

# TRINITY PARISH ANNUAL REPORT 2021





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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES February 7, 2021

The following is a recording of the business conducted during the scheduled Annual Meeting Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Parish, St. Augustine, Florida, February 7, 2021. Included by reference are the reports contained in the published Trinity Episcopal Parish 2020 Annual Parish Report.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Matt at 10:00 a.m., who then called on Fr. Ken to deliver the opening prayers for our parish and for the annual meeting.

Fr. Matt continued the meeting by explaining that we are modifying the name of what we're doing because, yes, this is our annual parish meeting, but we're really here to celebrate.

### Approval of the Minutes of the February 9, 2020, Annual Meeting

Fr. Matt called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 9, 2020, meeting. The minutes are available online. Motion made by Sandy Goode to dispense with the reading of last year's minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Felter and passed by voice vote.

### TEP, Inc Report

In the absence of Sonny Shanks, Meredith Belger presented the update. Trinity Square is fully leased with a total of 10 tenants. There is \$1.35 million left on the mortgage which will be paid off the end of 2026. Once the mortgage is paid-in-full a savings of \$55,000 in taxes will be made each year and approximately \$200k in net income per year.

Fr. Matt added, "Burn the mortgage, build a campus!"

### Endowments Report

Marty Mariner, Endowment Board Chair, shared a brief history of the Endowment Board which performed in the top 10% of all endowments. They oversee investments for special funds for church organ, memorial fund, etc. This year Trinity funds grew by 18% to over \$4 million. The Endowment board granted \$70,000 in 2020 with 56% going to Trinity and 44% to neighbors and friends in our community and also to our church in Cuba. They continue to build outreach programs with your support to give to the endowment. He thanked members of the Legacy Society and asked members to look for a "Thank You" event later this year.

### Treasurer's Report: 2020 Revenue & Expenses & "Total Fiscal Footprint"

Mary Lou Belmont, Treasurer, reported that we finished the year strong financially with a year-end surplus of \$121,794. That does include the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funds of \$127,793 that were received from the Federal Government.

The goal is to simplify the financial reporting. Improvements were made to how things are shown to the vestry and to the finance committee. Some checking accounts are being closed and combined with others accounts to make it easier to look at the finances each month.

Our "Footprint" is much larger than our operating budget. We have funds available from St. Catherine's Guild, Endowment Board Grants, Facilities Grants, Bell Restoration and others. Funds are given both inside the church and outside the church. Last year approximately \$196,500 were given outside of Trinity Parish to

various sources thanks to the generosity of Trinity's parishioners and the Operating Budget, St. Catherine's, The Brotherhood, Clergy Discretionary funds and to the Diocesan support.

#### Stewardship Report/2021 Mission Spending Plan

Meredith Belger, Director of Finance, shared that the stewardship campaign stands at 329 pledges received totaling \$1,011,764. To date 98% of the goal has been reached with only \$18,236 remaining. There are 24 new pledges and 193 increased pledges. Parishioner giving is up 26% in the past 2 years.

#### Election of Diocesan Convention Delegates

Fr. Matt continued with the recognition of delegates

Past Delegates: 2020-2021

Belmont (vestry) and Mary Lou Belmont

Serving this year: 2021-2022

Courtney & Leslie Wilson (Delegates)

Sandy Goode (Alternate-vestry)

Election: 2022-2023

Dan & Suzy (vestry) Bagan. Fr. Matt called for a vote for the appointment of the new delegates. The appointment was unanimously approved.

#### Transitions - Fr. Matt Marino

Fr. Matt recognized the current church staff, those who retired in 2020 and the new staff that came on board in 2020 and 2021.

#### Current Staff:

Meredith Belger, Director of Finance and Parish Engagements

Clay Blasser, Sound Engineer

Chris Bodor, Facilities Manager

Amanda Boulier, Director of Children and Video Tech

Louie Boulier, Assistant Video Tech

Susan Lieberman, Parish Administrator

Jouana Murphy, Director of Youth and back up for everything

Cliff Parrish, Organist and Choir Director

Ray Scuderi, Facilities Assistant

Tammy Walthall, Preschool Director

#### Retiring Staff Members - 2020

Mary Lou Belmont, Clerk

Larry Jones, Treasurer

Sandy Goode, Sr. Warden

Cliff Parish: organist

#### New Staff Members - 2020 and 2021

Amanda Boulier, Video Streamer

Mary Lou Belmont, Treasurer

Clay Blasser, Sound Tech

JoAnne Chambers, Clerk

## Vestry Recognitions

He continued with those who retired from the vestry in 2020 and the new vestry members who were added in 2021 in addition to the new Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

