

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Collingswood, NJ Annual Meeting 2020



A Year
Like No Other...

Sunday, January 31, 2021

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Cover Photo Descriptions (sort of left to right zig-zagging down the page)

Feeding First Responders; Zoom Vestry Meeting; COVID Precautions in Church; Maundy Thursday Watch Altar; Plaza Gardens at Easter; 35,000 lbs. of Oak Tree lying on the Chattin's House (Dining Room and Living Room are under the tree...); Lily and Diane on Pajama Sunday; Worship Page Photo from Holy Trinity Website; Self-Contained Pandemic Communion; New Year's Eve Calendar Burning; Farewell to Donna; Summer Outdoor Mass on the Plaza.

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Live streamed and by Conference call

9:30AM Family Mass and Rector’s Report

11:00AM Business Session

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting

Consent to the extension of Vestry terms

Treasurers Report -

**Year 2020
Budget 2021
Endowment and other Funds**

Other Reports

Other Business

Announcements

Necrology

Benediction



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

The Reverend Mark H. Chattin

Direct us, O Lord in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

January 31, 2021

Dear Friends,

We will not soon forget the year 2020. I'm sure it will be a chapter in history books going forward. It was certainly a year of social and political unrest as issues our country has not sufficiently dealt with before came to the fore. But there was another event that has affected all in this country and around the world as all humankind faced the pandemic of COVID-19. The virus affected all parts of life as we know it, especially the way we interact with each other.

The year started off so normally. We gathered for the annual Epiphany Service of Lessons and Carols and the dinner that followed. We gathered for the Annual Meeting and the luncheon that followed. We celebrated Candlemas and began Lent on Ash Wednesday. The evening before we gathered for the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper unaware that it would be our last time of in-person fellowship for the year.

Shortly into the Lenten season the world changed. (In some ways it feels as though we've been in Lent ever since.) A deadly virus was running rampant through our nation, so government authorities closed all places of public gathering to stop the spread of the disease. We learned new ways of loving each other, by wearing face masks and social distancing. While the Holy Trinity facility was closed – no meetings, no AA, NA, or Aikido, no Liberti Church or Wednesday service – your church was NOT closed. We immediately adapted to the directives and began sharing the Sunday service by livestream on our website and Facebook Live and via a new telephone conference call line. Because Theresa and I live together in the same “bubble,” we were able to work together to bring the full Eucharist to you each week. Because we could not be together in-person to receive Holy Communion, we learned about Spiritual Communion that we shared each week. Because no one else could be in the building, we used recorded music for the hymns (thanks to Paul Wolfgang). As best as we were able, liturgically speaking, we endeavored to keep our worship as normal and recognizable as possible. Our prayer life deepened – and you tuned in. We had more attendance online than we have had in church for years. In fact, our Sunday morning views on the website in 2020 totaled 5,533 with an average Sunday attendance online of 123 – and that didn't count those listening on the conference line! The Saturday service turned into a weekly time of sharing on the conference line concluding with Evening Prayer. Beyond our worship services on Sunday, we had a virtual coffee hour and Bible study and used Zoom and the conference line for meetings, game nights, a chat session for our Sunday School kids, soup planning, and check ins with some of our shut-ins. We adapted to a new reality, and you responded.

There were other adaptations to come. What about financial offerings? The expenses of the church continued. There were no fundraisers and no rental income as AA, NA, and Aikido had to vacate as well, and as a few months of rental forbearance was extended to Liberti Church, which could no longer meet.

To help address this concern, we began to offer e-giving or online giving through Vanco with a direct link on our website. Many of you have taken advantage of this method of making your weekly offerings. Further, the government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" or the "CARES Act included the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP), which churches qualified for, provided money to help employers keep their employees on the payroll. This aid was given in the form of forgivable loans, much like a grant. After much effort, PNC Bank accepted our application and approved a PPP Loan for Holy Trinity Church in the amount of \$31,000 that was used toward payroll and benefits as allowed by the program. This was a huge relief and enabled us to use less of our endowment funds. I thank all of you for remaining faithful in your financial offerings in this time of crisis. With the inclusion of the PPP loan, our finances remained mostly stable in 2020.

Staying in touch with one another during 2020 has been very important. Our website has become a key vehicle for sharing information. Thanks to the gargantuan efforts of Alan Heavens, our website has been completely redone. There you will find the Sunday service bulletin, links for the livestream of the weekly Mass and for online giving, as I've already mentioned. You will find important information from Bishop Stokes as well as the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry and the National Church. The website also includes information on Christian formation opportunities, community outreach, and even a bit of Holy Trinity church history (thank you to Craig Burgess). I hope you were able to view this year's Virtual Manger Mania or listen to a recording of our Lessons and Carols Service from January of 2020. Broadcast on the website were special services such as the Easter Vigil and Blue Christmas Services. Our website chronicles and reflects the very vibrant life and ongoing story of Holy Trinity and has allowed us to adapt to these challenging times.

