

**Trinity Episcopal Church
North Scituate, Rhode Island
Annual Parish Meeting
January 24, 2010**

- I. Opening Prayers**
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- III. Elections**
 - A. Report from the Nominations Committee**
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- IV. Thank you's:**
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 - B. Everyone who has pledged for 2010!**
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**Trinity Episcopal Church
North Scituate, Rhode Island
Minutes of the
Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday January 25, 2009**

- I. Rev. Pam Gregory called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:05 AM commencing with Opening Prayer.
- II. The Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.
- III. Proposed Parish By-Laws Changes: The By-Laws review committee submitted and proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. These changes were sent out in the annual report to all parishioners. After the committee went through the By-Laws and gave explanation to the changes, a motion carried to accept the changes as presented. (See Report)
- IV. The Nominating Committee and Election of Parish Leadership: The Nominating Committee composed of June Guglielmi, Shirley Hutchings, Milt Schumacher and Scott Fraser recommended the following individuals for leadership positions:
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| Senior Warden | Beth Maggio | (1 Year) |
| Junior Warden | Ray Lapointe | (1 Year) |
| Treasurer | Brian Carpenter | (1 Year) |
| Vestry Clerk | Rebecca Smith | (1 Year) |
| Vestry Members (A total of 9 according to the amended by-laws) | | |
| Renee Brannigan | Electronic Communication | (3 Years) |
| Bethanne Colvin | Fundraising Coordinator | (3 Years) |
| Audrey Hebert | Children and Families | (3 Years) |
| David Clarke | Newcomers | (2 Years) |
| Linda Sprague | Adult Formation | (2 Years) |
| Kelly Lemire | Parish Life | (1 Year) |
| Vestry Members still serving out terms are | | |
| Debbie Luchka | Print and PR | (2 Years) |
| Steve Croteau | Property Manager | (1 Year) |
| Micky Watkinson | Outreach | (1 Year) |
| Delegates to Diocesan Convention: | | |
| Chris Picozzi | | |
| Diane Weeks | | |
| Sal Lombardi | | |
| Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention: | | |
| Megan Picozzi | | |
| Michelina Lombardi | | |
| Deanery Representatives: | | |
| Chris and Megan Picozzi | | |
| Audit Committee: | | |
| Phyllis Schumacher | | |
| Steve Brannigan | | |
| Dorothy Boutelle | | |
| A motion that the slate be accepted as presented was made by Paulette Bowers and seconded by Chris Picozzi. Motion carried. A motion that the secretary cast one ballot for the accepted Nominating Committee Report was made by Deirdre Spadazzi and seconded by Chris Picozzi. Motion Carried and the slate of officers was voted in as presented. (Beth Maggio removed her self from the committee in December after interest in having her serve as Senior Warden was expressed.) | | |

more circles of leadership revolving around Pam as we keep open lines of communication and keep members updated on all that is happening within the parish. This can be seen as we move from 6 vestry members to 9 vestry members with very specific umbrellas under each of these members.

VII. Senior Wardens Report: ????

Assistant Treasurer's Report: Joe Carnevale, Assistant Treasurer reviewed the 2008 end of year report with the Parish Members. He explained that while the expected income based on pledges was \$181,802.20 we only actually received \$175,253.13 income. This leaves us with a short fall of \$6549.07. Joe also explained that the income may go up as end of 2008 pledges are received. After a review of numbers for 2008, Joe reviewed what was pledged as of 01/05/09 in or pledge drive.

A. Chris Picozzi reviewed the planned giving program that will be finalized for the parish in the spring. This will allow parishioners the chance to preplan giving to the church to cover a specific need.

VIII. Treasurer's Report : Brian reviewed the report on what happened in 2008. He explained that while 2008 we voted on a budget with a deficit no one could see the financial climate change that took place. most of our income came in around expectations, this was not enough to off set the ever climbing expenses like utilities, etc. Brian further explained that while 2008 was challenging, 2009 may be even more of a burden on the parish. Two budgets were presented to all parishioners and were reviewed by Brian at this time. The "Preferred Budget" showed as we had operated in 2008, while the "Bare Bones Budget" proposed many cuts. Brian outlined the difference with the "Bare Bones Budget" and explained that this was very difficult for the vestry to propose. With reality as it I, it was important that the Parish members be given a choice. After a great deal of discussion over the two budgets, a motion was made by Cynthia Averill and seconded by Scott Fraser to accept the "Bare Bones Budget" as presented. Motion Carried.

