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HOLY EUCHARIST WITH ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2015

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(with Election Results and the addition of the Mutual Ministry Review Report)

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

Adopted by Trinity Vestry – January 10, 2011

I. OPENING WORSHIP

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9 AM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH ANNUAL MEETING

OPENING HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

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

What star is this with beams so bright

Puer Nobis

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION

From the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 34:29-35

A Reading from Exodus

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading**2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

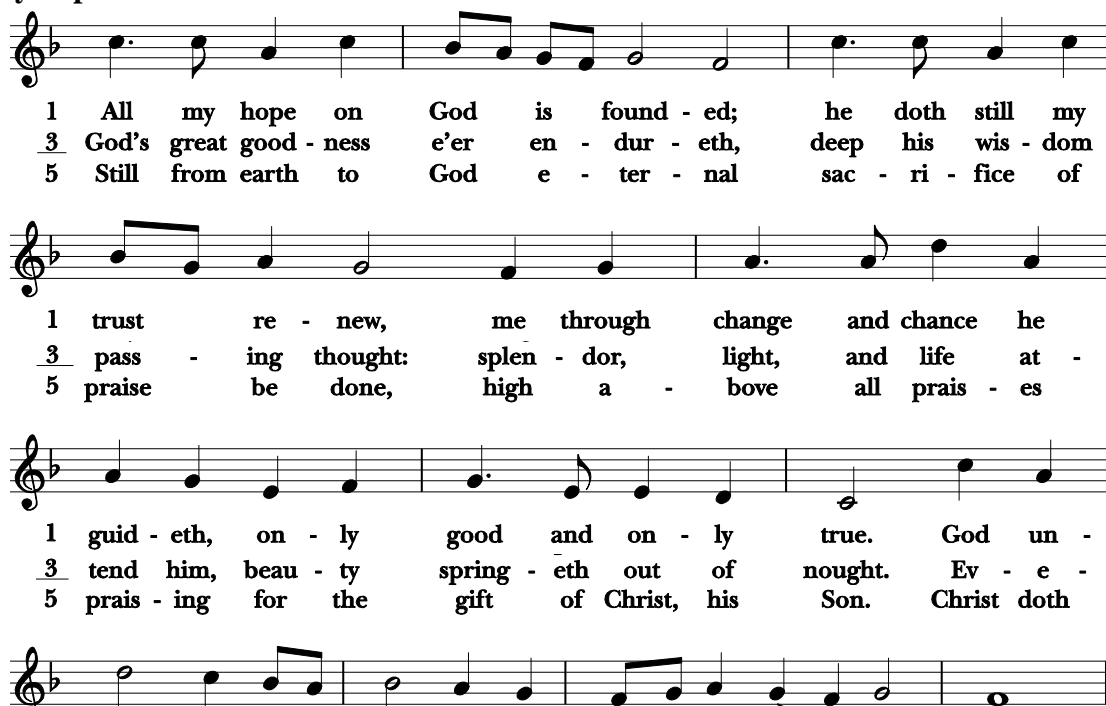
Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HYMN All my hope on God is founded

Michael



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified

as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

These are the Prayers of the People, and as such they are offered by you, the people. Please feel free to offer one or more of the prayers as you feel called.

Please pause to allow people to add their prayers (silently or aloud).

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

Light everlasting

Olaf Christensen

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one 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.

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.

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

TAIZE CHANT

Ubi Caritas

Taize

U - bi car - i - tas et a - mor
U - bi car - i - tas De - us i - bi - est. st.

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.
Amen*

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

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III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting****February 1, 2015****I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The 2015 Annual Meeting was incorporated into a joint 9 AM Eucharistic worship service held in the Parish Hall and included reports for the calendar year 2014.

Annual reports from the Wardens, Dwight Kee and Justin Varteresian, followed the Gospel. The Eucharistic service concluded and a pot luck brunch was enjoyed prior to the business of electing officers and vestry.

The business meeting began at 10:45 AM and Camille (Mille) Williams was elected acting clerk to record these proceedings.

II. Approval of the Agenda- A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the agenda for the 2015 Annual Meeting (reports from the year 2014) as presented. It passed unanimously.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the 2014 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 elected to the position of Senior Warden with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.

Junior Warden.... John Ellis was 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.... Dianne Belamarich was 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 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 2018).... Peach Warren, Patricia Peterson and Ruth Warner 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).... Three nominations were made for two positions. Following a paper ballot, Wayne Stochaj and James E. Thayer were elected as one year Vestry Members with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.

Youth Member (1 year)... Open

Steward of the Offering....Charlie Johnson was 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, Gayle Ruscitti, Touie Jackson and Barbara Chambers were 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.

Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates.... John Ellis, Patricia Peterson and Steve Ketcham (Vestry member), were elected as Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.

Alternate Delegates.... Mary Torian, Sarajane Duncan-Richter and Wayne Stochaj (Vestry) were elected as Alternate Delegates with one vote cast by the Clerk following a call (x3) from the floor.

Youth Vestry and Youth Convention Delegate – position open pending 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- A paper ballot was required for the two, 1 year vestry positions as there were three nominees. Additional positions were elected as Assistant Stewards of the Offering to provide better coverage.

VII. Report of the Treasurer- Cheryl Eidinger Taylor reviewed the 2014 budget vs actuals in detail, allowing for questions from the floor. **A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the treasurer's report.**

A review was presented of the 2015 Budget. A conservative budget was previously reviewed by the Vestry based upon pledging “actual” income. John Ellis spoke to green energy awareness and initiatives. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2015 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. Reports of the Wardens and the Rector- Both wardens offered thanks for the support received. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2015 Wardens' and Rector's Reports. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Report of the Rector- Father Mac's report is detailed in the written annual report. He expressed "thanks" to his wife, Merline, for keeping him happy and healthy!

X. Other Business, Blessing and Dismissal- No new business. 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 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitting,

Camille (Mille) Williams, Acting Clerk for Annual Meeting

IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – JANUARY 2016

THOSE COMPLETING VESTRY TERMS:

Senior Warden: Dwight Kee
Junior Warden: John Ellis
Clerk: Dianne Belamarich
Treasurer: Cheryl Eiding Taylor
Assistant Treasurer: Karen Carig-O'Neill
Vestry (Class of 2016): Linda Allen, Cheryl Martin, Beth Moeller, Wayne Stochaj, Jim Thayer

Youth member of the Vestry: Elaina Chambers

THOSE COMPLETING OTHER ELECTED PARISH POSITIONS:

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: John Ellis, Steve Ketcham, Patricia Peterson

Youth Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Elaina Chambers

Alternate Delegates: Sarajane Duncan-Richter, Wayne Stochaj, Mary Torian

Steward of the Offering Charlie Johnson

Assistant Stewards of the Offering Barbara Chambers, Touie Jackson, Ann Marie Lockwood, Gayle Ruscitti

CONTINUING VESTRY MEMBERS:

One Year Remaining /Class of 2017: Sarajane Duncan-Richter, Steve Ketcham, Jim Phillips

Two Years Remaining /Class of 2018: Patricia Peterson, Ruth Warner, Peach Warren

NOMINEES FOR ELECTED POSITIONS (as of 1/27/16):

Vestry:

Senior Warden Dwight Kee
Junior Warden John Ellis
Clerk Dianne Belamarich
Treasurer Cheryl Eiding Taylor
Assistant Treasurer Karen Carig-O'Neill
Vestry (Class of 2019) Cheryl Martin
Additional Members (1 year) Ralph Stafford
Youth Member (1 year) Elaina Chambers

Steward of the Offering: Charlie Johnson

Assistant Stewards of the Offering: Touie Jackson, Barbara Chambers, Ann Toffey

Diocesan Convention

- **Delegates:** John Ellis, Patricia Peterson, Steve Ketcham (vestry),
Youth Delegate (16-20 years old, 1 year term) - Elaina Chambers
- **Alternate Delegates:** Mary Torian, *Open (2 – one Vestry)*
Youth Delegate (16-20 years old, 1 year term) - Elaina Chambers

V. PARISH COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Linda Allen, Vestry Liaison

Children's Christian Spiritual Formation

It seems the longer I stay involved with the Trinity Children's Christian Education program, the more creative I need to be to customize a curriculum for our many inquiring minds. This year many of my lessons are based on material I have used over the past many years, but have found new twists on how to reboot them. We have official registration of 40 boys and girls which is similar census compared to last year. Our weekly average of participants is approximately 15, a little lower than last year's average.