As the months went by, more and more of us were looking toward returning to in-person worship and Holy Communion. Last spring, Bishop Stokes appointed the Task Force for Re-entering, Re-opening, and Re-envisioning for the Diocese of New Jersey. The bishop began to lift some restrictions so that up to ten people could enter the church. This allowed us to return to live music as Cindy Chattin returned to the organ and we had a cantor/soloist help lead the hymns. But still no in-person congregation. The Task Force then issued guidelines for opening the building for in-person worship. These guidelines included restrictions on attendance, masks, social distancing, no congregational singing, Communion with bread only, and enhanced ventilation and required a detailed plan be submitted to and approved by the Task Force before the building could be reopened. We bought hand sanitizer stations and a BioBlast machine that sprays a fog of disinfectant into the church after each use. With Theresa's help, the Wardens and Vestry measured the church and marked it out for social distancing and Communion flows. All these details were written up into a plan for re-opening that was submitted to and approved by the Task Force and Bishop Stokes in early July. But, when to move back indoors? A church survey conducted in June showed that many people were not comfortable being indoors, so at the end of July we began in-person worship outdoors on the plaza that worked very well, and we even found a way to have Communion in both kinds. We stayed outdoors through October, and then on November 1st, All Saints' Sunday we moved indoors for in-person worship. We added an 8:30 a.m. outdoor service for those who preferred to stay outside. (This service is now offered at 12:30 p.m. for the winter.) Other services such as Holy Baptism and funerals can now be offered by following the Diocesan guidelines. We have a wonderful mix of indoor, outdoor, in-person, and online attendance. The worship of the Church adapted and continues as we are nourished in life, love, and the grace of Christ.

You might think that all these challenges would be enough for one year, but not for 2020. On June 3rd, a derecho (a straight-line of high wind) blew through our area and deposited a beautiful, 35,000-pound oak tree on Theresa's and my house. The living room, dining room, and kitchen were destroyed, and the house rendered unlivable. The rooms that were totally destroyed were the areas that Theresa and I had been using to work from home every day during the pandemic. By the grace of God (and we continue to thank God for his protection and care on that day) neither of us was home at the moment the tree fell.

Theresa had needed to go to the office for the morning, and I happened to be officiating at the first funeral since February. We suddenly found ourselves without a home. Now there were 1,001 things to do. Theresa and I temporarily moved to the Residence Inn while the tree and debris began to be removed and the damaged areas tarped in preparation for demolition. Before that could happen, all of our belongings needed to be removed from the house and transferred to the temporary housing provided by our insurance company (can't say enough about the necessity for good insurance!). We've spent months working with our contractor and architect getting plans for the re-build approved so that we will be able to go home. We're told that reconstruction should be completed this July, and our house should be ready for our return. We hope many of you will be able to join us for an open house we hope to hold later in the year.

Despite the changes we faced in 2020, the ministry of Holy Trinity Church never stopped. Please read all the reports submitted today to get an overview of the active, far-reaching, and varied ministries of your church. A new outreach program was begun in 2020 called Feeding First Responders. Every other month or so, we have been delivering lunch to the Collingswood Police and Fire Departments. This year has been extra stressful on them. They are on duty 24 hours a day, every day, responding to emergencies in our community. We are safer because of their service. Thank you for your offerings in support of this outreach effort. Recently the Collingswood Rotary has begun partnering with us in this effort to show our care and concern for our first responders, who are very appreciative. We anticipate continuing this program in 2021. Please let us know if you would like to help with this local outreach.

In addition to my regular parish ministrations, which may be seen in the Statistical Report, in 2020 I continued as a member of the Diocese of New Jersey Acolyte Festival Committee. I also serve as Dean of the Camden Convocation and continue my membership in the Collingswood Rotary Club.

Not everything in 2020 was Coronavirus-related. Early in the year, upon recommendation from the Organist Search Committee, and with approval of the Vestry, Cindy Chattin became our permanent organist and choir director. With new enthusiasm she has expanded our music repertoire. Even with the limitations caused by the virus, she easily adapted to the necessary changes. I thank Cindy for her ministry of music amongst us and I thank the choir for hanging in with all the changes and chances of 2020.

Also, in 2020, we said goodbye to our long-serving, devoted, and faithful treasurer, Donna Ray, who moved to Lititz, PA. We wish her many blessings in her new residence. Donna is still very much a part of Holy Trinity, tuning in to our Saturday Evening Prayer service, Sunday Mass, and virtual coffee hour each week. The limitations on gathering prevented us from giving Donna a proper send-off. Once restrictions are lifted, we will plan a celebration to thank her for her years of ministry as church treasurer. I'm thrilled that our new treasurer, Debbie Cruz so willingly moved into the position and hit the ground running. She has been tireless in learning all the ins-and-outs of parish finance. It is not an easy job and we are blessed to have her in this role. I thank Debbie for accepting this important position and for the selfless energy she gives to the finances of the church.

Debbie is also one of the Soup Ladies of Holy Trinity, along with Lois Harwood, Sharon Wolfgang, Donna Ray, Yvonne Bones, and Charlotte Sink. The sale of soup was the sole fundraiser during 2020, and even in the midst of the pandemic, the group raised nearly \$2,200! I thank the Soup Ladies for this delicious ministry that so many of us enjoy.

Our buildings continue to be used on a regular basis by AA and Liberti Church. We have new agreements with each of them, and they are following all safety protocols. (NA and Aikido have not yet returned.)

I am so thankful for the dedication and support of many people and groups at Holy Trinity this past year.

- I thank our wardens, Joe Sirak and Jessica Greenfield and the whole Vestry for their support and help in the face of all the challenges of 2020. We seamlessly went from in-person meetings to meetings on Zoom and the conference line and they did not miss a beat. And my thanks also to Sharon Wolfgang, who serves as the Clerk of the Vestry taking and producing the minutes of each meeting.
- Many thanks to Pat Penney for her coordination of the Altar Guild and for care of our beautiful plaza gardens; to Ron Woods for his coordination of the ushers; and to the Altar Guild members and all the ushers, for adapting to all the changes we faced in 2020 and for keeping Holy Trinity as a priority in your lives.
- Thanks to Sharon and Paul Wolfgang for their care of our outreach to the Collingswood Food Pantry and to the knitting group for their many hats and scarves, which are given to the Seaman's Church Institute and Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.
- My deep appreciation to Lois Harwood for the birthday card ministry, which brings smiles to many faces, and for her sick list updates.
- Many thanks to Rob Staszewski for his continual, quiet, and diligent care of our buildings and grounds, and to Tiffany Wilson who keeps our buildings clean each week.
- And to our amazing parish secretary, Charlotte Sink, my deepest appreciation for her faithful work and good humor in the office, and for her dedication to the ministry and events at Holy Trinity Church.
- And to my wife, Theresa, I love you and couldn't do this job without you. Even after our house was destroyed, you kept on going without missing a beat. You are inspiring.