### Retiring Vestry Members - 2020

Larry Jones  
Evelyn Fisher  
Dave Rossetter

### New Vestry Members - 2021

Suzy Bagan  
Bruce Belmont  
Darcy Davis  
Grace De Laughter  
Bruce Belmont- Senior Warden  
Ray Johnson - Junior Warden

## Assistant Rector Comments

Fr. Ken began by saying that he was honored to serve as Trinity's Assistant Rector and to be part of a very talented and gifted staff and vestry. He expressed how much he likes working with Fr. Matt and Fr. Curt and how well they work together. He thanked his wife, Beth, for all of her support. Fr. Ken is directly involved in 3 of Trinity's outreach programs. The first one, Mission to Cuba which is our sister parish, San Juan Evangelista Episcopal Church in Bacuranao, Cuba. Trinity supports them financial and also with manpower when we are able. The second, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) does work around the world. It is church wide and world wide. ERD is the Episcopal representation of that relief work from natural disasters that happen around the world. The third is Habitat for Humanity - Trinity sponsors the front door of every new home built by Habitat. In addition to financial support Trinity also provides work equity, sweat labor.

## Associate Rector Comments

Fr. Curt leads Discipleship and is the Associate Rector for family ministries. He expressed that he and his family feel incredibly blessed to be part of Trinity Parish. He explained that family ministries at Trinity exists to help moms, dads, and children grow closer together, grow in intimacy with Jesus together and offer hope to families who are far away from the Lord. Most importantly we have Jesus to offer people who are without hope right now. He and his team are meeting families where they are right now and inviting them back to worship. A monthly family night service is held where families can worship God and receive the eucharist together. Several programs are available for these families to help them grow together to love and serve the Lord. Environments for Moms to get together away from their kids and to learn from each other are available. Opportunities for dads to spend time with their children and help them to grow spiritually are also provided. There is also the opportunity for married couples to be together away from their children to grow and develop their relationship together. Fr. Curt expressed how important it is that we welcome new families with children with open arms.

## Senior Warden Comments

Bruce Belmont, Sr. Warden, addressed the church goals of living into our new size that were set in 2020. He said we need to operate as a "resource parish" (400+) rather than a "program-parish" (225-400). He said the process has begun to change the structure of how we manage and how the vestry works with the church. StratOp was brought in to help the vestry and staff work together to envision where we have been, where we

are and where we are going. Vestry and staff will stay aligned in working through all of our ministries and missions to help align and strengthen what we do at Trinity.

Meredith created a new modern process and a team to connect with newcomers and to welcome our parishioners back to worship.

Trinity Parish has re-introduced ourselves to our community through our website, signage, branding, and is also strengthening and building relationships in our community. Much of this building of relationship has been done by Fr. Matt. He has been amazing with his outreach in our community with the different leaders and the organizations here.

Fr. Curt is focused on strengthening our programs and building our youth and family ministries.

He went on to say that the vestry has been working on finding new ways to integrate people into the faith and our community. Through the leadership of Marty and Julie Mariner two 14-week Alpha programs have been presented online. Covid, among some other things, has led to a number of challenges for Trinity. The pastoral care needed to be strengthened. It was made a top priority in 2020 to assist the clergy with Covid support, phone ministry, zoom Monday prayer and lay Eucharistic ministries. These are all strong ministries that help us support our families. We also began building partnerships with our African American clergy and congregations in our community.

He said that ministry and mission, Dining with Dignity, Sharing the Feast, telephone prayer team, Thrift Shop and Brotherhood of St. Andrew have all been really strong this year in the midst of the pandemic.

We are working on creating a new ADA handicapped access in and out of the building and moving the handicapped parking area.

As a result of the tremendous growth and influx of people into St. Johns County Trinity has grown. We are in the beginning of building a partnership with the bishop and the Episcopal Schools to create a second campus in the northwest section of the county.

In 2020 Trinity led the diocese' Holy Week Experience. Fr. Matt created service entitled Service of Shadows. We had 12,000 views on our service that day.

Bruce further added that through the efforts of Fr. Matt, Fr. Ken and Fr. Curt the young adults group is growing.

Another activity during 2020 was the kickoff and preparation for our bicentennial. There are many activities planned throughout 2021. Most importantly was the restoration of our 1842 bell which was a labor of love from start to finish.

## Rector Comments

Fr. Matt began by addressing the changes that last year has brought about. 2020 was filled with challenges which have changed everyone. We are not the same as individuals or as a church as we were a year ago. We are going to do two things as we engage in a year of new feelings. We are going to embrace a culture of invitation and step further into being a community of justice.

