

The 2017 Annual Report of Trinity Episcopal Church

Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting

January 28, 2018: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



“Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” *Matthew 13:52*

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MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Episcopal Church follows the call to love God and serve all people.

We welcome all, without exception,
with the intent to build a community of Faith which strives
“To know Christ and to make the Lord known, with joy, faith and service.”

Annual Meeting Agenda for January 28, 2018

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Address of the Priest-in-Charge**
- **Appointment of Secretary and Ballot Counters**
- **Review and Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda**
- **Nomination Committee**
 - **Presentation of Slate of Candidates (polls open for ½ hour)**
- **Review and Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes**
- **Wardens' Address**
- **Review of Fiscal Year 2017 and Presentation of the 2018 Annual Budget**
- **Declaration of Polls Closed**
- **Election Results**
- **Commissioning of 2018 Vestry**
- **Announcements & Acknowledgements**
- **Adjournment**
- **Blessing**

2017 Leadership

STAFF

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Andrew David Kruger
Director of Music & Organist	Anthony J. Rafaniello
Verger	Anthony F. Vitale
Seminarian	Allison Burns-LaGreca
Sunday School Coordinators	Dianne Pecoraro & Marion Nechuta
Parish Administrator	Linda I. Kurdilla

VESTRY LEADERS

Senior Warden	David L. Burnett (2017-2018)
Junior Warden	Joseph P. Bardzilowski (2016-2017)
Clerk	Linda I. Kurdilla

VESTRY MEMBERS

- Elizabeth Broccoli (2017-2019)
- Linda Kurdilla (2017-2019)
- Daniel Rivera (2017-2019)
- Al Lehmkuhl (2016-2018)
- Dr. Arthur Patchett (2016-2018)
- Dianne Pecoraro (2016-2018)
- Lisa LaGreca (2015-2017)
- Marion Nechuta (2015-2017)
- Nancy Noonan (2015-2017)

VESTRY APPOINTMENTS

Financial Secretary	Joan Cornell
Treasurer	David Roberts

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Joan Cornell, Tom Cornell, Linda Kurdilla; alternates Kenneth MacRitchie, Tony Vitale

NORTHERN CONVOCATION DELEGATES

(Delegates) Ralph Bianchini, Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, Holly Ives, Doreen Stromko, Jim Willix and Stephanie Willix. (Alternates) Linda Kurdilla, Ken MacRitchie, Tony Vitale, Carol Willix and Tom Kaercher

Trinity Episcopal Church—Annual Parish Meeting Minutes for Sunday, January 22, 2017

Mother Stephanie Shockley opened the meeting with prayer at 10:42 AM. Jim and Stephanie Willix were appointed official ballot counters. Motion to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Bonnie Gentesse and seconded by Ray Berry noting that the date be changed from 12/31/16 to 12/31/15 under Treasurers Report referencing total number of pledges received.

Dave Burnett, Senior Warden announced that Joan Cornell would continue as Financial Secretary, David Roberts as Treasurer and Linda Kurdilla would be appointed Clerk of the Vestry for the year 2017.

Dave Burnett publicly thanked Mother Stephanie Shockley for her continued support and she received a standing ovation. He publicly thanked Dianne Pecoraro, Chair and members of the Discernment Committee for all of their work and successful selection of Reverend Andrew Kruger as our new Priest-in-Charge. He also thanked Deacon Clive Sang for his continued support and pastoral care for the entire parish

Deacon Clive Sang discussed his Deacon's report which is included in the Annual Report. Joe Bardzilowski, Junior Warden, presented the candidates running for Senior Warden and Vestry and asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received and Arlene Fricke made the motion to accept the candidates presented.

A sign in sheet was distributed, among the attendees. The polls were officially declared open at 11:03 AM for election of candidates for Northern Convocation and Diocesan Convention

Anthony Rafaniello, Director of Music and Organist publicly thanked the Choral and Bell Choirs and invited anyone who was interested to join either choir. Anthony also advised the congregation about the bells being refurbished at Malmark in Pennsylvania and talked about the tour of the facility twelve members of the choir took to see how the bells are made.

Alison Burns-LaGreca, Seminarian, advised that the Diocese will be cutting the Youth budget effective 2018 and Rev. Canon Debra Clark, Diocesan Youth/Young Adult Missioner, will become part-time effective April 2017.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Roberts)

- 2016 ended with a surplus of \$30K for the year
- \$37K was spent on the rectory renovation project. This amount included donations received from the congregation for this project
- Dave publicly thanked John Zebrowski for all of his hard work, as a member of TEDS board of Directors, regarding financial matters
- The Endowment Fund balance has increased to \$127,330.56, as of 12/31/16, due to a bequest from the Estate of Lillian Dorian and TEDS Debt Service repayments
- Dave also advised of the Edward Jones Account which is used to accept shares of securities received from parishioners

A motion to close the polls was made by Tom Kaercher and seconded by Linda Kurdilla.

Tom Kaercher gave an update on the Rectory renovations

- Kitchen redone
- Windows replaced
- Bathrooms updated
- Inside painted
- Hardwood floors refinished

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION WERE:

Senior Warden – David Burnett

Vestry (three year term) – Elizabeth Broccoli, Linda Kurdilla and Daniel Rivera

Diocesan Convention (Delegates) Tom and Joan Cornell and Linda Kurdilla,
(Alternates) Ken MacRitchie and Tony Vitale

Northern Convocation (Delegates) Ralph Bianchini, Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, Holly Ives, Doreen Stromko, Jim Willix and Stephanie Willix; (Alternates) Linda Kurdilla, Ken MacRitchie, Tony Vitale. Carol Willix and Tom Kaercher

The installation of the Warden, Vestry, Diocesan Convention delegates/alternates and Northern Convocation delegates/alternates took place immediately. Arlene Fricke made a motion to adjourn and Darrell Frydlewicz seconded. Meeting ended with prayer at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, Clerk of the Vestry

CUMULATIVE RECORD OF CHURCH SERVICES 2017

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
MONTHLY ATTENDANCE	381	392	422	682	394	356	366	267	461	495	492	716	
YTD ATTENDANCE	381	773	1195	1877	2271	2627	2993	3260	3721	4216	4708	5424	5424
MONTHLY ASA	76	98	105	136	99	89	73	67	115	99	123	143	
YTD AVG SUN ATTENDANCE	76	86	92	104	103	101	97	93	95	96	98	102	102
MO. SUNDAY SERVICES	8	7	8	10	8	7	5	4	6	10	7	9	
TOTAL SUNDAY SERVICES	8	15	23	33	41	48	53	57	63	73	81	91	91
WEEKDAY HOLY EUCHARIST	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL WEEKDAY HOLY EUCH.	0	0	2	5	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	9	9
MONTHLY PRIV'T COMMUNION	2	0	2	9	12	13	2	14	4	14	4	6	
TOTAL PRIVATE COMMUNION	2	2	4	13	25	38	40	54	58	72	76	82	82
MONTHLY OTHER	0	119	160	275	309	125	124	183	235	196	103	100	0
TOTAL ATT OTHER SERV'S	0	119	279	554	863	988	1112	1295	1530	1726	1829	1929	1929
HOUSE BLESSINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RECONCILIATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURIALS	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
BAPTISMS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
MARRIAGES	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MONTHLY DAILY OFFICE	1	1	29	28	33	18	23	33	31	28	25	21	
TOTAL DAILY OFFICE	0	1	30	58	91	109	132	165	196	224	249	270	270
SUNDAY OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CONFIRMED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
RECEIVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Priest-in-Charge Report

Rev. Andrew David Kruger

As I embark on my second year at Trinity, I am truly grateful to find myself among a community who accept me, nurture me, and willingly support the lead I offer in our shared life. In particular I would like to honor several people who make my ministry here possible.

Linda Kurdilla our administrator and Tony Vitale our verger are both volunteers who do superb work often behind the scenes and unrewarded. Nancy Ditzel the Director of TEDS who so often shoulders both church and school responsibilities with aplomb. Anthony Rafaniello our music director emeritus who led our music ministry with such skill and faithfulness. Clive Sang our former Deacon who oriented me so helpfully. Dave Roberts our treasurer who exercises financial oversight with such grace. Dave Burnett and Joe Bardzilowski our Wardens who carry the mantle of leadership with excellence and good humor.