IX. Capital Campaign: Debbie Luchka reviewed the pledge amount to date for this project at \$169,000.00. The committee will be reviewing were to go from here on this project as this is not enough to move forward with the entire project.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectful submitted,
Rebecca Smith
Vestry Clerk

The Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following for nomination to serve as officers and vestry members of Trinity Church for the year 2010:

Officers:

Senior Warden Beth Maggio

Junior Warden Charles Miller

Treasurer Joseph Carnevale

Vestry Members for nomination:

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| Audrey Hebert | Clerk | (1 yr) | |
| Dianne Du | Children/Families | (2 yrs) serve the remaining 2 years | |
| | | | of Audrey Hebert's 3 year term |
| Ted Donnelly | Outreach | (3 yrs) | |
| Nancy Fraser | Children's Youth Formation | (3 yrs) | |
| June Guglielmi | Parish Life | (3 yrs) | |

The following vestry members remain for the duration of their terms:

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| Renee Brannigan | Electronic Communications | (2 Yrs) |
| Debbie Luchka | Print & PR | (2 yrs) |
| David Clarke | Welcoming/Newcomers | (2 yrs) |
| Bethanne Colvin | Fundraising Coordinator | (2 yrs) |
| Linda Sprague | Adult Formation | (2 yrs) |

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Diane Weeks
Sal Lombardi
Megan Picozzi

Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Miki Lombardi
Chris Picozzi

Audit Committee:

Steve Brannigan,
Dorothy Boutelle
Phyllis Schumacher

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominations Committee: Ray Lapointe, June Guglielmi, Scott Fraser, Micky Watkinson

2009: The Year in Review

Baptisms

April 12th: Elizabeth Angelotti, Brian Kelly, Giovanni Pichierri, Samantha Santos

May 31st: Audrey Case

August 29th: Alice Kilduff

August 30th: Zackary DuClau, Martin Durst, Rebekah Tirrell

September 6th: Genevieve Watson

November 1st: Lauren Henault

Confirmations – May 2nd:

Bethanne Colvin, Russell Dion, Matthew Sprague, Jeffrey Winchell

Weddings

April 25th: Russell duCharme & Cassandra DuClau

May 9th: Richard Ray & Lucille DeBlois

Deaths

Date of funeral

Marjorie Maguire

January 5th

Ronald Loranger

February 20th

John Estes

April 28th

Edith Bowen

May 3rd

Dorothy Young

May 10th

Vincent Voas

October 7th

Marjorie Fruci

October 9th

Joseph Palin

October 29th

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2009

January 15, 2010

Dear Parish Family,

2009 turned out to be a year of both challenges and accomplishments for our Parish. With the state of the economy and the direct impact it has had on many of our parishioners, while it was a difficult one, it was also a year that proved just how much our humble abode truly means to everyone who is a part of this spiritual family and that we truly are all in this together!

I am ecstatic to report that the \$57,000 budget gap we were faced with back in September, when we held the special finance meeting, has been closed. This was due in part, first and foremost, to all of you who were able to reach deep into your pockets and bring your pledges current and/or contribute additional monies specifically towards the budget gap, effectively bringing Trinity Church from the red into the black and enabling us to pay our Diocesan apportionment bill IN FULL for 2009!

This is quite an accomplishment and on behalf of the Vestry, I want to say THANK YOU! In addition to this, various organizations within the parish either transferred excess funds from their accounts to the general fund or returned monies that had been paid out to them as part of expenses. Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed in some way, shape or form. Thank you for bringing your pledges current, for donating additional money, for brainstorming with us and sharing all your cost saving and fund raising ideas, for taking part in fundraisers and just pitching in wherever it was needed. We could NOT have done it without you!

In addition to the financial accomplishments that took place, we also had many other happenings that are a cause for celebration and recognition. While the list is too long to detail here, some examples are:

- CWRs (Conversations with the Rector) were held and your feedback was compiled and evaluated to see where our strengths and weaknesses lie. The biggest area of weakness was Communication and we hope you noticed an improvement in that which will continue throughout 2010.
- A garden was planted outside of the Undercroft to support the Food Closet.
- A Labyrinth was designed and laid out to the left of Graham/Aldrich Hall, a work in progress that will continue into this year.
- The second annual Run Around the Reservoir took place, and we had a huge turnout.
- An energy audit was conducted, suggested improvements were implemented and we are already seeing the cost savings in our utility bills.
- A Planned Giving program was established and implemented that you will be hearing more about in 2010.
- A Newcomers Brochure was designed which will be rolled out in 2010
- Our Parish and group fundraisers were held with much success – from the bake sales and dinners to the Turkey Supper and Bazaar.