Alpha will help with the culture of invitation. The old Alpha is vastly different. The new Alpha will give you a new joy in Jesus and a new joy in watching others discover Jesus. It will change you and lead to that culture of invitation where you bring a friend.

He explained that we will continue to grow in being a community of justice. Today's readings spoke of Jesus's ministry of healing and of Paul making himself a slave to all in order to reach more people. God will strengthen us as we step out in love to serve others. The secular world will not be able to hold on without the grounding in to the God who made us and loves us all. He went on to say that we will embrace new partnerships in our community across denominations and culture barriers. Fr. Curt will help us step into servicing families and the music ministry will be broadened. We will find sustainable ways to connect with one

another and to align ministry and mission with clergy, vestry, staff and members. Join us in going after what God is leading us into.

#### Questions

Question: Are we going to have an assistant for Susan?

Answer: Fr. Matt said we are hoping for an army of volunteers to help Susan.

If there are any additional questions, please contact one of the clergy or one of the vestry.

#### Motion to Adjourn

Fr. Matt gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Chambers, Vestry Clerk

## **Rev. Matt Marino, Rector**

Let me introduce you to a saint you have probably never heard of: St. Anskar. He is commemorated in our Lesser Feasts and Fasts on February 4th.

Born in what is now France, Anskar was a monk who, upon receiving visions of God calling him beyond the German borders, left his monastery in Corvey (which is a UNESCO world heritage site - a hard place to leave!) to become the evangelist of Northern Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. He labored for thirty-nine years with earnest devotion and with great success from AD 826-865.

Anskar preached the Gospel of salvation, built hospitals, redeemed captives, and persuaded the chief men of Saxony to give up their lucrative slave trade as contrary to the faith. Anskar overcame many obstacles and suffered many reversals in his endeavors for Christ. When Hamburg was burnt by the Norsemen, Anskar lost his church, monastery, library, and all his personal property. Rather than quit in discouragement, Anskar quoted Job, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord!" Then he set to work again, even making a friend of the heathen king who had led the attack.

Each time Anskar moved it was as a result of visions combined with the Word of God. Before his trip to evangelize Sweden, Anskar had a vision in which God spoke Isaiah 49:6 to him, "I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Since the end of the world in the north was in Swedish territory, he went to Sweden. Anskar, was eventually made archbishop of Hamburg and Bremen, and is known today as "The Apostle of the North."

I pray that at Trinity Parish we would be captivated by the love of God and a spirit of obedience to the Scriptures that Anskar had: That we would be looking for and listening attentively to the voice of God. That we would test these visions by Holy Scripture. And that we would boldly step into God's calling to extend the Good News of Jesus to the "nations" that are moving here. Friends, let's stack hands that we will extend the Good News of Jesus in both word and deed, regardless of the personal cost, to a world that increasingly needs to know that God is with them and for them.

## **Fr. Ken Herzog, Assistant Rector (Outreach and Pastoral Care)**

- I am honored to be part of a truly great staff!
- I serve as: Co-Chaplain of TELC with Fr. Curt Benham, Chaplain of DOK and Prayer Ministry, Co-Chair of the Pastoral Care Ministry with Sandy Goode, Co-Chair of Habitat and Cuba Committee with Alex Quintard.
- The members of the Pastoral Care Ministry have become more organized in an effort to offer support to each and every parishioner who has pastoral care needs. There is now a pastoral care link on our website to better enhance direct communication with our ministers.
- I served on the Stewardship Committee and through the leadership of Mrs. Meredith Belger and the committee, we are 97% of the way toward our 2022 Stewardship Goal.
- Discover Class averaged 6-8 persons/Sunday: this past December, Trinity had 8 persons for Confirmation, 12 who were Received into the Episcopal Church, and 2 who Renewed Baptismal Vows.
- I make weekly contact with Sunday visitors/newcomers and assist them with parish life.
- This Year: I want to become a better priest by offering more support to the rector, clergy, and staff.

## **Fr. Curt Benham, Associate Rector (Grow and Family Ministry)**

*Family Ministry at Trinity exists to help moms, dads, and children grow closer together, grow in intimacy with Jesus, and offer hope to families who are far away from the Lord.*

## **2021 Highlights**

-Ongoing intentional ministry engagement with TELC families, many of whom are now members or regular attenders of Trinity.

- Helped to create an engaging worship environment for families to “come back” to.
- New ministry initiative, *R.E.A.L. Moms*, led by Darcy Davis, Kari Marino, and Jouana Murphy, ministers to hundreds of moms at Trinity and in the wider community through large gatherings and small groups Bible studies.
- Successful Men’s Retreat at Camp Weed in November – springboard for wider and ongoing ministry to men and dads at Trinity and in the community. 30 men attended.
- Trinity North project – served on the lead team implementing strategy for real estate acquisition, building plans, and campus operational planning.
- Successfully launched a home group ministry that will continue to serve as a biannual Alpha Course follow-up. 50+ people attended.

