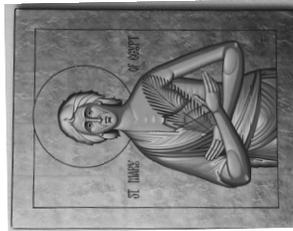
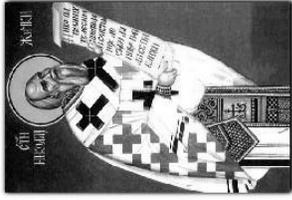


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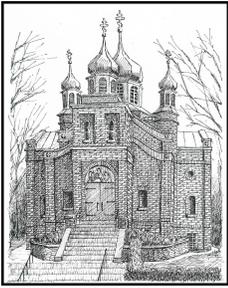
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Greeter: R. Delaney Cleaner: ? ? ? Charity: Discretionary Fund	1	2	3 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP/ BREAD	4 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. MIDDLEWOODS & APPLE REHAB (for Communion) Confession 1:00 P. M.	5	6 Baptism of Anthony James Dresko Choir Rehearsal 2:15 P.M. Confession 3-3:30 P. M. Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. CONFESSION
7 3 rd of Great Lent VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Delaney / Shafran FORCC Vespers 4 P.M. Holv Ghost. Bridgeport	8	9 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. ARBOR ROSE & 10:45 A.M JEROME HOME (for Communion) Confession 2:00 P. M.	10 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP/ BREAD	11	12	13 Choir Rehearsal 2:15 P.M. Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. CONFESSION
14 4 th of Great Lent ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER Church School 8:30 A.M Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Wanik Deanery Vespers 4 P.M. Clinton	15	16	17 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP/ BREAD	18 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. LEDGECREST (for Communion) Confession 1:00 P. M.	19 Akathist to the Theotokos, 6:30 P. M.	20 SPRING CLEANING 8:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal 3:15 P.M. Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
21 5 th of Great Lent ST. MARY OF EGYPT Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Dilger/Everson Holy Unction 4 P.M. Ansonia	22 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.	23 Confession 3:00 P.M.	24	25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Chrismation of Mark Myszka Festal Vespers Liturgy 6 P.M. SOUP/ BREAD	26	27 Divine Liturgy 9:00 A. M. LAZARUS SATURDAY VIGIL [Blessing of Palms] 5:00 P. M.
28 ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM Church School 8:30 A.M Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – ? ? ? Bridegroom Matins, 4 P.M. New Britain	29 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 A.M. GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 P. M.	30 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 A.M. GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 P. M	31 ST. INNOCENT, ENLIGHTENER OF AMERICA Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 A.M. GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY Matins of Holy Thursday, 6:30 P. M	APR 1 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY Vespers/Liturgy, 9 A. M. Matins - Passion Gospels, 6:30 P. M.	2 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY Vespers of Holy Friday, 3:00 P.M. Soup / Bread Matins of Holy Saturday, 5:30 P. M.	3 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY Vespers/Liturgy, 9 A. M. Nocturne, Pascal Matins, Pascal Liturgy, 11:30 P. M. Baskets/Agape Following



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MARCH 2010

ONE STEWARDS: March is ONE Stewards month and the 2010 campaign has begun. Our parish had a wonderful 2009 contributing \$3,880 having 30 members. Our parish over the past five years has increased its contributions each year. Also, we had five members in the Bishop's Circle and four members contributed twice. For those who increased their donation, THANK YOU!! If you were a contributor to ONE Stewards in the past or are a current "steward" the time has come to step forward and be counted. Our contributions to ONE Stewards goes to support charities, seminarian scholarships, mission support and the diocesan Youth Rally. Please respond to the ONE Stewards mailing when it arrives at your home. You can see our parishes "Honor Roll" posted on the bulletin board with other One Steward material.

NEW ARRIVAL / BAPTISM:



Congratulations to Nick & Melissa Dresko on the birth of their son Anthony on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The Baptism of Anthony will take place at Holy Trinity on Saturday, March 6th.

MOVIE NIGHT:

On Friday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. we will be showing the movie OSTROV (The Island) a Russian language film, with English subtitles Ostrov gives the viewer a rare and deeper than ever glimpse at a "starets" (elder) and "blazheny" (fool for Christ), embodied by the main character Fr. Anatoly. These spiritual figures -



unique to Eastern Orthodox Christianity - possess a prophetic spiritual insight, and in the case of the *blazheny* use odd behavior and humor to spiritually awaken those around them. The film is set in an isolated skete during Soviet times, when Russian society was forcibly steeped into atheism. Refreshments will be served.

