



**2019 Annual Report**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Aurora, IL**  
February 9th, 2020

## Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Good Shepherd, you have called us each by name to follow you. We follow you here to this time, to this place known as Trinity Episcopal Church, in Aurora, Illinois. Through grace, you have called us to be part of you, the True Vine. Through union with you we are in union with our brothers and sisters, for all the branches are part of the Vine and find their life in you.

In the Eucharist you call us to remain in you, to remain in a union of love. Your love for those who are yours is like the love of the Father for you. Apart from you we can do nothing. In you, with you, and through you we can bear much fruit.

There are a variety of tasks among the members of the Body – the Body which is always in the process of being built up. Together with you, the source of our unity with one another, each of us is called to carry out his or her own particular work. You, our Cornerstone, have called us to be “living stones,” to continue building a spiritual temple for worship to the glory of the Father.

Today, humbly, we lay before you the results of our work this past year. We pray you will find them an acceptable gift. We ask for your continued guidance. **Amen.**



## Membership in the Church

### (A SUMMARY OF THE CANONS)

The National Canons address membership in the Church and the expectations the Church places on those members:

1. Members of the Church are those persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with water, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church. Adult members are those persons sixteen years of age and older.
2. All adult members of the Church are expected to be confirmed in the Church, or if they have been confirmed in another Christian Church by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession, to have been received into this Church.
3. All members are considered to be communicants of this Church who have received Holy Communion at least three times during the previous year in this Church.
4. All persons in this Church are expected to celebrate and keep the Lord's Day and participate in the Church's public worship.

Communicants in good standing are those who have:

- A. Attended corporate worship on a regular basis in their Church unless they have been prevented from doing so for good cause;
- B. Have been faithful in the giving of their time, talents, and treasure for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

**2020 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**With 2019 Annual Reports**  
*February 10, 2019*

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Report of the Rector
6. Report of the Wardens
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports
9. New Business
10. Courtesy Resolutions  
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry  
Bishop Jeffery Lee
11. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

**THE VESTRY**

**Sr. Warden:** Marilou Clohessy    **Jr. Warden:** Ken Adam  
**Treasurer:** R. Thomas Herget  
**Clerk:** Robert L. Borchert, III

<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Tom Herget	Rob Borchert	Mary Jacobsen
Cathie Patterson	Guy Stephens	Trish Tousignant

**Mission Program and Ministry Staff**

**Rector:** The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz  
**Director of Music:** Gregory Gyllsdorff, FAGO, ChM  
**Sexton:** Gary Gorney  
**2019 Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Alternates to EITHER Deanery Chapter OR Convention**  
Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Karen Dolan, and Pat Wilson

## Parish Standing Committees

**FINANCE:** R. Thomas Herget, Treasurer, (Chair) Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy and Bella Tousignant (Members at Large)

**STEWARDSHIP:** R. Thomas Herget, Richard Blogg, John Heath

**PHYSICAL OPERATIONS/PROPERTY:** Ken Adam, and Rob Borchert

**LITURGY/WORSHIP:** Fr. Luckritz, Greg Gyllsdorff

**OUTREACH:** Marilou Clohessy, Dick Blogg, Rob Borchert, Karen Dolan, Lisa Luckritz, and Cathie Patterson

**PERSONNEL/STAFF:** Marilou Clohessy (Sr. Warden/Chair), The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz (Rector)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** , Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy, Tom Herget, Cathie Patterson, Missy Athos

## Parish Organizations

**Jubilee:** Linda Barber, Gale Blogg and Rob Borchert

**St. Margaret's Guild:** Linda Barber (President/Treasurer), Karen Dolan (Vice President), Gale Blogg (Secretary)

**Altar Guild:** Pat Wilson (Sacristan), Linda Barber, Rob Borchert, Gale Blogg, Lisa Luckritz, David Bullis **Contact for Flowers:** Linda Barber

**Licensed Worship Leaders and Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Chalice Bearers:** Rob Borchert, Dolores Palmquist, Gale Blogg, Pat Wilson, Linda Barber, Mary Jacobsen, Mariann Evans.