This year we started with the discussion of what the Church means to us, and "Why do people come here anyhow?" We then went back to visit the story of Noah. The many ways that this story can be studied could have kept us busy for weeks and week. We had so much fun! We then fell into the Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, Counting our Blessings and discussing the Journey of Mary and Joseph's travel to Bethlehem. In the weeks ahead we will learn more about the Lord calling to Samuel, the story of Jonah and the Whale, Joseph and his coat of many colors and 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. We have several new friends in class this year, and they add a new enthusiasm and energy (plus some doggone cute ideas and smiles!) This young group of learners 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: Lyall Chambers, AJ Cook, Matt Frycki, Erin Hynes and Lauren Masse. 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 Terese Cook. Our young people will have the opportunity to confirm their baptismal vows when Bishop Fisher visits Trinity on May 22, 2016. 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.

Our EFM group is currently on hiatus.

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 Fr Mac.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fr. Mac, EfM Mentor

Book Drop In Group

The Book Discussion Group has been renamed as a Book Drop In Group. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at the church in the upper hall at 7:00 pm. However, instead of all reading the same book and discussing it, we each arrive ready to tell the group about a book we have read or are reading that we really enjoy. The others may choose to read the book you talk about or it may be a genre they are not particularly crazy about. The thought process for the change is that people were feeling pressured the finish the book we were assigned to read in time for the group to discuss it, or they would not come because they had not read the book. Sometimes people did not like the book the group was reading. In reality we spend some time discussing the book and a lot of time just talking about life. The book was just the reason to gather. People feel less pressure if they read the books they enjoy and come to tell the group why they like that book.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary E. Johnson RN

Senior Youth Group

The Senior Youth Group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. We are on hiatus at the moment, but hope to reconvene in the spring. Discussed opportunities were a mission trip to the Navajoland and visiting the Community Harvest Project in Grafton.

Respectfully,

Justin Varteresian

Trinity Senior Youth Group Facilitator

Junior Youth Group

We are blessed to have a vibrant and active Jr. Youth Group at Trinity. Friends are always welcome and most often we have several join us. The Jr. Youth Group meets on the first and third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Mary Moore room. We typically combine fellowship (along with the necessary donut holes), along with some reading and discussion of the lessons of the day. 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.

In April our Youth had the opportunity to go down to the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in NYC to participate in their Nightwatch Crossroads Inter-spiritual program. While in NYC the youth had the opportunity to visit St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Harlem. At the church the youth assisted the Outreach Reach Soup kitchen by preparing 80-90 lunches for the homeless. After the lunches were prepared the youths and the adult chaperones were driven to the streets of Harlem where we distributed the lunches to the homeless and those that needed a meal. While in NYC the youth had some free time where they visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum, shop at the M&M store in Times Square and take the adventurous subway.

For some fun we took in a night at 5 Wits and dinner at Patriots Place, went on a Haunted Hayride in RI. We had several service projects; most importantly we continued our support of the Scattered Site Shelters by providing cleaning buckets and personal care buckets. We also worked with the Mission Committee to collect brooms and mops for the Scattered Site Shelters.

Over the summer we held a car wash to raise funds for our mission projects and this was a huge success. Many of the group got together for a pool party and cook out at the Ellis house.

Our youth also gathered greens in anticipation of Advent and spent a Saturday afternoon making advent wreaths for everyone in the parish. Many of our members also helped out during the annual Christmas Fair.

Our Jr. Youth are a great asset to our parish and we continue to have our numbers growing by leaps and bounds. We always welcome everyone in 5th-8th grade and we love to have friends join in.

Respectfully,

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

Trinity Junior Youth Group Leadership Team

Trinity Church GFS Scholarship Committee

In 2015, there were no applications submitted for the GFS Scholarship award.

Respectfully submitted,

Terese Cook

WORSHIP

Cheryl Martin, Vestry Liaison

Acolytes

Currently we have fourteen active acolytes helping at the 10 am service. We are very blessed to have several veteran acolytes who have been very willing to guide the acolytes who have joined recently. Schedules are set every three months and we have been able to work around everyone's schedules and prior commitments.

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, Liam Crisfield, Rory Crisfield, Leah Gorham, Brandon Kee, Julia Klisiewicz, Abaigeal O'Neill, Jack O'Neill, Shane O'Neill, Anna Prevelige, Grace Prevelige, Charlie Scharnagle, Kim Stochaj and Maddie Stochaj.

Thank you for another great year.

Respectively submitted,

Pam Hennessy

Altar Guild

The year 2015 was busy as usual for the Altar Guild with setting up for the services on Saturday at 5pm Sundays at 8am and 10am, Wednesday at 9am, besides extra services of weddings, funerals and baptisms.

The brass is cleaned every week. We have a good bit of brass which needs to be polished before setting up for the services.

We are fortunate to have dedicated women who give their time and talent to make sure the Altar is always set up for all the services. They are Maryellen Yaroshefski, Cathy Ellis, Lisa Ruggiero, Ruth Warner. Sherri Keeler-Phillips and Mary Torian. We fill in for each other when a member has a commitment. Penny Allen found she could no longer be on the Altar Guild because of her commitments at home.

Before Easter and Christmas Arlene Person, Sharon Manoogian, Penny Allen and myself got together to clean the globes for the parishioner's candles. It is a several step process to clean the old wax out and give them a wax removal bath. The people that came to the 9am service on Wednesday helped insert the candles and papers into the globes. Trinity people are always willing to help wherever needed.

Lent started on Ash Wednesday February 18th. The Altar, Lectern and Pulpit were draped in purple as well as all the crosses. The Crucifix was brought from the back table to place on the stand behind the Altar. There were no flowers during Lent. Dry branches were place in the vases.

Holy Week started with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

On Saturday, Easter Eve day a group of women helped decorate the church with the lilies placed around the church. The bare cross was placed on the stand with the daffodils place behind the cross. The hangings were changed to white.

At the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening the church was in darkness, then the first fire was lit and the parishioner's candles were lit by the ushers. It is most inspiring to see the church filled with light. The service was well attended as were the morning services.

During the summer there were fewer services until fall. Guild members filled in for each other for vacation.

November 29th started the season of Advent. The hangings where changed to blue. greens were put in the vases. The Manger was set up starting with the animal figures being placed in the Manger each week by the Sunday School children. The Wisemen were put in place close to Epiphany

Sunday, December 20th we had the Greening of the Church with the wreaths and poinsettias placed around the church. Thanks to the volunteers who stayed after church to help decorate.

Christmas Eve was festive with the pageant at 4pm. The children did so well in the pageant as well as those who helped get the children dressed in their costumes. As usual this is the best attended service as proud parents and grandparents saw their grandchildren perform. There was a 7pm and 11 pm service on Christmas Eve and a 9 am service on Christmas morning.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Torian-Altar Guild Directress

Sunday Nursery

While a decision was made last year 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,

Cheryl Martin

Music Program

The music program at Trinity in 2015 continued with many long-established traditions as well as several new components. First, the youth music continues to flourish under the leadership of Jane Hanrahan, Beth and Wayne Stochaj, Mille Williams, and Susan Ozerson. With their help we have been able to incorporate anthems that utilize both youth and adults in partnership. Also, several new families have representatives in the youth choirs. The adult choir continues to develop new repertoire. One special moment was the first Sunday in November with the choir singing "In Paradisum" from Gabriel Faure's Requiem, a significant choral work from the French tradition of the late 19th century. During the summer months, soloists from the choir and congregation contributed their musical talents to enhance the worship experience. A new addition to this was the combination of a piano and organ duet.

In November, Trinity celebrated its traditional Thanksgiving Evensong with St. Mary's Church under the leadership of their new musical director, Judith Lowe. Judith has much experience in church work and brought a fresh dimension to this long-term collaboration of the two Milford congregations and choirs. The close of 2015 included three services on Christmas Eve, and Jagan-Nath playing the violin leading the congregational hymns Christmas Day. In honor of Donna Kingman's last weekend at Trinity as deacon, a service of Lessons and Carols was arranged for Saturday, December 26, and Sunday, December 27.

Following a written proposal from the Andover Organ Company for major maintenance and work to Trinity's Hook and Hasting's 1870's pipe organ, it was determined that all options should be reviewed and discussed before making any decisions. Options include repairs to the current instrument, replacement of current instrument with either a new pipe organ or a used pipe organ, or replacement with an electronic instrument.

Therefore, an organ committee was formed with Junior Warden John Ellis as chair with representatives from the choir and congregation. In late fall of 2015 the first meeting was held. Most of the agenda was spent understanding what a pipe organ is, how it works, and the pros and cons of the current instrument. More meetings are scheduled over the next few months to carefully examine the situation before making a recommendation to the vestry and congregation.

Working with such enthusiastic, dedicated parishioners at Trinity Church continues to be a very special privilege,

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Bloom

Minister of Music

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.

Thank you again to our Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Ushers: Ruth Cooper, Dwight Kee, Paul Sweet, Brian O'Toole, Justin Varteresian, Richard Davis, Carol Davis, and Andrew Yaroshefski.