We will never forget the year 2020. It ended appropriately as we gathered on the plaza, built a bonfire, and burned 2020 calendars. We pray for a much better 2021.

St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Nothing will separate us from Jesus love. Not a pandemic, not an oak tree, not wearing masks, not being socially-distanced – nothing will separate us from the love of Christ.

Thank you for your faithfulness to Holy Trinity Church. It is a humbling honor to serve as your Rector.

I miss seeing you! I am looking forward to the day when we can be physically together. What a great party we will have!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Mark H. Chattin
Rector

STATISTICAL REPORT

	2018	2019	Pandemic Year 2020
Total Attendance at all Services	4122	3425	2252 Website - 5533
Total Communions Administered	3192	2814	1208
Average Sunday Attendance	51	48	1/1 to 3/8 – 49 12 Month – 23 Website - 123
Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist			
Sundays	104	104	83
Weekdays	50	50	15
Private	7	3	7
Baptisms	2	4	4
Confirmations	0	0	0
Receptions	0	0	0
Holy Matrimony	0	1	1
Burials	9	7	4
Other	12	11	91
Number of Services	182	175	201
Transfers			
Out	0	0	0
In	3	0	0
Hospital Calls	11	7	0
Pastoral Calls	18	12	23
Counseling Sessions	27	16	6

THE PRESENT VESTRY

Senior Warden

Joe Sirak - 2022

Junior Warden

Mrs. Jessica Greenfield – 2021

Ms. Yvonne Bones - 2023

*(Term begins at the conclusion
of the Annual Meeting)*

THE VESTRY

2022

Mrs. Yvonne Bones

*(Will be vacant after
today's meeting)*

Mr. Craig Burgess

Mr. Ronald Woods

2023

Mr. Alan Heavens

Mr. Robert Staszewski

Mr. Douglas Moore

2024

Mrs. Theresa Chattin

Mrs. Kate Seligman

Mr. Ralph Slim

TREASURER

Mrs. Debbie Cruz

CLERK

Mrs. Sharon Wolfgang

OTHER OFFICES

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Diocesan Convention meets on March 6, 2021 and will be virtual

Deputies

Mrs. Jessica Greenfield

Mrs. Debbie Cruz

Mr. Paul Wolfgang

Alternates

Ms. Lois Harwood

Ms. Donna Ray

Mr. Mike Woolford

CAMDEN CONVOCATION DELEGATES

Mr. Steve Kreal

Mrs. Jessica Greenfield

Ms. Megan Woods

Ms. Lois Harwood

Mr. Paul Wolfgang

Mrs. Sharon Wolfgang

The Nominating Committee for 2022 will be:

Fr. Mark H. Chattin, Rector

Mr. Joe Sirak

Mr. Craig Burgess

Mr. Ronald Woods

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Account Name	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income		
<i>Church Use Income</i>		
AA	375.00	
Aikido Agastu Dojos	425.00	
Liberti Church	14,400.00	
Narcotics Anonymous	130.00	
Quilted Nest Parking	250.00	
<i>Total Church Use Income</i>	<i>\$15,580.00</i>	<i>20,200.00</i>
Endowment Principle Income	100,000.00	133,544.00
<i>Flowers</i>		
Altar Flowers-Weekly Income	325.00	
Christmas Flowers Income	890.00	
Easter Flowers Income	290.00	
<i>Total Flowers</i>	<i>\$1,505.00</i>	
<i>Fund Raising Income</i>		
Soup Program Income	2,289.00	
<i>Total Fund Raising Income</i>	<i>\$2,289.00</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>
General Tithes & Offerings	83,653.65	85,000.00
Investment Dividend Income	416.26*	375.00
<i>Outreach Income</i>		
First Responders Income	517.00	
<i>Total Outreach Income</i>	<i>\$517.00</i>	
<i>Parish Events Income</i>		
Annual Meeting Income	117.00	
Coffee Hour Income	69.00	
Epiphany Dinner Income	238.00	
<i>Total Parish Events Income</i>	<i>\$424.00</i>	
Payroll Protection Loan	31,000.00	
Special Holiday Offerings	8,930.52*	4,000.00
<i>Worship Programs Income</i>		
Good Book Club Income	139.00	
<i>Total Worship Programs Income</i>	<i>\$139.00</i>	
Total Income	\$244,454.43	\$251,119.00
Expenses		
Acolyte Expense	26.38	400.00
<i>Advertising</i>		
Advertising-General	170.00	
<i>Total Advertising</i>	<i>\$170.00</i>	<i>600.00</i>
<i>Altar Expenses</i>		
Altar Expenses-General	239.88	
Altar Supplies Expenses	337.58	
Palm Expense	107.50	
<i>Total Altar Expenses</i>	<i>\$684.96</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
Capital Property Expenses	1,066.51	
Christian Education Expense	60.00	300.00
First Responders Expense	979.03	
<i>Flower Expense</i>		
Christmas Flower Expense	439.58	
Easter Flower Expense	299.72	
Pentecost Flower Expense	83.88	
Weekly Altar Flower Expense	290.00	