These highlights are in addition to the ongoing programs that continue to be a part of this spiritual home; From the Sunday School Program, to the book studies, retreats, meditation studies, social groups, Thrift shop, Food Closet and celebrations – all that are a part of Trinity Church. All of this, made possible because of the commitment and contribution that each and every one of you make to this parish.

As we look ahead to 2010, there is still much work to be done. The Vestry and I look forward to your continued commitment, contribution, participation and feedback in 2010 as we move forward with vision to accomplish our mission.

In Peace,

Beth Maggio

Sr. Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2009

I cannot tell you how much I've enjoyed being Junior Warden this year. Working with Pam, Senior Warden, Beth Maggio, and the entire vestry has been wonderful. We've had a tough year, economically, but we've accomplished many things anyway.

- Thru RISE (Rhode Islanders Saving Energy) we've solved 2 problems. We have corrected the poor lighting in Aldrich Hall, the Undercroft and the offices AND we are saving energy which means we are saving money. RISE covered 70% of the bill, and the balance of \$1300.00 will be added to our Electric Bill and spread over 24 monthly payments. Even with paying for this loan, our Electric bill has still been reduced by almost \$50.00 per month.

- Thru the generosity and hard work of Mike Gesualdi, we now have properly closing exterior doors at the top of the ramp in Graham Hall. Prior to these repairs, the doors did not close correctly, and we lost quite a bit of heat.

- Speaking of Graham Hall; through many donations of paint, money and supplies, as well as 18 volunteers, we have transformed a very dull Graham Hall into a VERY COLORFUL hall of many BRIGHT colors for our Sunday School, as well as other activities

- Speaking of volunteers, I want to again thank the over 20 volunteers who did so much work during our Spring Clean-Up. We also did quite a few repairs as well as set-up a vegetable garden to grow crops for our Food Closet. We also cleared many trees from the back of the church which were creating many problems in back of our building.

- Through volunteers, Milt Schumacher, Frank Uttaro and John Holmes, we have installed Safety Windows in the Nursery, the offices and the Sunday School classrooms

Moving forward to 2010, we need to bring certain areas of our buildings into code with the new fire code laws in Rhode Island.

Due to budget cuts, we also need to find volunteers to replace our longtime Sexton, John DeSelva. Thank you John, for your many years of service to our parish family.

Because of work related issues, which require a lot of my time, I need to step down as Junior Warden, but I'm sure I'll be PAMELIZED somewhere down the line.

Prayerfully submitted,

Ray Lapointe

Junior Warden

**Altar Guild Annual Report
2009**

The financial situation of our world and especially here at Trinity Church being what it is the Altar Guild has tried very hard to be more careful with our purchases. We are not a budgeted item and we continue to be self sufficient in all aspects of providing for the Eucharist. All the wine, wafers, and priests' host are purchased from money donated toward flowers during the year. When there are two donors on any one Sunday there is extra money for the other expenses. The same is true with the Easter and Christmas donations. Any money donated more than we spend on flowers is used for linens and staples such as candles and liquid paraffin.

The cost of flowers for each Sunday increased to \$35.00 per donor as of January, 2009. Each long term flower donor was contacted to be sure that they were still willing to donate. Several folks combined their memorials to one Sunday - others chose to just donate at Christmas and Easter. This has left some Sundays "available." The Altar Guild was able to cover these Sundays so far. Please feel free to call me if you have any interest in donating flowers during the year and I will help you choose a Sunday that is open and meaningful to you.

The Altar Guild continues to be made up of 18 very dedicated ladies – many who have served for 25 plus years. Each one deserves very special thanks for all the work they do regularly on Saturdays and Sundays during the year. They never complain when called to set up for additional services, weddings, and funerals. They arrange for their own coverage when they are not going to be available on their assigned weekend. They are truly a very special group.

We plan to carry on as usual in 2010. We hope to be able to purchase some new linen to continue

replacing some of the very worn pieces. We will continue in our service to Trinity Church.