Leadership and Vision

On Saturday April 22, our Parish Vestry participated in a visioning retreat. On that day we identified and ranked significant parts of our shared life together. The top four priorities of that morning were: Communications, TEDS, Youth and Inreach. Trinity's new website and 'new look' email blast are a direct

consequence of that visioning meeting which so clearly prioritized communication. The Communications Committee is working on phase II of the Website to continue the good work already begun. The visioning retreat clearly articulated the desire to better integrate TEDS and the Church. Apart from a ministry of presence, Nancy and I have worked hard to create opportunities for the Church and the school to intersect. Some of these integrating practices are described below in the paragraph about TEDS. The strategy to enhance our ministry to young people included a focus on our acolytes. We are very fortunate to have Stacey Cooney join the Acolyte leaders this year. She and the leadership team have done a fantastic job of encouraging and recruiting acolytes and we hope that this ministry will grow in the future. By Inreach the vestry refers primarily to fellowship and events that build up the body of Christ at Trinity. The Inreach Committee sought to augment regular fellowship events like the progressive dinner by empowering younger members of our parish to organize two Trinity picnics. Both of these events were wonderful celebrations and it was encouraging to see young families take significant leadership roles.

Worship

Worship is our major priority and the thing we do most and for which we gather the most people. A summary of our average Sunday attendance figures for the last three years are below:

Average Sunday Attendance for the last 3 years		
<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
99	85	102

The liturgical cycle of our worship is both exhilarating and exhausting. I remain in awe of the dedication and commitment of our Choir, Altar Guild, Ushers, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Acolytes, Coffee Hour Hosts and Intercessors.

Looking back over the past year several highlights come immediately to mind; most recently the joy of the Christmas Pageant and the solemnity of the Christmas Eve Eucharist, further back the beauty of Holy Week, the depth of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the significance of reintroducing the Easter Vigil, the festival of Easter day, baptisms at Pentecost and All Saints, my installation and the confirmations when Bishop Stokes visited, and of course the exquisite intimacy of the Taizé service.

I am particularly grateful to those who have been my companions at the daily offices of morning and evening prayer. The rhythm of daily prayer continues to ground me personally and ensures that our needs as a community are ever held before God.

Pastoral Care and Parish Ministry

This ministry has taken me into the homes of many parishioners and called me to bedsides in hospitals. I have conducted funerals, counseled troubled parishioners, advised others, and sat with many, listening and attempting to offer a faith-filled response.

In July of this year the parish was informed of a Title IV Notice of Accord between Bishop William Stokes and Mother Gina Walsh-Minor. Pain, shock and disbelief were among the many responses to this distressing news. I am so grateful to the Wardens, Trinity’s Vestry, and Stephen Ministers for their leadership, wisdom and compassion in dealing with this matter. Soon after the news broke we held a Healing Eucharist which was helpful to many who were processing the news.

I have been thoroughly impressed by Trinity’s Stephen Ministers who have been well trained to practice pastoral ministry and who are themselves truly compassionate people. It has been a great comfort and wonderful resource to refer those in need of pastoral care to members of this team. I look forward to receiving Stephen Ministry training in 2018 and hope that many of our parishioners will consider being care receivers and/or care givers.

Trinity provides many and varied opportunities for us to gather and grow as people of faith. Breakfast with Santa, the two picnics, the fellowship luncheon, the men’s group, and woman’s bible study are just some excellent examples. I relished offering adult education on the Psalms, the Creeds and St Mark’s Gospel this past year and look forward to offering new courses in the year to come.

TEDS

I have enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the teachers and students of TEDS. My first priority was to introduce meditation into the curriculum of the school. Achieving this goal enabled me to interact with and educate first the teachers and then each class of children... that was an intensive period and gave me renewed admiration and respect for our TEDS teachers.

I have settled into a good rhythm that affords me the opportunity to lead the TEDS teachers in staff prayers once a month, and at least a monthly time to connect with the children. Beyond these monthly commitments several annual events are becoming part of the school year; Blessing of the Book Bags, Blessing of the Animals, Crafting Advent wreaths, Ashes to go, and an Easter egg hunt.

In the coming year Nancy Ditzel and I plan to continue working hard to better integrate the School and the Church. In the year to come we plan to celebrate 'Name Day.' – an opportunity for the Children to be educated as to where the Name of the school (Trinity) comes from. This is a good opportunity for children to be taken to the church and some explanation of the Trinity be given.

Diocesan and Ecumenical Responsibilities

I am required by the Diocese to attend monthly 'fresh start' meetings in Trenton along with other colleagues who are in the first two years of their ministry in a new parish. While I do not relish the drive to Trenton, these meetings have helped me to connect with colleagues and become oriented in the Diocese.

We are blessed as a Diocese to be led by Bishop Stokes who has devoted a great deal of time and energy to facilitating the process of rethinking how we 'do church' in this post-Christian era. Part of this visioning process has led to local clusters of parishes joining together like we did with St John's, Linden for the Easter Vigil. I look forward to working with the parishes in our area and planning similar events in the year to come.

I have found the monthly meetings with the Cranford Clergy Council and the services we celebrate together to be enriching and encouraging. It has been my privilege to represent Trinity at several of the township gatherings over the past year and will make myself available again in the coming year. Please do continue to support the ecumenical services offered in Cranford as part of our commitment to Christian and interfaith unity.

The Year Ahead

I have returned from vacation to a flurry of parish activity including blessing 32 homes in 9 hours recently. We have tremendous momentum going into 2018 and feel privileged to be working with our new Music Director, Cliff Parrish. As we journey with St Mark's Gospel this year I am confident that God will continue to work in us, through us, and among us as we seek to bring about the kingdom in this place. Amen.

Senior Warden Report

David L. Burnett

2017 has been another year of tremendous change at Trinity Episcopal Church. Looking back, change has been the predominant theme in my three years as Senior Warden at Trinity. During my tenure, I witnessed each and every member of our parish willingly embrace this change but also give endlessly of their time and talent to keep Trinity moving forward. This momentum has been palpable and inspirational. My thanks to all of our parishioners for making 2017 another blessed year at Trinity Episcopal Church.

In my report to our AGM two years ago I prayed that, with your momentum and God's will, Trinity would find the right person to serve as our new Priest. After our discernment process of almost eighteen months, Father Andrew David Kruger began his ministry as Trinity's new Priest-in-Charge on February 12, 2017. Not only have we been blessed by Father Andy's ministry, but his leadership has changed our parish in ways we would not have thought possible. Father Andy immediately put his own stamp on Trinity: his Lenten courses, Holy Week services and the Taizé mediations are but a few examples. Father Andy's keeping of the Daily Offices, for morning and evening prayer in our new Witherington Chapel, have opened Trinity's doors throughout the week.

Within a few short months of his arrival, Father Andy quickly became a spiritual leader in the Cranford community, a mentor to our young parishioners, and a welcomed comfort to those of us in need. We are immeasurably fortunate to have Father Andy and his wife Heather as part of our Trinity family.

As you know, Father Andy's arrival was not the only change at Trinity Episcopal Church in 2017. Prior to Father Andy's arrival, Mother Stephanie Shockley gave a sermon on February 5, 2017 that few of us will forget. There was nary a dry eye in our church that day when Mother Stephanie reflected on her tenure as our long-term supply priest, and we remain grateful for her steadfast presence even as our Discernment came to a close. Secondly, Deacon Clive Sang ended his seven year ministry at Trinity in 2017 after having been promoted to become the Canon Missioner for Black Ministries with the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. Deacon Clive's constant pastoral presence during our Discernment was simply indispensable, and Trinity's successful transition would not have been possible without him. Lastly, our Music Director Anthony Rafaniello stepped down in 2017 to become the Supervisor of Performing and Fine Arts for the Cranford Public School district. Anthony's incredible work ethic and inspired musical talent were further blessings during Trinity's transition over these past couple of years. I am very grateful for Mother Stephanie, Deacon Clive and Anthony for all that they have given to Trinity.

I also deeply want to thank Trinity's staff. Our Verger Tony Vitale works countless hours in our office every week preparing our bulletins and email blasts (not to mention this annual report), and assists Andy with arranging the liturgy. Linda Kurdilla continues to volunteer "keeping the books," paying the bills and providing office management. Nancy Noonan is our church archivist, and also organizes our facility rentals. Tony, Linda and Nancy's efforts not only keep our parish running smoothly, but help maintain our tight budget "in the black."

My sincere thanks also to TEDS' director Nancy Ditzel, and the Board of the Trinity Episcopal Day School. Once again, TEDS' enrollment is bursting at the seams and the school continues to operate on a solid financial footing. As a result of Nancy and her staff's tireless work, TEDS remains one of the best schools for early childhood education in Cranford. Thanks also to Art Patchett for his generosity to TEDS, as the TEDS Capital Campaign will enhance the school's physical plant and curriculum for the next generation of TEDS students.

