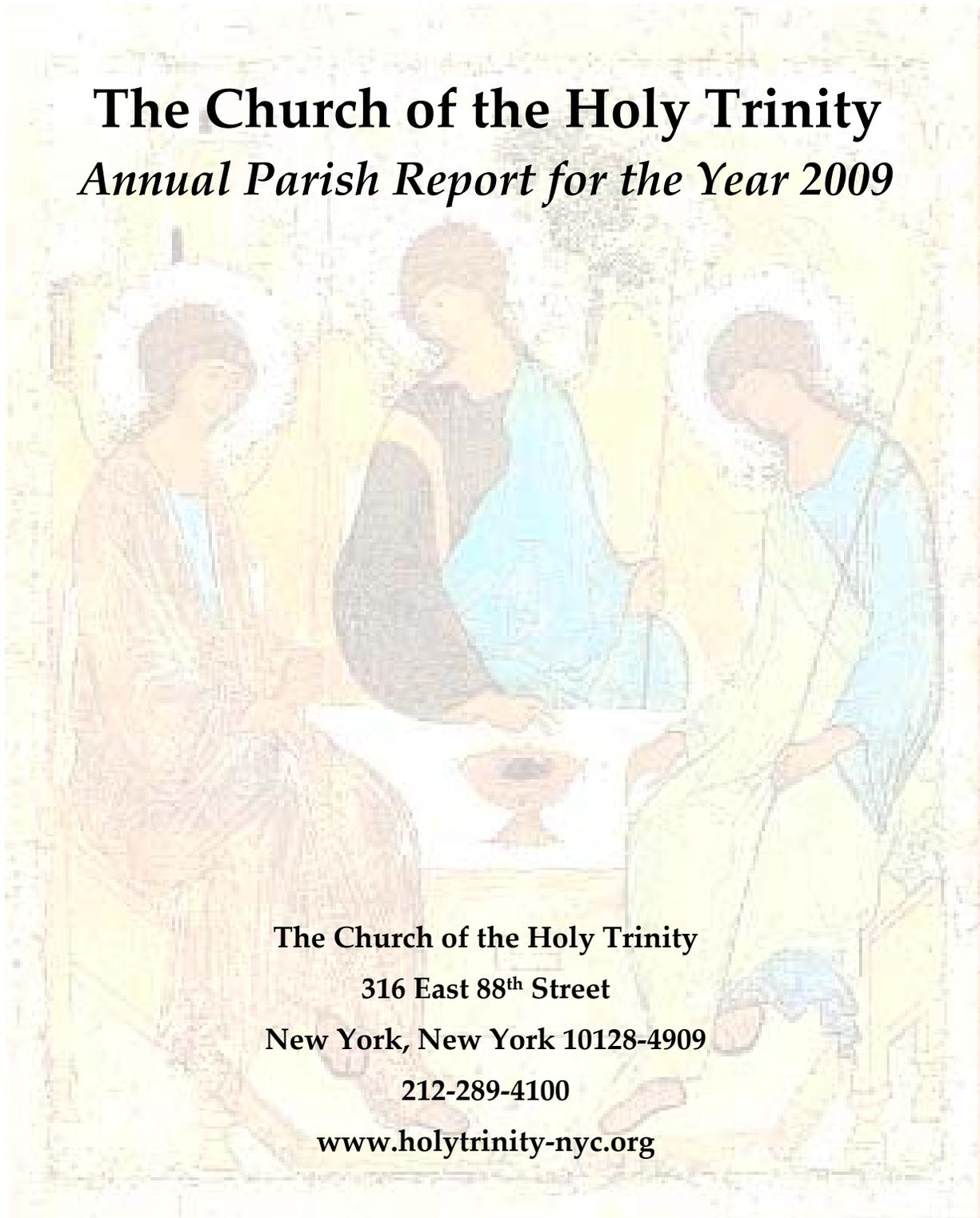


# **The Church of the Holy Trinity** *Annual Parish Report for the Year 2009*



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*The Icon of the Holy Trinity by Andrei Rublev*

**The Rev. Michael A. Phillips, *Rector***  
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## The Clergy

The Rev. Michael A. Phillips, *Rector*  
The Rev. K. Jeanne Person, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. Paul B. Feuerstein, *Priest Associate*  
The Rev. Richard Smith, *Priest Associate*  
The Rev. Stephanie Shockley, *Deacon*

## The Seminarian

Jules Jodko

## The Vestry

Jeffrey Babson	Elizabeth Poole, <i>Clerk of the Vestry</i>
Frances Eberhart, <i>Warden</i>	Jacqueline Price
Jean Geater	Rob Morton, <i>Treasurer</i>
James Iredell	James Synk
Steve Knight	Beatrice Tompkins, <i>Warden</i>
William Minifie	Susan Valdes-Dapéna

## The Staff

Mary Ausman	<i>Director, Yorkville Arts Academy &amp; Sunday School</i>
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Arold Dorsinvil	<i>Sexton</i>
Stephen Fraser	<i>Associate Minister of Music</i>
Dr. Stephen Hamilton	<i>Minister of Music</i>
Annie Sofield Reed	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Ozell Ryant	<i>Sexton</i>

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## THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
January 25, 2009 at 12:30 P.M.

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The Annual Meeting of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 East 88<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY was held on January 25, 2009.

The Rector, the Reverend Michael A. Phillips, called the meeting to order and led the parish in prayer.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting – MOTION made and PASSED to approve the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting as submitted.

Election of new Vestry and Warden – Michael reviewed the criteria for being eligible to vote in the election of Vestry members and Wardens. Polls are open from 9am to 7pm.

Warden Dudley Stone described the work of the Vestry Nominating Committee, comprised of outgoing Vestry members Inez Lambert, Betsy Forster, John Tucker, John Hatheway and parishioner Chris Doyle. He and Michael held a Vestry orientation meeting with all of the 2009 candidates. This year there are more candidates than there are open spots on the Vestry; a reflection of the willingness of parishioners to serve the church. Votes will be tallied on Monday, January 26, 2009, by Dudley and John Hatheway.

The Rector's Message – Michael began by thanking the Hospitality Committee members for the food at the Annual Meeting, and he thanked the parishioners who host and provide food for Sunday Coffee Hour, as well.

He said the past year included Holy Trinity's involvement in the ordination of three people and commented on their passion, character and commitment. Sunday School leaders Nick Joy and Patti Coyle moved to California. Milos Jovanovic retired for health reasons. None of these people will be replaced because the parish has a deficit budget for 2009. Jim Synk leads a team of volunteers who welcome and incorporate new people into the life of the parish. They held a successful newcomer brunch and follow up with attendees to help them get involved. The Sunday School is being run completely by volunteers, as is the youth group. Michael emphasized that the volunteers can deepen their own faith by participating in these activities. Regular worship is the start of the Christian journey; not its end. Manhattan Together is the next step for us as a Christian community. It's a methodology, not a specific program, that can also help us deepen our faith.

Michael thanked each departing Vestry member, Inez Lambert, John Tucker, John Hatheway and Betsy Forster, along with outgoing Warden Dudley Stone.

Warden's Report – Dudley stated that we face increasing challenges such as our finances, annual turnover of parishioners and greater needs in the community. The Vestry used the Mutual Study of Ministry, working with Michael and a Diocesan consultant, to assess our situation. Several new initiatives emerged from this effort. As a parish, we need to attract new members, get new volunteers, and improve our newsletter, website, and Wednesday evening Christian Education.

