

# Church of Our Saviour

*Middleborough, Massachusetts*

## **2021 Annual Report of the Parish**



**Hybrid**

*(Parish Hall/Zoom)*

127th Annual Meeting of Church of Our Saviour  
February 13, 2022

## **Agenda**

### I. Call to Order

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Reading of the Warrant
- C. Declaration of a Quorum
- D. Clerk's Report: February 21, 2021, 126th Annual Meeting of the Parish

### II. Rector's Report

### III. Deacon's Report

### IV. Treasurer's Report of the Budget

### **V. Reports from Parish Officers and Organizations**

- A. Senior Warden
- B. Junior Warden
- C. Christian Formation
- D. Inclusive Worship
- E. Prayer Chain
- F. St. Margaret's Altar Guild
- G. Outreach Committee
- H. Nearly New Shop
- I. Necrology

### VI. Motions and Nominations

- A. Election of Officers, Vestry Persons and Delegates
- B. Thank You

### VII. Noonday Prayer

### VIII. Motion to Adjourn

**Warrant for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Church of Our Saviour  
A corporation duly organized by law and chartered on October 20, 1894  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Plymouth, ss.**

**To Chelsea Holdsworth**

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn all persons of the Church of Our Saviour in the Parish of Middleborough, qualified to vote in the affairs of said Parish to meet at the Parish Hall and by Zoom Meeting on Sunday February, 13, 2022 at 11:30 AM for the purpose of acting on the following articles to wit:

**Article I**            To hear the Annual Report of any officer or committee of said Parish and to act thereon.

**Article II**           To choose all necessary officers of the Parish and also the proper number of delegates to the Diocesan Convention and their alternates; and also the proper number of delegates to represent the said Parish at the meeting of the Episcopal Deanery of Taunton River

**Article III**          To transact such other business as may be done legally at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

And by these present, you are hereby further requested to post and attest copy of the Warrant by email or other means of communication possible, within the week prior to the meeting.

**HEREOF FAIL NOT**

Given under my hand on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February in the year of our Lord 2022.

**A True Copy**

**Attest:**



**Chelsea Holdsworth  
Clerk**



**Gail Trinqu  
Senior Warden**

**February 21, 2021**  
**Report of the Parish- 126th Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Church of Our Savior, Middleboro, Massachusetts, was called to order on zoom and lead in prayer by the Rector, David R. Milam, at 11:39pm.

The Clerk read the Warrant and declared a Quorum.

The Clerk's report of the 125th Annual Meeting held on February 9, 2020, was read by those in attendance. A motion to accept the minutes of the 125th Annual Meeting of 2020 was made, seconded, no further discussion, and passed as submitted.

The Rector's report was read. Fr. Dave explained that the church only exists because of the community, which means the community has responsibilities. Rector's are elected, not hired. He also thanked Wayne and Rita Besegai for 46 years of Christian Education and welcomed Katy Scofield as the new Christian Education Director. A motion to accept the Rector's report was made, seconded, no further discussion, and passed as submitted.

The Deacon's Report was read. Deacon Ron reviewed his contract and explained his gratitude for zooming to stay connected as a parish. He said no matter our age or journey we are able to learn. A motion to accept the Deacon's Report was made, seconded, no further discussion and passed as submitted.

Regarding the Treasurer's report, Deb Morin thanked Ursula, Sim, Barry, Mary and Bonnie for their help with the budget and audit. Fr. Dave explained that we as a community have the responsibility of pledging and keeping the church "alive". We don't get funded anywhere else. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded, no further discussion, and passed as submitted.

Lisa Govoni, Senior Warden, thanked everyone for allowing her to represent us. It has been an honor. A motion was made to accept the Senior Warden's report, seconded, no further discussion and passed as submitted.

Sandi Choate, Jr. Warden, thanked everyone for all the help for the projects that were started and/or done. A motion to accept the Jr. Warden's report was made, seconded, no further discussion and passed as submitted.