2017 brought change, growth and renewed vigor to Trinity's programs and ministries. Trinity's Christian Education was enhanced this year by Father's Andy's Trinity Forums, and Marion Nechuta & Dianne Pecoraro and their staff's work grew our Sunday School program. The Confirmation and First Communion classes were well attended this year, thanks to Christy Barone, Joyce Cieslak and Vicky Cooney. Our Christian Education also continued to be supported by the Men's Group led by Terry Nechuta and Nancy Miller's Women's Bible Study. Marion Nechuta and the Outreach Committee continued our support of St. John's in Elizabeth this year, with our monthly Sandwich Sundays. The Outreach Committee also worked to support the Cameroon Orphans, St. Claire's Home for Children and Episcopal Relief & Development just to name a few projects. We again enjoyed each other's fellowship with our Fish Fry, and also started new traditions with our parish picnics on Trinity Sunday and in the fall. Trinity's monthly Fellowship Thursday lunches also continued this past year, and JoAnn and Al Lehmkuhl again organized a very successful Progressive Dinner in November. And our annual Breakfast with Santa was once again a tremendous Cranford Christmas tradition, led by coordinators Arlene Fricke, Debbie Buli and Bonnie Gentesse. Lastly, thanks the work of Courtney Burbela, Daniel Rivera and Tom Kaercher, Trinity launched our new website in 2017 to spread all of our good news to Cranford and beyond.

Trinity Episcopal Church continued to manage its finances well in 2017. Thanks to the work of the Vestry and the Finance Committee, Trinity remained on budget in 2017 and looks to be similarly situated for 2018. I am particularly grateful to our treasurer Dave Roberts for all of his exhaustive work. Dave volunteers so much of his time and talents, outside of his own busy CPA practice, to keep Trinity's finances in good shape.

Change abounds in 2018, and one change in particular is personal to this Senior Warden. Joe Bardzilowski's term as Junior Warden comes to an end with the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Joe was our Junior Warden when my term began, and he had already been serving our parish in countless ways for decades before my wife Heather and I joined Trinity. When our Discernment began in 2015, Joe and I assumed the leadership of Trinity Episcopal Church together. In the process, we not only became a leadership team but I also like to think we became close friends.

During our transition, Joe and I typically spoke multiple times a day and attended an endless number of meetings together throughout those weeks and months. Joe was physically present at Trinity almost every day during our transition, which was indispensable to me because he could assist with the day-to-day management of our parish when we were without a full-time priest. Joe will continue to serve on the TEDS' Board in 2018, but has earned some well-deserved time off as Junior Warden so he and Julia can travel the world in months ahead. Thank you Joe, for all you have done for Trinity, and for being a great friend and mentor.

Thank you all for your continued support of our parish in 2017. I am hopeful that 2018 be another year of blessings, opportunity and growth for Trinity Episcopal Church.

Junior Warden Report: Building & Grounds

Joseph P. Bardzilowski

Our parish campus is being well-maintained, looks good, and is in a state of good repair. The Memorial Garden, lawns, and walkways also look great. Gutters have been cleaned and screened, LED exterior lights have been installed, and a list of chores (listed below) have been completed by volunteers who continue to take pride in our physical plant and appearance.

A preventative maintenance program for our church, TEDS, Sherlock Hall, and Witherington Hall continue to be implemented by volunteers and outside vendors. Our rental property on 215 North Avenue is also being well-maintained and may need upgrades in the future.

Routine maintenance activities performed include:

- Replaced (14) light bulbs (CFL, halogen, incandescent)
- Cleaned or replaced (14) furnace filters
- Replaced (12) emergency exit light batteries
- Painted the utility room in church basement
- Uncovered/covered (6) air conditioning condensers
- Installed/removed (2) window air conditioners
- Repaired (3) kitchen door hinges
- Scraped, caulked, and repainted (3) exterior church doors
- Installed bird deterrent gear above main church entrance
- Un-flipped church bell
- Installed (2) first aid kits
- Repaired 2nd floor TEDS door hinge
- Installed projector screen from ceiling
- Planted (39) shrubs for TEDS & Rectory
- Weeded/raked memorial garden (5) times

Rectory

Father Andy and Heather have comfortably settled into their new home. They have conducted meetings and get-togethers and have hosted family visitors from South Africa.

Parking Lot Project

Father Andy attended a meeting of the Cranford Zoning Board shortly after his arrival. He witnessed the hostility of our neighbors and their lawyers, who were doing their best to have the Board deny our application for the parking lot. Their strategy had extended the discussion over several meetings where they would present new concerns each time. This strategy caused Trinity to expend a large amount of money for legal and engineering fees. After the meeting, he brought his concern about angry neighbors and the rising cost to Dave Burnett and me, and then to the Vestry. After much discussion, a unanimous decision was made to withdraw our application and to use the remaining funds to make improvements to the Kiamie Building and TEDS Capital Program. A committee has been formed, a list of projects has been made and priorities have been set to proceed.

Lois' Kitchen

The Cranford Health Department has inspected the kitchen and has found a list of violations, which include certification of the hood and fire extinguishing system and the lack of a grease trap. Nancy Noonan and I are working on complying with the items on the list.

My fifth term as Junior Warden is ending with this meeting and I would be remiss if I did not thank the Senior Wardens that I have worked with Korine Dankowski, John Zebrowski, Al Lehmkuhl, Linda Kurdilla, and Dave Burnett. Working with them was educational, productive and, most of the time, fun. The eighteen months that I worked with Dave, Clive, Tony, Anthony and Mother Stephanie were the most rewarding. Teamwork is the key to success and I want to thank all of you in our church for your help, advice counsel and support.

WORSHIP

Acolytes

Stacey Cooney, Vicki Goralski, Tom Kaercher, Coordinators

The Acolyte ministry dates back to the 4th century. Acolytes add dignity to the sacred ceremony of the services by assisting the priest in leading the congregation through the service and setting the table for communion at the Altar. Training, fellowship, and fun are provided to all participants. We aim to have at least three acolytes serving each week at the 10 AM service so that a full processional might be achieved. For 2018, we plan to connect with acolytes each quarter after a 10 AM service for team-building activities and a refresher course in best practices when serving at the Altar. We'd also like to attend the Annual Diocesan Acolyte Festival, as well as look into other Diocesan events for the acolytes to be a part of. As with all ministries, there is a need for new members. The ministry is open to all young people. Those in elementary school are welcome to start early and learn from the more experienced acolytes. Please give prayerful thought to having your family be a part of this sacred ministry.

Acolytes: Bobby Barone, Emma Barone, Hannah Barone, Abby Behnke, Sarah Burnett, Allison Hosler, Aidan Hosler, Albert Michael, Anna Roberts, Charlie Roberts, Will Robinson, Luke Robinson, Christian Robinson

Altar Guild

Heather Burnett, Coordinator

Trinity Altar Guild prepares the altar for all Sunday services, holy days, baptisms, weddings, funerals and special services. Our mission is to work together to prepare Our Lord's table for the Holy Eucharist and other services. We train each other for what is required for each celebration. We have three teams – each consisting of new and experienced Altar Guild members who serve quarterly. The Altar Guild also has its own manual instructing us on the correct way to prepare the altar, whether it be different frontals, caring of linens, flowers, vessels, vestments, or anything else that has to do with the church's services. Our three teams encourage families to serve together to share this ministry between generations. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact, Heather Burnett.

The dedicated Altar Guild consists of the Burnett family, Pat Cameron, Gwen Cuzzo, Arlene Fricke, the Roberts family, the Gentesse family, Tom Kaercher, Linda Kurdilla, Catherine Rossi, and the Broccoli family.

Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, & Lectors

Bonnie Gentesse, Coordinator

Thank you to all of our dedicated Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and Lectors who read and assist at every Liturgy and Service. An all-day Lector and Eucharistic Ministers training was held at Trinity and provided by the Diocese. This year we had our 7nd Advent Dinner. The Trinity Ushers and Alter Guild joined us for the event. Evening Compline from the Book of Common Prayer was read. A delicious pot luck dinner was followed with fellowship.

Gratitude and blessings to our LEMs: Cynthia Kolby, Dave Burnett, Tony Vitale, Tom Kaercher, Sarah Gregory, Allison Burns-LaGreca, Bernard Kolbe, Terry Nechuta, Pat Cameron, Vicki Goralski, Christy Barone, Stephanie Willix, Bonnie Gentesse and Deacon Clive. And to our Lectors: Maureen & Darrell Frydlewicz, Sarah Gregory, Dave Burnett, Bonnie Gentesse, Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, Tom Kaercher, David Robinson, Tony Vitale, Terry & Marion Nechuta, Bernard Kolbe, Cynthia Kolby, Christy Barone, Diane Pecoraro, Al Lehmkuhl, Daniel Rivera, Sydney O'Hagan, Cindy Concannon, Lisa LaGreca, Carol Beier, Max Bursack, Justin Bursack, Catherine & Brandon Strawder, Victor & Elizabeth Broccoli, Heather Prince-Kruger & Linda Kurdilla.

Welcome to our new LEM's & Lectors: Christy Barone, Stephanie Willix, Heather Prince-Kruger, Kirstin DiTullio and Carol Beier.