On the plus side, Parish Administrator Erlinda Brent is generating lots of funds for the parish through the use of our buildings -- \$10,500 for filming last week and \$25,000 in 2008. We finished the repointing project on the transepts. The shelter was open almost every night of 2008. Sunday School was successful, with a splendid Christmas pageant led by Associate Minister of Music Stephen Fraser and parishioner Mary Ausman. There was a great "bluegrass and BBQ" event led by Minister of Music Stephen Hamilton. We fed almost 300 homebound neighbors on Thanksgiving. Triangle Theater and Vestry member Bill Minifie held successful fundraisers. Phil Gammage is our new webmaster and will be updating Holy Trinity's website in a few weeks. Dudley thanked Lillian Bunth and her crew for all their work with the Thrift Shop and Senior Lunch. He thanked Michael, especially for his sermons; the volunteer clergy, seminarians and staff, plus Karen Dumonet and Karen Goodell for their work on the pledge campaign. He thanked Warden Franny Eberhart and departing Vestry members for their efforts and the whole congregation for their faithful service.

Pledge Campaign – Karen Dumonet and Karen Goodell reported that many people have increased their pledge amounts for 2009, and many others were able to maintain their pledge amount from last year, which is an achievement in this financial climate. The campaign goal is \$510,000, getting pledgers to move up a pledge tier, and 100% participation.

2009 Budget – Parish Treasurer Jim Sheker told the parish this year's budget requires more income from the use of our buildings. We finished 2008 with a deficit of \$64,000. The largest single cause was utility costs, which should come down in 2009 due to lower prices and energy conservation measures we've taken. In 2009 we'll be paying Associate Rector Jeanne Person at the Diocesan minimum. The projected deficit for 2009 is \$30,000. We are challenged by flat pledge income and a flat number of pledges. Fund-raising has been difficult, also. Jim said it was a pleasure to serve as Parish Treasurer for the past four years. He is stepping down because he and his family have moved to Larchmont, NY.

Investment Committee Report – Jean Geater explained that the Investment Committee is responsible for the investments of the Church's Endowment Fund and the Property Preservation Trust. The Committee – Michael, John Brim, Franny Eberhart, Samuel (Tony) Milbank, Stafford Reynolds, Dick Schumacher, Jim Sheker and Linzie Tompkins -- works with Fiduciary Trust. In 2008 the S&P 500 Index was down 37%. Our General Endowment went down by 18% and we transferred \$73,000 from it for the church's operating budget. The Property Preservation Trust decreased by 19% and we withdrew \$65,000 for building repairs and maintenance. The Committee follows a strategy of preserving principal and investing conservatively for the long term.

Trefoil Society – John Tucker talked about the importance of having a will and/or a trust- and-estate plan. He encouraged everyone to take this step and, if possible, to leave something to Holy Trinity for future generations. John is passing the leadership of this effort to Dudley Stone and Alden Prouty.

Organ Restoration Fund – Minister of Music Stephen Hamilton reported that the Reiger pipe organ needs a thorough cleaning and one entire section needs to be restored. In addition, its 20-year-old computer is unreliable. So far \$81,000 has been raised through gifts ranging from \$20 to \$30,000. The goal is to raise \$160,000. He will talk to two restoration companies to see if the work can be done in two phases. Holy

Trinity has lost two pipe organs in its history due to lack of maintenance and we don't want to see that happen again.

Staff Introduction – Michael introduced parish book-keeper Annie Reed and thanked her for all her work.

Presentation of the Rector's Cross – Michael told the parish it's very hard to single out one person when so many at Holy Trinity do so much. This year's Rector's Cross is going to someone who makes very technical things easy for all of us to understand – outgoing Parish Treasurer Jim Sheker.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm, and closed with a prayer led by Michael.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Poole  
Clerk

Rector's Report

Annual Meeting, January 2010

The big story during the past year has been the economy which came unraveled, creating the worst global recession since the 1930's. This complex event has produced financial, emotional and practical consequences for us locally, across the country, and around the world. Many have lost their jobs and are unemployed, leaving individuals and families feeling anxious, stressed, and hopeless. As we gather today, the economy is returning but is not fully back yet. Consumers continue to be cautious in spending, while employers continue to be cautious in hiring. There are many lessons for us to learn from all of this, but the question will be: do we have the courage and honesty to hear the lesson, and will we make the professional and moral changes needed to prevent it from happening again, or at least in the near future. It is extremely difficult to work with the desire to be honorable and honest, and at the same time, work with the mandate to maximize return on investment. It feels like a basketball and a football – the two cannot be held in the same hand at the same time. One or the other must give, and so we go through economic cycles as one or the other is emphasized.

In this turbulent environment Holy Trinity has weathered the storm without too much damage. Even though our pledging has declined over the past few years, it has not declined precipitously, and other sources of income have increased. In 2009 we paid all our bills, and no staff members were laid off. That in itself is quite an accomplishment.

However there were two elements on the negative side of the picture. Firstly, we withdrew roughly \$25,000 more from our investments than was allowable by our formula. This action was taken by the Vestry at a time when cash flow reached a crisis. The Vestry has pledged to repay the investment fund as soon as possible. Secondly, although it is not a bill, we were unable to pay our diocesan assessment in full for 2009. The Vestry has applied for some modest relief with the diocesan review board the results of which we expect to learn early in February. We suspect Holy Trinity will be put on a three year "installment plan" to repay what we owe. Our financial picture is dim but not dark. We have fared better than many other churches in New York City.

In spite of the dim financials, we have been able to accomplish a lot. Here is a list of the major accomplishments:

We completed renovation of the parish hall kitchen;

HTNC Board raised sufficient funds to cover the costs of neighborhood programs;

We reopened our after school program;

We are fully occupied in our available space for outside organizations.

Looking beyond our financial status, there was much to rejoice over at Holy Trinity in 2009. The Vestry stepped up to its leadership role in terms of building maintenance, Adult Education, Carpenter's Kids, Investment Committee, pledge campaign, welcoming newcomers, and building use by outside organizations. Our Sunday School is lively, the Christmas pageant and Easter Trope included our biggest casts ever; MayFair exceeded expectations; we blessed more animals at our October services than ever before; our Peace and Restorative Justice Community continues to provide leadership in the parish and diocese; and, we fed and sheltered our low income and homeless neighbors with dignity and care. Our independent but associated arts agencies, "Music at Holy Trinity" and "Triangle Theatre" provide the City and neighborhood with high quality, affordable artistic performances which feed both the imagination and the spirit.

In Epiphany season of 2009 we became one of the first parishes in the Diocese of New York to follow the mandate of General Convention to investigate our parish's involvement in the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. With courage, respect, and honesty we learned that there is a convincing probability that the Rhinelander family owned slaves, both for domestic and business purposes. Therefore, we not only owe our thanks to Serena Rhinelander, whose generous heart resulted in the design and construction of our buildings, but we also owe our thanks to the slaves whose names have been lost to history, but whose labor produced the Rhinelander fortune, so that Serena would have the resources to act on her vision. Our work has become a model for other parishes who are engaging this important work.

By mentioning these highlights I do not want to neglect the regular, steady round of worship, prayer, pastoral care, and fellowship that comprise the daily, on-going life of a Christian community. Holy Trinity continues to be a remarkable place, not only for its special events, but also for its ordinary offerings that address the challenges of living a human, faithful life. We have much to be thankful for and to celebrate.