Wayne and Rita wished the new Christian Education team the best of luck and will be supportive as we transition. Kathy explained she has a vision to be open with the parish and is excited to revamp this program.

There were no additions necessary to the Prayer Chain report and the Outreach report.

Nearly New has been doing amazingly well. Donations have been flooding in and the support is strong. The Nearly New gave \$3000 back to the church at the end of the year.

The Necrology Fr. Dave reported that Mr. Wilbur Desbrow was the only parishioner that had passed away since the last Annual Meeting. Fr. Dave offered prayers for the community.

A motion to accept all submitted reports was made, seconded, no further discussion and passed as submitted.

Fr. Dave went through the members that have finished their term on Vestry. There were no nominations on the floor for officers. The Clerk casted a vote for the slate of officers on behalf of the parish. There was one

nomination from the floor (Barry Capistorn) for Vestry. The Clerk casted a vote for the Vestry slate on behalf of the parish. Katie Goodfellow and Tammy Marot were nominated as Convention Delegates with Betty Wainwright and Barry Capistron as alternates. The Deanery Delegates stay as Gail Trinqué and Betty Wainwright. The Clerk casted a vote on behalf of the parish.

The 126th Annual Meeting ended with Noonday prayer led by Fr. Dave and the meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Holdsworth, *Clerk*

### **Rector's Report**

On the eve of Passover, around the world, Jewish families set at the seder meal and recall God's saving of Israel out of bondage from Egypt. During the evening a young child or guest is given the responsibility of asking, "Why is this night different than any other night?". Those gathered around the table continue by reading the Haggadah and giving the answers. The answer, for this report, is not important. The reason the question is asked, however, is important.

The intentional recalling of God setting Israel free began when the nation of Israel was once again a captive. This time in Babylon. From that time to the present, during events of near extinction, to times of hardships, and challenges there have been songs, psalms, poems, and prayers that have been offered up so that God's presents and salvation can be remembered and felt. With the current realities of what this past year has been under a pandemic, I am comforted that there is at least a remnant of our community that still gathers – online and in person – to offer up psalms and prayers, reminders of God's grace, and a time to proclaim Christ's everlasting love and salvation. Moments of worship are offered to a world in hurt, derision, and to display hope that for many in today's communities seems to be fleeting on a cataclysmic scale.

Over this past year COS has been a light in this pandemic night. Praying saying psalms and oddly enough, when we were online singing songs our parish made this "time of night" bright and joyful. By May we were able to move to in person and outdoors and did that not lighten many of our hearts. We moved to in-doors by summer and have, with just a few exceptions, inside ever since. Worship is different than it was but it is also new in many ways. Thanks to Christian Ed our experience of Christmas worship was different, exciting, and joyous! Yet all of this was to help us continue the ancient practice answering the question, "why is this night different..."

The following reports contain the well offered thanks. From the vestry to Christian Ed, the Inclusive Worship team and Altar Guild. You – you are the reason "this night is different". You are the reason COS is a place of brightness and hope. Outreach and Nearly New – you are the living embodiment of that hope and grace practiced in a world darkened by fear. We must also thank our sexton, Neil. Without his care and attention, without his wonderful desire to help and serve, we would not have a place to make "our prayers and supplications".

It is natural to see people fall away or decide the faith community doesn't have priority. It happens in every generation and in times like our pandemic. It is not for us to judge such motivation but to simply give thanks for their time and support when they were with us. We – we will move forward in thanks that God has spared us to pray and praise his name. To remember, through this dark night of the pandemic and even the soul, God's saving grace and his trust in us. By remembering this, we will continue to love each other even as he loves us. He loves us much more than we could ever imagine.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev'd David R. Milam+

### **Deacon's Report**

For this deacon across the year 2021 there were countless moments that assure me that we are indeed people, most assuredly children of a God who remains changeless even in the midst of a world changing pandemic and I would like to share just two of these moments in this report.