Trinity offers opportunities for parishioners to be involved in the Liturgy by participation as Lectors (reading Lessons and Prayers of the People) and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (assisting the Rector during Communion and taking Communion to the sick). They are licensed by the Diocese. All are welcome to join this Ministry. Please see Bonnie Gentesse if you are interested.

Music Ministry

Fr Andy Kruger

Trinity Choir The choir is a committed group of parishioners striving to enrich the liturgy through music at the 10 AM worship services, as well as at other designated services throughout the year. Rehearsals are normally held from 8:00-9:15 PM on Wednesday evenings in the church. The major Church Festivals of 2017 included additional volunteer vocalists which allowed for the singing of more demanding repertoire. We are grateful to many Cranford High School choral students and alumni who join us on these occasions. New hymns and anthems will remain a part of the choir's repertoire. We strive to honor our musical past as well as forge the musical future of the church, singing works of recent, living composers. All are welcome to join this group of dedicated singers.

The members of the choir during 2017 included John Beier, Patricia Cameron, Carolyn Dittmar, Arlene Fricke, Vicki Goralski, Thomas Kaercher, Albert Lehmkuhl, Nancy Miller, Carolee Stewart-Gardner, Justin Witwick, and John Zebrowski.

Handbell Choir The Trinity Bell Choir continues to grow in members and has become an intergenerational ensemble comprised of members that include original ringers from 1986 as well as children and families who are new to ringing. The choir enjoyed ringing the newly refurbished bells at several significant services during the year.

The members of the handbell choir during 2017 included Christy Barone, John Beier, Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, Ralph Bianchini, Elizabeth Broccoli, Victor Broccoli, Jennifer Cabrera Cammarota, Joan Cornell, Carolyn Dittmar, Michelle Freeland, Arlene Fricke, Thomas Kaercher, Nancy Pflug, Amy Robinson, Christian Robinson, Luke Robinson, and Fran Witherington.

Other Musical Events One of the musical highlights of the year was the Taizé Service on Wednesday, August 9. The Church was beautifully decorated with candles, drapes and icons. Several instrumentalists and a choir made up of Church members and singers from the High School led the assembly in the exquisite music of the Taizé community. Trinity Church hosted the Cranford High School Madrigal Choir's Spring Concert program on Pentecost Sunday afternoon and the Friends of Cranford High School performing arts fundraiser on October 6. Parishioners, parents, and members of the community packed the church for the concerts.

Farewells Carolee Stewart-Gardner moved away from Cranford to be closer to her family after Easter Day. We miss her gifted singing voice but wish her well in her next chapter. Anthony Rafaniello, our Music Director and Organist of the past 4 years, was promoted to the Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts for Cranford Public Schools. We rejoiced with Anthony as he received this deserved promotion but grieved as we realized that his new responsibilities would no longer afford him the time to continue as Trinity's Music Director. Anthony's farewell was on Sunday, September 24, when he was warmly thanked for his professionalism, skill and spirituality. Anthony remains a parishioner at Trinity and offered extensive help in identifying our new Music Director, Cliff Parrish.

Prayer Chain

Tony Vitale, Coordinator

Once the Parish Office is alerted to a critical issue such as a surgery, illness, or life-changing event, the prayer chain is contacted and begins immediate prayer. A small group of parishioners has volunteered to pray as a group for those in need. A name is submitted to the parish office, and the lead person of the chain is contacted. If you are called to this wonderful ministry, please email Tony Vitale if you would like to join in intercessory prayer. Those who pray: Father Andy, Canon Clive Oscar Sang, Diane Baldwin, Julie Buchholz, Allison Burns-LaGreca, Pat Cameron, Joan Cornell, Arlene Fricke, Bonnie Gentesse, Vicki Goralski, Sarah Gregory, Cynthia Kolby, Linda Kurdilla, Clint & Nancy Miller, Marion & Terry Nechuta, Tony Vitale.

Prayer Line

The prayer chain that Deacon Clive instituted has continued to gather parishioners for prayer via telephone conference on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 PM and lasts approximately 5 minutes. Bonnie Gentesse has kept this ministry thriving. To join in, all you have to do is dial the following number and enter the access code listed. Bring your cares, concerns, and special intentions. The phone number is 1-641-715-3580 and the access code is 344-506#.

Ushers Ministry

Linda Kurdilla, Coordinator

This year saw a transition from the coordinator team of Darrell and Maureen Frydlewicz to Linda Kurdilla. After more than 12 years of coordinating everyone's availability into a harmonious schedule, they passed the baton! There are a few less members this year (due to scheduling conflicts, health issues, and upcoming baby deliveries), but we are strong none the less.

The ushers provide an important part of the church experience. As the "face" of the church, they are the first and last people you see when you come to a service. We treasure these folks who are friendly to all and reliable not only during the service, but also when scheduling conflicts arise.

Our thanks this year to our past and present ushers and alternates:

Denise & Jim Behnke

Ray Berry

Ralph & Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini

Elizabeth & Victor Broccoli

Debbie Buli

Janemarie Buli

Dave & Heather Burnett

Eric Bursack

Tom Cornell

Darrell & Maureen Frydlewicz

Tom Kaercher

Linda Kurdilla

Lisa LaGreca

JoAnn Lehmkuhl

Daniel Rivera

Doreen Stromko

John Witherington

Jim & Stephanie Willix

And special thanks to our "junior" ushers Emma Willix and Sarah Burnett

This year we welcomed a few subs (and we always welcome more!). If anyone is interested, please let me know. We'll have you 'shadow' a team some Sunday so you can see how easy it can be.

Verger's Report

Anthony F. Vitale, Verger's Guild of America

In September 2015, Tony was appointed as Verger of Trinity Church (he is also a member of the Committee on the Diaconate for the Diocese). Appointments for verger are for life; however, he or she serves at the pleasure of the rector (or priest-in-charge).

At Trinity, the Verger assists with the arrangements of funerals, baptisms, weddings, and Holy Feast Days. Father Andy has requested that the Verger vest and process during services. The Verger works behind the scenes with the presider to ensure the smooth running of the services.

In 2017, the parish baptized 3 new members into the parish family during Sunday services, Theodore Junod on Pentecost Sunday, and Dionne Frank & Antonio Donatello DiFonzo on the Feast of All Saints. There were 2 weddings, one at the church, the other off-site. There were 7 funerals.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School

Marion Nechuta & Dianne Pecoraro, Co-Superintendents of Sunday School

This year, we are following the Lectionary; Gospel lessons. We meet at Church and are blessed by Father Andrew and go to Sunday School. Afterwards, we return to church for Communion. The Sunday School uses two classrooms in the TEDS building: one is for our younger students downstairs (5 years old and younger), and the second is for the older students upstairs (first through fifth grade). In addition, students in sixth through eighth grade, who are studying towards Confirmation, meet twice a month on Sundays in the loft in Sherlock Hall.

In the Confirmation class, we are using the curriculum "Encountering Christ in the Episcopal Church". This curriculum will give the students an over view of the Old and New Testament. They will also be learning about the Prayer Book, sacraments, history of the church, prayer and Confirmation. The date of Confirmation will be determined based on the Bishop's availability in 2018.

Marion Nechuta teaches the younger students with the help of Jennifer Cammarota, Kavita Medanki, Sydney O'Hagan, Beth Rees, and Catherine Strawder. Christy Barone teaches Confirmation with the help of Vicky Cooney and Bobby Barone. Dianne Pecoraro teaches the older students with the help of Heather Burnett, Carol Beier, Cindy Concannon, Linda Kurdilla, Denise Alvarez, Kristin Smith. We want to thank our teenagers: Emma and Hannah Barone, Sal Brown and Erica and Alyssa Knapp for helping us in Sunday School. We are always looking for volunteers, if you are interested in helping or teaching; please contact Dianne or Marion.

This Year Denise Alvarez took over our Christmas Pageant with the help of many parents. We want to thank her for taking on this event. We also, want to thank Bonnie Gentesse for her years of service helping us with our Christmas Pageant.

This spring we will start our Communion Class with the help of Joyce Cieslak teaching. We will be using the curriculum "This Bread and This Cup". This class will help our second graders be prepared and understand the Eucharist.

Every third Sunday of the month, we have the students participating in Church Service. We have them take up the gifts, usher, sing, acolyte, and read the lessons and prayers of the people. This is an extension of the Sunday School, which teaches the students about our service and faith. We plan on continuing this as a teaching tool in their growth of faith.

We would like to thank our teachers, volunteers and teenagers for their faith and commitment in teaching our students.

Trinity Men's Group

Terry Nechuta, Coordinator

The Trinity Men's Group meets throughout the year once a month on the first Saturday of the month from 8 to 9 AM. We have met for over 11 years. We meet for a light breakfast, fellowship, encouragement and prayer. We have a discussion and light bible study. Presently we are examining the Holy Spirit, but are open to any topic i.e., we also looked at forgiveness and "Is God on a learning curve." We end at 9 AM sharp. We have had a good time together. My prayer is that God's spirit will speak through each other to each other.

