion Clark
 Brian M. Veneziano and Kelly Marie Savag

Confirmations (0)

Received (0)

Transfers Out (1)

Joanne Buerger

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

Burials (12)

Doris Mae (Cowen) Cugini
 Marion E. Morrison
 James B. Henneberry
 Penelope S. Allen
 The Rev. Frank Danforth Baker
 Judith Deletti Eastwood

Barbara E. Hennessy
 John R. Dabelstein
 Sophie Martin
 James A. Warner
 Francis Rafferty
 William Frederick MacLeod, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,
William MacDonald Murray
Rector, Trinity Church Milford

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW VESTRY

The Examination

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to the special ministries to which they are called.

Are these persons you have elected prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

*Congregation **We believe they are.***

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

*Those being Commissioned **I will.***

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

*Those being Commissioned **I will.***

The Commissioning

These persons are to be admitted to the ministry of Wardens, Clerk, Treasurers, Members of the Vestry, Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Stewards of the Offering in this congregation.

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

I am your servant; grant me understanding:

*All **That I may know your decrees.***

Together let us pray. *(Silence)*

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens, Vestry, Delegates and Stewards of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens, Clerk, Treasurers, Members of the Vestry, Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Stewards of the Offering in this Parish.

XII. 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.***

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

supported by

The Reverend Mac Murray, Rector

The Reverend Susan B. Schwab, Associate Rector

Randolph R. Bloom, Minister of Music

MaryBeth Sweet, Christian Education

Magee Lambert, Church Secretary

Paul Del Molino, Sexton

Dwight Kee, Senior Warden

Ruth Warner, 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