## 2022 Goals Highlights

- Building and implementing dads ministry (compliment to REAL Moms)
- Implementing missional opportunities for families
- Marriage retreat
- Casting vision for our entire parish to move forward in mission to reach St. John’s County with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while developing a launch team for the Trinity North Campus.

## Jouana Murphy, Youth Director

Trinity’s Youth are blessed beyond words. I would like to thank our parents for their vast support, strength, encouragement, and mainly for instilling to their kids the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ outside of this Church. And to the parishioners, your undying generous support and encouragement does not go unnoticed. Because of you, we can equip our youth with life lessons, fellowship, a community, and the ability to live out their faith in the world.

This past year we are continuing our “If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat.” Like all others are adapting, adjusting, trusting, in an effort reach our hands out towards Christ and more importantly move beyond the four walls of our Church.

While we are still adjusting and learning, we will strive for new opportunities and new ways to grow closer with each other and most importantly in Christ this year. We have recently partnered with Pastor Laverne at Living Waters in quarterly gatherings of “Taking pride in the West Side.”

Our Sunday night Bible Studies continue to evolve around lectionary teachings and life lessons our kids are facing in the world today. Our Sunday evenings are open for those who are 6th grade through 12th grade.

## Bruce Belmont, Senior Warden

- Had a wonderful bicentennial celebration!
- Chancel re-arrange (mostly completed)
- Appointment of Chancellor (Rob Cook)
- StratOp Training and Implementation
- Trinity North Project
  - Land search and acquisition
  - Completed conceptual design
  - Identified, hired Campaign company: Horizons
  - “Feasibility Study” completed by 2/20/22
  - Executing detailed designs for Phase 1 (Fellowship & School)
- Bylaws Update (Alex Wilson)
  - Electronic voting
  - TELC added
  - Additional Campuses
  - Change # of Vestry to 9 from 12

## Alpha

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. It's a series of conversations focused on the questions of life, faith and meaning. We meet for a social time, watch a video, and then have a group discussion and learn what participants think about the topic.

Trinity Parish was reintroduced to the new and improved Alpha series in January 2020 which was done via Zoom. The first in the spring with over seventy participating and the second in the fall with over eighty participating. An Alpha team of over twenty-five volunteers have made this possible. In addition to the two series, we have held four training sessions and two reunions in 2021. Several Alpha breakout groups have had additional group activities and studies.

Plans for 2022 include an Alpha Series starting in February in person and an additional Alpha Series starting in September.

While these numbers are impressive the real story is the lives changed and deepened faith. Recent quotes include:

- "Alpha offered a great opportunity to ask some questions I had without feeling judged. It also made me more confident to talk about my faith with others!"
- "Alpha provides a safe and encouraging environment to explore one's faith, ask the difficult questions, and bond with a group of great people. I wouldn't have missed it for the world! I made new friends and best of all, my friendship with Jesus grew significantly too."

Alpha could not be possible without the strong support of the clergy, vestry, committed hosts, helpers, a prayer team, and the support of Alpha-USA. We look forward to March 19, 2022, when Alpha will be held in Trinity Hall in person.

The Alpha Team

## Altar Guild

Many changes have taken place within the church since the Altar Guild was established in 1905 but the purpose of the guild has not changed.

In the past 2 years, Covid restrictions have created temporary changes, along with the new position of the altar which presented challenges.

The Altar Guild members remain dedicated to serving the Lord, our priests, our deacon and our congregation during times of worship and praise.

It is an honor and privilege to be in this ministry.

Submitted by Kay H. Puckett, Tammy Delaporte

## Bicentennial

Members: Ron & Nancy Birchall, Ray & Judy Johnson, Courtney & Leslie Wilson, Chris & Mary Beth Bodor, Fr. Matt & Kari Marino, Claudia Smith, Sandy Goode, JoAnne Chambers, Sheila Greenleaf, Susan Lieberman, Nancy & Dave Rossetter, Patti Dale.

Planning began on October 15, 2019. Meetings were held monthly during 2020 and 2021, some in-person, some on "Zoom."

**Bell Restoration:** 178 years of deterioration had rendered our 1842 church bell inoperable. Generous parishioners contributed \$20,000 and Mrs. Janet Wesson matched this amount in honor of her husband, Bill Wesson, covering the \$40,000 restoration. Long-time parishioner, Jack Daly, gave the first ring of the restored bell on January 3, 2021.