Yours in service,
Cynthia Averill

Altar Guild 2009

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| Balance in checking 12/31/08 | 897.64 |
| Receipts: | |
| Memorials & Celebrations (including Easter & Christmas) | 3,145.00 |
| Interest on checking acct | 0.86 |
| Total Receipts | 3,145.86 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Towne House | 1,642.14 |
| Church Publishers | 63.50 |
| Tally's | 291.75 |
| Wine | 49.96 |
| Misc | 27.48 |
| Carbone | 77.00 |
| Country Gardener | 553.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 2,704.83 |
| Checking account balance 12/31/09 | 1,338.67 |
| Balance in Savings 12/31/08 | 798.84 |
| Interest on savings acct | 4.39 |
| Savings account Balance 12/31/09 | 803.23 |
| Total of savings and checking 12/31/09 | 2,141.90 |

2009 Christmas Bazaar Report

This year we are very pleased to say it was a great success. The economy being what it is we were prepared for a bad year. We are very thankful we had the donation of the Dept. 56 merchandise. That as well as some of the tables showing an increase in sales helped to make this bazaar a success.

We are also very appreciative of all the help and work done by everyone for set-up, making things, working the day of and for clean up. We hope you all had a good time!

We still don't have a final dollar amount but we do know it is somewhere around \$9,500. We still have some receipts and bills to come in to finalize this number.

I would like to offer this accounting as we know it today:

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| Total Income as of 12/31/09 | \$ 13,141.93 |
| Expenses as of 12/31/09 | - <u>2,854.66</u> |
| Profit as of 12/31/09 | \$ <u>10,287.27</u> |

(waiting on more expenses)

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| Checking account Balance as of 1/02/10 | \$12,037.34 |
| Check to Trinity 1/2/10 | - <u>8,500.00</u> |
| Balance 1/2/10 | \$ 3,537.34 |

We will be giving the general fund another check as soon as all expenses have been accounted for and paid. We hope to keep at least \$2,500.00 in the checking account for start up money for 2010 bazaar. This money is used to pay for greens, start up money for the cash boxes, purchase food and miscellaneous items before the bazaar date.

Respectively submitted by the Bazaar Committee,

Deb & Paul Ruggieri, Pat Richards and Diane Yeaw

The Trinity Church Adult Choir

The Adult Choir enjoyed another year of worshipping God through music. The choir participates in the weekly 9:30 AM Sunday worship service, as well as in other special occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Eve. We believe that it is important to incorporate a variety of styles of music in the service, ranging from Southern Harmony, to Baroque, to Jazz, to Traditional, to Contemporary, to Gospel, and everything in between. The choir is a real joy to work with! Each member brings his or her gifts to share in making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Several vocalists and instrumentalists have shared their talents throughout the year through such opportunities as providing music during the summer months when the choir does not sing, Christmas Eve services, playing in instrumental ensembles to accompany hymns at Christmas and Easter, providing preludes and postludes, and accompanying anthems. These included Ed Belair, Megan Picozzi, Roger, Pat, and Rebecca Cichy, Diane Weeks, Alaina Carnevale, Nick Carnevale, Jeff Farrar, Sal Lombardi, Steve Gaddes, Lisa and David Clay, Dianne Du, Kevin Owen, and Abe Owen, as well as a couple of guests, including Matt Cook. This year we also took “road trips” to participate in Susan Carpenter’s Ordination, and in Advent Lessons and Carols with the choir and congregation at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Barrington, RI.

Fellowship has been an important element that continues to be developed in the choir, and we have supported one another in times of joy, broken bones, need (including rides to and from rehearsals), and in times of loss. We periodically share meals and other “treats”. We are grateful for new choir members (this year, Karl Tirrell!) as well as instrumentalists, and we miss those who have not been able to continue singing through part of this year (Florence Hicks, Bev Conlon, Peter Downes and Patty Kline). **If you are high school age or older, and interested in joining this terrific group of people to “make a joyful noise” either regularly, or for special occasions, please call Pat or Roger Cichy for more information! (647-0071).** Choir rehearses Sundays at 9:00 AM, and again when the service is over until about 11:30 AM. We also rehearse on most Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Wurst Cichy, Organist –Choir Director

TRINITY CHURCH DINNERS & PARISH LIFE

Financial report for the year ending December 31st 2009.

December 31st 2009 checkbook balance for Trinity Church Dinners & Parish Life \$2,493.01

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| December 31st 2009 savings account balance for the above | \$25.36 |
| Account total checking & savings for Trinity Church Dinners & Parish Life | \$2,518.37 |

Trinity Church Dinners and Trinity Parish Life, merged as one ministry this past year and has become very active in supporting Trinity's many events.