A special thank you to Mike Manoogian, who will no longer be ushering at 8 am, for his years of service. A welcome to Ginny Starkis, who will be joining the 8 am ushers in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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

- **10:00 am Service:** We give thanks for years of dedicated service arranging the 10am service ushers by Carol Cormier. Carol has turned over the reins to Justin Varteresian. We give thanks to all who serve as ushers and encourage you to join this welcoming and vital ministry. Let Justin know if you would like to become a part of the ushering group.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Mac

Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers

I may be repeating myself but I have to let you that I am so thankful for the wonderful folks who help in our worship setting as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. We are blessed not only by their presence but also by their willingness to serve on a regular basis. Thank you to all!

Though 2015 passed quickly we worked with a sense of commitment and flexibility. The schedule tends to be made out two times in the course of a year so there are times that someone will have to shift their responsibilities around. We are blessed that someone is always willing to step in or swap an assigned day. We all work well with one another and are happy to make sure assignments are filled.

This year we had a special opportunity to help out by having people read for the Lessons and Carols services that were held the weekend after Christmas Day. Thanks to our teams, the Vestry and a few others, we managed to have readers available for each lesson in each of the services held. It was so wonderful to have such a joyful and rapid response for these special worship times, especially as this was the last time we would worship with our Deacon, Donna.

Please know that if you would ever like to talk about the ministry of Trinity's Eucharistic Ministers and Readers that I am more than happy to do so. All you have to do is call or email me. New members are always welcome and we make sure that you feel comfortable and ready before putting you on the schedule.

May this new year be filled with continued blessings for you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Washburn, Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Coordinator

Altar Bread Ministry

In years past our Confirmation classes and Family Communion classes made 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: Ruth Warner, 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

Patricia Peterson, Vestry Liaison

Birthday Card Ministry

Birthday Cards Sent 2011 through 2015						
Month	2011	2012	2013	2014*	2015	*Δ
January	43	41	43	43	49	+6
February	43	44	47	54	54	--
March	56	60	58	63	64	+1
April	60	67	68	70	67	-3
May	59	69	71	73	72	-1
June	68	78	74	78	83	+5
July	60	66	64	66	71	+5
August	63	68	67	69	70	+1
September	57	59	61	62	66	+4
October	53	59	66	65	65	--
November	55	54	66	70	69	-1
December	48	43	56	59	62	+3
Total Cards Sent	665	708	741	772	792	+20

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

Parish Nurse

I would like to start out by reporting that writing the year end report is always a complicated task for me. I believe the reason is that I tend to live in the present and I don't remember the sequence of how things happened in the past. I remember events and people but not a lot of details. I feel the year end report should be very ordered and contain lots of details. I will endeavor to recount what I did in the role of Parish Nurse in 2015.

I organized **Healing Meals**. I recall we did have a cooking party to fill the freezer early in 2015. We usually have a couple of cooking parties one in the spring and one in the fall. However, we have not needed a second one as the extra food from the community dinners has kept the freezer pretty full. I want to thank the folks that package up and label these meals. I do encourage parishioners to grab a few meals and deliver them to anyone who would like a cooked meal ready to heat and eat. The door is locked for safety but the key is available to all adults.

I also coordinated the **flower deliveries** to our home bound members. We purchase poinsettias and lilies at Christmas and Easter. I organized the **carolers** in December to some of our home bound parishioners. I thank the carolers and the drivers and Jane for bringing the music sheets with words for us.

Trinity also hosted a **Blue Christmas** service in December. This was attended by about 15 people. I am so grateful to David Clinkman for providing the music. David chooses music that provides the listeners with the feeling of Christmas but it is also music that provides a peaceful atmosphere and time for reflection. We purposefully selected a Sunday that was NOT the same day as the Santa parade downtown. Last year we had sirens blaring during our peaceful service. There was less traffic this year as well. It is always such a beautiful service. I definitely hope we have one annually. I encourage people to inform friends about the Blue Christmas service if they think they may need to balance out the chaotic pace of the Holidays with one hour of peaceful music and prayer and candle lots of candles in blue and white glass candle holders. It really is so beautiful when they are all aglow.

As Parish Nurse(PN) I collaborate with June Jones and the Smitten with Knittin' group to provide blankets for all of our Baptismal candidates. Thanks to everyone who helped to provide prayers to go along with the blankets.

I am at the altar rail with Fr. Mac most first Sundays after 8:00 & 10:00 to provide **Healing Prayer**. We have anywhere from zero people to five on any given Sunday. I don't want anyone to ever think that they can only receive Healing prayer or any other kind of prayer on the first Sunday of the month. I am willing and able to pray just about any time. I am sure Fr. Mac is as willing to pray anytime but he probably also has three other things he is expected to be doing at almost every moment on any Sunday. Fr. Mac does anoint with oil when we pray. I am not ordained to provide that touch, but I am available to find a quiet moment and pray with people. I attend both 8:00 & 10:00 and both coffee hours. I do this so that people know who I am and would feel free to talk to me. I am often asked health related questions or I am asked for advice on anything from a referral to a nursing home to personal health questions. I am always aware of the need for privacy surrounding health care issues. I usually talk privately to people, but often people ask me questions at a table full of people at coffee hour. I then gear my answer more for a general audience. I wish I could attend the Saturday evenings services as well. However, my schedule does not allow this.

I am grateful to the people who serve as **Lay Eucharistic Visitors**. They bring communion to our home bound parishioners. I think that pretty much covers what the PN job looked like in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary E. Johnson RN, Parish Nurse

Praying Hands Ministry

The 'Smitten with Knittin' ladies had another wonderfully successful year of knitting and crocheting while enjoying many hours of fellowship and fun! A huge Thank You ladies for your faithful dedication to the Ministry. We made an incredible amount of items, many of which went to our new 'Busy Fingers' table at the Christmas Fair.

Our 2015 prayerful labor of love included:

- 11 Prayer Shawls made and delivered
- 77 Preemie and newborn hats for Milford Regional Hospital
- 14 Chemo Caps for patients at the Dana Farber Cancer Center, Milford
- 19 Baptismal Blankets for our newest members
- 41 Items for Milford Town Library's hat/mitten/scarf tree
- 93 Items for Trinity Church's Christmas Fair
- 6 Blankets to American Veterans

All of these items represent over 2,200 hours of our loving labor. Thank you to everyone who donated yarn to the Ministry, we greatly appreciated it. We're all looking forward to another great year! Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

June Jones, Smitten with Knittin' Group

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry at Trinity has been a presence for over six years now. We have been blessed with several who have been trained in this unique one-on-one listening ministry. This past year we have seen several transitions in this ministry with new leadership along with Christine McNulty and Cathy Poch needing to step back from this ministry. They have been faithful in their responsibilities and witness as Stephen Ministers. Thank you both for your ministry amongst us.

Despite these transitions, your committed Stephen Ministers continue to meet on a regular basis to support one another and do some continuing education together.

This year also saw a collaboration with the Stephen Ministry Team from Sacred Heart Church in Hopedale through a training session for three new Stephen Ministers. I am happy to share that Elizabeth Klisiewicz is our newest Stephen Minister.

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.

In Peace,

Beth Washburn

OUTREACH

Jim Phillips, 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 - \$1000
- ✦ Trinity Community Meals program - \$500
- ✦ Laundry Love - \$800
- ✦ Five Talents - \$700
- ✦ Abby's House - \$300
- ✦ Pathways For Change - \$500
- ✦ Alternatives - \$750
- ✦ Diocese of Western MA (for 2015 Mission Trip) - \$1250
- ✦ Women's Shelter in Milford - \$250
- ✦ Armenian Children's Milk Fund - \$200
- ✦ Unitarian Church (Milford) Community Dinner program - \$300
- ✦ Diocese of Western Ma (for 2016 Mission Trip) - \$300
- ✦ Episcopal Relief & Development (for Natural Disaster Relief)- \$500
- ✦ Humanitarian Summit Feeding Program - \$500

For a total Mission Outreach funding of \$7,850.00.

This year's Lenten Project collected funds for Episcopal Relief & Development's Mothers & Infants program. Thank you to everyone who filled a box or made a donation.

This year the Mission Committee held a special collection over the summer to collect \$10 gift cards for Abby's House in Worcester for them to give to their residents. The special collection was a great success we donated over \$700 in gift cards to Abby's House. Thank you to everyone you donated to the collection.

We sponsored Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This year with Parishioner's help we collected 20 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. Thank you to everyone who helped fill the baskets and especially to those who helped with the deliveries. 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 Mendon Lions Club.

This year's Jesse Tree contained slips for parishioners, adults and children outside of the parish, and 4 shelter families which we were assigned by SMOC. We also had a last minute request from the Milford School System for a family in need. 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 those who helped with sorting, being available for pickups and for deliveries.