The First. The Gathering together for in person worship at The Church of Our Saviour. In recalling our first in person time of worship I am reminded of the beauty of times of prayer and praise not as individuals but as individuals in community. Real people, together in a real place, giving ourselves to the Real God. Nothing could be more essential to our journeys of faith. We have and continue to wear masks over our faces but our faith remains unmasked. the words of the Collect for Purity perhaps expresses it best "to you all our hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden."

The Second. The evening before Veterans Day 2021. In concert with The Rev. Sarah Person, Pastor at The 1<sup>st</sup> Universalist Unitarian Society of Middlesbrough, Jason Cox, the then representative of The Middleborough Veterans Affairs Office and a faithful group of people from the Church of Our Saviour, "A Time of Remembering" was held at the Veterans Memorial Park, Middleboro Ma. Thirteen Photographs poetically lit against the darkness encircled the park on that evening. The photographs of the last to lose their lives during the U.S military withdrawal from Afghanistan and the attack on the airport in Kabul.

Music filled the night with a message of hope for a new day as those who attended walked among the photographs of those thirteen beautiful souls serving that night as a reminder of all who have served this country, giving a portion or all of their lives to this thing called freedom.

In both moments I found myself reminded that the joy and sorrow that we as children of God live always eligible to experience are both always visible to God and God attends to us in both. As we move into 2022 may we worship and praise and serve God knowing that there is not wall or ceiling, not height or depth that masks us from the God who knows and loves us.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev'd Ron Tibbetts, Deacon

## Treasurer's Report

### Revenue for 2022

RECEIPTS	2021 BUDGET	AS of 11/30/21	Difference	2022 BUDGET
<b><u>Opr Acct Receipts</u></b>				
Christian Formation	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
Church Plate	-	562.00	\$562.00	1,000.00
Holiday Collections	200.00	100.00	-\$100.00	500.00
Initial Pledge	50.00	35.00	-\$15.00	35.00
Pledges	46,000.00	49,246.87	\$3,246.87	48,963.00
Previous Year Pledges	200.00	760.00	\$560.00	350.00
Non-Pledge Offerings	5,000.00	10,085.00	\$5,085.00	8,000.00
Memorial donations	-	475.00	\$475.00	500.00
Opr Investment Income	250.00	104.53	-\$145.47	125.00
Rockland Trust Investment	11,000.00	10,143.00	-\$857.00	11,000.00
Diocese Investment Trst	11,000.00	16,184.06	\$5,184.06	13,000.00
Investments Wells Fargo	30,000.00	27,500.00	-\$2,500.00	30,000.00
Fund Raising			\$0.00	
Fair/Pig Roast	1,500.00	842.00	-\$658.00	1,500.00
Yard Sale	-	-	\$0.00	
Blessing of Animal 5K run	-	-	\$0.00	10,000.00
Hall Rental	50.00	716.00	\$666.00	3,000.00
Nearly New Shop	4,000.00	5,118.12	\$1,118.12	7,000.00
Altar Guild/Acolyte	150.00	775.00	\$625.00	800.00
Interest Income	\$4.00	2.57	-\$1.43	\$3.00
Miscellaneous	\$-	240.00	\$240.00	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$109,404.00</b>	<b>\$124,889.15</b>	<b>\$15,485.15</b>	<b>\$136,696.00</b>

#### **Opr Acct Receipts**

#### **OTHER RECEIPTS**

Sabbatical Fd Gifts	\$0.77
Restoration donations	\$0.00
Capital Campaign Receipts	\$0.00
Restoration Investment Inc.	\$2.67
Outreach Receipts	\$837.25
Discretionary Income	\$493.00
Janet Nichols Donations	\$145.62
Communication Receipts	\$900.00
Youth Group Income	\$0.00
Program Receipts	\$0.00
Vestry Retreat Revenue	\$0.00
Deanery Tvl Receipts	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,379.31</b>