**Ushers:** Richard Blogg, Marilou Clohessy, John Kuney. Gary and Inga Gorney, Grace Akinyuma and Sharon Savage

**Counters:** R. Thomas Herget, Marilou Clohessy, Rob Borchert

**Choir:** Melissa Athos, John Heath, Gale Blogg, Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens, Janet Stephens, Matthew Stephens. **Trinity Ringers:** Victor Savage, Rob Borchert, Cathie Patterson, Cecelia Seabrook, Lisa Luckritz, Mary Jacobsen, Davis Bullis, Akim Savage, Grace Akinyuwa and Kaaren Dolan

**Lectors:** Melisa Athos, Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Rob Borchert, Karen Dolan, Greg Gyllsdorff, John Heath, Mary Jacobsen, Lisa Luckritz, Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens and Judy Stefanick.

**Hospitality:** Trish Tousignant, Mary Jacobsen, Marilou Clohessy

**Delegates:** Linda Barber. Pat Wilson, Greg Gyllsdorff, Gale Blogg

## Minutes - 2019 Annual Meeting

Attendance was monitored by having members sign into the current Parish Directory, That Directory is attached to the file copy of this report.

Father Denzil called the meeting to order and began with an opening prayer from the Annual Report. Father reviewed the membership requirements which are attendance 3 times within the last 6 months and a member of the Church for a year.

Review of the Agenda; A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Agenda for the meeting.

Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Report of the nominating Committee. Ken Adam was nominated to be the Junior Warden. Mary Jacobsen and Trish Tousignant were nominated as new Vestry Members. Greg Gyllsdorff was add

ed to the list of people attending the convention. Pat Wilson will be the alternate. There were changes to the nominating report that have been made in the file copy of the Annual Report. A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the 2019 Vestry as presented. There were no other nominations from the floor. Father Thanked John Heath for his service.

#### Report of the Rector:

Rector's Report: Denzil is delighted to be here, He sees signs of growth and God's glory in all we do. He urged us all to participate in the life of the Parish. His goal is for us to live into our call to Jesus. Our size has nearly doubled over the last year and we look forward to continued growth. We are a healthy Parish. We plan to have a children's Church School program within the next year.

He gave thanks: To everyone involved in the Budgeting process. We now have a Designated Mission Fund and have established an Organ Maintenance Fund. To everyone involved I all of our committees; Vestry, Outreach, Altar Guild, the Prayer Shawl ministry (At least 20 have been distributed – thanks Cindy)). To Linda for the Jubilee Ministries and to Gale doe all herd help., This last year we established a Board for the Sandwich Board. To our volunteers from AID and to Dick for his dedication in getting hem here. To St. Margaret's Guild. To Rob For the Office help. To the Choir and musicians. To the Bell Choir. To Gary and Maria for their work keeping our grounds so beautiful. To Gary for his Sexton work. To servers and oblation carriers, new and old. A special thanks to Malcomb. To the lectors and intercessors. To everyone who hosted coffee hours. And, especially, to anyone he might have forgotten.

Senior Warden Report: Marilou referred people to her written report and thanked the congregation for saving her life and her efforts to give back now.

Junior Warden Report: John Heath. John said he enjoyed being Junior Warden very much, but that his new part time jobs in his retirement have become overwhelming.

A representative of our new members from Libya thanked the Congregation for welcoming them and for the gifts they have received.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Rector and Warden's Reports.

#### Standing Committees

Report of the Treasurer: Tom Herget reviewed:

The end of year financial statement.

The 2019 approved budget.

Our Endowment and Memorial Fund asset allocations. He reiterated that the Finance Committee sets the allocations and directs Morgan Stanley in following them.

The report of Parish Funds.

The Memorial Fund Subsidy of the Rector's Salary. A motion was made, seconded and approved that this investment is paying off very big dividends.

The Dedicated Mission Funds account.

Tom answered questions regarding the reports.