1. The year began with the planning and executing of the Valentine Dinner Dance held at the Crystal Lake Golf Club on February 14. Entertainment was provided by the Billy Shears Band.
2. Refreshments were provided for The Global Aids Interfaith Alliance for Rev. Dr. Ames.
3. Breakfast refreshments for the annual meeting.
4. Collation for Elmer Perkins memorial service held last March.
5. Soups and supplies for the 15K Road Race
6. Cakes, desserts and beverages for Easter.
7. Cake and beverages for Confirmation.
8. Parish Clean up held in May in which food / snacks were provided.
9. Special acknowledgement birdbath gift presented to John DelSelva.
10. Lunch provided to painters / helpers of Aldrich Hall Sunday School.
11. Youth Sunday / Family Day special gifts to all youths and food for BBQ.
12. Safe Church Training held at Trinity in September food for lunch was provided.
13. Food, supplies, police detail and advertising for Trinity's 30th Annual Turkey Supper. A check in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the turkey supper proceeds was written and submitted.
14. Food supplied to the Food Angels to cook and make many wonderful and nourishing dishes for parishioners / families who are sick, injured, in need or in bereavement.
15. Assist Trinity's Bazaar with the purchasing of food and supplies prior to the annual event held the first weekend in December.
16. Provided Trinity Church a check of \$300.00 for various advertising.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul E. Ruggieri, Treasurer

2009 Fundraising Report

The goals of the new fundraising manager position introduced this year would:

- *Ideally*, result in event planners thinking and planning farther ahead than the default mode of pulling things together last minute.
- Create a clear paper trail for historical tracking and reference of each event.
- Require event planners to get vestry approval.

| EVENT | PROFIT | ACCOUNT |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Valentine Dinner Dance | \$557.90 | Dinners & Parish Life |
| J2A Pancake Supper | \$764.00 | J2A |
| Corned Beef & Cabbage | \$1275.00 | General Fund |
| Run the Reservoir | \$6,336.19 | Food Closet |
| Spaghetti & Meatball Supper | \$551.77 | Outreach |
| Yard Sale | \$725.00 | General Fund |
| Prime Rib Dinner | \$594.00 | Men's Club |
| WINGS Bake Sale 5/10 | \$260.00 | WINGS |
| WINGS Bake Sale 9/20 | \$267.00 | WINGS |
| Turkey Supper | \$8,229.18 | General Fund and Dinners & Parish Life |
| Art Festival Parking | \$660.00 | General Fund |
| Bazaar | not reported as of this report | |
| Lucinda Pins as of 12/9 | \$1256.68 | General Fund |

Bethanne Colvin

Fundraising Manager

ANNUAL REPORT

2009

TRINITY FOOD CLOSET

The Trinity Food Closet provides routine and emergency food to our neighbors who suffer food insecurity. The Food Closet provided food to ~1838 people from the Scituate, Foster and Glocester communities. Currently 60 households use our services each month. Recent calculations based on guidelines from the RI Community Food Bank, estimate that the Food Closet provides 8 to 10 days of food, each month, to our average family of three.

Financial resources come from the parish pledge budget, monthly Outreach collections and direct donations from parishioners and the community. Again this year we participated in the spring and holiday Feinstein Challenges. Based on the amount we raise we receive a percentage of the \$1 million dollars. Sunday School and church attendees donate food weekly. In 2009, the Clayville and Hope Schools held food drives that donated large amounts of nonperishable food. Other community food drives from Girl & Boy Scouts and The Early Learning Center have helped to keep our closets full.

The First Baptist Church and the Advent Christian Church have joined with Trinity in having regular food drives. Advent Christian has also supplied us with some much needed volunteer help. Currently we have 8 volunteers who staff the Food Closet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 11am and 3 substitutes. We also have 3 people who regularly shop at the RI Community Food Bank as well as 4 BJ's shoppers.

In conjunction with the Scituate Lions we supplied 47 families with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner baskets.