Michael Phillips, *Rector*

*CHT Acolytes: Ongoing Devotion to Service*

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” *Matthew 9:37-38*

The Church of the Holy Trinity acolyte team stayed the course in 2009 in the midst of numerous personal and professional milestones, and life events. Kate Ausman successfully completed NYC Police Academy and graduated in December 2009. Talk about a commitment to service...congratulations Kate! Jessica Kleinbart is navigating the busy months leading up to her high school graduation and is happily preparing for the next phase of her life. It's always impressive to see how much Jessica is able to accomplish while keeping a smile on her face. Her energy is indeed contagious.

The Hatheway brothers continued serving diligently while competing in numerous team sports at all hours during the weekend, and Mary and Connor Ausman support Holy Trinity across many other functions including Holy Trinity Choristers, Sunday School, and the Yorkville Academy of the Arts (AfterSchool). We're also grateful to Wendy Eberhart, David Purves and Andrew Ogletree who continue to make time for us in the midst of hectic work schedules. And, I'm getting daily on-the-job parenting training caring for our youngest acolyte in training, Maxwell Chase Levin, born in February 2009.

While the aforementioned team members remained faithfully committed to service at Holy Trinity, others were forced to make some difficult choices and go on hiatus leaving us with a smaller team. During the course of the year, we moved from 12 full-time acolytes to nine full-time acolytes and two part-time or substitute servers. Because we require a team of three for service each Sunday, the reduction in our ranks has a significant impact.

In 2010, our team of acolytes will be focused on recruitment. We'll be looking for a few more men, women or children who are willing to join us in our collective harvest field at Church of the Holy Trinity where we will work together to not only serve God, but to serve our community and one another.

*Acolyte Director:* Nikki Chase-Levin

*Current Full-time Acolytes:* Kate Ausman, Mary Ausman, Connor Ausman, Wendy Eberhart, Patrick Hatheway, William Hatheway, Jessica Kleinbart, and David Purves . *Part-Time/Substitute Acolytes:* Andrew Ogletree, Tracy Eberhart

## Altar Guild

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“Do this for the remembrance of me.” *Luke 22:19*  
“Whenever you drink it do this for the remembrance of me.”  
(*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 363)

The Church of the Holy Trinity is a Christian Community centered in the Eucharist. Membership in the Altar Guild offers the opportunity to prepare the altar for Eucharist, celebrated at 8:00 A.M. (Traditional Said Eucharist), 10:30 A.M. (Choral Eucharist), and 6:00 P.M. (an informal service, usually held in Draesel Hall in St. Christopher’s House.)

As part of celebrating God’s blessings, the Altar Guild prepares for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and decorates the church for the Christmas season.

We meet on a rotating basis to prepare for Sunday worship. All are welcome in fulfilling a spiritual ministry.

*Altar Guild members during 2009 were:* Jackie Albert, Lorraine Aldrich, Cecilia Bowles, Dhushyanthy Jayawardena, LaReine Kurtz, Inez Lambert, Monica Lano, Helen Palmer, Jackie Price, Alden Prouty, Jan Reeder, Jackie Stone and Susan Valdés-Dapena.

Last year Sylvia left for Arizona and I had the great honor of replacing Sylvia as head of the Altar Guild. And of course, no one could replace Sylvia. We thank her for her help, devotion, and loyalty to the Altar Guild and Holy Trinity.

## The Bread Guild

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The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?  
*1 Corinthians 10:16*

The Holy Trinity Bread Guild bakes altar bread for Eucharist. Their baking is an act of faith in God. From God’s creation, the bakers use different ingredients in their own gifted styles such as wheat flour, pastry flour, honey and sea salt and decorate with religious symbols.

In 2009, the bakers included Mimi Anderson, Oluyemisi & Tiwani Ariyibi, Jeanne Blazina, Erlinda Brent, Lydia Colon, Lucy Dewart, Bethany Hatheway, Inez Lambert, Meghan Odell & Lynn Hippen, Jackie Price, Susan & Patrick Valdes-Dapena, and the Rev. K. Jeanne Person.

**The Holy  
Trinity  
Choir**

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The *Holy Trinity Choir* is a semi-professional choir of sixteen to twenty singers. They rehearse at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday to prepare and provide the best of choral music in the Anglican tradition for our many liturgies, including the Sunday 10:30 A.M. Choral Eucharist as well as choral music for special liturgies such as All Saints Day, Ash Wednesday, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Ascension and The Presentation. The Holy Trinity Choir sings every Sunday from Homecoming Sunday through Trinity Sunday.

It is always a pleasure to visit with any parishioner who is interested in our music program. Dr. Hamilton always enjoys giving tours of our Rieger and Schlicker pipe organs.

Members of the Holy Trinity Choir whom we thank for their musical help and dedication are:

<i>Sopranos</i>	Elizabeth Bruce, Jo Ling Goh, Carol Haley, LaReine Kurtz, Elizabeth Munn, Caroline Norton, Veronica Redman, and Jacqueline Thompson
<i>Altos</i>	Sue Chandler, Rachel Dowell, Betsy Forster, Anne Foster, Cornelia Iredell, Marie Oesterreich, Anne Phelan, Lauren Scott, Patsy Weille and Anne Wolcott
<i>Tenors</i>	David Bell, Stephen Milbauer, Eric Monson, Andrew Ogletree, and Daniel Shockley
<i>Basses</i>	Tom DeFrancesco, Stephen Dignam, Andrew Lawyer, Ben Otopalik, Claude Peters, John Shenkel, Sam Smith-Shull, and Richard Womack

**Trinity  
Choristers**

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The Trinity Choristers, directed by Stephen Fraser and assisted by Mary Ausman, rehearse on Saturdays from 4:30 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. from September through June. Choir rehearsals take place in the Choir Room.

**Lectors &  
Subdeacons**

Emphasis is placed on learning the art of musical performance, reading and understanding music, ear training, and music theory. These skills allow the students to perform a wide range of repertoire, from chant to contemporary music, and to achieve excellence in all areas. It is our hope that students form new and lasting friendships, gain confidence, experience personal enrichment, and develop a commitment and passion for music.

The Trinity Choristers participate one to two times per month at the 10:30 A.M. liturgy, singing at the Offertory or Communion portions of the service.

Highlights from 2009 include their performance at the Talent Show, the Easter Trope, May Fair, the End-Of-Year Concert and Picnic, a performance at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, and their participation in the Christmas Pageant.

We currently have 15 children registered.

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Lectors and Subdeacons perform an important ministry at Holy Trinity. Lectors are trained to read the Hebrew Scripture and lead the Psalms and the Prayers of the People at the 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. worship services on Sundays and major Holy Days throughout the year. The Lectors come up to the lectern out of the congregation to read; they are not vested. The Subdeacons read the Epistle and are licensed by the Diocese to bear the chalice. They are vested and are part of the altar party at the 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services.

We currently have ten Subdeacons (three at 8:00 A.M., and seven at 10:30 A.M.) and twenty-three Lectors (four at 8:00 A.M. and eighteen at 10:30 A.M.). One of the Lectors and one of the Subdeacons currently act as substitutes only.

We attempt to schedule people so that they have an opportunity to participate on a regular basis. The Lectors at 8:00 A.M. each take full responsibility on a given Sunday for all the Lector/Intercessor duties every four weeks. The seventeen regular readers at the 10:30 A.M. service read the Hebrew Scripture and Psalms or are Intercessors (leading the Prayers of the People) once about every six or seven weeks.