#### Committee Reports:

Father reviewed the Reports from Outreach, Communication, Communications, Ushers, Property and Accomplishments, Music, Stewardship, Jubilee Ministries including the Sandwich Board and the Trinity Amnesty Center, the Altar Guild and St. Margaret's Guild.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Standing Committee Reports.

#### New Business:

There was no new business brought up.

#### Questions from the Congregation

Linda Barber asked about sustainability at Coffee Hour and the Vestry Approved policy of letting the person hosting Coffee Hour decide whether or not to use paper products was reviewed.

A question was raised about posting the Vestry Minutes in the Parish Hall. The current ones are there and Rob will be more careful to post them there and on our website in the future

Courtesy Resolutions – The Clerk will recreate the ones we sent last year.

Closing Prayer and dismissal at 12:30

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee, prior to the Annual Meeting, seeks candidates to fill upcoming vacant positions on the Vestry, including Wardens, Treasurer, and Clerk positions. They additionally seek individuals who are willing to serve as Delegates or Alternates to Convention and Deanery

The following candidates will stand for election at the upcoming annual meeting:

### **Officers:**

<b>Marilou Clohessy, Senior Warden</b>	<b>Three year term to expire 2022</b>
<b>Ken Adam, Junior Warden</b>	<b>Three year term to expire 2022</b>
<b>R. Thomas Herget, Treasurer</b>	<b>Three year term to expire 2020*</b>

### **Vestry Members:**

<b>Cathie Patterson</b>	<b>Three year Term to expire 2023</b>
<b>David Bullis</b>	<b>Three Year Term to Expire 2023</b>

<b>Mary Jacobsen</b>	<b>Three year Term to Expire in 2022</b>
<b>Patricia Tousignant</b>	<b>Three year Term to Expire in 2022</b>

<b>Rob Borchert</b>	<b>Three year Term to Expire in 2021</b>
<b>Guy Stephens</b>	<b>Three year Term to Expire in 2021</b>

**Up for Election are Cathie Patterson for another 3 year term; David Bullis for a three year term.**

**Representatives to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery: To be decided at the meeting.**

## Rector's Report

Dear Friends,

I am in awe of what God is doing at Trinity. Perhaps many of you share in this feeling as you experience the unfolding of our worship, activities, and the changes in our facility. You will see as you read the parish reports that Trinity Church is vital and an incredible witness of God's Love.

Our parish family is greatly blessed in the servant leaders who serve on the Vestry and in our many ministries. Our leaders are prayerful, strategic, and committed. With such leadership, joined by dedicated parish participation, our ministries are in general thriving.

Average attendance at Sunday worship has increased to 49. The Choir and Greg do a great job enriching our worship. The Concert Series produced a number of incredible events. Those who made them possible, and the receptions that followed each, are a very dedicated group of individuals. We welcome the presence of children in the church. Before Easter 2020 it is my goal to have an acolyte training session, increasing the participation of youth serving at the altar.

During the summer, we inventoried our Godly Play materials and are in conversation with St. John the Evangelist, Lockport about exchanging them for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd materials. With these materials, we hope to put into place and staff a Church School program. Additionally, a friend of the parish has donated a large screen TV, that will allow for programs help us grow in our spiritual journey.

During 2019, Trinity has celebrated Memorials for a number of former members who had moved away, yet felt Trinity was their spiritual home. We also celebrated the life of and gave thanks for Peter Barber and who many remember for his parish involvement and overseer of the BBQs for many years, and as 2020 began, Ken Palmquist whose involvement guided Trinity in many areas. A number of new people have joined our parish family. I'm delighted to see the warmth and openness given to our new members and to our visitors. Letting people know that they are welcome and important is a real sign of our parish's spiritual health and maturity.

It has been exciting to see the facility changes and the effort put forth to make them possible. The list of accomplishments speaks to the maintenance and care of our treasured building and grounds. This year brought a new roof and the completion of our 2018 One to Grow On project of painting the church ceiling - walls too! Repairs continue to pop up on the heating pipes and some rather major electrical work resulted in rewiring the main nave lights. Some unexpected repairs to the parish hall stucco and the front fencing took place. 2019 was indeed a year filled with many facility improvements.