**Expenses  
2022**

	2014 Budget	2021 BUDGET	2021 Actual 11/30/2021	Differencce	2022 Budget 3/4 Time
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Salaries</b>					
Clergy	\$21,193.29	\$22,484.00	\$20,610.37	\$1,873.63	\$22,933.68
Organist	6,485.67	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Secretary	-	\$-	\$585.00	\$(585.00)	\$15,210.00
Sexton	5,670.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,100.00	\$900.00	\$9,000.00
Supply Clergy & Travel	2,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000.00
Supply Organist	<u>275.00</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,623.96</b>	<b>\$31,484.00</b>	<b>\$29,295.37</b>	<b>\$2,188.63</b>	<b>\$48,443.68</b>
<b>Rector's Expenses</b>					
Housing Allowance	\$31,789.84	\$33,726.00	\$30,915.50	\$2,810.50	\$34,400.52
Health Insurance	6,352.32	\$8,639.00	\$7,919.34	\$719.66	\$8,834.28
Pension & Premiums	8,963.68	\$10,000.00	\$9,004.60	\$995.40	\$10,000.00
Professional Expense	300.00	\$300.00	\$24.00	\$276.00	\$300.00
Decon Con't Ed		\$300.00	\$-	\$300.00	\$300.00
Sabbatical Expense	<u>850.00</u>	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Travel		<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,255.84</b>	<b>\$52,965.00</b>	<b>\$47,863.44</b>	<b>\$5,101.56</b>	<b>\$54,834.80</b>
<b>Taxes &amp; Benefits</b>					
Ltd/Workmen's Comp	\$250.00	\$600.00	\$664.40	\$(64.40)	\$700.00
Payroll Co Right to the Money					\$1,100.00
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$1,424.57</u>	<u>\$(1,024.57)</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,088.97</b>	<b>\$(1,088.97)</b>	<b>\$2,550.00</b>
<b>Assessment</b>					
Diocesan Assessment 2022	\$15,548.00	\$12,771.00	\$5,321.25	\$7,449.75	\$7,953.00
<b>Diocesan Grant</b>		\$-	\$(10,000.00)	\$(10,000.00)	
Diocesan Loan Payable	<u>5,344.20</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,892.20</b>	<b>\$12,771.00</b>	<b>\$(4,678.75)</b>	<b>\$(2,550.25)</b>	<b>\$7,953.00</b>
<b>Worship Expense</b>					
Altar Guild	\$1,250.00	\$150.00	\$258.72	\$(108.72)	\$1,300.00
Christian Formation	1,250.00	\$-	\$402.56	\$(402.56)	\$1,500.00
Music/Choir	<u>1,080.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	<u>\$1,217.00</u>	\$83.00	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,580.00</b>	<b>\$1,450.00</b>	<b>\$1,878.28</b>	<b>\$(428.28)</b>	<b>\$4,100.00</b>