Lectors and Subdeacons serving at the 10:30 A.M. service prepare a short contextual introduction to each lesson being read. During the service, each reader starts out with his or her prepared introduction before reading the lesson for the day.

Current lectors and subdeacons are: Jeanne Blazina, Walter Dawless, Nick Viest, Amelia Anderson, Nikki Chase-Levin, Rebecca Feuerstein, Judith Jones, David Liston, Dudley Stone, Susan Valdés-Dapena, Cecilia Bowles, Judith Brown, Inez Lambert, Jane Owens, Oluyemisi Ariyibi, Virginia Borland, James Daubs, Rhea Dignam, Rachel Dowell, Chris Doyle, Franny Eberhart, Ruth Fisher, Betsy Forster, Dermot Frengley, Melanie Hill, Marlin Mattson, William Minifie, Debbie O'Neill, Alden Prouty, Richard Schumacher, Dan Shockley and Patsy Weille.

## **Liturgy & Music**

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The Liturgy and Music Committee works behind the scenes to ensure that parishioners are able to experience the worship service through prayers, music and the word in a seamless way.

The committee consists of the clergy, seminarians, the music directors, all MCs, and chairs of the following committees: ushers, acolytes, altar guild, and lectors and subdeacons. We plan for upcoming services and review the success and problems of services that occurred since the last meeting, making note so next year can be better. We even discuss how to advertise special worship events.

We met four times in 2009 and addressed a broad range of issues that affect the way our services are run, including lighting and sound; coordination and communication between the different committees involved in the services; different services for Epiphany and Feast of the Presentation; the scheduling of services in the Thanksgiving and Christmas season; and continued development of a procedural book describing the flow of special services and instructions for special events.

The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the rector. We have tried to incorporate the diversity that is a hallmark of our life together at Holy Trinity in our discussions, looking at issues from many sides, and usually coming to consensus for recommendations. The rector takes our recommendations under advisement and makes the final decisions.

## **MCs (Ministers of Ceremony)**

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MCs oversee the 10:30 A.M. and other liturgies throughout the year. They are responsible for coordinating and directing various parts of the worship service to ensure that liturgical practices are conducted properly and meaningfully. MCs are

members of the Liturgy and Music Committee, and, as needed, serve as acolytes, lectors, intercessors and chalice bearers.

MCs in 2009 were Stephanie Shockley and Jules Jodko, and Susan Valdés-Dapena, Nikki Chase and Rebecca Eddy Feuerstein. We welcome seminarian Lisa Chronister.

**Prayer Team  
Ministry**

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Holy Trinity's Prayer Team Ministry invites congregants during the reception of Communion to bring their personal intercessions to God in companionship with a member of the Prayer Team. That member will take the concern, need or thanksgiving and offer prayer on the congregant's behalf. Any prayer is important to God. Whatever is shared with the Prayer Team member is held in strict confidence and will never be shared with anyone else or brought up in conversation with the person.

The Prayer Team members meet periodically with Fr. Michael for guidance, instruction and support. We all feel this is a very special ministry which we are privileged and blessed to do.

Prayer Team members are Judith Jones, Bill Mears, Alden Prouty and Judy Milone.

**Ushers**

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Ushers are a visible part of Sunday morning worship. From the altar rail to the back of the church they provide an orderly flow to the service and maintain an atmosphere of peace and tranquility.

Before the service ushers are there to open the front door and give a friendly greeting and service bulletin to worshipers. They help the elderly and disabled up the steps, offer Assistive Listening Devices, and provide newcomers with information about the church. They work with the Altar Guild to ensure that collection plates and elements of the Eucharist are at the back of the church.

During the service ushers seat latecomers, take up the collection and guide communicants to the altar rail. They count the numbers of worshipers and communicants and carry collection plates and elements to the altar.

After the service ushers count cash donations in the collection plates, record the numbers of worshipers and communicants in a book in the sacristy and make sure the pews are ready for the next service. They pick up left bulletins, straighten kneelers and arrange hymnals and prayer books.

There are approximately 35 ushers who serve at the two Sunday morning services, 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. At the 10:30 A.M. service ushers work in teams of four, each with a "captain" who acts as head usher. The team rotation is once every six weeks. In addition to regular team assignments, ushers volunteer for special services including Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Usher's Committee: 8:00 A.M.: Lillian Bunth & Frances Muniz. 10:30 A.M.: Virginia Borland, Donal Butterfield, James Cooke, Eddy Coston, Howard Davis, Lucy Dewart, Christopher Doyle, Karen Dumonet, Franny Eberhart, Byron Gaspard, John Geater, Tim Goodell, Tori Goodell, John Hatheway, William Hatheway, Melanie Hill, Chris Knight, Steve Knight, Inez Lambert, Harold Martin, Bill Mears, John Miller, Addie Pirinea, Liz Poole, Jackie Price, Evelyn Richards, Hope Ryden, Richard Schumacher, Pamela Synk, Christopher (Wilson) Stearns, Bea Tompkins, Michael Townsend, Carmen Tucker, John Tucker, Marjorie Wilson.

## II. FORMATION

### **Cursillo**

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*Cursillo* [pronounced "kur-see-yo", Spanish for "short course"] is a spiritual renewal movement that began after the Second World War in the Roman Catholic Church. Since then it has been adapted by other denominations, including our own. The New York Episcopal Diocese has hosted *Cursillo* activities since 1979 and thousands of Episcopalians have participated.

### *Fourth Day Community*

As a movement within the church, the purpose of *Cursillo* is to help individuals understand their personal callings to be Christian leaders, and to exercise their positive influence at work, in their family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the church environment. *Cursillo* begins with a 3-day weekend (Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon), which is not a traditional retreat, but rather a gathering of clergy and laity from the diocese who are seeking to strengthen their faith through shared prayer, worship, music, study, discussions, fellowship, laughter, and love.

The Cursillo experience does not end with the conclusion of the Weekend – in fact, it's just the beginning of a lifetime of growth and renewal. Most importantly, Cursillo provides continuing support through ongoing small "reunion groups," where participants meet regularly to share reflections on their prayer life, Christian study, and involvement in the world, and sustain themselves and each other in their Christian walk. Usually, Group Reunions meet weekly, (we meet monthly) at the same time, in the same place, and consist of three to five members. Meeting regularly with a small group to share, review, plan and ask for support of the group is the cornerstone of building our ongoing commitment to a life in Christ.

Last year was a busy one for Holy Trinity's 4<sup>th</sup> day community. We hosted the spring and fall teams for one of their full day meetings. We prepared and served breakfast and lunch and kept the coffee going all day.

Holy Trinity was also the venue for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the New York Diocese Cursillo. Draesel Hall was buzzing with activity as we decorated and geared up for the arrival of *Cursillistas* from all over the diocese. The celebration began with a silent auction of goods and services provided by *Cursillistas* and ended with a blast from the band from St. James Church in North Salem, NY. Holy Trinity's participation was possible with the generous support of time, space and money from our active 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community members: Mimi Anderson, Judy Milone, Carol Stevenson, Susan Valdés-Dapena, Melanie Hill, Todd Schwarz, Maria Cabrera and Michael Phillips.

The next *Cursillo* weekend is from Thursday, April 29 to Sunday, May 2, 2010. Applications are available for this weekend. *Cursillo* 93 will be October 21 to October 24, and the lay rector will be Judy Milone.