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 Penny and Jack Allen & their helpers 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 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.

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 Upper Parish Hall.

Thank you to Mary Torian, Lucille Clinkman and Ruth Doyle for their help with the Mission Committee this year. Also thank you to the wardens and Fr. Mac, Magee Lambert, Beth Washburn, Cheryl Taylor, Charlie Johnson and the Stewards of the offering, and Pat Ward (Trinity's Representative to the Daily Bread Food Pantry), 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, 2015	\$710.78
Donations	\$12,052.12
Disbursements	\$11,791.69
Balance on December 31, 2015	\$971.21

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

Covenant Committee

The Covenant Committee consists of Penny Allen, Mary Frances Best, Sharon Manoogian and Arlene Person from Trinity and Beth Lucier (Sister Theresa’s cousin) and several others from St. Mary’s.

The Covenant between these two parishes was in its 43rd year in 2015. The Committee hosted the annual Senior Fall Social at St. Mary’s Parish Hall on September 25th. The Social is a free luncheon open to all seniors in the community and includes musical entertainment by members of the Greater Milford Community Chorus. Committee members provide the lunch of finger sandwiches, salads, punch, coffee, and desserts. Everyone had a wonderful time.

In November, the annual Covenant Celebration of Evensong was held at Trinity with Father Ray Goodwin and Father Mac officiating. The Children’s Choir sang which always increases the attendance. The lovely service of music and liturgy was followed by a Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Best, for the Covenant Committee

Community Dinners

The Community Dinner Ministry enjoyed another successful year engaged in its mission to supplement the nutritional and fellowship needs of greater Milford’s citizens. Both in terms of volunteers and dinner guests, the ministry enjoyed growth in numbers. Serving meals the last Wednesday, the last Thursday, and the last Friday of each month, the ministry, which includes a partnership with the United Methodist Church of Milford to host the Thursday meal, served in excess of 2,500 dinners, each a healthy serving of meat and vegetables complimented with tossed salad, bread, and assorted desserts.

We are enormously grateful to Hannaford’s, whose donations of meats, breads, and desserts are essential to the ministry’s operation; we also give thanks to those local houses of worship and civic organizations who have supported our ministry materially and with their labor. We are also very much in the parish’s debt for its support of all levels of our operation. Recognition is also due to two outstanding participants: Ruth Warner and Sharon Manoogian. Both of these extraordinary women assumed significant leadership and culinary responsibilities, and it is through their combined expertise and dedication that the ministry has refined its operation to a higher degree of efficiency, diversified and improved its menu, and offers sustenance and fellowship to an ever-increasing, diverse clientele. Ruth and Sharon truly personify the ideals of service and self-sacrifice.

As we look forward to 2016, we extend our gratitude to Dave Scott, whose passion and vision created the Community Dinner Ministry, and in so doing bequeathed to Trinity a legacy of service that we pray will continue for many years to come. All of us are humbled by his service and by his example.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Thayer

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 508-478-4225 and leave a message or if you have any questions, please call Pat Ward at 508-478-6119.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Ward

United Thank Offering

To the parishioners of TRINITY CHURCH, thank you for making 2015, 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, along with that of the National Church, collects 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 your chairperson for the United Thank Offering for Trinity Church, Milford, thank you too the many wonderful people, who participated in helping our parish put on this past years U.T.O. breakfast. Thanks to Beth Washburn, Charlie & Sandy Keegan, Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski & family, Barbara Jackson, John Ellis, Virginia Starkis, Dwight Kee, Stephen King and Ruth Warner, thank you all. To error 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.

Although we did not have a guest speaker this past year, our U.T.O. Offering, did well.

As of November, at Convention for 2015, we delivered a second check that brought our total donation for 2015, to \$472.98, from our Parish.

With all that, we at TRINITY CHURCH do in our own community, such as the Community Dinners on the last Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at the end of every month, I'd say that we, TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, are TRULY LIVING INTO OUR BAPTISM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toussaint (Touie) Jackson - UTO Chairperson - 2015

Dominican Republic Mission Team

For the past five years churches from around the diocese (Trinity in Milford, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Mark's in East Longmeadow, St. Paul's in Holyoke, Grace in Chicopee, St. Paul's in Stockbridge, St. Andrew's in Longmeadow, and St. Peter's in Springfield) have sent nearly fifty people to a small Dominican town on the border of Haiti—the town of Jimani and in 2015 to the La Barquita area of Santo Domingo. In the process, offering Vacation Bible School to as many as 450 students a day (along with a substantial meal each day for each student), providing medical care to children and adults, providing 100 changes of clothing and new shoes, replacing numerous roofs, and distributing food to the hungry, this trip has led to an incredible formation opportunity for Trinity and across the Diocese.

Each trip demands serious preparation and formation. A team of as many as 22 people cannot simply show up at the airport and expect to work, live, share, pray, and minister together with no previous formation. As a result ever since 2010 teams have been meeting for at least eight times for 2-3.5 hours per meeting to be formed. We

study scripture together, we pray together, we share, we brainstorm, we (well, at least some of us) learn a new language together, and we begin to glimpse the Body of Christ in its diverse and incredibly strong beauty.

Once arriving in the Dominican Republic formation continues. The team meets for prayer and reflection twice a day (evening debriefing lasts as long as 1.5 hours and touches on areas like theodicy, injustice, racism, prayer, and Christian unity). We work alongside Dominican and Haitian Christians learning from them and growing with them in the context of ministry to 300 children. Cultural learning is nearly constant, with world-views and presuppositions about needs and wants and cultural ideas of happiness being challenged nearly every moment of every day. The power of this formation tool cannot be overstated.

Missioners from the Diocese may not share all that much in common. Some live in lovely, large suburban homes. Others live in Springfield's housing projects. Some speak Spanish as their first language, some speak no Spanish at all. Some are Anglo while others are of Caribbean or Hispanic heritage. Some live in the city, others live in the country. Some are older whereas some are just entering high school. I think it is fair to say that this ministry is among the most diverse in the entire Diocese. And yet united by our Baptisms and our sense of call, we become one...working to seek and serve Christ in the Dominican Republic.

In the process of our planning and serving, the connections, growth, and deeper vision of what the Church of God is and what we are called to do as followers of Christ, has been astounding. Mission members have discerned priestly and new lay vocations, members have invested in, and grown with each other despite what many would consider real and considerable social and economic differences. A passion for sharing the Good News, seeking to serve Christ in the poor and forgotten, and learning about issues of social justice have all come to the fore.

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

The Mission Team has decided that due to a number of obstacles, there will be no 2016 Missions trip.

However, plans are underway for the 2017 trip. We are investigating various options for the 2017 trip.

With the generous amount of time to prepare for the 2017 trip, we will be 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

2015 Dominican Republic Mission Team

Laundry Love Ministry

Laundry love started in Milford this summer. We started Laundry Love one night a month on the third Wednesday of each month at EZ Laundromat. We have adapted the hours from 5:00 to 10:00 pm, to 4:00 to 10:00 and landed on 5:00 to 9:00 pm. We have added a second night each month and now provide Laundry Love on the first Thursday of each month at Double Bubble Laundromat. It is so busy and moves so fast during those hours that we cannot keep track of how many loads we pay for or how many people we help but we do keep track of how much we spend. At the larger Laundromat we spend anywhere from \$450 to \$850 in one night. We have only had one night so far at the smaller Laundromat. We spent about \$120 that evening. The owner of Double Bubble has volunteered to split the cost 50/50 with Trinity. This is very generous. The owner of EZ has made cash donations to LL as well. Both owners provide the soap pods and the dryer sheets now. There are SO MANY people who have made generous donations to keep LL running. We have help from people who do not attend Trinity but have heard about LL. We parishioners who donate money and the Outreach ministry has been very generous. Fr. Mac has also made donations from Trinity's discretionary fund. We have volunteers who show up and put on an apron and start to crank quarters into the machines. We have volunteers who have been customers at LL and now help us. We have had food provided by Store 24, Papa

Gino's and the folks from the Unitarian church in Hopedale treated us all to sweet treats in December. Laundry Love in Milford may have started at Trinity but it is growing into a ministry that belongs to many different people in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary E. Johnson RN, Parish Nurse

PARISH LIFE

Wayne Stochaj, 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, Welcoming Committee, 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 and contact list. 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,

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 to about 50 visitors per day for Christmas and Easter.

A parish web site serves four main audiences:

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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, or the parish office at 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

Trinity church had a good number of newcomers who became parishioners. Gift bags were given to people who came to Trinity for the first time. They were greeted by someone in the congregation, given a gift bag with information about the church, a special prayer, a votive candle in a votive candle holder. They were asked to make out the yellow card in the pew to be given to be given to Fr. Mac so he would know who visited and then give them a call.