Our stewardship of the gifts God has given us It is obvious to any who walk through the doors of Trinity. We are a parish that cares; from our Prayer Request Book, our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the hospitality expressed to those within our congregation, as well as to those in our surrounding community to the care given to maintaining the building.

Words seems inadequate as I give thanks to God for each of you; for the time, talents, and tremendous resources that you offer so very generously. Thank you!

In Christ,



Denzil J. Luckritz, *Rector*



## Liturgy and Membership Report and Worship Status

SERVICE YEAR	2019	2018	2017
Eucharist: Sunday	53	53	52
Weekday	61	54	55
Hospital - Private	63	60	32
Baptisms	1	1	1
Marriages	1	1	0
Burials	4	5	0
Morning Prayer *	1	11	16
Evening Prayer	1	0	0
All Other	10*	3	—
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	5764	4950	4950
Average Sunday Attendance	49	38	30
SELECTED DAYS			
Lent I	40	35	32
Easter Vigil/Day	120	90	86
Pentecost	48	37	34
Advent I	56	56	47
Christmas	79	93	52

\* This includes all St. Margaret's Noonday Prayer and Thursday MP when a priest is unavailable for the Sandwich Board Lunch Eucharist and Good Friday. \*

### Membership Information 2019

**Baptisms in 2019** – Nicolas Julian Contreras

**Marriages in 2019** – Klinkhammer & Mirano

**Confirmations and Receptions in 2019** – Isabella M. & Patricia T. Tousignant

**Transfers In 2019** – None

**Transfers Out 2019** – Adebayo Ewedemi, Yetunde & David Igbalajobi

**Burials in 2019** – Joanne Hurd Maynard, Karen Kristine Zimmerman, Peter Ashley Barber, Jeffrey C. Schnibben



## Wardens' Report

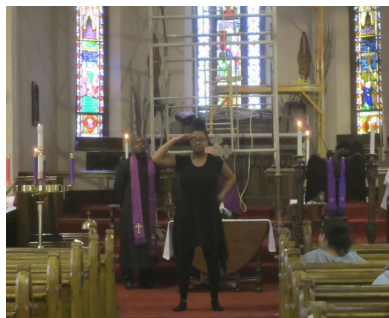
### Senior Warden

What can I say about 2019 except WOW! We accomplished so much, it makes my head spin and my heart swell. More and more people are discovering that Trinity is a place of peace and love and the best place to worship, averaging close to 50 a week! So many people worked tirelessly to bring about all the changes, especially our Jr. Warden, Rob, the Altar guild, Greg and the choir and bell choir and of course Fr. Denzil! Thank you all!

Hospitality is a big part of Trinity's heritage and breaking bread with each other is the heart. Mardi Gras starts the cycle of good times and it was a smash hit! Tom's trivia, the gumbo lovingly cooked and served, great time was had by all. Palm Sunday's service was awe inspiring as we praised the Lord with our friends at IDOM, and had a mouth-watering pot luck after. The solemnity of Maundy Thursday's Agape dinner and service brought tears to a lot of eyes. Easter? Well, I know the Lord was well pleased with the beautiful, joyous service. Our picnic got rained on, but we had fun anyway in the parish hall. Advent 1 was another uplifting service with IDOM, even in the midst of scaffolds and dust, and of course the pot luck after was something straight out of the "Food Network" shows! Finally, as our Church showed off its new paint, we had a glorious birthday party for Jesus. In between all of these events, we had our concert series too! Music, fun or solemn, food, and fellowship abounded.