Holy Trinity's 4<sup>th</sup> Day is blessed to have an active community whose lives are enriched and validated on their spiritual journey by each act of love they perform. We are grateful for all of them. *De Colores!*

**Sunday  
School**

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*Growing the Church for Tomorrow*

The Sunday School program encompasses 3 classes with 5 teachers. Teachers are commissioned at the beginning of each Sunday School year (September through June).

We use Bible Basics and Faith First curricula. Approximately 30 children are participants in Sunday School. They range in age from 3 to 17 years old. During

class time, children explore the appointed Gospel reading of the day through stories, crafts, drama, and discussion. They are also exploring the Bible as a whole, studying ten lessons in the Old Testament this past autumn, and are currently working through ten lessons in The New Testament this winter and spring. The breakdown of age groups is as follows:

Class Age / Grade registered

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sundays: 3 years – Kindergarten (2)

\*Wednesdays: Kindergarten – 2nd grade (7)

Friends: 1st - 3rd grade (10)

Seekers: 4th - 6th grade (9)

Youth: 7th – 12th grade (8)

TOTAL 36

In 2006, The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program was launched at Holy Trinity.

Developed for younger children, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious formation program for children that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Jeanne Blazina and the Rev. K. Jeanne Person have been trained as Catechists, or listening teachers, who will wonder about Bible stories and church traditions with the children. Our beautiful Atrium can be seen off the cloister hallway.

*(\*The Rev. K. Jeanne Person meets with students in this age group in the After School Program.)*

Successes of 2009:

- Easter egg coloring and egg hunt
- May Fair children's booths with many exciting activities
- Sunday School picnic
- The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program
- Advent Crafts night with fresh advent wreaths and handmade ornaments assembled by family and friends
  
- Youth Group lock-in
- Easter Trope
- An original Christmas Pageant written and directed by Mary Ausman and Stephen Fraser

**Urban  
Parenting**

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On Sunday mornings, Holy Trinity offers a peer group for parents addressing the spiritual issues of urban families. Parents gather to share ideas and resources for centered, faithful Christian living. The conversations, facilitated by the Rev. Paul Feuerstein, begin at 9:30 A.M. and continue until 10:15 A.M. New parents are always welcome.

III. PARISH LIFE

**Annual  
Giving**

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Our annual pledge is a statement of our commitment to life here at Holy Trinity, and to what God is calling us to do and be, both personally and as we serve others. Annual Giving is also the primary source of funding for Holy Trinity's operating budget, accounting for over 60% of our income. It pays for staff salaries, gas and electricity, building maintenance, Sunday School, music and such necessities as insurance.

The Annual Giving Campaign this past fall was guided by a Steering Committee that included Steve Knight, Alden Prouty, Jim Synk, Sue Chandler, Bea Tompkins, and Franny Eberhart, with irreplaceable support in every way from Erlinda Brent.

As of the annual meeting the committee has received approximately 130 pledges (and still counting!) for a total of \$360,000. We were blessed to have a matching challenge this year from an anonymous and generous parishioner, which resulted in increases from 85% of our pledgers, as well as over a dozen new pledges.

Anyone who has not yet pledged may do so by using a pledge card available in the office, or online at the Holy Trinity website.

Congratulations to all!

**Buildings  
&**

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We received a gift to completely refurbish the Draesel Hall kitchen with all new stainless steel cabinets and counter tops plus new lighting and flooring. In addition to Holy Trinity's daily use, this improvement will help bring in more revenue when the hall is rented for weddings and other purposes. Bill did a fabulous job installing everything.

As always it is patch, patch, patch as we try to stop leaks and repair damage throughout the buildings. The City is adamant that we install a water meter to measure the monthly usage, and this will cost us many thousands of dollars breaking through floors and foundations and trenching to the street and connecting to the water main.

The Rev. K. Jeanne Person  
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**Communicatio  
ns  
Advisory**

Newly formed in late 2009, the Communications Advisory Group reflects on and plans for the many ways Holy Trinity communicates. The mission is big-picture: The Advisors answer such questions as, "Are Holy Trinity's communications effective? Is there good content? Are the communications too much, too little? In what new ways might the parish communicate? What staff and resources are needed?" Already, their work has led to improvements of Holy Trinity's website, including new photo galleries, an online version of the "Visitors Pew Card" and the posting of vestry notes. The Advisors also have envisioned, designed and begun editorial work on a new journal called *Triptych* to debut in February 2010. The Advisors were Mimi Anderson, Jeff Babson, Erlinda Brent, Franny Eberhart, Phil Gammage, Michael Griffin, Rob Ingraham, Dave Jacobs, K. Jeanne Person, Michael Phillips, Alden Prouty, and Pat Voehl.

**Parish  
Retreat**

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On October 30, 2009, thirteen of the many Holy Trinity saints traveled to Holy Cross Monastery for the All Saints Day weekend. Led by Jeanne Person, the other saints were Alison Hajnal, Elaine Siu, Melanie Hill, Jean Streit, Margaret Kennedy,

Carol Stevenson, Mim Smith, Jen Goodnow, Lydia Colon, Wendy Wright, Sabrina Petersen, and Patsy Weille.

Our theme for the weekend was "Beloved Prayers, Freshly Prayed" focusing on the *Nunc Dimittis*, the Lord's Prayer and prayers through the saints. Jeanne encouraged us to ponder both meaning and different wordings of the Lord's Prayer and explored with us how to pray with and through a saint. We also spent a memorable hour practicing prayer postures in the chapel. I think we all came away with much to live by in the months ahead.

Many of us attended the offices and enjoyed the monks' singing, and a good sermon on Sunday. The setting is lovely, even under cloudy skies, and the food can't be beat. All in all, a wonderful retreat!

### **eMinistry**

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The Holy Trinity website continues to be a source of up to date information for CHT parishioners as well as the general public. Since the site was re-launched in March of 2009 after a redesign, several new features have been added including an online donations form and link to the church Facebook page. Copies of the web stats report presented to the Communications Advisory Group in October of 2009 are available from the parish office.

### **MayFair**

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MayFair (May 16, 2009) was both a successful fundraiser and "funraiser." Although somewhat hampered by a late start and facing substantial competition from other street fairs and events that Saturday, the rental of thirty-six vendor locations was achieved. The day began with drizzle, but the sun was soon out in full force and the fair was well attended by friends, neighbors and parishioners. All who came enjoyed the variety of items for sale, activities for children, music of the French Cookin' Blues band, a performance by the Trinity Choristers, as well as the return of the legendary neighborhood butcher, Schaller & Weber to run the grill for the second year, continuing a wonderful new tradition that began in 2008.

Perhaps of even greater importance was the tremendous volunteer support on the part of CHT parishioners to chair and staff the Book, Nearly New, Baked Goods, HTNC and

Pet Stop tables, to run the face painting, bouncy castle, popcorn machine, and other concessions, as well as to assist with donations of goods, publicity, logistics, set-up, break down and myriad other details and tasks. This groundswell of support and expression of community was remarkable, and was manifest not only in the proceeds raised, which exceeded expectations in a down economy, but in the excitement and enjoyment of the day.