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Account Name	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
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<i>Total Flower Expense</i>	<i>\$1,113.18</i>	
<i>Fund Raisers Expense</i>		
Soup Program Expense	106.97	
<i>Total Fund Raisers Expense</i>	<i>\$106.97</i>	
Marks of Mission Giving	29,498.33	32,180.00
<i>Music</i>		
Music Supplies	142.49	
<i>Total Music</i>	<i>\$142.49</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Office</i>		
Bank Charges Expense	120.00	150.00
Computer Expenses	419.00	500.00
Equipment & Lease	882.55	2,000.00
Office Supplies	182.48	1,000.00
Paper & Miscellaneous	1,275.66	1,500.00
Postage	770.00	900.00
Seminars	0.00	350.00
<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$3,649.69</i>	<i>6,400.00</i>
Outreach Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Parish Events Expenses</i>		
Annual Meeting Expense	129.95	
Coffee Hour Expense	159.64	
Epiphany Dinner Expense	232.91	
Tree Greening Expense	59.59	
Tree Lighting Expense	290.14	
<i>Total Parish Events Expenses</i>	<i>\$872.23</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
<i>Payroll & Employee Expenses</i>		
941 Federal Withholding	697.62	
Clergy Discretionary Expense	306.73	500.00
Clergy Health Benefits	27,093.00	29,556.00
Clergy Housing Allowance	34,000.08*	34,000.00
Clergy Life & Dental	2,159.08	2,355.00
Clergy Pension Premiums	18,083.80*	16,500.00
Clergy Professional Expenses	9,886.48	10,000.00
Clergy Salary	49,378.08*	49,378.00
Organist Salary	10,076.04*	8,500.00
Secretary Salary	9,119.60	9,500.00
Supply Clergy	700.00	2,200.00
Supply Organist	400.00	400.00
<i>Total Payroll & Employee Expenses</i>	<i>\$161,900.51</i>	<i>162,889.00</i>
<i>Property</i>		
Cleaning Services	5,933.70*	5,200.00
Grounds Keeping	3,244.30*	3,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	353.42	500.00
Kitchen Expense	288.95	900.00
Property Expense	2,497.43	
Property Insurance	10,193.50	11,000.00
Property Repairs	372.77	3,000.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	758.00	1,000.00
<i>Total Property</i>	<i>\$23,642.07</i>	<i>24,600.00</i>
<i>Telephone</i>		
Phone Service	1,789.60	2,200.00

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Account Name	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
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<i>Total Telephone</i>	\$1,789.60	2,200.00
<i>Utilities</i>		
Electric & Gas	12,023.67	
Sewer Treatment	704.00	
Water & Sewer	736.00	
<i>Total Utilities</i>	\$13,463.67	14,000.00
Vanco Expenses	90.41	
<i>Worship Programs Expense</i>		
Good Book Club Expense	91.46	
Learning In Lent Expense	220.67	
Misc. Worship Expenses	384.35	
Publications Expense	379.96	
<i>Total Worship Programs Expense</i>	\$1,076.44*	800.00
Youth Expense	0.00	500.00
Total Expenses	\$243,332.47	\$251,119.00
Difference	<u>\$1,121.96</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

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Account #	Account Name	\$	
4.010.100	General Tithes & Offerings	\$ _____	83,000.00
4.010.150	Special Holiday Offerings	\$ _____	6,000.00
4.010.200	Church Use Income		18,500.00
	<i>Total Church Use Income</i>	\$ _____	18,500.00
4.010.350	Investment Dividend Income	\$ _____	375.00
4.010.356	Endowment Principle Income	\$ _____	138,598.00
4.010.500	Fund Raising Income		2,000.00
	<i>Total Fund Raising Income</i>	\$ _____	2,000.00
5.010.100	Payroll & Employee Expenses		
5.010.101	Clergy Salary	\$ _____	50,878.00
5.010.104	Clergy Housing Allowance	\$ _____	34,000.00
5.010.105	Clergy Professional Expenses	\$ _____	8,500.00
5.010.106	Clergy Pension Premiums	\$ _____	18,084.00
5.010.107	Clergy Life & Dental	\$ _____	2,355.00
5.010.108	Clergy Health Benefits	\$ _____	30,888.00
5.010.109	Clergy Discretionary Expense	\$ _____	500.00
5.010.110	Supply Clergy	\$ _____	2,500.00
5.010.120	Organist Salary	\$ _____	8,500.00
5.010.125	Supply Organist	\$ _____	400.00
5.010.130	Secretary Salary	\$ _____	9,500.00
	<i>Total Payroll & Employee Expenses</i>	\$ _____	166,105.00
5.010.150	Utilities		14,000.00
	<i>Total Utilities</i>	\$ _____	14,000.00
5.010.160	Telephone		
5.010.164	Phone Service	\$ _____	2,000.00
	<i>Total Telephone</i>	\$ _____	2,000.00
5.010.170	Office		
5.010.171	Computer Expenses	\$ _____	500.00
5.010.172	Office Supplies	\$ _____	500.00
5.010.174	Postage	\$ _____	900.00
5.010.176	Equipment & Lease	\$ _____	1,500.00
5.010.178	Paper & Miscellaneous	\$ _____	1,500.00
5.010.179	Bank Charges Expense	\$ _____	150.00
5.010.180	Seminars	\$ _____	350.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	\$ _____	5,400.00
5.010.182	Vanco Expenses	\$ _____	240.00
5.010.185	Technology(Zoom/Conference Call line)	\$ _____	1,000.00
5.010.190	Advertising		300.00
	<i>Total Advertising</i>	\$ _____	300.00
5.010.200	Music		250.00
	<i>Total Music</i>	\$ _____	250.00
5.010.230	Marks of Mission Giving	\$ _____	29,078.00
5.010.240	Altar Expenses		1,000.00
	<i>Total Altar Expenses</i>	\$ _____	1,000.00
5.010.250	Worship Programs Expense		800.00
	<i>Total Worship Programs Expense</i>	\$ _____	800.00
5.010.275	Christian Education Expense	\$ _____	300.00
5.010.300	Property		
5.010.302	Cleaning Services	\$ _____	5,200.00
5.010.304	Janitorial Supplies	\$ _____	500.00
5.010.305	Kitchen Expense	\$ _____	500.00