**Andrew Fowler:** Local historian and actor, Roger Smith, assumed the role of Trinity's founder. Information about Andrew Fowler can be found in the archives.

**Media publicity:** Chris Bodor, Publicity Chair, arranged extensive coverage with assorted media outlets to publicize our “year” in print, online, and television outlets.

**History:** Sheila Greenleaf compiled “Bicentennial Bits” published in each 2021 Sunday bulletin. She also wrote additional articles for Trinity’s seasonal “Tidings” newsletter.

**Founders Day Social:** Sheila Greenleaf organized a grand old fashioned Founder’s Day Social for June 26, 2021. It featured a fried chicken lunch, pie judging contest, cake walk, and fun for all. Maybe this can be an annual event!

**Proclamations:** Proclamations recognizing our 200th from the city of St. Augustine and St. Johns County were presented by Mayor Upchurch and County Commissioner Blocker.

**200th plaque:** Patti Dale designed a bicentennial plaque purchased by St. Catherine’s Guild. Plaque will be placed in Spring 2022.

**Archives:** Nancy Birchall and Sheila Greenleaf organized our archive room. With the help of many “Archive Angels”, most of the documents are now in fireproof file drawers and are being scanned and filed digitally.

Lecture series: Courtney Wilson chaired a quarterly Lecture Series presenting interesting and well-attended historical programs.

**Cradle Rocking Ceremony:** Sheila Greenleaf found and purchased a cradle to revive the old Trinity custom of “rocking” to introduce new babies to the church each summer.

**Bicentennial Sunday:** Bicentennial Sunday was celebrated on October 17 from the 1787 Book of Common Prayer. The Sunday school hour featured a Confirmation and Bishop Howard and his wife, Marie, were honored guests. Breakfast sandwiches and cake were served and toasts with sparkling cider were raised in honor of the occasion.

**Time Capsule:** Nancy Rossetter, Leslie Wilson gathered items for our Time Capsule. Mike Bacon built a handsome container. It was placed in the lobby wall on December 26, 2021. It is scheduled to be opened 2046.

Special thanks to JoAnne Chambers for providing timely Minutes of our proceedings; and to Susan Lieberman, Staff interface, for setting up our Zoom meetings and Kari Marino for designing logo and flier designs.

#### **COVID delayed Future Events:**

Ladies Tea – St. Catherine’s Guild, May 7, 2022

Bicentennial Gala – Gala Committee, October 7, 2022

Plaque Dedication – Patti Dale - TBD

Submitted by Ron and Nancy and The Bicentennial Committee

#### **Cursillo**

Cursillo, meaning “a short course in Christianity”, is an international program of spiritual renewal supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. Trinity has been involved in the Cursillo movement for decades. It begins for parishioners (“pilgrims”) when they are taken by their sponsors to attend a special weekend of instruction, worship, prayer and Christian fellowship.

Cursillo weekends, on hold for two years because of the pandemic, will be starting up again this March. Pilgrim and Team registration for the March weekend is happening now.

Monthly Cursillo group reunions hosted by nearby Episcopal churches (“Ultreyas”), will also be re-starting in February. An Ultreya is a pot-luck dinner and fellowship followed by a program and Eucharist. Our whole church family is invited. Trinity will be hosting on February 11th and during another month later in the year.

If you would like to experience a weekend of learning and becoming closer to Christ with the goal of leading others to do the same, please pick up a Cursillo brochure in the foyer literature rack. Read it and pray about

attending. Then contact one of our priests, Faith Jones or Laurie Keller for further guidance through the application process. Cursillo is highly recommended by Bishop Howard and our clergy.

Submitted by Laurie Keller and Faith Jones, Trinity Cursillo Co-Coordinator

## **Daughters of the King**

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a spiritual, praying International Order for women in the Episcopal Church and churches with the historic Episcopate. Our Mission is "The extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism." We accomplish this by following a Rule of Life incorporating a Rule of Prayer and a Rule of Service.

This year we focused on inspiring spiritual growth and development, strengthening our call to service and evangelism, nurturing and growing our members, raising up and mentoring new leaders, fostering community and building connections, and instilling a spirituality of giving.

Focusing on prayer, the DOK maintains the Trinity Parish Prayer List. Names are submitted and prayed for daily for a month.

Our main service project is organizing and hosting funeral receptions for the Parish. Due to COVID restrictions, we were only able to host 5 funeral receptions in 2021.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets lap robes and shawls which are blessed and then given to those who are ill and need comfort. Eight prayer shawls were gifted this year.

The DOK welcomed Michael Giuliani and his family with a "Pounding." Daughters brought a pound of this and a pound of that to fill the pantry of their new home. We also donated to the Angel Tree at Christmas.