**Newcome  
rs**

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Our job is to make newcomers feel welcome and make it easy for them to get involved in CHT. We accomplish this by greeting people at coffee hour after the 10:30 A.M. service. The Committee takes a special interest in spotting newcomers, learn what brings them to CHT, make sure plenty of parishioners talk with them, and invite them to parish activities. We also reach out to families involved in Sunday School, Trinity Choristers, the adult choir, and Saturday Night Supper. Newcomers are encouraged to complete a Welcome Card with their contact information so they can receive parish mailings and be invited to Newcomers brunch.

In 2009 we received 25 Welcome Cards. Three newcomers attended a spring brunch and 14 attended the fall brunch hosted in the rectory.

It takes a while for people to become comfortable with a new parish but some have quickly made a real difference in parish life. Newcomers have run the Mayfair, contributed to the Pledge Campaign, and are now running for Vestry.

**The Thrift  
Shop**

Lillian Bunth  
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The Holy Trinity Thrift Shop grossed \$14,000 in 2009, before taxes and expenses, slightly below the budgeted \$15,000. We hope to do better this year, but competition is high, the economy is unstable. Our closets are bulging, and we hope to move to new quarters (the Holy Trinity gymnasium) in the near future. The budget for 2010 is \$13,500.

The shop is open from 12:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. on Saturdays, and is run by dedicated volunteers: Frances Muniz, Jackie Albert, Leona Strebek, Mary Reilly, and Lillian Bunth. Sue Banner, Wilma Johnson and Diane Kauffold give their time and talents when available.

**Investment  
Committee**

Your donations of clean, new and slightly used clothing, jewelry, accessories, linens, etc., are tax-deductible. We welcome YOU – parishioners and friends – to support the Thrift Shop at Holy Trinity by shopping, donating and helping us to set up and dismantle. Please identify yourself as a member of Holy Trinity, and get a discount! An hour or two of your time will be a blessing.

We thank Arold Dorsinvil and Ozell Ryant for their help Saturday after Saturday to get the store open. It is a great deal of work and we are all hoping to find a permanent home for this undertaking.

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Holy Trinity's Investment Committee is responsible for the investments of the Endowment Fund (General Fund) and the Property Preservation Trust. The Investment Committee has delegated day-to-day management of the Endowment Fund to Fiduciary Trust International. The management of the Property Preservation Fund/Trust is split between Fiduciary Trust and CastleRock Asset Management Inc.

The Investment Committee in 2009 consisted of Jean Geater (*committee chair*); Rev. Michael Phillips; John Brim; Franny Eberhart; Bill Mears, Samuel (Tony) Milbank; Rob Morton; Stafford Reynolds; Dick Schumacher and Linzie Tompkins.

Stock and Bond Market Returns

For the year 2009 the stock market as measured by the S&P 500 was up 26.3% and bonds as measured by the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index appreciated about 5.9%. These positive returns were in sharp contrast to 2008's negative ones.

CHT Investment Strategy and Returns

During 2009 the Investment Committee and its advisors maintained the conservative market philosophy that had helped it outperform a down market in 2008. In both years our accounts were under weighted in stocks and bonds and somewhat over weighted in cash.

Endowment Fund (General Fund)

During 2009 the Endowment grew in market value from \$1,248,000 to \$1,359,000. This was an 18.2% rate of return and takes into consideration the withdrawal of \$100,000 during the year for the church's operating budget.

## Property Preservation Trust

During 2009 the Property Preservation Trust, which supports repairs and maintenance of the church's facilities, increased from \$1,277,000 to \$1,566,000. The portion managed by Fiduciary Trust was up 15.1% and the portion managed by CastleRock was up 20.3%. These returns take into account net additions to the PPT of \$62,500.

The Investment Committee continues its commitment to a conservative long-term investment strategy.

### **Property Preservation Trust**

Franny Eberhart  
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The Property Preservation Trust (PPT) is the portion of the endowment that is restricted for capital work on the buildings - the essential projects that keep the complex dry, warm and safe. The 2009 year end value was \$1,545,127 (up from \$1,284,000 in 2008) on the basis of which a maximum of 5% in interest may be drawn in 2010. Almost all of that draw will be devoted to paying down the principal on two construction loans, the \$180,000 10-year loan from the Landmarks Conservancy that permitted us to complete the restoration of the façade of St. Christopher's House, and the 6-year \$26,000 loan from the Diocese that paid in part for the pointing of the transepts in the summer of 2008.

### **Trefoil Society**

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Through the more than 100 years that Church of the Holy Trinity has served this parish and community, many individuals have chosen to express their gratitude to our church and to God by including Holy Trinity in their estate plans. The resulting bequests and other deferred gifts have played an important, often vital, role in the life and work of our parish.

On Trefoil Sunday, November 8, the 10:30 A.M. service was our best guess of what the first worship service was like at Holy Trinity in 1899. The service was from the 1892 Prayer Book; ladies were advised to cover their heads during worship (we proved doilies and hairpins); some people wore period clothing for the day;

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Justice  
Community**

children were invited to spend the service time with the Deaconess; and, no women were on the altar. and the 6:00 P.M. service was our imagining of what worship will look like at the end of this century in 2099.

The Trefoil Society was established as a way to formally recognize and honor those who have included Holy Trinity in their estate plans. The Society was named after the beautiful three-leafed design—symbolizing the Holy Trinity— that is the emblem of our church.

If you have already provided for Holy Trinity through your estate plans, we welcome you with heartfelt thanks to the Trefoil Society. Be sure to let either of us know so we can add your name to our growing roster of members.

If you are considering such a bequest, a brochure is available in the back of the church offering suggestions and guidelines. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. The type or amount of your bequest is less important than knowing you have helped ensure the health and vitality of our church for future generations. Thank you.

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The parish's Peace & Restorative Justice Community enjoyed another year of active engagement in 2009. Highlights of the community's activities include:

January: Offered a program of literary readings celebrating the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

January — April: Contributed prayers to a blog created by Community member Susan Valdés-Dapena, inviting prayers for the first 100 days of the Barack Obama presidency.

March: Led a petition drive calling upon President Barack Obama to form a truth and reconciliation commission, charged with investigating instances of torture and detainee abuse. The petition with 75 signatures was forwarded to the White House during Holy Week, along with a copy to Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

May: Joined in a nationwide rally (locally in Union Square) in support of Troy Davis, a death row inmate many believe is innocent, and in advocacy against the death penalty.

June: Participated in a book reading and signing party at Holy Trinity for *Lifting Women's Voices* (Morehouse, 2009), an anthology of prayers by Anglican women and

girls addressing issues of global poverty. The Rev. K. Jeanne Person served as an editor for the anthology, and several Community members contributed prayers.

June: Led Holy Trinity's participation in the New York City Heritage of Pride March. Twenty members of Holy Trinity marched from Midtown to Lower Manhattan, carrying a banner created especially for the event and swinging censers in blessing. Marching expressed Holy Trinity's commitment to equal rights for LGBT people everywhere.

July: Offered the Community's Annual retreat, which comprised a "Time Out" party on a Friday evening with dancing, then a Saturday morning program. Steve Knight led a workshop, *Each Will Receive Wages according to their Labor*, that invited retreatants to recognize themselves in the context of the U.S. working class. Chris Knight led a bible study of The Beatitudes in Luke's gospel (6:20-26). Judy Milone offered a roundup of the Episcopal Church's 2009 General Convention's peace and restorative justice resolutions. And everyone shared recommendations for books, films and other cultural offerings meaningful to peace and restorative justice advocacy.

October: Led a parish field trip to see Michael Moore's documentary *Capitalism: A Love Story*, followed by a lively conversation afterwards about the film and, in general, whether capitalism is consistent with Christian values.