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Account #	Account Name		
5.010.306	Property Repairs	\$ _____	3,000.00
5.010.308	Grounds Keeping	\$ _____	3,000.00
5.010.350	Property Insurance	\$ _____	10,500.00
5.010.355	Workmen's Compensation Insurance	\$ _____	1,000.00
	<i>Total Property</i>	\$ _____	<i>23,700.00</i>
<i>5.010.400</i>	<i>Parish Events Expenses</i>		1,000.00
	<i>Total Parish Events Expenses</i>	\$ _____	<i>1,000.00</i>
5.010.600	Outreach Expense	\$ _____	3,000.00
5.010.700	Acolyte Expense	\$ _____	150.00
5.010.750	Youth Expense	\$ _____	150.00

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 12/31/2020

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Account Name	Beg Balance	End Balance
Acolyte Fund	3,670.02	3,721.01
Altar Guild Fund Balance	9,659.44	9,727.93
<i>Endowment Fund Balance</i>		
Exelon Common Stock Fund Balance	11,617.12	11,617.12
Wells Fargo Portfolio Balance	438,229.02	341,164.12
General Operating Fund Balance	(37,187.79)	59,693.22
<i>Memorial Fund Balance</i>		
Miscellaneous Memorials Balance	18,640.74	19,000.74
<i>Memorial Garden Fund Balance</i>		
Miscellaneous Memorial Garden Balance	2,053.25	2,348.25
Mission Fund Balance	0.00	5.00
Rector's Continuing Education Fund Balance	680.02	680.02
Youth Fund	1,007.54	1,007.54
Total	<u>\$448,369.36</u>	<u>\$448,964.95</u>

Holy Trinity Outreach Report 2020

During the past year, the Parish has given support to the following organizations as part of its Outreach efforts:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
St. Paul's Church	\$500.00
AFEDI	\$200.00
Americans Helping Americans	\$150.00
Center for Family Services	\$100.00
Community of St. John the Baptist	\$200.00
Edmunite Missions	\$150.00
The Episcopal Church in Navajoland	\$100.00
Holy Cross Monastery	\$100.00
IHOC	\$100.00
Joseph's House	\$150.00
One Accord Inc.	\$150.00
Relief Fund for Aged & Infirm	\$50.00
Relief Fund for Widows, Widowers & Orphans	\$50.00
Saints Prison Ministry	\$200.00
SAMS	\$200.00
St. John of God Community Services	\$200.00
Seaman's Church Institute	\$200.00
Urban Promise	\$200.00
TOTAL 2020 OUTREACH	\$3,000

SPECIAL OUTREACH 2020

St. Paul's Episcopal Soup Kitchen-	
Souper Bowl Sunday	\$130.00
Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society-	
Good Friday Offering	\$270.00
Episcopal Relief & Development	
Noisy Collection	\$20.00
Lent Madness Brackets	\$30.00
Collingswood Food Pantry-Altar of Plenty	\$235.00
Animal Welfare Assn.-St. Francis Blessing of Animals	\$105.00
Feeding First Responders	\$517.00
Collingswood Schools Special Services-	
Christmas Gift Cards	\$375.00
Special Outreach Total	\$1,682

Plus multiple scarves, hats and ditty bags for Seaman's Institute
 ditty bags for Seaman's Institute
 Donations of grocery items to Collingswood Food Pantry

Senior Warden's Report 2020

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

Is anyone else exhausted? Taking on the responsibilities of Senior Warden in early 2020, I could never have imagined what the year would present. Working in healthcare, I became aware of the danger of the COVID-19 virus in early February (about two weeks after taking on the mantle of Senior Warden), and by early March we were all in the thick of the initial stage of the pandemic in the USA. New Jersey was hard hit early on and our Diocese needed to respond – and quickly. Our churches were closed to in-person worship and we needed to come up with a plan to safely return. The Diocese provided some guidance and with input from the Vestry and working with Fr. Mark, Theresa Chatten, and Junior Warden Jessica Greenfield we developed a plan for outdoor worship and then indoor worship which was approved by the Diocese. Necessity truly gave birth to invention in 2020!

We, as community, had to truly re-imagine what Church looked like. In a very short span of time, we were able to safely set up outdoor worship services. Just as quickly, we tackled the technology challenges and were able to live-stream the Mass for those who did not feel they could safely participate in outdoor worship. Our website became a critical part of our community and this challenge was also met and continues to be a life-line (thanks Alan!). Eventually, we were able to return to indoor worship (with limitations), and our ushers have met this challenge to record attendance for contact tracing if necessary and helping us to remain masked and socially distanced. Liberti Church has weathered this storm along with us and they are live-streaming their service as well however we've had to learn how to "Bio-Blast" the worship space in record time to safely accommodate the turn over from one faith community to another. There is so much that has been accomplished this year – a year that threatened to shutter us up – that I am overwhelmed by our Holy Trinity family's resilience and capabilities.

These are but some of the blessings of this COVID-19 pandemic;

- We know that our Holy Trinity family truly matters to us
- We have shared our message of faith with many new followers through our internet presence
- We are able to accept financial contributions via a secure web application
- Every single member of Holy Trinity has stepped up to help in so many ways
- We have shown each other and our wider community that *this is how we love one another*
- Soup still happens!
- While we have, in many ways, been separated from each other, our connections to each other have grown
- We are **Holy Trinity Strong**

I believe that there are no accidents. I believe that we are all placed in exactly the right place at exactly the right time to allow us to share our God-given talents for the betterment of

others. 2020 has only served to solidify those beliefs. My deepest, heart-felt gratitude goes out to each and every one of you for all you have done to move us forward this past year. I ask that all of you continue to do this amazing work in the coming year and *let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as Senior Warden this past year – *Thank you!*

In faith,

Joe Sirak

2020 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

To say the least this year with COVID-19 was not a year for any major accomplishments from this committee.