	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Differences	2022 Budget	
<b>Property Expense Church</b>					
Insurance	\$6,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,574.10	\$(74.10)	\$9,700.00
Electric	1,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,412.17	\$587.83	\$2,000.00
Heat	6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,596.98	\$1,403.02	\$6,000.00
Water	300.00	\$250.00	\$391.00	\$(141.00)	\$525.00
Repairs/Maint.	3,700.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,293.88	\$(293.88)	\$1,000.00
Telephone	<u>355.00</u>	\$300.00	\$-	\$300.00	
Verizon WiFi Expense	<u>355.00</u>	\$-	<u>\$819.03</u>	<u>\$(819.03)</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,010.00</b>	<b>\$19,050.00</b>	<b>\$18,087.16</b>	<b>\$962.84</b>	<b>\$20,225.00</b>
<b>Parish House</b>					
Insurance	2,550.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,611.57	\$388.43	\$4,200.00
Electric	2,950.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,777.60	\$(77.60)	\$3,000.00
Heat	5,950.00	\$3,876.00	\$4,158.98	\$(282.98)	\$4,500.00
Water	700.00	\$740.00	\$819.94	\$(79.94)	\$1,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	1,700.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,202.19	\$(2.19)	\$1,200.00
Telephone	<u>1,650.00</u>	<u>\$1,896.00</u>	<u>\$1,952.40</u>	<u>\$(56.40)</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,412.00</b>	<b>\$14,522.68</b>	<b>\$(110.68)</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>
<b>Gen Maint. Expense</b>					
Gen. Maint. Contracts	\$290.00	\$-	\$991.89	\$(991.89)	\$1,000.00
Gen. Maint.Expense	\$290.00	\$-	\$120.00	\$(120.00)	\$120.00
Custodial Supplies	250.00	\$100.00	\$52.28	\$47.72	\$100.00
Snowplowing	<u>520.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$(50.00)</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$1,714.17</b>	<b>\$(1,114.17)</b>	<b>\$1,720.00</b>
<b>Office &amp; Admin Expense</b>					
Computer Contract	\$3,060.00	\$4,350.00	\$3,493.00	\$857.00	\$4,092.00
Office Supplies	600.00	\$150.00	\$313.97	\$(163.97)	\$200.00
Copier Rental	2,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,204.88	\$(4.88)	\$1,200.00
Postage	285.00	\$300.00	\$220.00	\$80.00	\$400.00
Pledge Expenses/Tithe.ly	418.00	\$300.00	\$244.75	\$55.25	\$300.00
Publishing	575.00	\$-	\$361.07	\$(361.07)	\$1,000.00
Admin Expenses	<u>650.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$358.36</u>	<u>\$(108.36)</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,588.00</b>	<b>\$6,550.00</b>	<b>\$6,196.03</b>	<b>\$353.97</b>	<b>\$7,542.00</b>
<b>Other Opr Expense</b>					
Fair & Yard Sale	150.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$350.00
Nearly New Shop	-	\$667.00	\$816.33	\$(149.33)	\$850.00
Sabbatical Expense	2,700.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Expense Prior yr.		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>\$667.00</b>	<b>\$816.33</b>	<b>\$(149.33)</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPR ACCT EXPENSE</b>	<b>#REF!</b>	<b>\$140,949.00</b>	<b>\$117,783.68</b>	<b>\$23,165.32</b>	<b>\$163,935.48</b>

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual 10/31/2021	Difference	2022 Budget
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Discretionary Fund		\$468.00		
Outreach Expense		\$822.75		
Communication Expense ECW Youth Group		\$1,323.15		
Janet Nicholas Scholar		\$300.00		
Rector's Deanery Expense				
Restoration Building Repairs		\$18,748.00		
Restoration Loan Exp		\$466.51		
Investment Expense		\$346.20		
Sabbatical Expense		\$-		
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$22,474.61		

### Senior Warden Report

This past year we began to grow accustomed to the “new normal,” then Omicron hit. I am so proud of how we responded. We let our faith be greater than our fear. Our task force monitored the guidelines and made thoughtful recommendations to the Vestry. All the necessary precautions were taken, and we were able to safely offer worship services in person and on Facebook live. Through the grace of God, we continue to persevere through COVID. I look forward to a time when we can enjoy the fellowship during coffee hour, shake hands, and even share a much-needed hug.

I am grateful to our Vestry for their support during my first year as Senior Warden. With the guidance and spiritual direction of Fr Dave, the Vestry remains grounded in the Holy Spirit while articulating the mission of the church. The Officers Sandi, Deb, Chelsea and the vestry Barry, Kathy, Evan, Katie, and Wally have shown their devotion and prayerful consideration for the needs of this parish.

Our Ministries and Outreach have been the lifeblood of this parish. Betty and Ursula work diligently to provide support to the disadvantaged families, elderly, and veterans in our community. Lisa and Sandi have coordinated with the Red Cross and continue to give the gift of life by sponsoring monthly blood drives at the parish hall. The Nearly New provides quality household goods and clothing to those in needs at low prices and often those at most risk receive items for free. The Gifted Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry provides spiritual sustenance with beautiful handmade shawls to the sick, dying and those suffering any adversity in our community. I thank you all and I appreciate all your efforts.