October: Helped to create and participated in a prayer service at Holy Trinity to advocate for a Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act for New York State, as part of a state-wide vigil in support of farmworker rights led by Rural & Migrant Ministry.

December: Offered the annual Human Rights Eucharist, including a reading of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

December: Hosted a screening and discussion of the award-winning documentary *Bil'in Habibi* about a Palestinian village's non-violent advocacy against Israel's separation barrier.

December: Led the parish in an environmental action, *Sounds of 350*, during the Copenhagen Summit as a clarion call for an international climate treaty, especially to limit CO2 levels in the atmosphere to a sustainable 350 parts per million. The action included educating the parish and ringing the parish tower bells 350 times in concert, including environmental songs such as *America the Beautiful* and *I've Got Peace Like a River*.

In 2009, the Community also formally became a sponsoring partner of New York Faith and Justice, and Community members continued to be activists in other peace and justice groups.

**Special Events  
Hospitality**

The Community communicates via a listserv, where it shares information and news about social issues and upcoming events. We encourage everyone to read our Mission Statement, which can be found in the community's section of Holy Trinity's website, <http://www.holytrinity-nyc.org/peace-and-justice>. Please consider joining us, in an ongoing exploration of what it means to live a politically progressive life in the context of faithful Christianity.

Community members active in 2009 were: Erlinda Brent, Lydia Colon, Chris Knight, Steve Knight, Marlin Mattson, John Miller, Judy Milone, Jane O'Niell, K. Jeanne Person, Hope Ryden and Susan Valdés-Dapena.

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On the perfect cup of coffee: "Black as the devil, Hot as hell, Pure as an angel,  
Sweet as love." *Charles Maurice de Talleyrand (1754-1838)*

The Special Events Committee's responsibility is the set-up, food, decorations, and refreshments. We host and coordinate the Epiphany Party; Presentation reception; Annual Meeting; Trinity Sunday; International Brunch; Homecoming Barbecue; Homecoming Brunch; and receptions and brunches for unplanned special events celebrated throughout the year.

Inez Lambert and Jackie Price coordinate with the Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses so that every Sunday, after the 10:30 A.M. service, parishioners are greeted with mouth-watering doughnuts, bagels, and coffee cakes complimenting the coffee of our sextons Arold Dorsinvil and Ozell Ryant.

We look forward to an abundance of food, health, and friendship in 2010.

**Yoga**

Liz Poole, *Registered Yoga Teacher*  
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This weekly, hour-long yoga practice helps integrate body, mind and spirit. One example is the Sun Salutation, a series of postures created by the ancient yogis as a prayer-in-motion to thank God for the sunrise each day.

**Music at  
Holy Trinity**

The class is open to all – parishioners, neighbors and visitors. Any level of yoga experience, including none, is fine. We work to develop strength, flexibility, self-knowledge and most of all ... gratitude for each moment. There is a sense of humor in there somewhere, too! We meet every Tuesday on the second floor of St. Christopher's House – take the staircase on the elevator/office side of the foyer. Stop by with your mat any Tuesday. We'd love to get to know you!

IV. THE ARTS

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*Music at Holy Trinity*, inaugurated in the fall of 1991 when Dr. Stephen Hamilton joined the Holy Trinity staff, continues with great enthusiasm and artistic excellence. Dr. Hamilton serves as artistic director for the series. Included in the 2008-2009 were organ concerts in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the installation of the Rieger pipe organ by Bruce Neswick, Lynne Davis and Stephen Fraser; and choral concerts with *Cantori New York*, *Guildsingers*; and *The New Amsterdam Singers*; and the *Holy Trinity Choir* presented the Faure "Requiem" on Good Friday and "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" in December. In addition, the summer's *Music in the Garden* series presented one event on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:15 PM....*Jesus, Jambalaya and Jazz*.

The budget for *Music at Holy Trinity* is \$30,000.00 and is raised through ticket subscription, gifts and grants. A *Music at Holy Trinity* committee oversees hospitality and ushering for each event with Betsy Forster, chair. Other committee members include Sylvia Norell, Sue Chandler, Rachel Dowell, Jim and Cornelia Iredell, and Marlin Mattson.

**Triangle  
Theatre**

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Triangle Theatre is now in its fifth successful year under the leadership of artistic director Dudley Stone, assisted by director Constance George. Chaired by the rector Michael Phillips, Triangle operates with a board of 12 members: Mimi Anderson, Retta Blaney, Constance George, Jean Geater (*Vice President and Secretary*), Melanie Hill (*President*), Inez Lambert (*Treasurer*), Margaret Kennedy, Jackie Price, Hope Ryden, Richard Schumacher, Dudley Stone and Jean Streit.

A playwriting class was taught by playwright Rick Eisenberg in early 2009. Constance George taught acting classes both in the spring and fall terms. Triangle Theatre's staged readings, averaging around 50 in the audience each performance, are Actors Equity-approved and also use the talent of parishioners of Holy Trinity. In 2009 Triangle presented/hosted the following:

*February 14:* an evening of poems and readings on the theme of Love.

*March 20:* One-act plays written by the playwriting class

*April 4:* Monologues and scenes presented by members of the acting class, directed by Constance George

*April 14 & 15:* A staged reading of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" by Moss Hart and George Kaufman, directed by Lorree True

*June 5 & 6:* A staged reading of "The Browning Version" by Terrence Rattigan, directed by Elowyn Castle.

*September 10:* A staged reading at the Mid-Manhattan Library of "An Evening With George Orwell" by Mark Weston, featuring Dudley Stone and directed by Lorree True.

*October 10:* Staged readings of three one-act plays, "How He Lied to Her Husband"

by George Bernard Shaw, "Here We Are" by Dorothy Parker, and "Wanda's Visit" by Christopher Durang, directed by Elowyn Castle.

This

was a benefit for The Church of the Holy Trinity.

*November 5:* Monologues and scenes presented by members of the acting class, directed by Constance George

*November 20 & 21:* A staged reading of Dudley Stone's version of Anton Chekov's

"The Cherry Orchard," directed by Marlena Lustig

Going forward, Triangle plans:

*February 12 & 13:* A staged reading of "Painting Churches" by Tina Howe, directed by Jennifer Fell Hayes

*April 17:* An evening of monologs and scenes presented by members of Constance George's acting class (classes to begin February 13<sup>th</sup>)

*May 21 & 22:* A staged reading of "A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur," by Tennessee Williams, directed by Owen Thompson

*September 24 & 25:* A staged reading of "Light Up the Sky," by Moss Hart

The past September The Church of the Holy Trinity launched our new arts based after-school program, The Yorkville Arts Academy. The program has 15 children enrolled aged 5-14 that come to us from four local schools:

The St. Stephen of Hungary School: 10

P.S. 158: 3

East Side Middle School: 1

Lower Lab School: 1

The program operates on a choir school model using curriculum from the Royal School of Church Music called "Voice for Life." The children study music theory, and have choir practice three times a week. They have already acquired an extensive repertoire ranging from early choral chant to contemporary liturgical pieces. The children receive assistance with their homework on a daily basis, as well as individual assistance with more challenging subjects as needed.

The children receive their musical instruction and significant academic support from Stephen Fraser, who volunteers his time 5 days a week to work with them. We employ 2 counselors, Malin Marshisotto and Caryl Foote, and are also assisted by student volunteer, Keely Odell.