“As iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens his friend’s countenance.” Proverbs 27:17 No preparation is needed except to show up. Please join us. For information please see or call: Terry Nechuta, 908-245-1892, cell 908-956-5848.

Women’s Bible Study

Nancy Miller, Leader

It was my privilege to lead the Women’s Study Class again in the year 2017. We are unique, diverse in ages, status, origins and church affiliation. We are not only members of Trinity, but also other denominations, African Methodist Episcopal (AME) and Baptist.

What brings us together is our love of God, in Christ Jesus and our desire to fellowship together, pray for others and ourselves, share our concerns and learn by our lessons and from each other, all under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

This year, we have been blessed by the additions of Kirstin Di Tullio (and sometimes her twin sister, Karin, when she is in town), Mary Ellinger, Sue Ishiyama, and Brenda Jemal. They join Diane Baldwin, Mary Cheress, Joan Cornell, Mary Ann Friscia, Vicki Goralski, Eudora Kombo, JoAnn Lehmkuhl, Susan Olszewski, (who organizes coffee & tea) and Ruth Uhde

Having started our study of significant Medieval women,(at the end of 2016), we continued on our chronological list in 2017. These included the group of Beguines, Hildegard of Bingen, Clare of Assisi, Mechtilde of Magdenburg, Gertrude, the Great, Julian of Norwich and Catherine of Siena.

The dates of our women spanned the years 1000 through 1400. The mystics were scattered in different countries: Italy, Germany, England, the Netherlands (and around Europe.). Some had taken the vows of being Ordained. They were the Nuns and Abbesses (heads of the Orders), Anchoresses (as recluses attached to a church or cathedral) and groups for the Laity, which included an organization of Beguines with men and women groups, and those affiliated with orders of Dominicans or Franciscans, while living in the world and known as the Third Order, Tertiaries (they spent their lives in sacrifice, simplicity and service). After their deaths, some were canonized as Saints and a few were named a Doctor of the Church.

Each was unique and valued her relationship to Jesus, but they were united in their love of God, dedicated to knowing and doing the work and mission they believed God had given them by the Holy Spirit. They practiced the principals of the faith, being regular in fasting, prayer and the sacraments of the Mass. A big part of that discernment involved visions, which they documented and illustrated. (We read some of their original works, of course in translations.) Some were skilled in music (which we heard by CD), and art and visual depictions, and natural sciences.

They gave care and hope to lepers and those suffering from the Plague, and for the sinners in prison, regularly visiting them, sharing Jesus. But they also were active in the reform of the Roman Church, in touch with Popes (those self-proclaimed and others official) and Bishops (in Rome, but also in Avignon, France). They corresponded by letter and Clergy influence. It was a tumultuous time for the Church. But the women maintained pastoral voices and were (by some, but not all) respected.

Next, we will explore ‘What it means to be Church’ with a look at ‘The Rag Tag Army.’ Come join us on Thursday, 10:00-11:30 in the Witherington Conference Room.

PARISH LIFE

Coffee Hour

Every Sunday we have Coffee Hour, a time for the congregation to eat and have fellowship. For many years, both Linda Kurdilla and Holly Ives were the leaders of this ministry. We want to thank them for their service. In the fall, this ministry was taken over by Marion Nechuta and Elizabeth Broccoli. We ask that anyone from the Congregation volunteer to host a Sunday by signing up and looking at the instructions next to the sign up or speak to Marion or Elizabeth on what to do.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Holly Ives & Doreen Stromko, Co-Presidents

As always, we thank the women (and men) of Trinity Church who work at these events and give so generously of their time and talents. In 2017, the ECW worked on various activities during the year which included:

- February: Helped with the Soup Sale coordinated by Bonnie Gentesse which raised \$422 for the ECW Scholarship Fund. Donated gift basket to the TEDS Tricky Tray event.
- May: Helped with the annual plant sale coordinated by Susan Olzsewski which raised \$900 for the ECW Scholarship Fund.
- June: Awarded ECW Scholarship Fund money to 2 high school graduates: Samantha Cieslak and Sarah Roberts.
- August: participated in the making of our first Taizé service at Trinity Cranford.
- October: JoAnn Lehmkuhl represented Trinity Church at the “Women of Honor” luncheon.
- December: Helped with the annual “Breakfast with Santa” event and donated a gift basket for the basket raffle. Wrapped gifts at Barnes & Noble and raised \$275.30 for the ECW Scholarship Fund.

Fellowship Luncheon

Joseph Bardzilowski, Bonnie Gentesse, Tom Kaercher, Susan Olzsewski

The Fellowship Luncheon on the first Thursday of each month has been a very successful event. We average between 25-35 in attendance, including several attendees from outside our parish. Lunch is provided by the “Fellowship Luncheon” committee, and a \$5 donation is asked to be put towards the cost of the food. The lunch is followed by a speaker or entertainment. It provides a time for parishioners and guests to learn, socialize and catch up with parish news. All are welcome. Thank you.

Fish & Chips Dinner

Bonnie Gentesse, Coordinator

Trinity Church held its third “Fish & Chip Dinner” on May 12, 2017. It was a great success. A big ‘thank you’ to our chefs Peter & Courtney Burbela. We had approximately 125 attending. We made a profit of \$1,154 to be used for the operation fund of Trinity. Thank you to all of the great helpers who made this event a success.

Progressive Dinner

JoAnn & Al Lehmkuhl

The Progressive Dinner was held on Saturday November 4. We had good attendance of 49 parishioners. Fr. Andy and Heather attended their first Progressive Dinner. The evening began with appetizers and cocktails at 2 homes. This was followed by dinner at 5 different houses. The evening ended with dessert and coffee at the church. Many thanks to those who opened their homes for this event.

OUTREACH

Outreach Committee

Marion Nechuta, Chairperson

Trinity is a “One Congregation” meaning that we have committed to helping the Episcopal Church achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Besides our three main projects, we continue to collect for the Episcopal Relief and Development projects such as their Animal Project and Care for Moms and Newborns. We participate in the Crop Walk in Cranford run by the Church World Services, an organization that helps feed the poor and at Thanksgiving we put together baskets of food for Cranford Family Care, an organization that feeds people in need here in Cranford. This past year we collected for Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico who were hit with Hurricanes.

Our Three Ongoing Projects Are:

1. **Feeding the poor and homeless at St. John's in Elizabeth** which the congregation helps every third Sunday of the month making sandwiches and serving at St. John's.
2. **Sponsoring two Cameroon Orphans (Daniela and Musaga)** through the Good Shepherd Home in Mendham. The money helps our orphans get food, clothes, medicine and education.
3. **Helping the Seamen's Institute in Port Newark** through knitting of hats and scarves. We have two dedicated women knitting (we are always looking for knitters). Also, collecting trail size toiletries, calendars, popcorn and fronts of Christmas Cards for their "Christmas at Sea" project. This year we plan to have a bake sale to collect for a monetary donation as well.

Today at the Annual Meeting, we will be selling loaves of bread for the project "Loaves of Love" which helps children at St. Clare's in Elizabeth who have HIV/AIDS or other illnesses.

In this upcoming year, we will be collecting shoes for St. John's and St. Joseph's Social Service Center.

We want to thank the congregation for all their help making these projects a success. We meet the second Sunday of the month and all are invited to sit in and listen to what we are doing or join.

Breakfast with Santa

Arlene Fricke, Debbie Buli & Bonnie Gentesse, Coordinators

Our 13th Annual "Breakfast with Santa" was held on Saturday, December 2. Santa Team volunteers served a delicious continental breakfast, set tables, took photos with Santa, sold raffle tickets for the baskets, sold entrance tickets, 50/50, face painting, sold fresh evergreens, and jewelry. We had wonderful Trinity workers who donated food and supplies, donated beautiful baskets, counted money, did face painting and cleaned up. Each child received a box of crayons and a placemat to color. Anthony Rafaniello brought the Cranford High School singers, who sang wonderful Christmas carols. We had a great crowd attend. Our net profit was \$5,292.25! This money went to the Church operating fund. Due to a last minute kitchen problem with the town; we could not make and serve pancakes. In spite of this, the food was plentiful and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all of our Santa Helpers and Santa who made this event a success. We could not have done it without you!

"The Ministry of Space"

Trinity Church is not only a house of worship for its parishioners but also home to groups who use "our space" to conduct their own special ministries. The parish is utilized by various neighborhood enhancing and individual support group organizations. These groups meet on our campus as part of Trinity's outreach to the community.

Alcoholics Anonymous The Tuesday night meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous has been meeting in the exact same space of over 60 years, in Sherlock Hall since not long after the Kiamie Education Building was built. Any member of the parish who thinks he or she might have a problem with drinking is welcome to the open speaker meeting. The parish is invited to the group's 62nd anniversary on Tuesday, February 21 at 8 PM; huge amounts of food and fellowship will be served along with Roger H., an exciting and inspiring speaker sharing his experience, strength, and hope.