Yearly maintenance:

- Replacement of sump pumps as needed.
- Contracts for Heating, Lawn Service and Snow Removal.
- Testing of the Great Hall / Kitchen Fire alarm System.
 - Includes the Trinity Room, Heater Room and Electrical Room.
- All required inspections, (Fire, Heating and Kitchen Suppression System), have been completed.
- Repair / replace of Plaza and Driveway Lights.
- **Continue to find a way for repairs of the School Building that continues to deteriorate!**

Kindest Regards,

Rob Staszewski / Property Committee

WORSHIP AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We are a people at worship. It is the center of the life of the Church. In fact, the Holy Eucharist as been celebrated here at Holy Trinity every Sunday for 22 years, regardless of weather, national crisis, or pandemic.

2020 began like many years. We enjoyed the annual Epiphany Lessons and Carols service and dinner, the Annual Meeting and lunch, Candlemas, Acolyte Sunday, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lenten activities. Then in mid-March, COVID-19 changed the world. In-person gatherings of all kinds were cancelled, and we discovered a new way of being a Community of Faith. Worship went on-line from an almost empty church building.

Reliance on available technology quickly became central to our corporate worship. With the help of Alan Heavens we began streaming on Facebook live. The addition of our telephone conference line allowed people without computer access to continue to take part in our services.

At first, we were permitted to have a small group of worship leaders to assist in the online services (many thanks to Cindy Chattin who had recently become our permanent organist, the choir, and to Alan for their help). Within weeks, the state-wide shut down was in place and our small team of worship leaders had to be disbanded. Diocesan rules put in place by Bishop Stokes at that time required that only people domiciled together could be in the building at the same time, so as far as worship was concerned...and then there were two.

For the next few months, the weekly Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist continued with Fr. Chattin celebrating, Theresa Chattin assisting (and livestreaming after a crash course in Facebook Live), and the two of us singing hymns assisted by recordings played on the children's chapel boombox. (Thank you, Paul Wolfgang for burning all those CDs.) The prayer for Spiritual Communion was added to the service to provide connection to the Sacrament during the time of physical separation. In place of the Saturday Mass came a time of fellowship and Evening Prayer using our conference call line, which is also used for this service as well as our virtual coffee hour on Sundays.

During the building closure, altar guild activities were also modified to fit state and diocesan mandates. Pat Penney (and eventually other members of the altar guild) worked alone ensuring that supplies were on hand, the vessels used for the Eucharist were cleaned, and that frontals were changed, and the altar prepared each week. (Thank you, Pat and team for your commitment.)

Late in the spring efforts to move back to some sort of in-person worship got underway. As some restrictions began to lift, we first welcomed back Cindy at the organ (expanding on the Von Chattin family singers). Then, in June, following diocesan guidance, we met with the vestry to begin the process of developing our re-gathering plan. Holy Trinity's extensive Re-entering, Re-opening, and Re-imagining Plan was submitted to the Diocese and approved in early July (thanks to the Vestry and Wardens for their input and ideas). Although the plan covered both indoor and outdoor services, the survey conducted by the Vestry in June indicated that few people were comfortable coming back inside, so the focus shifted outdoors and we held our first, joyous (albeit rather toasty), 8:30 a.m. Eucharist on the plaza on Sunday, July 26th.

For the rest of the summer, the 8:30 outdoor service and the 9:30 livestreamed service continued, (with livestreamed attendance continually increasing), but preparations for returning to indoor services were also being put in place. (Thank you to Joe Sirak, Fr. Carmen Viola, Alan Heavens, and the musicians who saw to it that the services continued the two weeks the Chattins were away.) We measured and marked off the church to determine where folks could safely sit to maintain social distance. We purchased hand sanitizer stations and the impressive-looking Bio-Blast, we met with the ushers (thanks Ron Woods for organizing) and other liturgical leaders to ensure everyone was ready to follow and apply the COVID-19 protocols.

In the early fall we happily began to welcome back a few choir members to help lead our singing (thank you to Lily Ward, Diane Rugala, Megan Woods, and Debbie Cruz). Then on All Saints' Sunday, November 1st, we held our first indoor, in-person worship at 9:30 a.m., and first Baptism that Sunday afternoon. (This was a definite challenge as Fr. Mark needed to figure out how to baptize two babies without getting within six feet of anyone! But we were so happy for the Moore and LoCastro families.)

Our outdoor service moved to 12:30 p.m. to take advantage of the mid-day sunshine (which helps, but not as much as one might want when there is a stiff breeze and the mercury dips below 32 degrees). Our small, but hearty, group of outside-worshippers consistently braves the elements to be with us each week.

In-person attendance and participation at our 9:30 service continues to expand. We have now been able to add back some of our lectors and are looking for ways to safely bring back other liturgical assistants (we really miss our acolytes!!!).

Our worship services and celebrations including Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Advent and Christmas may have been very different in 2020, but their observances continued to lighten our spiritual lives. Despite a global pandemic, in 2020 we reached larger numbers of people, created new avenues for meaningful fellowship, and used pages of the prayerbook hardly ever used in a normal year. I believe that what we did as a church in 2020 was of miraculous proportions and just as amazing.