#### V. HOLY TRINITY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

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Following are brief summaries of various outreach programs at the Church of the Holy Trinity made possible by the support of Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center.

#### **The Shelter**

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In conjunction with The Partnership for the Homeless, Holy Trinity welcomes 12 to 15 homeless men as guests, screened by and sent from the Grand Central Neighborhood Drop-In Center. Our guests are provided a safe and comfortable place to spend each night in the basement of St. Christopher's House. A volunteer stays on the premises and sees the guests off in the morning.

Mark Roshkind is Chairman and On-site Coordinator for our shelter, and Melanie Hill handles monthly scheduling of the volunteers. The shelter is open for our guests almost every night, and in two years has never had to close for lack of a volunteer.

Most of our volunteers stay in the shelter at least one night a month, with a few taking multiple slots. A Christmas Eve dinner for the past several years has been prepared by Eddy Coston along with volunteers and with food provided by a local supermarket. Christmas gifts are donated to the shelter guests by the parish community, and a number of volunteers visit the shelter guests on Christmas Eve with additional specially prepared food and gifts.

Volunteers in 2009: William Ambler, Craven Bryan, Sue Chandler, Kaitlyn Dobyns, Rachel Dowell, Steve Evans, Chris Gulhaugen, Ted Johnson, Janice Jurkanin, John Miller, Andres Quintero, Mark Roshkind, Richard Smith, Patsy Weille, Thomas Williams, Josh Wick, Marjorie Wilson and Peter Zalewski.

## **Neighborhood Supper**

Every Saturday evening, Holy Trinity welcomes between 90 and 120 guests for dinner. Volunteers arrive in the early afternoon to prepare and serve the guest nutritious and appetizing meals. The guests who attend this dinner are homeless or working poor families and individuals. The meal is served restaurant-style, with guests served with coffee, water, and dinner while seated at their table. The Neighborhood Supper is supported by a strong and dedicated group of volunteers. The volunteers serve on teams assigned to one Saturday per month, led by a team leader. These teams are enhanced by volunteers who come as they are available. (Many volunteers serve faithfully on a particular Saturday. A couple of volunteers serve every Saturday!)

This vital ministry is the only feeding program in the immediate neighborhood. In keeping with the spirit of being a “neighborhood program”, parishioner Eddy Coston has approached local businesses and appealed for their financial support. C-Town Grocery Store has responded generously. Eli’s Vinegar Factory supplies bread for this weekly meal. Neighbors not affiliated with Holy Trinity have sponsored all or part of a meal.

Team Leaders in 2009: Yvonne Coleman, Charlie McGarraugh, Sarah Jeon, Lydia Colon, Yvonne O’Neal, and Rosanne Veljkovic

Volunteers include: Ciony Senegron, Wendy Wright, Jackie Price, Jim Synk, PJ Synk, Inez Lambert, Jeff McCauley, Mary Reilly, Pam Synk, Dorian Weeks, Wilma Johnson, Christine Lee, Jim Liou, Lucy Dewart, Lynn Hippen, Meghan Odell, Tom Griffing, Elaine Siu, Alison Hajnal, Patsy Weille, Gracie Phillips, Suzanne Julig,

Olivia Kean, Rob Ingraham, Keely Odell, Mim Smith, Michael Phillips, Jeanne Person, Kamal Abdullah, Erlinda Brent, Bob Nersesian. Fifth Saturday rotation volunteers: The Holy Trinity Vestry, HTNC Board, and the Sunday School.

**The Senior Luncheon**

Volunteers and seniors from our community come together every Tuesday afternoon to share a meal and companionship with one another. This program offers an inexpensive meal to seniors, and more importantly the opportunity for interaction and socialization outside of their homes. The senior luncheon continues to be a vibrant and life-enhancing ministry for all who are involved.

**Holiday Celebrations**

*Thanksgiving*

Four hundred thirty-seven (437) homebound people in our Yorkville neighborhood enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving meal of turkey with all the trimmings and dessert. During the three days before Thanksgiving, round-the-clock-preparations for the Thanksgiving Project took place in St. Christopher's House. Volunteers, including parishioners from Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's Yorkville, local families and individuals chopped vegetables, cubed bread, sautéed onions, portioned desserts, made gravy and detailed delivery plans. Students from the Chapin School made carrot and raisin salad; parishioners and students from the Brearley School (upper grades) donated desserts; students from the Brearley School (lower grades) made greeting cards to accompany the dinners.

Deliveries were made on Thanksgiving morning by parishioners and volunteers from all over New York City.

Suzanne Julig and Lydia Colon were the Thanksgiving Dinner coordinators.

**Fundraisers**

On June 8, the University Glee Club of New York City, an all-male singing group founded in 1894, gave a benefit performance to help raise money for the programs of the Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center. Their repertoire included music from classical, traditional, sacred, and modern traditions, spirituals, college songs, and Broadway tunes. The heavily-attended program was followed by a reception in Draesel Hall.

Upon learning that a grant from the New York State Senate would be delayed until March 2010, the Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center board authorized an end-of-year appeal.

VI. AFFILIATIONS

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Merricats’ Castle School is located on the second floor of St. Christopher’s House. It is a day nursery school program which integrates (mainstreams) homeless, disabled, and terminally children with healthy children from the school’s neighborhood. At Merricats’ Castle, children learn not only academic skills, but also the more intangible lessons of patience, caring and understanding. A special-education staff coordinates the medical, psychological, and language services with the educational programs, while at the same time support groups and counseling are offered to families. Merricats’ provides the safe, warm, age-appropriate, nurturing and stimulating environment necessary for educational and emotional success. Because of its innovative and humane approach to early childhood education and development, Merricats’ Castle has become the cornerstone of ABC (the Association to Benefit Children), as well as the national, replicable model for preschool inclusion.

Associate to Benefit Children (ABC) was founded in 1986 as a force to challenge and change the myriad threats to childhood, and it has given thousands of children the chance to build their lives on hope and love, rather than on despair and neglect. With early childhood education programs as the foundation of its “whole family” strategy, ABC has built an elaborate and responsive array of programs that provide services that focus on education, and encompass health, housing, mental health, employment, legal advocacy, respite, foster care and adoption, drug/alcohol/AIDS prevention, skills building, after school mentoring, and recreation.

Holly Nedelka  
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Child's Play of Holy Trinity, is a program of outreach to parents/grandparents in the neighborhood, who attend the playgroups with their babies and toddlers. The program is facilitated by a parent/leader, and is a time of socialization, support and fun. This year concluded with four playgroups with a total of 24 families (3 from the church). The program meets in the Holy Trinity Choir Room.

The homeschooling families continued for the winter term only, with a spring event showcase for 20 families. The fees are affordable and scholarships are available. The program contributes the fees to the church. This year continues to be a time of making connections with the church community and the Merricats School. Families attended the Easter service, the May Fair and Advent Craft Night.

## VI. PORTALS

### *Baptisms*

Cyrena Elizabeth Persaud	31 May 2009
Daisy Liliana White	31 May 2009
Maxwell Chase Levin	7 June 2009
John Charles Giusio IV	1 November 2009
Ella May Giusio	1 November 2009
Ian Jablonsky	1 November 2009
Aanya Nesiah	6 December 2009

### *Deaths*

Betty Griffin	29 July 2009
Lillian Hamilton	6 August 2009
Senta Billeter	25 September 2009
Kenneth Edwards	21 October 2009
Bill T. Robbins	13 November 2009