As other agencies cut back on the amount of food they provide, our goal for 2010 is to maintain the current level, both quantity and quality of food provided to our clients.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Dempsey



2009 Licensed Eucharistic Visitor Report

L. E. V.s, formerly known as L. E. M.s, visit the temporarily or permanently homebound people of the parish to bring to them, and join with them, in celebrating the Holy Communion. To become an L. E. V. you must be recommended by the parish priest and then attend instruction given by the Diocese. Here at Trinity we have 5 L. E. V.s. They are Cindy Averill, Marilyn Mintel, Ray Lapointe, Joan Melaragno, and our newest member Alberta Sarvia. In 2009 we celebrated 132 home communions. This is a very spiritually rewarding ministry both for the homebound and for the celebrant. If illness or any other event prevents you from attending church services for any length of time you are welcome, and encouraged, to call the church office to arrange for a home communion visit.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan N. Melaragno

Trinity Episcopal Church
Annual Report for Men's Club
January – December, 2009

During 2009, the Men's Club (as club) ran and/or participated in fewer fundraisers than in recent past years as a result of the loss of some key leaders of the Club who left the parish and others who experienced some health problems; nonetheless, the Club contributed funds to the parish budget both as it had pledged for 2009 (\$2000.00) and in response to specific assessments by the Vestry for parish advertizing (\$300.00) and for the General Fund (\$3,000.00). Club activity in 2009 included the following:

- (1) In February the Club ran a Ham & Bean Supper. While the meal was prepared in the best Trinity tradition and was really good for those who attended, the attendance was poor and the net proceeds were only \$148.00, all of which were turned over directly to the parish treasurer to assist with general parish expenses.
- (2) Our annual corned beef supper in March and was again very well attended, was equally delicious by all accounts as in the prior years, and all participants seemed to have a great time. This event raised the sum of \$1,275.00, net of expenses, almost the same amount as in 2008.
- (3) Having pledged \$2,000.00 to the general parish budget for 2009, the Club transferred that \$2000.00 to the General Fund in March to assist the Parish Treasurer with parish expenses.
- (4) Our 9th Annual Golf Tournament and roast beef dinner which had been scheduled for June had to be cancelled due lack of leadership for this event. Having already purchased the meat for the dinner, it was decided to have a free-standing Roast Beef Dinner open to the parish and the larger community. The dinner netted \$668.95, considerably less than \$2,921.91 which the 2008 golf tournament (including the dinner) had generated.
- (5) In September, at the request of the Vestry, the Club transferred \$300.00 to the Parish Advertizing Budget line.
- (6) In October, the \$580.88 which the Club had advanced in December 2008 to the Turkey Supper Committee for the purchase of food for the 2009 Turkey Supper was returned to the Club.
- (7) Also in October, the Vestry assessed the Club an additional contribution of \$3000.00 to the General Fund for parish expenses.

The Club began the year with a treasury of \$7,870.11; raised \$2,091.95 (net of expenses); collected \$26.33 in interest/dividends; contributed a total of \$5,448.00 to the general parish budget for 2009; and ended the year with a balance of \$5,121.27, of which \$4,500.00 has been pledged to the Capital Campaign.

All in all the club had a somewhat disappointing year in terms of fund raising, but we extend our thanks and appreciation to all who have supported and contributed to our successful activities over the past several years.

The current plan is to fulfill the remainder of our \$10,000.00 pledge to the Capital Campaign (kitchen expansion and upgrades, including upgrading the electrical service to Aldrich/Graham Hall, stove hood installation and related kitchen renovations required to meet fire code, upgraded parking lots, and improved signage, etc.), so a check will be written forthwith and forwarded to the Parish Treasurer for \$4,500.00 for that purpose. Having written that check, the Club will have a remaining balance in its treasury of \$621.27, which will be available to provide "seed money" to the next generation of leaders for the Men's Club.

Unfortunately, at this writing the Club is not in a position to make a pledge to the parish budget for 2010. The Club awaits new leadership, and we pray that the Club will be reenergized and find new ways to support the parish in the year(s) ahead.

Faithfully yours,

John DeSelva,

President

William H. Hurry, Jr.,

Secretary/Treasurer

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OUTREACH 2009

2009 brought continued growth in Outreach activity as measured by a variety of metrics: volunteers, people in need served, funds generated and spent, visibility to the local community. Some of the highlights are summarized below. I apologize for not providing the traditional financial report, but promise to include it for the next Trinity Tidings publication and have it available for the 2010 annual meeting.