We invite all women of the parish to visit our meetings where we learn, pray, and grow together.

For His Sake, Angela Bean

## **Docents**

Docents tell the story of the church to the visiting public, sharing the history and beauty of Trinity with many tourists from all over the globe.

As we add new faces we will add more days for tours and sharing the joy of God's presence in this holy place. If you are interested in becoming a docent contact Kay Puckett at [kayhpuckett@hotmail.com](mailto:kayhpuckett@hotmail.com).

Submitted by Kay H. Puckett

## **The Endowment Fund**

Overview - The Endowment Fund and Board of Trinity Parish had a good and active year despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Investment performance, which allowed the granting of over \$84,000 to be distributed in February 2022 was good, resulting in a growth of approximately eleven percent. I am pleased to report that our fund's performance continues to rank in the top ten percent of all endowment funds.

Performance - As of December 31, 2020 the total investment balance of the four endowment funds along with the additional managed funds was \$4,193,805.28 which then grew to \$4,707,935 as of December 31, 2021. The individual Endowment fund balances at the end of 2021 are as follows: The General Endowment fund- \$950,637; Youth Endowment Fund - \$125,537; Youth Scholarship Fund- \$133,471; Capital Endowment Fund for facilities- \$681,315. Managed funds include Thorn Restoration & Maintenance Fund- \$1,124,350 Organ Fund- \$106,934; Adult Continuing Ed/Scholarship- \$80,082; Capital Reserve Contingency- \$434,559; Clergy Continuing Education/Sabbatical- \$82,030; the Memorial Garden Fund- \$47,373; the Johanna Trust TELC, \$610,398; and the Strategic Mission Development fund \$264,003 .

Grants - The vestry approved the grants proposed by the board of just over \$84,000 this year to be distributed in 2022. Grants were made from the general fund of \$15,000 to Hard Luck Athletics to support the non-profit Recovery Rx Corp. \$1,000 to the food pantry, \$6,080 to Pie in the Sky, \$4,000 to TELC, \$14,000 to the Emergency Service & Homeless Coalition , \$3,500 to St. Francis House, \$500 to the Union Correctional prison ministry, \$2000 to Trinity for a training video, \$2,000 to the Wildflower Healthcare Clinic, \$2,400 to Habitat for Humanity. From the Capital Endowment Fund \$7,500 to Trinity Parish for choir microphones, cabling and an additional cameras, and \$25,000 for the ADA project. From the Youth Fund to the Youth mission trip scholarships (\$2000), and Camp Weed scholarships (\$1700).

Legacy Membership - The Endowment Fund and the opportunity we have to support our parish and local outreach, only exists because of the generous giving and commitment to give of its Legacy Members. Legacy Members either give or commit to give to the Endowment Fund. Please see our Rector or one of us to take advantage of this opportunity. To all of you who have done so, we and future generations owe our gratitude.

Mrs. Tara Strickland completed her term, Mr. Jack Crocker resigned after several years on the Board and Mr. Martin Mariner completed his second term. Mrs. Angela Bean, Mr. Art Thomas, and Mr. Chris Delaporte were appointed by the vestry to fill the three vacancies.

Respectfully Submitted, Martin R. Mariner, Chairman January 20, 2022

2021 Endowment Board Members include, Mr. Doc DeLaughter , Mr. Ralph Kline, Mr. Scott Kophamer, Mr. Martin Mariner, Mr. Al Ness and Mrs. Tara Strickland, along with our Senior Warden, Treasurer, and Rector

### **Sunday Healing Prayer Ministry**

Prayer is foundational in the life and health of the church. The Sunday Healing Prayer Ministry continued through 2021 with teams praying during the 9:00 and 11:15 services. When needed, there were teams in Trinity Hall for the part of the congregation that met there.

Members of the Prayer Ministry have also been meeting weekly in a Zoom meeting, the "Prayer Room" to pray for the needs of the Parish. Also, the Prayer Ministry holds in person meetings on the first Thursday of the month September through May. These meetings are open to all and consist of prayer, study and ministry discussion.

For more information, contact Paul and Rose Zerra, lay leaders at przerra@gmail.com or Father Ken, spiritual leader.

Submitted by Paul & Rose Zerra

### **Memorial Garden**

What a joy and pleasure it is to be a part of the small but dedicated team of gardeners who tend to the Memorial Garden and Seymour Courtyard.

With the use of their time and talents, the gardens remain places of beauty and peace while honoring and remembering our loved ones.