Recently, a new meeting was added; on Friday at noon, a women's step meeting has begun meeting in Witherington Hall to huge success. (Submitted by Tony Vitale)

4-H is the nation's largest positive youth development and youth mentoring organization, empowering 6,000,000 young people in the U.S. During the sixth year of 4-H at Trinity, the Dog Lovers Club organized and ran the first annual 'Union County Dog Day', held in Union, NJ and raised \$5,500 for the Friends of Union Township Animal Shelter. The twelve members also visit elderly/nursing homes for Halloween and Christmas bringing cookies and singing carols. Children from third grade to 11th grade are welcome to join; no dogs are required, just an interest and love of our canine family. The group meets from 10 AM until 11, two Saturdays a month. (Submitted by club leader Bryan Johnson)

Stephen Ministers

Canon Clive Oscar Sang, Father Andy Kruger, Coordinators

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one caring ministry that takes place in the over 12,000 congregations nationwide. Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay caregivers-called Stephen Ministers-to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people struggling through a difficult time in life – experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis. Stephen Ministers and Care receivers typically meet weekly until the crisis is past. Their discussions are completely confidential. Stephen Ministers meet three times a month for continued training and confidential discussion.

The following Stephen Ministers were commissioned in 2014:

Joe Bardzilowski	Linda Kurdilla
Pat Cameron	Tom Kaercher
Bonnie Gentesse	Susan Olszewski
Vicki Goralski	Bob Vogel

Stephen Ministers are given assignments by Father Andy and Canon Clive. Anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should contact Father Andy.

Public Relations / Marketing Communications

Tom Kaercher, Coordinator

The purpose of Trinity's Public Relations/Marketing Communications activities is to build a positive awareness of the parish and our activities in Cranford area.

2107 was a banner year for Trinity Communications. A comprehensive Trinity Communications Plan was created and presented to Father Andy, the Wardens and Vestry. Under Father Andy's leadership a new emphasis was placed on communications and a Communications Team was formed with Courtney Burbela, Dave Burnett, Tom Kaercher, and Daniel Rivera as members. The initial project for the team was to completely redesign and replace the Trinity website.

The team was given some budget money to use on the design and development efforts. The new Trinity website was launched late in the year. It will continue to be expanded with more content and functionality in 2018. Internal communications were also improved in 2017 as well. Father Andy and Tony Vitale reinstated the weekly email blast communication and redesigned it to maximize the effectiveness of the communications with as few words as possible. In addition, they redesigned the Sunday bulletins to both enhance their role in the weekly liturgy and as an effective vehicle for parish-wide communications.

Trinity's PR activities have been focused on creating and distributing press releases to the area newspapers, online media outlets, and the local cable TV station. These constitute passive forms of communication because the placements ultimately rely on the media outlets having available space and time to publish our activities. Each press release contains a statement about Trinity and its historic place in the Cranford community, our service schedule and about TEDS and its program offerings as well as information about the event in question. Efforts have been made to cultivate good relationships with the editors by submitting articles with associated photographs that respect the particular outlet's space and time requirements and are as publication ready as possible to maximize the probability that the release will be published in its entirety and in the time-frame we request. Follow-up phone calls are made to editors to verify receipt of the release and to request placement. The editors have consistently been very kind to Trinity; almost always promoting our events in the specific issue requested and frequently publishing our press releases in their entirety along with the associated photographs, which helps draw the reader's eye to the story. Ideally, Trinity Public Relations would be in position to promote at least one activity per month in the local media. The value of this approach is that even if the public doesn't choose to come to a particular event, the hope is, that over time with a steady stream stories about Trinity, the public will associate Trinity as a positive force in the community. In addition to promoting Trinity's special services and outreach activities, PR was also to promote Trinity's vision for the parking lot expansion and then to explain our plans for TEDS upgrades when the Vestry decided to withdraw the permit application for the parking lot.

The media outlets we submit press releases to are:

- **Newspapers:** Cranford Life, Cranford Monthly, The Courier News, The Cranford Chronicle, The Star-Ledger, The Suburban News, The Union County LocalSource (formerly The Eagle), The Westfield Leader
- **Online:** Cranford.com, Cranford Patch, MyCentralJersey.com, NJ.Com, TAPintoCranford
- **TV:** TV35

The specific Trinity events and activities we promoted in 2017 were:

- **Announcements:** Father Andy Welcome, Father Andy's Installation, Cliff Parrish Welcome
- **Services:** Ash Wednesday, Holy Week schedule of services, Blessing of the Animals, Christmas Service Schedule, Taizé Evensong
- **Trinity Outreach Activities:** Breakfast with Santa, Loaves of Love sale, Cristosal Fundraiser, CROP Hunger Walk, Charity Jewelry Sale & Ice Cream Fundraiser for Cameroon Orphans, ERD Clean Water Project & Animal Project, Seamen's Church Institute collection drive, Hurricane Harvey Fundraiser, Food for the Poor and Jewelry Sale.
- **TEDS Activities:** TEDS Tricky Tray

For 2018, Trinity Public Relations will look to promote as many activities and events that can be targeted to the public as possible through a closer collaboration with the Outreach Committee. Additional promotional activities, such as publicizing the speakers and programs we have as part of the Fellowship Luncheons and TEDS activities with the children, will be considered for 2018. The Communications Team will continue to expand the content and functionality of the new Trinity website. In addition, the team will continue to work on pieces of the comprehensive communication plan including internal communications

If additional budget money can be found for Public Relations/Marketing Communications in 2018, the priority should be to purchase video recording and editing equipment, so we would be able to record and edit our services, programs, and special events. TV35's Sunday schedule is playing videotaped services from community houses of worship one week in arrears. We are missing an opportunity by not being able to submit our services for broadcast. In addition, we would be able to video tape our education sessions to create a library of classes that could be used within the parish and could also be made available through the Trinity Cranford website or on YouTube.

Special thanks go to Nancy Noonan, who has graciously served as parish photographer for the last several years and has supplied many of the photographs that have been distributed with our press releases. Additional thanks to Bonnie Gentesse and Christy Barone for Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Eve Pageant photos. Special thanks to Pete Burbela for working to launch the new Trinity website. Lastly, thanks to Father Andy, Wardens and Vestry for embracing the communications plan and the team leads for the various events and activities who have supplied the information for the press releases and to Tony Vitale for his work on both the weekly email blast and weekly bulletins.

STEWARDSHIP

Counters

Joan Cornell & Lisa LaGreca, Coordinators

Here is a group of unsung heroes who quietly tuck themselves away to carefully attend to the treasure and gifts that our parishioners give so generously each week. This important part of Stewardship is critical in keeping things running smoothly. Our Counters carefully track attendance, pledges and special offerings weekly. Once completed, this is then recorded into our Monthly Budget. Our Counting Teams are scheduled

on a rotating basis every 5 weeks. We welcome all new or existing parishioners, if interested please speak to Joan Cornell or Lisa LaGreca.

Counters: Vicky Cooney, Joan Cornell, Carolyn Dittmar, Vicki Goralski, Nancy Miller, Doreen Stromko, Irene Telerico, Bob and Nancy Vogel, Stephanie & Jim Willix with the help of Emma, and John Witherington,

Stewardship Committee

Andy Kruger, Linda Kurdilla & Al Lehmkuhl

This year we had a month-long Season of Thanksgiving which was communicated via the email blast and from the pulpit. The Season was marked by a special liturgy and the opportunity to complete and submit time, talent, and pledge forms on any Sunday during the Season. In addition to this, a letter from the Priest-in-Charge and the Stewardship Committee was emailed and made available in hard copy at the back of the church. The Committee recognizes that in the future these letters should also be mailed to the parish and apologizes to those who did not receive the materials this year. A huge thank you to all who pledged to give to ensure that the ministry and mission of Trinity may thrive.