When I first began attending the Church of Our Saviour, Sunday school was one of the ministries that most appealed to me. Wayne and Rita Besegai gracefully ran the Christian education program for .... years. I am so grateful for the way they welcomed my children and helped foster their relationship with God. I am thrilled to be part of the Christian education team along with Linda, Chelsea, Bonnie, and Jen, under the direction of Kathy Schofield. Kathy’s experience in early childhood education makes her a natural in the director role. Our new Christian Education ministry “Faithful Families” is an innovative and exciting way to bring entire families together to learn and grow in the teachings of Christ. Our worship for families with special needs is in its fourth year and has proven to be a well-attended and cherished service. I am proud that we provide access to worship for those who might otherwise be marginalized. Not only do we welcome and accommodate those with special needs, but we also believe that our parish is incomplete without them.

Deb Morin who has served as our treasurer for 5 years will be stepping down along with the Treasurer Assistants that includes Sim and Mary and Ursula. At Ursula's request she will continue by serving on the Finance Committee. She will undoubtedly be a huge help to our incoming treasurer Sue Kelly. I attended a budget planning meeting this year and I was so impressed with the amount of care and consideration they gave each line item in the budget. Thank you ladies for a job well done.

Our worship team has benefited greatly from Deacon Ron. His ministry, compassion and humor are valued and treasured. Thank you Father Dave, for your pastoral care, your wisdom, vision, and reassurance. You always position me to succeed and never let me fall. Thank you to the readers, liturgical assistants, and acolytes, we hope to have you all participating in the services soon.

While we are not sure what 2022 will bring, we know that with God's help The Church of Our Saviour will continue to seek God, grow in faith, and serve each other and our community.

*Mark 10:27 With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail Trinqu*

Senior Warden

**Junior Warden Report**  
*(Observational Report offered by the Rector)*

Sandi stepped down as Junior Warden (and volunteer Parish Administrator) in May. She did not do so first without insuring the new boiler system in the Parish Hall was taken care of and completed. This was just the last of so many tasks she performed for the betterment of our worship community and campus. She worked diligently with our previous Sr. Warden, Lisa, who are both responsible for the lovely signs around the Hall, the mural that was raised during the rector's sabbatical and continues to help with our monthly Red Cross Donation Drive. While stepping down she did say she would continue to help where she feels needed and can contribute.

Just before the pandemic shut-down, we had to do a massive gutting of the Parish Hall basement because of the return of mold. Sandi led the properties team which not only include Lisa but their spouses, Rich and Bill, as well. Sandi was also able to muster help from other parishioners as well and we thank all you who were able participate. Still reeling from the lock-down, adequate gratitude and appreciation was not given last year in our online report. We hope this corrects that omission. "Well done, good and faithful" child of God.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dave+

**Christian Education Report**

Inclusive Worship

The inclusive worship team in the Spring of 2021 put together and delivered Easter baskets for the children who normally attended the inclusive service.

In June, we purchased Bibles for the two graduating seniors, Megan Morrisey and Nicholas Grandfield.

In October, we had our first in person inclusive service since March 2019. The songs were presented in sign language and the lesson was about St Francis of Assisi. There were 31 people in attendance.

The November and December inclusive services included the celebration of All Saints Day and learning about Christmas.

## Faithful Families

In the Spring of 2021, I presented to the Vestry a plan for Christian Education in the fall. A Christian Education committee was formed with the following members: Gail Trinique, Chelsea Holdsworth, Linda Vasiliadis, Bonnie Soule, Jennifer Leandres and myself as the chair. We met and purchased the curriculum Weaving God's Promise for Children as well as the curriculum for Youth. The committee proposed that the program would meet from 5-7 the third Sunday of the month and would include a family style meal followed by three break out groups: preschool and elementary, middle and high school and adult. Father Dave would lead the adult program. Gail and I presented the program at the 5:00 and 10:00 church services and sign ups were available in person and online.

The October and November Faithful families were attended by 7 children and their families along with the adult group. Families ate together and Gail and I led the middle and high school group while Linda and Chelsea taught the elementary children. The last 15 minutes of each session were spent decorating pumpkins in October and turkeys in November to be donated to the Shaw Home residents.