There were some who became parishioners and some who just visited. They found Trinity a welcoming and friendly church. We were blessed to have a good number of those who became members that had children. The Sunday School has increased in numbers so we are doing something right. Some of them have become active with helping with activities in the church.

Trinity is growing thanks to our rector Fr. Mac and the friendliness of our parishioners. We have become one of the larger churches in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Torian, Welcoming Committee Chairperson

Coffee Hour / Hospitality

8:00 am Service:

Our hostesses 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 women who have volunteered for this ministry. We give thanks for and to Peggy Berube, Carol Brutsch, Lucille Clinkman, Pat Keppler, Verna Kosiba, Chris McNulty, Aida Mitchell, Debi O'Toole, Ruth Warner, and Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski.

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, 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 9 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

Retired 'Old' Men Eating Out (ROMEOS)

We give thanks for the ministry of Dave Scott who, when John Fleming "retired," took over the responsibility for organizing ROMEOS. Dave has now passed the baton to David Clinkman.

ROMEOS is a social group for retired men, and any other men, who would like to join us during their lunch hour, meeting monthly. ROMEOS currently meets at Willowbrook Restaurant on Route 16 in Mendon on the first Friday each month, at 12:30pm. If interested, please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or 508-634-8996.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fr. Mac

FUNDRAISING AND PARISH WIDE EVENTS

Ruth Warner and Dianne Belamarich, Vestry Liaison

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Faire this year was a huge success. Once again we sold Traveling Bazaar tickets at the Gallery of Arts and Crafts show at the High School and did very well. Our expenses continue to be minimal thanks to the incredible generosity of our Trinity family. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent. Special thank you to the setup and break down crew whom without their help we would be lost. Below are our final numbers.

Table	2015 Total	2014 Total	Table	2015 Total	2014 Total
Busy Fingers (formerly TECW)	\$1,083.00	\$350.00	Holiday Greens	\$2,565.50	\$2,238.00
Candy	\$556.00	\$694.00	St. Mary's Pies	\$431.00	\$424.00
Sports	\$199.61	\$196.00	Santa Photo	\$271.00	\$275.00
Basket	\$2,896.00	\$2,353.00	Fr. Mac's Prayer Beads		-
Baked Goods	\$473.25	\$423.00	Lottery	\$588.00	-
Christmas Table	\$730.50	\$971.00	Children's Room	\$364.00	\$294.00
Hazel's Café	\$1,529.81	\$1,302.00	Traveling Bazaar	\$3,926.00	\$3,456.00
Treasure Trove	\$793.55	\$676.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ (1,131.67)	-
			Grand Total	\$ 15,275.55	\$13,652.00

Thanks, for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Ruscitti, Christmas Fair Chair

St. Paddy's Day Dinner

This dinner is served on Saturday of the Saint Paddy's weekend. Dave Scott cooks corned beef and cabbage along with other root veggies. Sharon Manoogian bakes wonderful soda bread for all. Barbara Jackson makes a great desert. There are many volunteers who decorate the room. A special treat has been traditional Irish dance performed by the O'Neil family. They always do a great job. Ken Drew is our DJ for the evening. He provides Irish and a variety of other music. He encourages folks to dance. He really does a professional job. The entire evenings proceeds go to Trinity. Members of our parish cover the cost of all the food and décor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Scott

Welcome Back Picnic

This event is held outside the church to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall programs. We serve a variety of grilled meats, salads, and watermelon for dessert. The attendance has been growing each year and exceeded over 125 last year. Dave Scott does the planning and acquires all the food needed. We have many helpers from Trinity and also the Methodist Church. We have shared this day with them for many years. They prepare wonderful salads to share. This union has resulted in other shared activities.

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, Community Dinners and so much more. 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 2016 for some or all of our parish wide events.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Belamarich

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Peach Warren, Vestry Liaison

Safe Church Training

Peach Warren has attended Safe Church Training as a trainer and will be offering Safe Church Training for our Trinity Volunteers in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Mac

Mutual Ministry Review

A Mutual Ministry Review was held at Trinity Church on 27 September 2015. The Facilitator was The Rev. Dr. Richard M. Simpson, Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

Members of the congregation gathered over a communal meal and engaged in a discussion chaired by Rev. Simpson. There was a lively interchange between him and members of the congregation on a variety of topics that included:

- Successes that Trinity has realized, including but not limited to:
 - a vibrant and engaged congregation (including the Sunday School and Youth Group - and associated programs supported by the later)
 - Trinity's varied and successful community outreach programs including but not limited to the:
 - the monthly community meals - these now serving several hundred people each month; and
 - the Laundry Love night
 - Trinity's ongoing communal activities designed to engage the congregation and community in fellowship, including but not limited to:
 - The Stephen Ministry
 - The Jesse Tree
 - Annual Vacation Bible School trip by members of the congregation to the Dominican Republic
 - the annual church fair
 - numerous pot luck breakfasts and dinners
 - game night

- various teas
- The ROMEO Mens group
- Smitten with Knittin
- Father Mac's tenure and years of service and discussions re:
 - engaging members of the congregation in ongoing facility administration
 - a general discussion regarding planning for the day when Father Mac would be retiring +/- or reassigned to another parish
- Discussion of engaging more members of the congregation in ongoing committee assignment and projects. This could provide new vigor and ideas to ongoing committees and allow those who have been providing long standing support to these assignments to pursue other areas of interest +/- or recharge their batteries
 - Regarding the above, there was a general discussion relating to sun setting some committees / projects that had completed their mission +/- or in recognition of limited resources; and in
 - Identifying new projects or committees to reflect new needs +/- or opportunities
 - A discussion of new capital needs balanced with a discussion of the church's long term defect and balancing those needs / challenges (e.g., a new organ against a budget defect) and ideas for addressing fundraising challenges

At the conclusion of the meeting Rev. Simpson closed with his view that Trinity has many resources - most importantly an engaged congregation and Priest that is committed to its community and mission in the world, and expressed his confidence that Trinity would continue to be engaged in the future and is well suited to meet new opportunities and challenges. We should look to the future with faith as we take on future challenges.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Peterson

MANAGEMENT OF PARISH RESOURCES

Steve Ketcham, 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 dedicated group continues to care for and beautify our parish grounds. Special thanks to Brandon Kee and his fellow scouts for the creation of our new meditation and memorial garden.

With gratitude,

Fr. Mac

Property Committee

Chairpersons: Paul Sweet/John Ellis

Members: Ron Gorham, Dick Kosiba, Rick Nelson, Steve Masse, Dwight Kee, Rob Nelson.

Several property related items were completed in 2015. They include:

Rectory

- New pre-finished hardwood flooring for the kitchen and hallway.
- Repaired corroded cast iron drain pipe.

Church

- Hobart dishwasher repaired
- New drapes for parish hall
- A Plexiglas window and wall plaque has been provided in the lower level to serve as a display of the original exterior of Trinity Church as it appeared in 1867.

- Wonderful meditation (“Zen”) garden designed and built as part of an Eagle Scout project by Brandon Kee.
- Miscellaneous fix-it jobs (secured exterior door threshold, replaced battery for temperature sensor, repaired broken AC conduit on exterior wall, replaced leaky sacristy faucet, new cabinet for garden hose, etc.)

None of the above would have been accomplished without the tireless efforts of the property committee members, Father Mac and other parishioners. There are still a number of fix-it type projects that need attention, in addition to our existing “big ticket” items that remain, as follows:

- Rectory Bathroom Improvements
- Stained glass maintenance
- Organ repairs
- Church foundation
- Cooling improvements for parish hall

Please contact me or John Ellis if you are interested in becoming a member of the Property Committee or simply helping out with some projects.

Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Sweet, Property Committee Chairperson

Parish Records

Our past work has made the research into family connections so much easier and we continue to keep the records up to date.

Respectfully,

Beth Washburn, Steward of the Books

Stewardship / Annual Pledge Campaign

First of all, I want to thank Beth Washburn for her deep understanding and ability to provide an abundance of wisdom on the topic of stewardship, and for her years of dedication to the annual campaign! Secondly, I want to welcome Dianne Belamarich as the new Stewardship Co-Chair and thank her for jumping right in with both feet!

To be honest, it’s getting tough to come up with new words to describe Trinity’s understanding and ever-increasing response to stewardship related causes. What was notable for me this year was hearing from several people – some new to Trinity and some diocesan folks – who recognized that we really do go ‘above and beyond’ as a parish, and made it a point to tell us. This just confirms that we are doing the right things!