- * Hosted a very informative presentation by GAIA (Global Aids Interfaith Alliance) of their South African ministry

- * Sent one representative to participate in our Diocesan Companion Ministry (OK, it happened to be Mardi Gras week in New Orleans - lots of distractions between work projects- you should have been there)

- * 2nd Annual Run the Reservoir race contributed \$6336.19 to the food closet account. fantastic support from our sponsors, volunteers, and the community (special thanks to the Advent Christian Church for their enthusiastic turnout of participants and fundraisers). If you were not involved, you get another chance this March.

- * Bi-monthly ministry to St Georges mealsite. We enhance the menu, serve and do dishes; the clients are grateful

- * Doled out \$1511.08 to other charities near and far

- * Hosted the popular African Team Ministries display of crafts (\$700 earned for their ministry). It will be repeated in 2011

- * Offered a Pasta Supper netting \$551.77

Though we dropped the ball on our usual school backpack & supplies project, we hope to have someone pick up that ball for next fall. Other details may be found in the Food Closet report and the Thrift Shop report. Grants from the Scituate Art Festival, the Feinsein Challenge, and support from the Scituate Lions, besides all of your generous contributions made it possible to forego the line item budgeted Trinity Church support for this year. Thank you all so very much!

Respectfully,

Phyllis & Milt Schumacher

PARISH LIFE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Life Committee has been very active this year and has had fun along the way.

In February, the Valentine Dance at Crystal Lake Country Club was very successful. The music was great, as was the food, and everyone looked nice all dressed up.

We have had several “Cook & Freeze” sessions when we made wonderful meals to have in the freezer when the need arises for us to provide meals. Sometimes it’s because of illness, sometimes bereavement, and sometimes a new baby. We prepared chicken pot pie, shepherd’s pie and lasagna. We also have some soup and a few quick breads. We will be doing this again soon since our “cupboard” is getting bare. Please join us!

The Prayer Shawl group with Judi DuClau at the helm, meets periodically for prayer, conversation, fellowship and knitting – but most of the work is done at home. The shawls are then blessed at church before being distributed to provide comfort.

The “Coffee And…” after the 9:30 service has become a regular part of our schedule. We have several wonderful people who host the coffee hour and provide treats. This is done on a rotating basis so that no one is overburdened. At present, the schedule is based on seven people, so they only need to provide this service about once every two months. If you would be willing or interested in taking a turn at this, just call June Guglielmi at 647-2701, and I’ll be happy to put you on the schedule.

Incidentally, some people have asked how they can help with the church deficit by donating goods. We would be happy to have donations of regular or decaffeinated coffee and tea.

All in all this has been a challenging year –especially financially, but I think Parish Life at Trinity is thriving.

Respectfully submitted,

June Guglielmi,

PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2009

The Planned Giving Committee spent most of 2009 getting educated about what a Planned Giving Committee does in a parish. We learned that the Episcopal Church has a Planned Giving Division in the Episcopal Foundation in New York. Through the Episcopal Foundation, we held several phone and video conferences in order to learn how to proceed.

Although it's been around for years in the Episcopal Church, Planned Giving is relatively new in our parish. Basically, Planned Giving means that we can make arrangements now to leave money to Trinity, after we pass on.

The original Planned Giving Committee consisted of Chris Picozzi, Brian Carpenter, Bill Hurry, Bob Liptrot and myself. I want to thank all of them for helping to get this committee off the ground. During the course of the year, Brian and Bob needed to leave, so we were down to 3 members. Then, Bill volunteered to head the Endowment Committee (which I'll explain in a moment), so we were down to just Chris and I, but since then, Beth Maggio has volunteered to join us. Ideally, we would like to get 2 more volunteers to bring the committee back to 5.

The Endowment Committee will oversee the funds given to Trinity thru Planned Giving. As mentioned earlier, Bill Hurry will head this committee with help from Al Abbey, Steve Brannigan, Ted Donnelly and Kathy Medeiros. We certainly thank them for their help as well.

Planned Giving is REALLY EASY and DOESN'T COST A DIME. The easiest way to help Trinity is to use your Life Insurance policy. Here's a quick example:

Suppose you have a \$100,000 Life Insurance Policy and you have 3 children. You could leave \$33,333 to each, or you could leave \$30,000 to each, which would leave you \$10,000 to do other things. The difference between \$33,333 and \$30,000 isn't much, but that \$10,000 could do a lot of good for a lot of people and/or a lot of causes. You could take part of the \$10,000 and send it to the American Cancer Society, SPCA, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or many other places. We hope one of those places would be our parish, Trinity Episcopal Church.