Trinity Church Endowment Fund

Endowment Committee: David Burnett, Chair; John Witherington, David Roberts

Previous Year End Balances

12/31/13	\$47,292.08
12/31/14	\$52,490.55
12/31/15	\$88,685.36
12/31/16	\$127,330.56

Summary of Monthly Statements 2017: Account Number 000001503

DATE	SHARES	SHARE PRICE	Investment/ REINVEST	Description	DEPOSIT	\$ Balance
12/31/2016	2661.592	47.84		Beginning Balance		127,330.56
1/12/2017		48.24	+26.596	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
2/2/2017		48.44	+41.288	Donation in Memory of Delano Ives (Holly Ives)	\$2,000.00	
2/13/2017		49.10	+26.13	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
3/8/2017		49.33	+26.00	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
3/31/2017	2,809.396	49.41		Qtrly Ending Mrkt Value		\$138,812.26
5/15/2017		50.66	+25.33	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
5/22/2017		50.61	+98.80	TEDS Debt Service	\$5,000.00	
5/25/17		50.93	+25.19	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
6/14/2017		50.96	+25.17	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
6/30/2017	3,012.582	50.69		Qtrly Ending Mrkt Value		\$152,707.78
7/21/2017		51.51	+24.90	TEDS Debt Service	\$1,283.00	
8/9/2017		51.44	+24.94	TEDS Debt Svc	\$1,283.00	
9/7/2017		51.57	+25.20	TEDS Debt Svc	\$1,300.00	
9/30/2017	3,116.972	52.71		Qtrly Ending Mrkt Value		\$164,295.59
10/16/2017		53.22	+24.42	TEDS Debt Svc	\$1,300.00	
10/20/2017		53.57	+46.66	Noonan Gifts	\$2,500.00	
11/10/2017		53.39	+24.39	TEDS Debt Svc	\$1,300.00	
12/26/2017		54.84	+23.70	TEDS Debt Svc	\$1,300.00	
Dividends			+115.245	Dividend purchases		
12/31/2017	3,265.551	54.61		Year End Balance		\$178,331.74

EdwardJones

This account is used to accept shares of donated securities to Trinity Episcopal Church. At year end the balance at EdwardJones was \$12,443.89.

2018 Approved Operating Budget
Financial Resources for 2018 that Direct the Mission of Trinity Church, Cranford

	2017 Actual	Annual Budget	2018
Income			
1010 · DONATIONS			
1011 · PLEDGES			
1011-02 · PLEDGES-CURRENT	157,254	164,400	162,000
1011-04 · IDENTIFIED GIVERS	10,686	10,200	8,000
Total 1011 · PLEDGES	167,940	174,600	170,000
1012 · HOLY DAYS/FEAST OFFERINGS	4,741	4,500	4,500
1013 · TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL	-	-	-
1016 · LOOSE PLATE	4,025	4,000	4,000
1017 · WEDDINGS/FUNERALS	2,450	1,500	2,400
1018 · SUNDAY SCHOOL	63	100	100
1019 · UNITED THANK OFFERING	40	100	100
Total 1010 · DONATIONS	179,259	184,800	181,100
Total 1020 · FUND RAISING	11,423	10,000	9,000
1030 · GIFTS/GRANTS			
Total 1030 · GIFTS/GRANTS	2,846	1,800	2,125
1040 · RENTS & LEASES			
1040-01 · 12 STEP PROGRAM	2,400	2,000	2,000
1040-03 · 215 NORTH AVENUE	32,400	31,800	33,600
1040-04 · GENERAL HALL RENTALS	1,275	2,000	1,500
Total 1040 · RENTS & LEASES	36,075	35,800	37,100
1090 · Outreach & Misc. Pass Through	2,295	3,500	3,500
Total Income	231,898	235,900	232,825
Expense			
2000 · HUMAN RESOURCES			
2001 · COMPENSATION RELATED			
2002 · PRIEST-IN-CHARGE			
Total 2002 · PRIEST-IN-CHARGE	55,804	70,653	71,037
2006 · STAFF			
2007 · PARISH ADMINISTRATORS			
Total 2007 · PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	-		

		10,765	8,612
2008-10 · SALARY	16,200	17,200	20,000
Total 2008 · ORGANIST	17,439	18,520	21,530
Total 2006 · STAFF	17,439	29,285	30,142
Total 2010 · MISCELLANEOUS	6,495	6,900	4,200
Total 2001 · COMPENSATION RELATED	79,738	106,838	105,379
2019 · ADMINISTRATION			
Total 2019 · ADMINISTRATION	14,183	15,900	14,720
2030 · MINISTRIES			
2031 · WORSHIP			
Total 2031 · WORSHIP	8,367	5,700	5,800
Total 2032 · FORMATION	1,161	2,200	2,100
2034 · PARISH LIFE			
Total 2034 · PARISH LIFE	369	600	700
2035-07 · MISCELLANEOUS/PAY THROUGH	3,800	3,500	3,500
Total 2035 · OUTREACH	4,700	5,820	5,240
Total 2030 · MINISTRIES	14,597	14,320	13,840
2040 · BUILDINGS			
Total 2041 · RECTORY	7,665	6,300	4,700
Total 2042 · CHURCH BUILDINGS	54,036	59,340	60,840
Total 2043 · RENTAL EXPENSES	12,060	11,450	11,630
2044 · CHURCH PROPER	-	-	-
Total 2040 · BUILDINGS	73,761	77,090	77,170
2057 · ECW EXPENSES			
2057-02 · SCHOLARSHIP	600	-	-
2057 · ECW EXPENSES - other	2,022	-	-
Total 2057 · ECW EXPENSES	2,622	-	-
2080 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE			
Total 2080 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	984	-	-
2100 · DIOCESE			
2021 · CONVENTION/COUNCILS	905	500	600
2022 · FAIR SHARE	20,400	20,500	20,400
2023 · WIDOWS AND ORPHANS	-	120	120
2024 · BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	800	600	600
Total 2100 · DIOCESE	22,105	21,720	21,720
3000 · CUSTODY ACCOUNTS			
(Deficit) or Surplus	23,908	32	(4)

TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Nancy Ditzel, Executive Director

Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) began its seventh school year in September 2107. 131 students are enrolled which includes 31 students from grades 1-5 in our Aftercare program.

Thank you to Fr. Andy for all he has brought to TEDS. Fr. Andy incorporated spiritual lessons into the curriculum, the first being mediation. Each class meditates on a daily basis. He meets with the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes once a month and has a prayer service for the staff in the chapel. Blessing of the backpacks took place in the church in September. Ashes to Go were offered to students and parents. Thanks to the TEDS Board of Directors, the Vestry and Dave Roberts for their dedication, time, talent and most of all for their support.

Thanks to John Zebrowski for all the maintenance and repair work that he devotes to TEDS. John also developed a computer program for TEDS which is extremely helpful in our financial and business planning. Capital Campaign:

Funds from the parking lot were donated by Art Patchett. It was the Vestry's decision to redirect them to TEDS. A committee has been formed consisting of Fr. Andy, Art Patchett, John Zebrowski, Joe Bardzilowski and Nancy Ditzel. The first of the projects is the sidewalks. To date the sidewalk at the parent entrance and up to the playground has been replaced and widened. The remainder of the project will be completed in early spring and will include replacing the sidewalk to the office entrance and off street walkway across the front of the school up to and including the rectory. Four Chromebooks have been purchased for the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes to utilize. All 4 bathrooms will be updated this summer.

The following provides highlights of 2017

School Programs

- 6 week Summer Camp for ages 2½ -5 years of age; 30 children were enrolled per week.
- Summer Enrichment Program grades 1-5 averaged 10 students per week.
- Extracurricular activities include gym, music, yoga and Spanish.

Community Outreach

- Food collection for Cranford Family Care for Thanksgiving.
- Pajama/book drive to benefit children living in shelters in Union County.
- Toys for Tots: 4 large bags filled with toys were delivered to the Cranford Fire Department and were distributed by the U.S. Marines to families in need.

Staffing

- Administrative staff consists of an Executive Director, an Education Director and 2 part-time administrators.
- The teaching staff consists of 13 teachers, 4 full-time teacher assistants, 4 part-time teacher assistants and 14 aftercare staff.

Special Events

- Tricky Tray Fundraiser 2/17
- Kindergarten Graduation 6/17
- Parent Orientation for 2017-18 school year 8/17
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser 10/17
- Pumpkin Patch 10/17
- Halloween Parade 10/17
- Pajama/book Drive 12/17
- Toys for Tots 12/17
- Christmas Program 12/17

Goals for 2018

- Enhance the spiritual curriculum
- Enhance the Aftercare Program with clubs (Chess club, Checkers club, etc)

- Update the 4 bathrooms
- Replace the entrance doors
- Paint the classrooms and hallways
- Continue to pay back our Debt Service to Trinity Church

TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL - SUMMARY 2017 BUDGET

<u>Beginning Cash Balance 1/2017</u>		\$54,573
Income		
Enrollment Fees/Tuition	708,144	
Summer Camp	33,527	
Donations/Fundraisers	29,541	
total Income		\$771,212
Expenses		
Payroll	545,871	
Supplies	19,401	
Bussing	83,560	
Total Direct Expenses		102,961
Phone/Utilities	20,993	
Copier	3,516	
Advertising	4,403	
Maintenance	7,576	
Snow Removal	1,467	
Training	5,996	
Extracurricular Activities	15,643	
Events/Fundraisers	9,002	
Other Expenses	10,922	
Returned Checks	5,497	
Total Indirect Expenses		85,015
NET REVENUE/(LOSS)		41,731
Debt Service Payments		21,964
Operating Checking Account Ending Balance		69,974