I've said it before and I'll say it again - I am so very glad to be a part of this church and its service to God.  
God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted, Marilou Clohessy, Sr. Warden



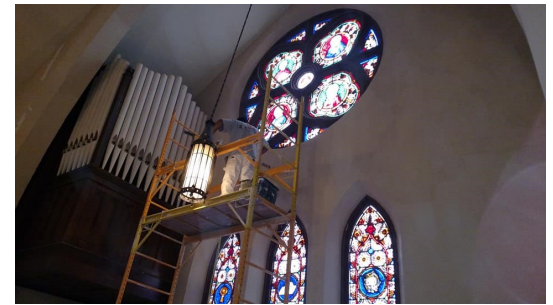
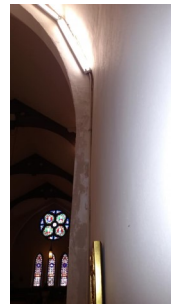
<b>Trinity Operating Account 2020</b>			
<b>Revenues</b>	2019 Expected	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Pledgers, Givers	64	69	63
Investment Income	42	45	44
IDOM	7	7	7
Memorial Fund	50	50	50
Other	6	6	8
Total	169	178	172
<b>Expenses</b>			
Buildings & Grounds	28	34	30
Clergy	98	98	97
Diocese	11	12	11
Other Salary	25	25	26
Other	8	8	8
Total	170	183	172
<b>Net Income</b>	-1	-5	-0
Note: All figures in Chart are Expressed in Thousands. Left in Checking Account 7			

### 2019 Significant Enhancements to Building and Grounds

	Memorial	Mission	Checking	Total	Jan-20	Insurance	Grand Total
Fence	1			1		1	2
Stucco	7			7			7
Roof	26	1		27		198	225
Painting		19		19	8		27
Junk removal			1	1			1
Boiler Pipes			1	1			1
Organ		3			3		3
Totals	34	23	2	56	11	199	266

Asset Allocation Review  
Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial and Endowment Funds  
December 31, 2019

Type of Investment	Maximum % allowable	Actual %
Common stocks – individual	50%	50%
Non-government Bonds	45%	29%
Government Bonds	20%	6%
Real asset funds	25%	12%
Cash and short-term securities	5%	3%



### Report on Funds Under the Control of the Church; FY 2019

Type Of Fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Interest/Earnings	Change in Market Value	Withdrawals/ Distributions	Ending Balance
Bracelet Fund	1350	50	1			1401
Endowment	587,327	0	35,317	123,896	44,772	701,768
St. Margaret's	1,604	1,246	0	0	1,350	1,500
Memorial Fund	219,893	395	12,210	17,499	84,470	165,827*
Amnesty	1,159	265	0	0	93	1,331
Sandwich	6,615	4,641	3	0	3,317	7,942
Totals	817,948	6,597	47,531	141,695	134,002	879,769

\* Comprises 26 for roof, 1 for fence and 50 for budget supplement

## Mission Funds Report

The Mission Account was established at the beginning of 2017 to track income and expense for Trinity's various missions. The report below reflects a) the initial monies that were transferred to the account to set it up

	<div style="text-align: center;">— —</div> 12/31/19	2019	2019	2019
	Balance	Contributions	Payments	Balance
<b>All Saints/All Souls</b>	1,230	1,115		2,345
<b>Altar Guild Linens</b>	185	644	998	(169)
<b>Altar Flowers/ Candles</b>	908	2,202	2,251	859
<b>To Endowment Fund</b>	0	100	0	100
<b>Jubilee</b>	129	917	1,179	(133)
<b>To Memorial Fund</b>	781	14,450	13,361	1870
<b>Music</b>	342	14,450	7,114	7,457
<b>Outreach</b>	937	1572	1600	909
<b>Rector's Discretionary</b>	901	1,448	2,300	49
<b>Roof &amp; Ceiling</b>	7,378	12,500	20,040	(162)
<b>All Other</b>	54	874	662	278
<b>Totals</b>	12,847	50,140	49,506	13,494

### Notes:

- Roof and Ceiling includes One to grow on and Roof Repair Fund
- All Saints/All Souls: the beginning balance is the remainder of the North Door of the Church. 2019 income is for the new green Vestments
- Music includes the Concert Series, Choir/Licenses, Bell Choir, Musician stipends and Organ maintenance.
- Outreach includes AID, Back to School, Christmas Gifts and Food Baskets
- All other includes Fundraisers, Grants, Bank Fees and United Thank Offering