Some specific accomplishments in 2015 were:

- We continued to fund – and expand – our core ministries, such as community dinners, the *Daily Bread Food Pantry*, DR Mission Trip and supporting struggling families in Milford’s scattered site shelters.
- We contributed thousands of dollars in donations to worthy organizations through our Mission Committee.
- We started a new and wildly successful “Laundry Love” ministry.
- Through Trinity’s initiation and efforts, created a 501(c)3 organization, the Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition, which established a summer feeding program, serving over 2,000 free lunches this summer to children in need and, hopefully, will bring public transportation to Milford very soon.

We are so very proud and thankful to know and represent the people of Trinity Episcopal Church – who are truly generous givers of their time, talent & treasure! In a word... ‘AWESOME’!

Annual Pledge Drive Statistics							
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Pledged \$'s:	\$211,227	\$206,052	\$176,306	\$172,680	\$166,595	\$160,109	\$159,431
Total Pledges:	129	132	124	127	123	133	134
Average Pledge:	\$1,717	\$1,689	\$1,422	\$1,360	\$1,354	\$1,204	\$1,190
Pledge Amounts	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
\$0:	6	10	7	6	4	8	8
\$1-\$999:	49	50	55	59	55	64	65
\$1,000-\$1,999:	39	36	32	37	39	37	37
\$2,000-\$2,999:	13	14	12	10	12	11	10
\$3,000-\$3,999:	7	12	10	7	4	6	7
\$4,000-\$4,999:	7	5	2	1	3	4	5
\$5,000+:	8	5	6	7	6	3	2

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Increase:	52	44	38	51	41	37	42
Same:	51	53	53	43	57	73	49
Decrease:	13	19	15	13	9	11	28
New:	13	16	17	20	16	12	15

Respectfully submitted,

John Ellis & Dianne Belamarich, Stewardship Co-Chairs

Organ Committee

The first meeting of the Organ Committee was held in October. It was a casual meeting where John Ellis and Randy Bloom provided information on why the committee was forming and what its purpose would be. (See 'Organ Committee Forming' in the September(?) Trinitarian.)

The following questions were addressed during this meeting:

- Why are we forming an Organ Committee?
- When & how often should we meet?
- What do we need to do?
- What tasks and/or sub-committees might we need?
- What questions do we need to ask ourselves?

There was a lot of interest and lively discussion among the eight attendees. We agreed the 1st task we need to address is how to educate ourselves regarding the Pipe Organ in general so that we can make informed decisions down the road when the time comes. The 2nd task is to brainstorm more and develop a list of questions we must ask ourselves and the tasks required to eventually prepare and present a report to the vestry and congregation with options and recommendations.

We also agreed to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10am Service. However, because of the holiday season, we decided to begin those meetings in 2016. Since the 3rd Sunday of January snuck up and past us, meetings will resume beginning on February 21st. All are welcome to join the committee. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Mac, Randy Bloom or John Ellis.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ellis

ELECTED DIOCESAN DELEGATES TO CONVENTION AND DEANERY

Sara Duncan-Richter, Vestry Liaison

Dear Fellow Members of Trinity Church of Milford:

I had the distinct pleasure of attending the 114th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. The convention took place on November 7, 2015 at the Marriott Hotel in Springfield, MA. Several of our parishioners attended and participated in various parts of the convention. Our own Father Mac was the Secretary of the Convention. He was praised several times by the Bishop. Everything ran smoothly. We even finished a little early. This report would be too lengthy if all the great happenings of the convention were listed in the report. Therefore, it would be helpful for those who did not attend the convention to check out the diocese's web site to find out more, especially to listen to Bishop Fisher's sermon which was truly inspirational.

One highlight of the convention was the Reverend Betsy Fisher speaking about the mission that she began last year called Change the Babies. Our parish was recognized as one of five parishes that have committed to five years at \$1,500 a year. She asked everyone to 'connect our lives and joy to these children.' There is more information about this mission on the diocese's website and at our church as well as opportunities to donate.

Without a doubt Bishop Fisher's sermon was a very important part of the convention. He said that he saw signs of abundant life throughout the diocese. Furthermore, the concept that if we allow God to be God, we will open ourselves up to God and those signs of abundant life. In regards to several church closings, Bishop Fisher asserted that suffering lies at clinging to what is dying. A Young Leader Council will advise the Bishop. Creativity and imagination let God express these through us. Suffering must be let go of so that one can move forward. The diocese needs to use its tools to reach people. On the environment, Bishop Fisher noted that the Church knows that the old earth cannot be sustained. He quoted Walter Brueggemann who has been a treasured resource. The sermon was received warmly by all convention members.

There were so many wonderful ministries that were highlighted during the convention, including Trinity's, that this report could be pages long. One particular ministry that truly fills a need is the Diaper Ministry at St. Michael's-on-the-Heights. As most people are aware diapers are very expensive. A report on NPR discussed the real problem of the Poor choosing between the various essentials associated with caring for babies when their income is minimal. Anyhow this ministry has thrived and now people come not only for diapers but fun and fellowship.

In conclusion, the preparation preceding the diocesan convention aided in the voting and decision making at convention. This enabled a quick and orderly voting upon the reorganization of Diocesan Council, amending of the corridors, elimination of deaneries, and the change in terms of the Church Attorney to proceed without a great deal of discussion. The eagerness to reach out to the community, to meet the needs of those around us and to grow beyond suffering to use our tools to reach people, these are the main points that drove the wonderful diocesan convention of 2015.

With God's Help and Guidance,

Sarajane Duncan-Richter

VI. REPORT OF THE ELECTION

Vestry Officers:

Senior WardenDwight Kee

Junior WardenJohn Ellis

Clerk.....Dianne Belamarich

Treasurer.....Cheryl Eiding Taylor

Assistant TreasurerKaren Carig-O'Neill

Vestry (3 year term)Cheryl Martin

Vestry (3 year term) Gayle RuscittiVestry (3 year term) Virginia (Ginny) StarkisYouth (1 year term) Elaina ChambersAdditional Vestry Member (1 year term) Lucille ClinkmanAdditional Vestry Member (1 year term) Ralph Stafford**OTHER ELECTED PARISH POSITIONS:**Steward of the Offering: Charlie JohnsonAssistant Steward of the Offering: Barbara Chambers Touie JacksonAssistant Steward of the Offering: Verna Kosiba Ann Marie LockwoodAssistant Steward of the Offering: Gayle Ruscitti Ann Toffey**Deanery/Diocesan Convention Delegates:**Delegate John EllisDelegate Steve KetchamDelegate (Must be a member of the vestry) Patricia PetersonYouth Delegate Elaina Chambers**Alternate Delegates:**Alternate Delegate Sarajane Duncan RichterAlternate Delegate Wayne StochajAlternate Delegate Mary TorianAlternate Youth Delegate Open**VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER****a) REVIEW OF THE 2015 BUDGET VS. ACTUALS**

Trinity Episcopal Church - Milford MA				
Treasurer's Report as of December 2015 for Operations (Treasurer's Report)				
<i>Income</i>				
Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under +(-)
4101	Pledges	\$197,000.00	\$196,639.98	(\$360.02)
4150	Plate Offering	\$3,000.00	\$4,140.54	\$1,140.54
4160	Special Day Offerings	\$6,000.00	\$5,907.47	(\$92.53)
4170	Church School Offering	\$-	\$-	\$-
4180	Hall Use Donations	\$3,000.00	\$3,775.00	\$775.00
4201	Christmas Fair	\$12,000.00	\$15,275.55	\$3,275.55
4203	Fund Raising Events	\$3,000.00	\$1,383.00	(\$1,617.00)
4301	Diocesan Holdings Dividends *	\$9,000.00	\$8,946.67	(\$53.33)
4400	Interest on Operating Acct	\$6.00	\$7.48	\$1.48
4401	Interest on Money Market	\$75.00	\$78.59	\$3.59
4499	Faith Funding	\$16,000.00	\$14,372.54	(\$1,627.46)
4590	Flower & Candle Donations	\$3,000.00	\$2,823.50	(\$176.50)
	Total Income	\$252,081.00	\$253,350.32	\$1,269.32
NOTE: * Diocesan Holdings Dividends reflects balance as of 9/30/2015				