Join us in our endeavors on Thursday mornings. "You may not be good in the garden but the garden may be good for you"

Submitted by Kay H. Puckett

## Share the Feast

**Ministry Purpose:** Give each Trinity parishioner an opportunity to share their blessings with a family in need. By purchasing ingredients for a hardy Easter and Thanksgiving meal or contributing financially we that each family identified receives a holiday meal and warm holiday greeting from our Trinity family.



**Clergy Contact:** Fr. Ken Herzog

**Participants:** Open to all parishioners

**Budget:** \$2,625 used to purchase grocery gift cards for each bag. In 2021 cards were paid for by cash donations (\$2,085.00) from parishioners.

**Community Partners:** **Emergency Services Homeless Coalition, Chapin Street Campus and the North Florida Community Action Agency** . These agencies identify families and provide family size information to the committee.

**Collection and Assembly:** Working together, the eleven members of the Share the Feast Committee ready the bags for distribution to the congregation, collect the bags as they come in, insure each bag has ample supplies and prepare them for distribution.

**Distribution:** In 2021 recipients came to Trinity to receive their bags and were warmly welcomed by Fr. Ken and volunteers from the Brotherhood and Share the Feast Committee.

### **2021 Community Impact:**

Located largely in the West Augustine communities we served the following:

**Easter:** 120 family units: 140 children ages 3 months to 17 years.

**Thanksgiving:** 96 family units: 109 children ages newborn-17 years.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Nisler

## **St Catherine's Guild**

St Catherine's Guild purpose statement is to build a community of women for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service; provide all women the opportunity to find a place in the Trinity Parish family and to assist them in following the mission/ vision of Trinity Parish.

In 2021 St Catherine's Guild met the months of Jan-may and the Sept-Dec for a total of nine meetings. Speakers included several members of Trinity including Dr. Allan Daniel, a geriatric specialist, and Haley Kirk and Cliff Parrish with a music presentation. Other programs included a presentation from the Homeless Coalition, Fostering Connections, the Sheriffs dept K-9 unit, The Farm, INK!, and St augustine Art Association. St Catherine's ECW brought together 25-30 women each month for fellowship, devotions, programs and Guild business.

The Guild manages the operations of the Trinity thrift shop and through the funds generated from sales we provide financial assistance to Trinity Parish and to numerous community outreach programs. St. Catherine's women volunteer weekly to sort, price, stock and work in the thrift store. Financial details may be found in the Thrift Shop report.

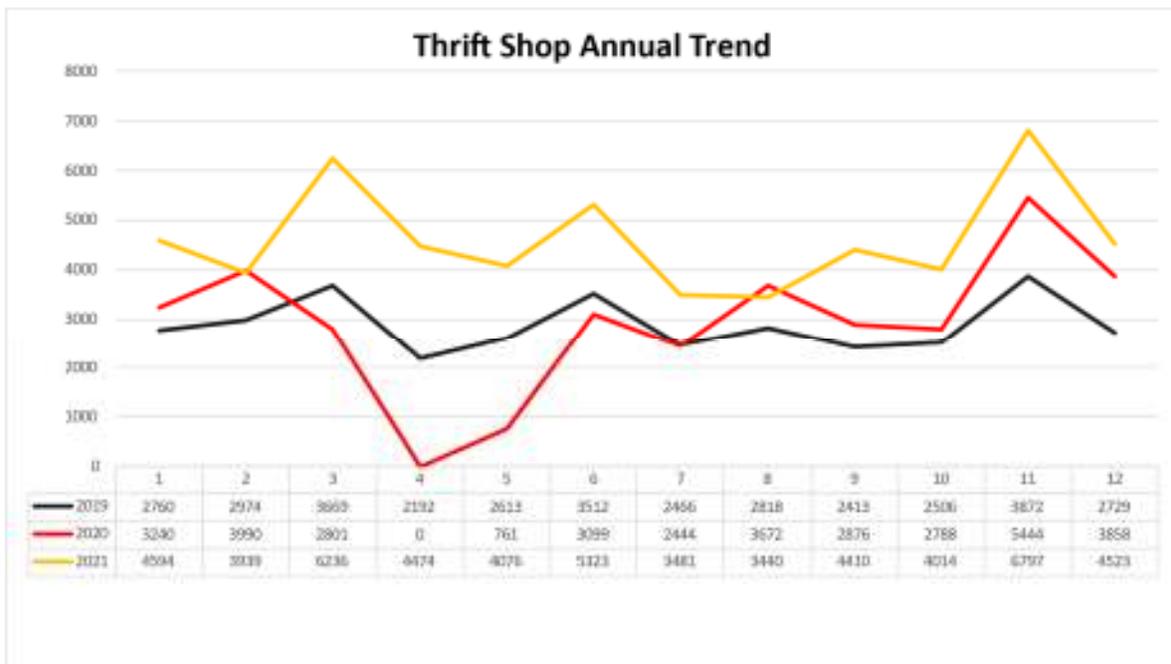
Respectfully submitted, Claudia Smith

**The Thrift Shop**

The shop has had an unprecedented year thanks to the Tuesday team, shop volunteers and all the generous donors. We are located in a unique location: weekly regular customers and then all of the visitors who are excited to find our quaint shop. Many have told us they visit our shop every time they come to St. Augustine. We are awed by the blessings and growth of our shop. Below is the 3-year trend graph.