During the December Faithful Families, all the students participated in planning the Christmas Eve Service. The older students picked passages to read and the younger students practiced placing the figurines in the creche. At the five o'clock Christmas Eve service, ten students participated in the service, and Hazel Leandres signed the Hymns and the Blessing in American Sign Language.

Through the Inclusive Worship Service and the Faithful Families Program we hope to offer Christian Education programs that are not only informative, but also inclusive so that all families may come and worship together. It is our goal to have programs that fit the needs of all our families and is welcoming and a safe environment for youth to grow in God's love.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathryn Schofield, MS Ed

Director Christian Education

## Prayer Chain Ministry Report

The year 2021 was another year of many and different challenges. The continuing pandemic with a new variant, multiple vaccinations, multiple boosters, and not knowing what lies ahead for 2022, certainly gave all serious concerns.

I truly believe in the power of prayers. My "job" is to gather names forwarded to me that they may be added to the "Prayer List." I consider it my "honor" to also personally pray for each and every name on those lists. Toward the end of last year I had to place my husband on those lists. I have no doubt that everyone who prayed for him, and continues to pray for him, is in no small part one of the reasons that he is making the progress that he is making, slowly but definitely surely.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to be the "Prayer Coordinator." So, please, everyone, as I asked you at this time last year, send me all names of anyone needing any kind of healing prayers. And also, please remember to inform me if it is of a confidential nature, and/or if I should inform Father Dave and whether he should be contacting them directly or a family representative.

Thank you.

Peace, prayers (always), love, and GOD bless.

Frances L. Costa

## **St. Margaret's Altar Guild Report**

The Altar Guild is a small, well-organized team of individuals who share very important work of the church. From linens, candlesticks and chalices to minister's robes, the members work with reverent hands to mend, clean and polish those items which adorn the altar for each service. In addition to keeping the altars and sacristy in order, members provide help for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and all the special holiday celebrations that are a part of church life. We would like to thank all the parishioners that help with the "Greening of the Church". It makes the season more joyous.

On another note, in February 2025 I plan to retire from heading the Altar Guild – 20 years is enough, it is time for a younger person to take over. Anyone interested in joining us, please give me a call, I would love to teach everyone that wants to join the Altar Guild.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Edwards  
Directress

## **Outreach Report**

Our ministry "Laundry Help" reached its 5<sup>th</sup> year in August of 2021. We continue to meet the last Friday of each month 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We have no owners and the Manager is JoJo. When she is not available Jackie – an employee we have worked with for years assists us.

Because of COVID impact years 2020 & 2021 each month when we couldn't hold Laundry Help, we donate money that we estimated we would spend, to St. Vincent DePaul' Food Pantry and Middleborough Council on Aging.

We also want to thank our Church Volunteers and our very generous Parishioners that have allowed to continue this much needed Ministry. In Addition to Laundry Help, Gifted Hands, and the Annual Christmas Program we have may sub programs: Have a Hear for Seniors, The Elijah Basket, The Grocery Bag Project, COA gift cards & Meals on Wheels and the Charity Box.

Thanks to our Parishioners, Outreach provided Christmas for 3 Veteran Families and 10 COA clients! As usual all the "tag requests for the Giving Tree" were returned in the timeline we asked for and "Santa" delivered them for December 25<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Paul Provencher (our former Veterans Agent) now serving as interim Agent! Also, thank you to Holly Bagley – Executive Director of the COS and Maureen Nicholson – Outreach/Health Coordinator for the COA.

Thank you to all our knitters and crochet-ers that work behind the scenes making lovely items for "Gifted Hands." We meet on Mondays at the Parish Hall from 2-4PM. We welcome anyone to join us and yes, we can teach you to knit or crochet or quilt.

We also purchase "Gift Corticates" from different services to have on hand to distribute in emergency situations.