Trinity Episcopal Church - Milford MA				
Treasurer's Report as of December 2015 for Operations (Treasurer's Report)				
<i>Expense</i>				
Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under +(-)
5001	Assessment for Common Ministry	\$23,676.00	\$23,676.00	\$-
5002	Missions Budget Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$-
5003	TDF Budget Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$-
5101	Altar Supplies	\$600.00	\$579.67	(\$20.33)
5110	Music	\$450.00	\$0.99	(\$449.01)
5112	Junior Choir Expenses	\$400.00	\$202.00	(\$198.00)
5113	Supply Organist or Soloists	\$300.00	\$425.00	\$125.00
5114	Organ Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$510.00	(\$490.00)
5115	Organist Salary	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$-
5116	Social Security - Organist	\$1,225.00	\$1,228.35	\$3.35
5201	Christian Education	\$1,000.00	\$79.95	(\$920.05)
5202	Christian Ed Director Salary	\$8,897.00	\$8,897.04	\$0.04
5203	Christian Ed Director Social S	\$660.00	\$680.65	\$20.65
5205	Stewardship Educ & Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$691.49	(\$308.51)
5206	Adult Christian Formation	\$600.00	\$541.88	(\$58.12)
5211	Parish Nurse - Salary	\$6,204.00	\$6,204.00	\$-
5212	Soc. Sec: Parish Nurse	\$487.00	\$474.72	(\$12.28)
5220	Pastoral Care	\$1,200.00	\$971.67	(\$228.33)
5221	Community Supper Budget Expense		\$-	
5222	Laundry Love Budget Expense		\$-	
5230	Annual Convention & Safe Church	\$300.00	\$315.00	\$15.00
5231	Church Development Costs	\$500.00	\$396.10	(\$103.90)
5232	Hospitality Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$718.44	(\$281.56)
5240	Fundraiser expenses	\$750.00	\$631.50	(\$118.50)
5300	Office Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$1,201.15	(\$98.85)
5301	Equipment Contracts	\$2,000.00	\$2,124.42	124.42
5303	Bulletins & Printing	\$600.00	\$314.47	(\$285.53)
5304	Office Postage	\$1,100.00	\$1,446.24	\$346.24
5305	Documents & Forms	\$200.00	\$74.38	(\$125.62)
5306	Telephone - Church	\$2,400.00	\$2,021.89	(\$378.11)
5310	Rector's Salary	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.08	\$0.08
5311	Social Security - Rector	\$12,418.00	\$12,417.48	(\$0.52)
5312	Pension - Rector	\$18,174.00	\$18,173.88	(\$0.12)
5313	Medical-Dental: Rector	\$18,624.00	\$18,702.00	\$78.00
5314	Rector Equity Fund	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$-
5315	Rector's Expense Allowance	\$3,000.00	\$4,243.38	\$1,243.38
5316	Rector's Continuing Education	\$1,500.00	\$2,159.35	\$659.35
5317	Rector's Sabbatical Budget Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$-
5320	Supply Clergy	\$0	\$200.00	\$200.00
5321	Deacon's Expense Allowance	\$500.00	\$-	(\$500.00)

Trinity Episcopal Church - Milford MA				
Treasurer's Report as of December 2015 for Operations (Treasurer's Report)				
<i>Expense</i>				
Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under +(-)
5330	Secretary's Salary	\$14,144.00	\$14,143.92	(\$0.08)
5331	Social Security - Secretary	\$1,111.00	\$1,082.15	(\$28.85)
5350	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$645.00	\$973.00	\$328.00
5360	Web Hosting/Website	\$125.00	\$106.54	(\$18.46)
5361	Software Upgrades & Purchases	\$500.00	\$382.06	(\$117.94)
5362	Professional Fees	\$450.00	\$430.00	(\$20.00)
5363	Hardware Purchases	\$500.00	\$313.72	(\$186.28)
5400	Utilities - Natural Gas - Church	\$3,200.00	\$3,368.84	\$168.84
5401	Utilities - Electric - Church	\$3,500.00	\$4,836.15	\$1,336.15
5402	Utilities-Water/Sewer - Church	\$600.00	\$580.02	(\$19.98)
5403	Trash removal - Church	\$1,300.00	\$1,130.81	(\$169.19)
5404	Snow Removal - Church	\$400.00	\$390.00	(\$10.00)
5405	Floor Cleaning Contact - Church	\$400.00	\$375.00	(\$25.00)
5406	Bldg. Main.& Repair - Church	\$2,000.00	\$1,769.08	(\$230.92)
5407	Grounds Maintenance - Church	\$700.00	\$288.70	(\$411.30)
5408	Green Energy Initiatives	\$600.00	\$445.00	(\$155.00)
5410	Sexton Salary	\$5,486.00	\$5,486.04	\$0.04
5411	Social Security - Sexton	\$431.00	\$384.67	(\$46.33)
5420	Sexton Supplies	\$450.00	\$329.35	(\$120.65)
5430	Utilities - Fuel Oil - Rectory	\$3,600.00	\$2,055.04	(\$1,544.96)
5431	Utilities - Electric - Rectory	\$1,800.00	\$2,256.42	\$456.42
5432	Utilities-Water/Sewer- Rectory	\$1,000.00	\$1,064.37	\$64.37
5433	Utilities: Telephone - Rectory	\$1,100.00	\$1,119.88	\$19.88
5434	Snow Removal & Grounds Maint - Rectory	\$750.00	\$475.00	(\$275.00)
5435	Bldg. Main& Repair - Rectory	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-
5440	Blanket Insurance	\$4,057.00	\$4,216.00	\$159.00
5450	Capital Improvement Budget Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$-
5926	Flower & Candle Expense	\$3,000.00	\$2,461.00	(\$539.00)
	Total Expense	\$252,014.00	\$248,865.93	(\$3,148.07)
	Difference	\$67.00	\$4,484.39	

b) 2015 YEAR END ASSET AND FUND BALANCES

Trinity Episcopal Church - Milford MA Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1001	Operating Acct - Milford Nat'l	33,440.55	37,191.81
1055	MM Savings Acct	40,896.12	45,974.71
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)	62,003.15	59,827.63
1516	Lane Appreciation (Diocese)	37,721.56	35,730.59
1517	Cleveland Appreciation(Dioces)	15,381.84	14,344.64
1518	Trinity Appreciation (Diocese)	18,131.54	19,249.06
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		\$2,182,994.22	\$2,187,737.90
Liabilities			
2000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	2,913.72	863.79
2001	Former Accounts Payable	0.00	10.71
Total Liabilities		\$2,913.72	\$874.50
Fund Balance			
3101	Fund Balance - Operations	(38,932.58)	(34,448.19)
3221	TDF Fund Balance	0.00	400.00
3222	GFS Scholarship Fund	2,245.16	10,232.62
3223	GFS Savings Fund	(4,345.22)	0.00
3224	GFS Dividends Fund	15,809.27	0.00
3225	Mission Fund Balance	6,912.94	10,886.76
3227	P&I Fund	959.00	0.00
3228	P&I Capitol Imp Reserve Fund	68,107.77	67,331.07
3229	Air Conditioning Fund Balance	408.00	0.00
3230	Vestry Sunshine Fund Balance	138.72	138.72
3232	Rector's Sabbatical Balance	13,021.95	18,021.95
3233	Youth Fund Balance	164.16	279.37
3234	Community Supper Fund Balance	928.00	2,448.40
3245	Change the Babies Balance	0.00	37.37
3260	Memorial Fund Balance	5,256.93	6,262.24
3261	Tattie Memorial Music Scholarship Fund Balance	750.00	702.86
3270	Property & Contents Fund	1,888,981.00	1,888,981.00
3301	Fund Balance - Restricted	219,675.40	215,589.23
Total Fund Balance		\$2,180,080.50	\$2,186,863.40
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		\$2,182,994.22	\$2,187,737.90

c) REVIEW OF THE 2016 BUDGET

Income			2016	2015
Account number	Account name	Budget Categor (see key below)	2016 Budget	Actuals
4101	Pledges - Current Year	P	\$ 214,200.00	\$ 196,639.98
4102	Pledges - Previous Year	P	-	\$ -
4103	Pledges Upcoming Year	P	-	\$ -
4150	Plate Offering	P	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,140.54
4160	Special Day Offerings	O	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,907.47
4170	Church School Offering	O	\$ -	\$ -
4180	Hall Use Donations	O	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,775.00
4201	Christmas Fair	E	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,275.55
4203	Fund Raising Events	E	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,383.00
4301	Diocesan Holdings Dividends	I	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,946.67
4400	Interest on Operating Acct	I	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.48
4401	Interest on MMarket	I	\$ 75.00	\$ 78.59
4499	Faith Funding	G	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,372.54
4590	Flower & Candle Donations	O	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,823.50
			\$ 269,281.00	\$ 253,350.32

Key to Budget Categories

Income Category
P - Pledge/Plate
E - Events/Fund Raisers
I - Investment Income
G - Growth & new- givers
O - Other