## Finance Committee Report

Recruited personnel for 2018 audits performed in spring 2019. Continued to review and refine the Mission Fund policies and procedures. Transitioned to a new Morgan Stanley investment advisor and reviewed liquidity needs and composition propriety. Treasurer completed Diocese Continuing education course. Upgraded our Servant Keeper program. Held 11 monthly meetings and submitted required reports to the Vestry and the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Committee



## **Outreach Report**

Sometimes I think that our church's walls must be bulging when the huge hearts of our parishioners come in! Our friends at AID (The Association for Individual Development) benefitted from an abundance of items and \$500.00 cash in April to support one of their Group Homes. In July our back-to-school drive provided loads of school supplies and a check for \$490 to cover future supply needs at Beaupre School. November's Food Drive filled 12 huge bags with food and gift certificates for impoverished families with a little cash left to kick-start next year's drive. December's Angel Tree saw 22 "angels" get bags of gifts on Christmas! As always, we were brought to tears from the outpouring of love we received from the recipients. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We are deeply moved and humbled by your generosity.  
Your Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Marilou Clohessy, Chair

## **Communication Committee Report**

The goals of the committee are to spread the news about all the wonderful things going on at the Church. We have spent a considerable amount of time updating and beautifying our web page [www.trinityaurora.org](http://www.trinityaurora.org). The home page is updated weekly stating our service time and containing a link to the current week's Service Bulletin. We also publish our weekly bulletin and newsletters on Trinity's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/191161715155/>. Our Facebook page is open but reviewed and one of our goals is to get more people to use it more to share the good things Trinity is doing. We have aggressively expanded our email blast members and strive to add new, interested people to the lists. Fr. Denzil is religious (pun intended) about updating our targeted mailing lists and distributing letters to the Congregation at least five times per year. He also wrote and published our four Brochures ("Who We Are", "Worship", "Ceremony" and "Baptism"). Copies of the brochures can be found at the back of the Church or on our Web Site

We also have worked on our public face. Certainly the new Church Roof, the two new banners, the two new parish signs, fixing the fence, repairing the holes and installing flood lights in the parking lot, fixing the stucco, new Trinity parking signs and saying goodbye to the Masonic Temple have all contributed to how we are perceived in the community. Maria and Gary continue to make our grounds perfectly groomed and appealing.

We have almost finished digitalizing our Parish Records. Linda did the Weddings, Deaths, and Communion lists. I worked on the Baptisms and have received recent help from Judy Stefanick. Cathie typed in the narrative that accompanied them and Tom proofed them!

We also attended to little things. Improved lighting in the Parish Hall and Bathroom, new drawer pulls for the cabinet, the rock project, new Marquee and door signs that can be updated for the seasons of the year. New electric candles for the windows in the church, etc.

If you would be interested in joining our committee, please let me know! Rob Borchert

## **Community Service Report**

In reviewing the records we had at least 219.25 hours of work this year down from 253.5 hours of community service support in 2018. Referrals come often but are seldom followed up on. The workers clean, empty garbage, vacuum floors, support the Sandwich Board and assist on Sunday Coffee Hour. Certain workers have helped in the office, taking inventory and some other clerical tasks. This is an important program that needs to be expanded in 2020.

## **Usher Report**

Ushers for 2018 were: Dick Blogg, Marilou Clohessy, Gary and Inga Gorney

The usher teams handled duties at the 9 a.m. and holiday services.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Blogg

## **JUNIOR Warden Report      - Ken Adam Reporting**

It has been my pleasure serving as Junior Warden since John Heath retired. Since taking over this position in January 2019, we now have an active Building & Grounds Committee which meets once a month to review new projects and the progress of pending projects.

### **Projects completed in 2019 to present:**

Replacing roof shingles and the painting of the ceiling and walls in the church have been completed.