Our focus in 2021 will be on continuing to safely expand in-person participation while enhancing our online worship capability in order to share the Good News with more people, including those outside of our immediate geographical area. My prayer is that in 2021 we will return to a more normal state incorporating our learnings from this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Mark Chattin and Theresa Chattin

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE USHERS 2020

The Holy Trinity Ushers is a group of dedicated individuals who prepare the church for our services and greet our parishioners. Our church's ambassadors. We are fortunate to have individuals who are always willing to serve whenever needed.



Ushering is the greeting ministry of the church. A friendly smile and a warm handshake is a tradition of our ushering group. Our ushers are always happy to welcome and assist any parishioners.

In 2020, we were met with the Coronavirus and our church was ordered closed. We were fortunate to be able to transition to a video service on-line and, later, a service held on the church courtyard. Our ushers were present for the outside services and on November 1st, the church reopened for indoor services with many precautions put in place to keep our congregation safe and healthy, including a BIOBLASTER (a machine that vaporizes a disinfectant which is sprayed throughout, after our services, by our ushers). Unfortunately, it has been necessary to wear masks but, I can assure you that there is a friendly smile behind and a wish for a warm handshake.

On another note, we want to thank Donna Ray for her past service in our ushering ministry. We wish her best wishes and good health in her new Pennsylvania home.

We are always in search of new volunteers and would be happy to welcome anyone who would have an interest in serving. It is a rewarding experience.

We are looking forward to faithfully serving our parish in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Woods
Usher Coordinator

2020 Ushers

First Sunday - Chris and Aubree Hoffner

Second Sunday – Scott & Patti Anderson

Third Sunday - Jim Curran & Gene Sabota

Fourth Sunday – Ron Woods & Tom Woods

Fifth Sunday - Charlotte Sink & Ron Woods/Tom Woods



ALTAR GUILD 2020

2020 is surely a year that we would all like to forget as it brought many changes to our lives. Before 2020, we would have never imagined not coming to church for Easter to smell the beautiful flowers and singing Hymn #178, blowing bubbles for Pentecost or missing the many other services that we watched or listened to from the safety of our homes. I know I was grateful that it was possible to “attend” via Facebook!

Altar Guild looked different too. There were many services that Holy Trinity was incapable of hosting due to pandemic restrictions. But the frontals were still changed with the church seasons and altar flowers were brought in when delivered; vessels were washed and polished; linens were washed and ironed, and candles were filled. Fr. Chatten and Theresa have become very adept at changing frontals and switching vessels out between services; so, they too were active members during 2020!

Altar Guild would not be the same without our faithful crew, who serve on a rotating basis. Many thanks and heartfelt gratitude to Diane Rugula, Carol and Rob Staszewski, all of whom have been devoted members for many years.

We always welcome new members. When life returns to our new normal, consider joining the Altar Guild. Anyone who is interested can call me at 856 430-6734.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Penney

MUSIC MINISTRY AT HOLY TRINITY 2020

What a unique year we have had at Holy Trinity!

I was very delighted to officially begin the position of Organist and Choir Director! The Choir was working on some beautiful anthems for Holy Week and Easter, when COVID-19 brought everything to a standstill.

For weeks, we were unable to hold services, and we learned about all the scientific risks associated with singing and the passing of germs. Eventually we were able to live stream services, observing safety and distancing precautions. It is so nice to have resumed in-person worship; I would like to thank Megan Woods for her musical assistance during the transition, and Lillian Ward, Diane Rugala, and Debbie Cruz for leading the singing of the hymns each week.

I am hoping that it won't be much longer until we can resume Choir rehearsals. But for now, I am thankful for what music we share to praise our God!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Chatten



PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY COMMISSION 2020

The Parish Family Ministry Commission is charged with preparing and distributing welcome materials to our visitors as well as reaching out to those who have become less active. Have you been missing someone on Sunday mornings? Let us know – or better yet, give them a call! Your interest and caring could make all the difference and could also help to make us aware of a special need.

Since 2016, our team has been joyfully engaged in a soup ministry. In 2020, we were able to hold our monthly soup sales in January and February before having to take a hiatus due to the pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to return to making soup in October and December. Our soup income was greatly reduced this year as we were only able to hold half the number of soup sales planned. Your continuing support for this ministry is most appreciated.

The birthday card ministry provided outreach to our church family with 118 cards sent in 2020. Our shut-ins continue to receive the quarterly newsletter and the weekly bulletins.

We welcome your suggestions as we look for new ways to serve the parish and its members and to reach out to any who have become inactive or shut-in.

Many thanks to those who served on or assisted this commission throughout 2020, including: Yvonne Bones, Theresa Chattin, Debbie Cruz, Donna Ray, Charlotte Sink, and Sharon & Paul Wolfgang.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Harwood

MISSION POSSIBLE COMMITTEE AND WAY OF ST. PAUL 2020

This has been a challenging year for Mission Possible and the Way of St. Paul. Our purpose is to reach out to the local community here in Collingswood, and to help our neighbors nearby and around the world. We have a number of programs focused on these goals, and in normal years we are able to accomplish a lot. But 2020 wasn't a normal year. Precautions against the Covid19 pandemic meant that we had to put activities that bring groups of people together on hold for the year. Even so, we kept many of our programs active.

Early in 2020, before the pandemic reached New Jersey, our Souper Bowl of Caring collection helped to support St. Paul's in Camden.

We always provide donations for the Seamen's Church Institute's Christmas ditty bags for merchant sailors, but this year our knitting group hasn't been able to get together to knit hats, scarves, and other warm gifts for the sailors. Even so, knitters made lots of hats and scarves on their own, and members of the congregation donated various toiletries for the ditty bags.

The shutdown this spring temporarily stopped our usual "Donation of the Month" collection for the Collingswood Food Pantry, but once in-person outdoor services began in the summer we were able to return to contributing food and cleaning supplies for our neighbors who are dealing with financial problems. At Thanksgiving, we provided fresh fruits and vegetables from our Altar of Plenty.