Expenses			2016	2015
Account Number	Account Name	Budget Category (see key below)	2016 Budget	Actuals
5001	Assessment for Common Ministry	O	\$ 25,717.00	\$ 23,676.00
5002	Missions Budget Expense	O	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
5003	TDF Budget Expense	O	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5101	Altar Supplies	W	\$ 600.00	\$ 579.67
5110	Music	W	\$ 450.00	\$ 0.99
5111	Choir Robe Cleaning	W	\$ -	\$ -
5112	Junior Choir Expenses	W	\$ 400.00	\$ 202.00
5113	Supply Organist or Soloists	W	\$ 300.00	\$ 425.00
5114	Organ/Piano Maintenance	W	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 510.00
5115	Organist Salary	W	\$ 16,068.00	\$ 15,600.00
5116	Social Security - Organist	W	\$ 1,261.75	\$ 1,228.35
5201	Christian Education	S	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 79.95
5202	Christian Ed Director Salary	S	\$ 9,163.91	\$ 8,897.04
5203	Christian Ed Director Social S	S	\$ 679.80	\$ 680.65
5205	Stewardship Educ & Supplies	PL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 691.49
5206	Adult Christian Formation	S	\$ 600.00	\$ 541.88
5211	Parish Nurse - Salary	PC	\$ 6,390.12	\$ 6,204.00
5212	Soc.Sec: Parish Nurse	PC	\$ 501.61	\$ 474.72
5220	Pastoral Care	PC	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 971.67
5221	Community Meals	.5 PL, O	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -
5222	Laundry Love	.5 PL, O	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
5230	Annual Convention&Safe Church	PL	\$ 300.00	\$ 315.00
5231	Church Development Costs	PL	\$ 500.00	\$ 396.10
5232	Hospitality Supplies	.5 PL, O	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 718.44
5240	Fundraiser expenses	PL	\$ 750.00	\$ 631.50
5300	Office Supplies	.5* W, PL	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,201.15
5301	Equipment Contracts	.5* W, PL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,124.42
5303	Bulletins & Printing	W	\$ 600.00	\$ 314.47
5304	Office Postage	PL	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,446.24
5305	Documents & Forms	PL	\$ 200.00	\$ 74.38
5306	Telephone - Church	PL	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,021.89
5310	Rector's Salary	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 56,650.00	\$ 55,000.08
5311	Social Security - Rector	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 12,577.00	\$ 12,417.48
5312	Pension - Rector	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 18,332.00	\$ 18,173.88
5313	Medical-Dental: Rector	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 19,656.00	\$ 18,702.00
5314	Rector Equity Fund	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 3,399.00	\$ 3,300.00
5315	Rector's Expense Allowance	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,243.38
5316	Rector's Continuing Education	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,159.35
5317	Rector's Sabbatical Budget Expense	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5320	Supply Clergy	W	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00
5321	Deacon Expense Allowance	.2*W,S,PC,O,P	\$ 500.00	\$ -
5330	Secretary's Salary	PL	\$ 14,568.32	\$ 14,143.92
5331	Social Security - Secretary	PL	\$ 1,144.33	\$ 1,082.15
5350	Worker's Comp Insurance	PL	\$ 801.00	\$ 973.00
5360	Web Hosting/Website	O	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.54
5361	Software Upgrades & Purchases	PL	\$ 500.00	\$ 382.06
5362	Professional Fees	PL	\$ 450.00	\$ 430.00
5363	Hardware Purchases	H	\$ 500.00	\$ 313.72

Expenses			2016	2015
Account Number	Account Name	Budget Categor (see key below)	2016 Budget	Actuals
5400	Utilities - Natural Gas - Church	H	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,368.84
5401	Utilites - Electric - Church	H	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,836.15
5402	Utilites-Water/Sewer - Church	H	\$ 600.00	\$ 580.02
5403	Trash removal - Church	H	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,130.81
5404	Snow Removal - Church	H	\$ 400.00	\$ 390.00
5405	Floor Cleang Contact - Church	H	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.00
5406	Bldg.Main.& Rpr - Church	H	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,769.08
5407	Grounds Maintenance - Church	H	\$ 600.00	\$ 288.70
5408	Green Energy Initiatives	H	\$ 600.00	\$ 445.00
5410	Sexton Salary	H	\$ 5,650.58	\$ 5,486.04
5411	Social Security - Sexton	H	\$ 443.93	\$ 384.67
5420	Sexton Supplies	H	\$ 450.00	\$ 329.35
5430	Utilites - Fuel Oil - Rectory	H	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,055.04
5431	Utilities - Electric - Rectory	H	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,256.42
5432	Utilities-Water/Sewer- Rectory	H	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,064.37
5433	Utilities: Telephone - Rectory	H	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,119.88
5434	Grounds Maint (Snow Removal & Grounds) - Rectory	H	\$ 750.00	\$ 475.00
5435	Bldg.Main& Rpr - Rectory	H	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5440	Blanket Insurance	H	\$ 4,216.00	\$ 4,216.00
5450	Capital Impr Budget Expense	H	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5926	Flower & Candle Expense	W	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,461.00
Total Expense			\$ 268,595.35	\$ 248,865.93
Surplus / Deficit <i>(Deficit is funded out of Investment Funds)</i>			\$ 685.65	\$ 4,484.39

Key to Budget Categories

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

VIII. REPORT OF THE WARDENS

Two-Thousand and Fifteen was a great year for Trinity as we welcomed new families and individuals to the church, continued to grow our ministries and continued to reach out to the community.

In 2015 we welcomed new members to the Vestry: Patricia Peterson, Ruth Warner, Peach Warren, Elaina Chambers (Youth member), John Ellis (Jr. Warden) and Dianne Belamarich (Clerk). Thank you to all Vestry members for your service! Especially to those who are completing their terms: Linda Allen, Cheryl Martin, Beth Moeller, Wayne Stochaj, James Thayer and Elaina Chambers.

Our Mission Committee meets on a monthly basis to seek out and evaluate opportunities in our local community and the world. Our parishioners were very generous in support of Operation Christmas Child, Jesse Tree, contribution of food for Thanksgiving meals and donating gift cards for Abbeyes House.

We are very fortunate to have an active Junior and Senior Youth Group. Our Junior Youth Group continued to collect cleaning supplies and personal items for those who live in the scattered site homeless shelters in Milford.

In April the Junior Youth group had the opportunity to take part in Night Watch at the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York City and also had the opportunity to prepare and serve meals to the homeless in Harlem. Our Community Meal program continues to thrive on a monthly basis as we prepare and serve meals to individuals in our community who may need a meal or fellowship. Thank you to all who prepare and serve the meals on a monthly basis!

We have a great Sunday School program that continues to grow each year. Thank you to Mary Beth Sweet and all those who volunteer their time to make the program such a success!

In 2015 we welcomed the addition of the new meditation garden to the front of the church as part of Brandon Kee's Eagle Scout project. Thank you Brandon and the members of Troop 4!

Thank you to all Trinity ministry leaders and parishioners who have given their time and shared their talents to make 2015 a great year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Kee, Sr. Warden

John Ellis, Jr. Warden

IX. REPORT OF THE RECTOR

From the Parish Register for 2014, we have been blessed by the following additions and events in our Trinity Parish Family:

Baptisms (19)

Colin Peter McGovern
Charles Michael Olson
Owen Christopher McCarthy
Susan Gail (Thistle) Kalloch
Cecilia Patria Adams
Jason David Adams
Josslyn Joelle Cameron
Cadence Anne Garrett
Quinn Amelia Garrett
Weston William Montag
Carlo Raffaele Roffo
Sabrina Rose Roffo
Eli Joseph Wood
Anne Constance Smith
Alexander Domine Papasodero
Logan Warren Viens

Callum Douglas Lanzillo
Zoey Mackenzie Richards
Zachary Robert Jewett

Marriages (1)

Ryan Winslow Trites & Erin Marie McNally

Confirmations (1)

Susan Gail (Thistle) Kalloch

Received (1)

Henry Vincent Drummond, III

Transfers Out (0)

Transfers In (2)

Virginia Starkis
Edla Anne Bloom

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

Burials (17)

William Charles Scott, Jr.
Martha E Bennett
Arlene Marie (Peterson) Sesona Belmore
Rose Alice Keach
Allan Gilmore Hopkinson
Maurice Punt Panagian
Olga (Oneschuk) Anderson
Irene L. Markakis

Deborah L. (Miller) DeRose
Jean Elizabeth (Landmesser) Lewis Whitten
Warren A Morey, Jr.
Frank DeRose
John J. Fleming, Jr.
Ellen (Dowden) Fettig
Harriett Ellen Lalley
Mary Rose (Izzo) Cameron
Beverley Mae (Giovannella) Bell

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

Go forth for God

Litton

1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
 2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
 4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,
 be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,
 in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,
 till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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

Celebrant	The Rev. William MacDonald Murray
Organist	Randolph R. Bloom
Altar Guild	Sheri Keeler-Phillips
Vestry Person of the Day	All Vestry Members
Food Pantry Pick-Up Person	the Côté Family
Acolytes	Brandon Kee & Leah Gorham
Eucharistic Ministers	Dwight Kee & John Ellis
Ushers	Andrew Yaroshefski & Justin Varteresian
Pot Luck Brunch Hosts	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
Dwight Kee, Senior Warden
John Ellis, 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