Thank you for your continued support.

Submitted by Evelyn Fisher, Shop Coordinator



**St. Francis Housing Crisis Center (formerly St. Francis House)**

St. Francis House is still being Covid cautious and operating with safety measures. The kitchen is off limits for volunteers. The staff dishes out meals and serves the residents.

Our devoted Trinity volunteers continue to prepare and deliver nutritious meals for the residents every 3rd Tuesday. The full menu remains the same: 3 pasta, meat & cheese casseroles; green beans, salad, dinner rolls and cookies.

We long for the day when we can be "hands on" but know this ministry is overwhelming appreciated by the staff and all the residents with our monthly meals.

Submitted by Peggy Kelly, SFH Dinner Coordinator

## St. John Ecumenical Ministry – Food Pantry

The SJEM is the only food pantry in St. John’s County that is open 5 days a week. Other local pantries referred individuals to SJEM.

Many improvements (to name a few) were tackled in 2021:

- “Pantry” pickup truck was purchased to haul the refrigerated trailer.
- St. Catherine’s Guild donated a new refrigerator.
- Updated signage to highlight the Pantry’s location.
- A new gate to exit on Madeore St. was installed to improve traffic flow.
- The Brotherhood upgraded the loading dock.
- Front & back awnings were installed to protect clients & volunteers from the elements.

\$25 Gift cards were given out again during the Christmas holidays. We continue to be grateful for The Brotherhood as they continue to pick up food, deliver it, and stock it on the shelves. It was a very busy year! Review the bag count numbers.

Submitted by Peggy Kelly, Trinity’s SJEM Board Member

2021	
MONTH	# BAGS
JANUARY	1759
FEBRUARY	1560
MARCH	1702
APRIL	2068
MAY	1808
JUNE	1951
JULY	2296
AUGUST	1919
SEPTEMBER	2173
OCTOBER	2299
NOVEMBER	3098
DECEMBER	3379
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26,012</b>

## Trinity Episcopal Learning Center

- The current enrollment for the early education program is 75 students and 15 staff members. This is up considerably from last year. We reopened our upstairs classroom and took over the Sunday School room across the hall. This makes a total of 6 classrooms.
- Currently the school contributes \$10,000 annually to the Parish budget. This money covers the use of the facilities and utilities.
- Our fundraising efforts brought in just over \$20,000 last school year. This paid for a bathroom remodel, new storage cabinets, and all the equipment, supplies and materials for the two new classrooms upstairs.
- The Learning Center revamped our hours for 2020/21 to accommodate more working parents. This year we added extended hours until 4:30.

Submitted by Tammy Walthall, TELC Director

## Treasurer’s Report - Financial Summary 2021

2021 Income

- Budget: \$1,357,030    Actual: \$1,407,643
  - Parking lot income was \$75,757 over budget!
  - \$64,000 was collected in un-pledged gifts
  - We were unable to hold the Golf Tournament again in 2021
  - \$22,500 in pledges went uncollected

2021 Expenses

- Budget: \$1,337,023    Actual: \$1,322,933

2021 Income less Expenses: +84,700

Submitted by Mary Lou Belmont and Meredith Belger

### **TEP/Trinity Square**

- Fully leased - Nine tenants. One tenant assumed the lease of another, in order to expand.
- Mortgage Balance \$1,176,452
- Mortgage retires December 2026.
- "Paid in full" will net us:
  - \$55,000 savings in taxes
  - More than \$200,000 net income to parish

Burn the mortgage, build a campus!

Submitted by Meredith Belger

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**Clergy:** The Rev. Matt Marino, Rector, The Rev. Ken Herzog, Assistant Rector, The Rev. Curt Benham, Associate Rector

**2021 Vestry:** Bruce Belmont, Sr. Warden, Ray Johnson, Jr. Warden, Jean Aclin, Ann Ashworth, Suzy Bagan, Darcy Davis, Grace DeLaughter, Sandy Goode, Bob May, Dwight Miller, Tara Strickland, Mary Lou Belmont, Treasurer