At Christmas, we provided gift cards for Collingswood high school students in need and collected hats, scarves, and mittens to help local people stay warm.

Manger Mania has steadily grown in popularity, and usually brings many people from the wider community to our Great Hall to see the collected creches - all kinds of creches made of various materials from ceramics to wood to cornhusks to nails, and more - but this year we couldn't offer an in-person display. That didn't stop us. Our webmaster Alan Heavens created an outstanding Virtual Manger Mania using Paul Wolfgang's photos from previous years.

Near the end of 2020, we began work on a new ongoing project, helping Cathedral Kitchen in Camden by providing scarves that will help their homeless clients stay warm during the winter. Bags full of scarves have already been donated.

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, but Mission Possible and the Way of St. Paul keep working to make this a better world for as many people as we can reach out to help.

Sincerely,
Sharon Wolfgang

FEEDING FIRST RESPONDERS 2020

During the second half of 2020, Holy Trinity reached out to our Collingswood police, firefighters, and EMTS to show our appreciation for all they do to keep us safe, especially in these challenging times.

On three separate occasions we have provided lunch to 20 members of the police force and 9 members of the fire department. The lunches consisted of a varied assortment of hoagies from our neighbor, Café Antonio, as well as a variety of chips and sodas.

This outreach program has been met with much enthusiasm and gratitude by both departments and were personally delivered by Father Chattin and several parishioners.

The plan is to continue this outreach into 2021.

Much thanks to the local rotary for funding half of the cost of our October deliveries, as well as parishioners who have reached out with donations to this worthwhile cause.

Respectfully Submitted
Yvonne Bones

HOLY TRINITY PARISH HISTORIAN UPDATE 2020

A number of projects were undertaken during 2020, in spite of limitations resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Prior to mid-March, I received some archival material from Scott Anderson: material that allowed me to put together 8 articles focusing on highlights of Holy Trinity history from 1868 to 1967. Thanks to the efforts of Parish webmaster Alan Heavens, these articles and photographs were placed on the parish website in the Fall.

During the 2nd half of the year, I spent time reviewing more than 500 issues of The RETROSPECT, searching for articles and announcements about events being held at Holy Trinity between 2000 and 2020. This collection of articles will serve as a reference for future parishioners as events and activities are being planned. Special thanks to Parish Secretary Charlotte Sind for her help on this project.

In 2021, I hope to be able to spend time at Holy Trinity searching for more historical documents and photographs to share with all of you and with the surrounding community. In addition, I plan to seek out a volume of the complete works of poet Walt Whitman. Whitman made several financial donations to Holy Trinity and it may be possible that he composed a poem or two about the parish during the 1870's and 1880's.

I plan to put some of the photographs found on display in the Parish Hall. Many of these photos show highlights of events held, BUT WERE NOT LABELED. I shall need your help in identifying the events and the dates of the events....as well as the parishioners shown in the photos.

Should YOU have copies of previous events held at Holy Trinity, please contact me by phone at (856) 667-2003. Such items will be helpful in the preparations for special displays in celebration of Holy Trinity's 135th Anniversary in 2021.

Craig E. Burgess
Parish Historian

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

*We remember those who entered Eternal Life
During 2020*

Helen B. Johnston

Johnathan Jacob Mergenthal

Emma L. Marquardt

Miriam A. Carr

Almighty God, we remember this day before You these servants, and we pray that, having opened them the gates of larger life, you will receive them more and more into Your joyful service, and they may win, with You and all Your servants everywhere, the eternal victory, and let light perpetual shine upon them through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

January 25, 2020

The Annual Meeting started with the Sunday Eucharist and Father Chattin's report. After a brief break for coffee, Father Chattin opened the business meeting with prayer.

The minutes of last year's meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Nominating Committee's report was presented. The committee consisted of Father Chattin, Jessica Greenfield, Paul Wolfgang, Michael Woolford, and Debbie Cruz.

The list of candidates recommended for Warden and Vestry is as follows:

Warden: Jessica Greenfield

Father Chattin announced that nominations for Warden were open. No nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The motion was passed.

Vestry: Theresa Chattin (3 year term)
 Kate Seligman (3 year term)
 Ralph Slim (3 year term)

Father Chattin announced that nominations for Vestry were open. No nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The motion was passed.

Diocesan Convention:

The Diocesan Convention will be held March 7, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Deputies:	Debbie Cruz	Alternates:	Lois Harwood
	Jessica Greenfield		Donna Ray
	Paul Wolfgang		Mike Woolford

Father Chattin announced that nominations for Diocesan Convention were open. No nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The motion was passed.

Camden Convocation Delegates:

Steve Kreal	Jessica Greenfield	Lois Harwood
Paul Wolfgang	Sharon Wolfgang	Megan Woods

Father Chattin announced that nominations for Camden Convocation Delegates were open. No

nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The motion was passed.

Father Chattin acknowledged the current vestry members, the treasurer, and the clerk. A motion was made to direct the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for all offices. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Nominating Committee for 2021 will be Father Chattin, Joe Sirak, Yvonne Bones, Craig Burgess, and Ron Woods.

Treasurer's Report

Donna Ray presented the financial reports. The budget was presented. Questions were answered. It was moved and seconded to accept all the financial reports. The motion was passed.

Committee, Ministries, and Announcements

Father Chattin directed the congregation's attention to the committee reports in the Annual Meeting booklet.

Allan Heavens has designed a new church web site. The new site was explained.

Father Chattin congratulated those elected to parish offices. He noted that there will be a brief vestry meeting after this meeting ends.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was passed.

A prayer was said for the dearly departed who passed during 2019. The Doxology was sung. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wolfgang
Clerk of the Day