2 flag poles installed with banner brackets.

Additional Solar Lighting is now in the parking lot giving us a much brighter parking lot.

Installed grip bars in restroom by kitchen.

Steam pipes have been taped and have been functioning without problems last 2 months.

The window in the Guild Room has been repaired.

The upstairs apartment and the basement have been cleaned up. All unnecessary items have been removed and taken away.

All electrical sockets and boxes have been checked and are in working order.

The 2 electrical boxes in the basement will be upgraded with more modern circuit breakers in near future

The side door by the Organ has been replaced.

We have a new washer and dryer which are now installed and running.

### **Upcoming projects for 2020:**

While we have accomplished a lot this past year, there are several projects which still need to be done in 2020.

Here are just a few:

Reinstalling the shelf by the baptismal fountain in the back of the church.

Need a new downspout in the Chancel of church to avoid flooding. Flooding has caused the tiles to come up downstairs in the Chapel.

Work with our new neighbor, Michael Joy, on replacing all auto stops in parking lot.

I want again to thank everyone on the Vestry for the help they have given me this past year. I am especially grateful to Rob Borchert and Father Luckritz for their guidance and assistance.



## Music Program Report

Annual reports are usually a “what have we done?” document. But, today, I am also thinking about “where are we going?” The Music Department is much different than when I arrived at Trinity. Then, I was mostly just the organist. There were people in the Choir Stalls, but they didn’t sing an anthem. That changed very quickly. We first sang a setting of the Psalm. Later, we sang an anthem about every other week. There were three people. Over the years, we’ve seen the choir grow in numbers, and now we sing an anthem every Sunday, and at least twice a month we sing two. We have people who sing solos, duets and trios. People play instruments and we have special music all year long. This is a real choir program. And, I’m incredibly proud of the choir for their accomplishments. In 2019, we expanded the choir program into the Concert Series. In March, the Adult Choir and guests sang the Fauré Requiem. In November, a Festival Evensong, and in December, A Festival of Lessons and Carols, patterned after the model from Kings College in Cambridge, England. Festival holidays, such as Christmas and Easter continue to have special instrumental music. This past Christmas featured Steel Pan Drums with the Calypso Carol, oboe and alto duet with I Wander as I Wander, and Silent Night accompanied by harp. The whole service seemed to have a halo around it. Easter was a blaze of resurrection glory with Brass Quintet playing the Liturgy, hymns and special music.

The Trinity Ringers have become a regular part of our music program. They rang four times in the first season. This season, they are ringing monthly. Christmas Eve they learned a new technique using mallets to ring bells for the first time. Their reading skills and playing skills have improved by leaps and bounds, and I look forward to teaching them even more bell techniques. They are a hardworking, dedicated group of ten ringers.

October 2019 saw the beginning of our second season of Concerts at Trinity. The Salute to Broadway was a big hit with Paul Kraus singing so many big Broadway hits. I’ll never forget him singing those love songs to two very special ladies in the audience. They smiled the rest of the evening!

Work continues on the organ. We had a major set of workdays to fix a number of silent notes and other problems with the organ. In many ways it was a reality check for me. Much of the organ’s parts are from the original organ from 1922. With a good bit of coaxing, we were able to get most of them working again. Some are just old and need to be replaced. The problem is, they don’t make 1922 parts anymore, and finding a used 1922 part is not good for longevity. Some things will have to be replaced. I am also reminded that the work done on the organ in the 1970’s is now fifty years ago. For those of you who have had replacement surgeries, you know that of which I speak. The organ fund is alive and going. We’ll keep working on the projects as funds become available.

One of my Church Music professors said to us, “Music IS outreach.” So, I think that is part of where Trinity is headed. Revitalization of our facilities, increasing our sense of purpose, expanding our resources: these are all in our future as members of Trinity. As our numbers grow, the music program is reaching out to the community, bring people into our concerts, special services, and Sunday morning liturgies. Reaching out to people, touching hearts, showing God’s love, painting pictures with sound. We do make a “joyful noise.” And, a beautiful one, too.