Savings Account Balance

Beg. Balance	28,210	
Deposited Directly to Savings	11,381	
Interest	17	
Ending Balance		39,608

Additional Information:

Special Matching Donations

Donations	6,000
Match	6,000
Used for Trinity Church Debt Service	6,500



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES FOR VESTRY AND DELEGATES

VESTRY MEMBER NOMINEES

Nominees for Junior Warden (one 2-year term)

Al Lehmkuhl has been Warden (one term) and Vestry member (2 terms), and is currently a co-chair of the Stewardship Committee. A member of the congregation since 1976, he has been Youth Advisor (with his wife JoAnn) in the 70's & early 80's, Sunday School teacher in the 80's, Acolyte Warden for 10 years in the mid 80's & 90's, President of the Open Circle (a social group at Trinity) early 80's, in charge of raising funds for the Organ refurbishment in the 90's, worked on Major Gifts Committee for the Church renovation mid-2000's, and server with the Outreach Committee at St. John's, Elizabeth. He is currently a choir member (for the last 25 years), and a member of the Men's Group. Personal info: Al is a cradle Episcopalian; he is married to JoAnn, and they have 3 children (Jennifer, Peter & James). Before retirement, he was owner of Galaxy Coach Limousine Co. for 32 years; he has extensive experience in scheduling and working with people.

Nominees for Vestry (three 3-year terms)

John Beier is recently returned to Trinity and is a faithful member of the Choir. John served the church in several capacities in past years. He was on the Vestry at Trinity Woodbridge, participated in two search committees, was secretary of Vestry at Trinity and the Northern Convocation. He is a Senior Property Manager for the Federal Government and offers a wealth of experience and wisdom. John and his wife Carol live in Cranford, and their daughter Sophie is at College. He loves farming and singing.

Kirstin DiTullio was baptized and confirmed at Calvary Lutheran Church, she joined Trinity in May 2017 and has immersed herself in the spiritual life of the parish. Kirstin regularly attends the offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, participates in the Woman's Bible Study, helps with Trinity's ministry to St John's, and

is involved with Contemplative Outreach in NJ. She worked as a financial controller in the automobile industry for over 30 years and now does consulting work as a Book Keeper, she brings both financial and computer expertise to Trinity. Kirstin lives in Westfield with her husband Paul O'Connor and has 7 children and 3 dogs. She loves art, exercising and helping others.

Lisa Marie LaGreca currently serves Trinity Church as an Usher, Lector and Counter. She also served on the Discernment Committee. Lisa, her wife Allison (current Seminarian), Connor and Daniel began attending Trinity Church in 2010. Lisa and her family reside in Clark since 2009. She is an active Volunteer CASA Member (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for Foster Kids in Union County specializing in Youth age bracket. Lisa currently works at ADP (Automatic Data Processing) for over 16 years migrating clients onto a robust Human Capital Management platform for their PR, HR, Benefits and Recruiting needs. Lisa is a Mentor at her job and an active member of ADP's Pride Committee. During her downtime, Lisa enjoys walking, reading and is currently trying to embrace and enhance her culinary skills while Allison is attending GTS.

Marion Nechuta has been a member of the parish since 1985. Currently she is Co-Superintendent of Sunday School. She has taught teaching Sunday School for 30 years, and currently teaches the Pre-K to Kindergarten Class. In the past, she has taught Confirmation, and has been part of the Executive Building Committee for Trinity II. In 2012, she became the Committee Chair for Outreach and continues to serve in that position. In the past, she served on Vestry for 3 years and was Junior Warden for 2 years. Currently, She is ending her 3 year term and would like to continue on Vestry. She is married to Terry and has two children Erich and Danielle. She was formerly a Lutheran but was received into the Episcopal Church. For the last 13 years, I have been working in the Roselle Park School District as a cook, organizer, shipper of meals for the students.

DELEGATES FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION (3 delegates + 3 alternates)

Tom Cornell has been an Episcopalian for 82 years, and member of Trinity church for 62 years. He has served on the vestry and been both junior and senior warden, and served as a Diocesan Convention delegate. He and Joan have been married 63 years; they have three children and three grandchildren. He retired from NJ Bell in 1991.

Holly Ives was born and raised in Cranford and also was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Church. She has been active in the Vestry, ECW, and Breakfast with Santa. She is currently co-president of the ECW. Holly was a registered nurse at Overlook Hospital for over 35 years.

Linda Kurdilla was born and raised in Cranford and baptized and confirmed here at Trinity Church. She is currently a Stephen Minister as well as a member of the Altar Guild, ECW, and Ushers. Previously she served as Senior Warden of the Vestry, past President of the ECW, Diocese Convention delegate, Northern Convocation delegate, Discernment Committee member, Counter, and Service Auction committee member. Linda has been the Executive Assistant/Office Manager to the CEO of a mortgage company for the last 25 years.

Daniel Rivera is an enthusiastic member of Trinity Episcopal Church and currently serves on our Vestry and as a Eucharistic Minister. Dan is married to Kavita and they live in Cranford with their two children; Matthew and Eliza. He offers significant Information Technology skills and was part of the committee that worked on Trinity's new website.

Tony Vitale has been a Trinity parishioner for the last 23 years, and is the Verger of the parish; he has been a member of the choir, member of the Vestry (twice), Junior Warden, and acolyte master. He brings a variety of talents, including familiarity with the Diocese and the national Church (he was formerly Editor for Church Publishing, Inc., publisher of the BCP and Hymnal 1982).

DELEGATES FOR NORTHERN CONVOCATION (6 delegates + 6 alternates)

Ralph Bianchini has served as warden and is a former member of the Vestry. Formerly employed by AT&T for many years, he is currently a child support probation officer for Middlesex County. And, of course has been married to Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini for 31 years.

Stacey Cooney is a life-long member having been baptized and confirmed at Trinity. She was part of the children's choir, hand bell choir, and served as an acolyte. Stacey is currently the convener of the Acolytes. She works at a public relations agency as an assistant account executive on consumer health brands. Stacey has organizational, writing, and communication skills to employ in the service of the church. She loves to travel and attend concert and sporting events.

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Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini has been a lifelong member of Trinity Church. She is a former vestry member and a former warden. Lynn retired from AT&T after thirty-two years, and has been married to Ralph Bianchini for thirty-one years. Lynn currently is on the Board of Directors for TEDS; she has served on the Stewardship Committee and Altar Guild, and is a member of the Handbell Choir, as well as being a Lector, Usher and Counter.

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Doreen R. Stromko has been a member of Trinity Church for over 20 years. She has served on the Vestry. She is currently co-chair of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), an usher, counter, member of the Outreach Committee, and a helper at Breakfast with Santa. Doreen is a 4th grade teacher in Elizabeth.

Tony Vitale: A Trinity parishioner for the last 22 years, Tony Vitale is the Verger of the parish; he has been a member of the choir, member of the Vestry (twice), Junior Warden, acolyte master, and is currently involved in our website. He brings a variety of talents, including familiarity with the Diocese and the national Church (he was formerly Editor for Church Publishing, Inc., publisher of the BCP and Hymnal 1982).

Jim Willix is a life member of Trinity Church. He is currently an usher and counter. He has been a delegate to Northern Convocation for the past several years. He works as a pest control technician for Viking Termite and Pest Control out of the Mountainside office.

Stephanie Willix began attending Trinity Church in 2003 prior to being married to Jim Willix on April 24, 2004. She is currently a counter and usher, and assisted in the Sunday School. She has been a delegate to Northern Convocation for the past several years. She is a police dispatcher for Kean University in Union.

Appointed for Clerk of the Vestry: Linda Kurdilla

Appointed for Financial Secretary: Joan Cornell

Appointed for Treasurer: Dave Roberts

Appointed for Youth Representative for Vestry: Allison Hosler

The Commissioning of Vestry Members, and Delegates to Convocation and Convention

The Examination

The Presider says

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Presider asks

Are you prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of your duties, to exercise your ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Candidates: I believe we are, with God's help.

Presider: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

The Commissioning Wardens and Members of the Vestry

Sponsor: I present these individuals to be admitted to the ministry of the Vestry in this congregation.

People: The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Presider: I am your servant; grant me understanding;

People: That I may know your decrees.

Let us pray. O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation. I commission you _____ as Warden, and you _____, as Members of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church Cranford.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention & Northern Convocation

Warden: I present to you _____ duly elected by the people and clergy of this diocese as Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, to be commissioned for their ministry.

Warden: I present to you _____ duly elected as Delegates to Northern Convocation to be commissioned for their ministry.

People: Call a solemn assembly, gather the people, assemble the elders, and sanctify the congregation.

Presider: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

The Presider says Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the Delegates. In the passions of debate give them a quiet spirit; in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds; and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your glory and the good of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Delegates.