We've lost 37 parishioners in the last few years. Do you realize, if each one had left Trinity, \$1,000; we would NOT have a loan for the oil spill. If they had left \$2,000 each, we would not have an oil spill loan, AND we would have OVER \$30,000 in our Endowment Fund. If they had left us \$5000 to \$10,000 each, we would have NO NEED for the Capital Campaign Fund.

So you see where Planned Giving can take us; NOW and for future generations, (our children and grandchildren).

Please prayerfully consider this important ministry. All you need to do, is to contact your Life Insurance agent and request a Change of Beneficiary form. Think of all the additional good things you can do by making a few simple changes.

God Bless,

Ray Lapointe

Planned Giving Committee

Annual Report of Thrift Shop for 2009

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, and the generous donations of our parishioners, as well as people in the community, the Thrift Shop had a very successful year.

As she has for many years, Norma Farrow continued to manage and arrange staffing so that the shop could remain open year round. We have many loyal customers who shop weekly, and we have seen people from other cities and towns as well as out-of-staters that frequent our Thrift Shop on a regular basis. It is heart-warming to know that Trinity is providing a service for those in need in these challenging times.

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| Balance Forward as of 1-1-09 | | \$3993.80 |
| Receipts | | |
| Sales | \$11,567.70 | |
| Transfer from Money Market Account* | 2,745.47 | |
| Interest | 17.01 | |
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| | \$14,330.18 | \$18,323.98 |

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| Disbursements | | |
| Rent | \$ 4,800.00 | |
| Electric | 898.21 | |
| Trinity Church | 9,800.00 | |
| Diocese of RI Fair Share | 56.00 | |
| Crossroads Kits | 201.46 | |
| Episcopal Charities | 100.00 | |
| Trinity Church Outreach | 375.00 | |
| Trinity Church Food Closet | 500.00 | |
| Overcharge at Thrift Shop | 10.00 | |
| Supplies | 67.96 | |
| ECW Sunshine, postage | 100.00 | |
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| | | \$16,908.63 |

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| Balance on hand 12-21-09 | | \$ 1,415.35 |
| Share Account | \$25.60 | |
| Checking Account | \$1,415.35 | |

- Note: ECW Money Market Account was closed on October 13, 2009 and transferred to the Thrift Shop checking account.

Respectfully submitted

Priscilla S. Liptrot

Trinity Welcoming Committee 2009 Annual report

1. The "**Newcomer Committee**" was re-named the **TWC** or the "**Trinity Welcoming Committee**".
2. We are in the process of formulating a current "**Welcome to Trinity Packet**" with revised and existing Trinity Episcopal pamphlets, Episcopal Church information, Sunday School info, and Trinity Members contact info.
3. Working on design and construction of a **Podium Welcoming Station** in Narthex to hold the new Trinity packet and weekly welcoming bread. Possibly tie the construction with the J2A program.
4. Had successful **Newcomers Brunches** on two dates, on May 17th and October 25th in 2009 and will schedule two more in 2010.
5. **Bread Baking** - Each committee member and Ronn Tyrrell baked loaves of bread and breakfast treats many weeks throughout the year to welcome newcomers and parishioners. Excess breads were used for the food closet. This bread baking tradition will continue in 2010.
6. The **TWC meetings** have been set in 2010 for the second Sunday of the month after 9:30 service in the Undercroft, Please come and attend.

Respectfully submitted,

David Clarke

Properties Manager Report for 2009

Aldrich Hall was rented 7 times by parishioners –no non-parishioners rented any facilities

3 parishioners rented tables/chairs

The Hall was used for birthdays, anniversaries, and 1 book-signing.

Total revenue generated = \$718.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Croteau, Properties Mgr.

Trinity Episcopal Church 2009 Yard Sale Report

This year's yard sale was held on Saturday June 6th. This year's proceeds of \$725 reflected the fewer donations received.

Thanks to all who donated their unwanted treasures. Thanks also to all the set up volunteers and sales associates. Thanks to the Troop 2 scouts who helped load cars and clean up.

Special thanks to Dwight Farrar for the generous use of his dump truck and helping us cart away the unwanted items.

Unsold items were donated to the RI Donation Exchange, used books were sent to local libraries, and electronic items were dropped at the DEM "Eco- Depot".

Yard sale donations are accepted any time, just give me a call.

Thanks.

Stephen Gaddes 647-2149
Yard Sale Coordinator