Gregory Gyllsdorff - Director of Music and Organist

## Stewardship Report

2019 saw a very positive response to the Stewardship Campaign.

Many people stepped up. We recorded a record high in the number and amount committed by parishioners.

Response was positive for the donation of time and talents as well.



## **Jubilee Ministries -**

Trinity was designated by the National Church in March, 1987. This was because of our outreach Ministries: The Sandwich Board; Trinity Amnesty Center; Volunteer site for people with disabilities and community service through the court system.

### **Sandwich Board - 2019**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/2019** **\$6,615.45**

**RECEIPTS:**

Donations	\$3,161.00
Grants	1,520.00
Interest	<u>4.00</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$4,685.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Business Expense	\$2,548.60
Railing - TEC	475.00
Defibrillator—TEC	908.50

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$3,852.10**

**Ending Balance 12/31/2018** **\$7,448.35**

The Sandwich Board served 5,743 plates of food this year. This is up 301 meals over last year.. We needed to fill an extra 6 weeks this last year, and St. Davis stepped up to the "plate". We were very thankful for their support. Gale Blogg continues to pick up food from Red Lobster restaurant each week and sets up for the Eucharist. Paul and Maria are always here and a tremendous help. We could use help each time that it is Trinity's turn.

### **Trinity Amnesty Center**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/2019** **\$ 1,158.73**

**RECEIPTS:**

Donations	<u>\$265.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Business Expense	<u>92.95</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$92.95</b>

**Ending Balance 12/31/2018** **\$1,330.78**

As you can see from the above statement, it was a slow year for helping people with Immigration issues. There doesn't seem to be any changes in the immigration law. Our laws for immigration are out dated. I would like to mention that with the legalization of marijuana, it is a Illinois law, not a federal law, and if an undocumented alien gets in trouble, it is a very serious issue when they apply for addi-

## St. Margaret's Guild 2010

**Beginning Balance, 01/01/2019**

**\$1,604.15**

**RECEIPTS:**

Income

Bake Sales	\$ 624.27
Raffle	\$ 550.00
Dues	\$ 10.00
Donations	<u>\$ 61.46</u>

**Total Receipts**

**\$1,245.73**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Trinity (includes pledge, Easter and Christmas)	\$ 700.00
Christmas Gift - Rector	100.00
Quilt Raffle to Mutual Ground	550.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:**

**\$1,350.00**

**Ending Balance 12/31/2019**

**\$1,499.88**

St. Margaret's Guild meets on the third Tuesday at noon. We gather together and say a few prayers and then have a light lunch. Each person brings a sandwich to share and the hostesses provide side dishes. All women of the Parish are invited to join us. Our dues are a whopping \$2.00 per year.



### Altar Guild Report

It's that time of year again to sing the praises of our Altar Guild. No one at Trinity is as loyal, dedicated or works harder than they do!. I am humbled and honored to work with this team. They deserve your respect and admiration also.

If you are interested in working with Trinity's Altar Guild please see Father or Pat

Pat Wilson, Altar Guild Head

Members: Gale Blogg, Rob Borchert, Lisa Luckritz, David Bullis, Linda Barber

## Our Friends from Thompson Center

We remain a site for people with disabilities. Each week Dick Blogg brings clients to the Sandwich Board. They help with wrapping silverware, stapling and folding the bulletins and decorating the Parish Hall for the holidays. Patrick, Ryan, Fernando and Scott are here. They are a part of the program that Thompson Center has for getting their clients involved in the community.

Patrick likes to help set p the altar for the Eucharist. Fernando likes to help with the Prayers of the People. Ryan likes to remind our guests to turn off their cell phones and as he puts it, ‘you don’t have your phone on when you go to the movies, this is a church services!’ Scott puts the salt and pepper shakers out each time , and loves the cookies and sweets! They are a wonderful addition to our program and a delight to have each week.

## Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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### Vestry

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Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens, Trish Tousignant,  
Mary Jacobsen, Tom Herget,, Rob Borchert