We at Outreach extend a huge THANK YOU so much to our Parish Family for their Love and generosity and everyone who support COS Outreach Ministries!!! Without everyone's help we could never accomplish as much as we do!!!

Respectfully submitted,

The Outreach Committee: Ursula Hill, Debbie Cappiello, Sim Bullard, Charleen Kerby and Betty Wainwright

Beginning \$2027.74  
Deposits + 2268.75  
Checks - 413.00  
Ending Balance \$3883.49

### **Nearly New Shop Report**

The year 2021 proved to be very good for the shop. We had our most profitable year since 2004. Reasoning behind the uptick in revenue, was due to our devoted volunteers and staff. Many hours are put in at the shop that don't include the days we are opened. Adding permanent Saturday hours is another reason for our success.

With our growing presence we now receive a large amount of donations. When we are overflowing with items, we look beyond ourselves to give. This past year we have helped The Soup Man, St. Thomas' Our Daily Bread, Mary Good School and various clothing collections in Middleboro. Reaching out beyond our doors is the true meaning of our mission.

With our proceeds we were able to give back to COS \$4500. We additionally were able to fund 13 new windows that will be installed on the second floor of our building. These new windows will help reduce our heating bills and add value to the property.

We thank everyone who has donated items or volunteers at the shop. It takes a village of wonderful people to keep this long-standing mission running. We would like to thank Ursula Hill for being our treasurer for many years. We are happy that she has taken the Co-Director position while Barry Capistrone becomes treasurer.

We look forward to 2023 when we will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Revenue \$27,200.70  
Expenses \$13,677.86 -- \$7805 was paid to consignors  
Total proceeds \$14,143.14  
Donation to COS \$4500  
Maintenance and repairs \$8,955

All things are possible with God,

Pattie Stagliola co director

### **Necrology**

We remember and pray for our beloved members of the parish who have passed away this past year.

Harold Atkins

Father of all, we pray to you for our brother Harold, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

### Nominations

#### Executive Committee Position Elected

Gail Trinque Senior Warden	(1 <sup>st</sup> Term – 2 remaining)
Sandi Choate	(resigned 5/21) Junior Warden
Deb Morin Treasurer	(No terms remaining)
Chelsea Holdsworth Clerk	(Elected yearly)

#### Vestry\*\* Elected

	<u>Serve</u>	<u>Through</u>
Katie Goodfellow	2020	2022
Kathy Schofield	2020	2022
<i>vacant position</i>	<i>1 term left</i>	<i>2022</i>
Evan Marot	2021	2023
Barry Capistrone	2021	2023
Wally Kling	2021	2023

\*\* COS bylaw requires there must be 6 members in order to have a full vestry

#### Slate for Election of Officers: - Officers are elected on a yearly bases

Sr. Warden: Gail Trinque	(2 <sup>nd</sup> year term with 1 remaining)
<i>Nomination required</i> – Jr. Warden	(1 <sup>st</sup> year with 2 remaining)
Treasurer: Susan (Sue) Kelly	(1 <sup>st</sup> year with 4 remaining)
Clerk: Chelsea Holdsworth	(2 <sup>nd</sup> year with one remaining – 3 if extended)

#### Slate of Election to Vestry

Vestry: vacant position – nomination from the floor required

#### Convention and Deanery Delegates No term limits – voted each year

Convention Delegation - 2 required by Canon

Delegate 1: Kathryn Goodfellow

Delegate 2: Tammy Marot

#### Alternate Convention Delegates

Alternate 1: nomination from the floor required

Alternate 2: nomination from the floor required

Deanery Delegation – each parish is allowed 2 delegates per congregation

Delegate 1: nomination from the floor

Delegate 2: nomination from the floor

#### Alternate Deanery Delegate(s)

recommended but not required

# An Order of Service for Noonday

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add Alleluia.*

## **Psalm 121** *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*The Officiant then reads*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*People* Thanks be to God.

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.



*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People* And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Donation/Pledge Opportunity**

Your online Donation or Pledge is always appreciated

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<https://tithe.ly/give?c=324931>

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