GREAT LENT: Please make a sincere effort to attend more services, to fast, to give alms, to read the scriptures or a spiritual book and to participate in the Sacrament

of Confession during our journey of Great Lent. Fasting for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is nothing by mouth (food, drink, smoking, etc.) at least from the noontime meal until after Communion. Those who are physically able to are encouraged to fast the whole day.

- ◆ Please check the calendar for weekday confession times, also, Wednesdays, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, before and after Vespers. Father also is available by appointment at other times. **Please** make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, Friday, March 26th.

A note about Confession and frequent Communion:

For those who are receiving the Eucharist every Sunday and on Feast days, an acceptable rule of thumb is to participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during each of the four Lenten seasons during the year. Also, in preparation for receiving the Holy Eucharist, especially at Sunday Divine Liturgy, prayer and fasting is the acceptable practice. Prayer, by attending Vespers the night before, and fasting, from midnight until after Divine Liturgy. When we have a weekday Festal Vespertal Liturgy the rules of fasting are the same as for Presanctified. We also should participate in the Sacrament of Confession if we are absent from Divine Liturgy & the Eucharist for three weeks in a row.

CLOCKS CHANGE: Early on Sunday morning March 14th our country moves clocks ahead one hour to resume Daylight Saving Time. On March 20th we will move back to our 'summer' schedule for Vespers with services beginning on Saturday at **5:00 P.M.**

Archpriest David Koles, Rector
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Terryville, CT 06786
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LENTEN VESPERS: On Sunday afternoons [all begin at 4:00 p.m.] during the fast, Lenten Vespers will be served at various churches through out the Connecticut Deanery. It may seem burdensome but visiting our neighbors brings great joy to the host parish to fill their temple and we get to pray and have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lenten Vesper Schedule:

Mar. 7th FORCC Sunday: Holy Ghost, Bridgeport
 Mar. 14th St. Alexis Church, Clinton
 Mar. 21st Holy Unction: Three Saints, Ansonia
 Mar. 28th Bridegroom Matins: HTOC, New Britain

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

GENERAL CONFESSION: is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held after Pascha on Saturday, April 24th.

The May monthly charity collection is for the Discretionary Fund. This is a special fund established in order for the Rector to have funds available for parishioners who find themselves in desperate situations in need of financial help. The names of those who receive these charitable gifts are kept confidential, known only to the Rector. This fund was depleted last year and now needs to be stocked again. Please be generous so that those who are less fortunate and in need can be assisted.



CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

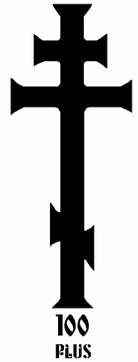
Preliminary and secondary meetings between Baker Renovations Inc., Artech and Hlywa Construction and members of the Parish Council has taken place over the past few months. In the coming months a systematic plan for the restoration of the interior of the church will be formulated with sketches and pricing. Once these plans are known they will be presented at a Special Parish meeting.

- ◆ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls and Paint the interior of the church. [summer '12]

It is important to remember that our church building is ap-

proaching the 100 year mark in 2013, not to be confused with the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2002.

Many have contributed to the Hundred Plus Club to honor the hundred plus years since our founding. Individuals may join by making donations to the building fund in denominations of \$100. This will be in addition to one's annual pledge. The funds will be used solely for the purpose of renovating our church building.



During January 2010 we collected \$ 100.00

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB



Birthdays & Anniversaries in MARCH:

2	Mary Camarata	1928
5	Irene Koles	1989
6	Paul Salina	1948
7	Megan Bartos	1986
8	Nicholas Zamayduk	1921
14	Michael Truhan	1970
15	Kara Leeann Ahern	2008
17	Sara Kumor	2004
21	Mary Cherpak	1918
21	Marion Bichun	1942
21	Gabriel Rembisz	2006
24	Marie Machado	
26	Jennifer Needham	1985
30	Jeffrey Burrill	1985
31	Larry Beck	1928
31	Diane Dounouk	1945



“WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME”

The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to make regular visitations to nursing homes and shut-ins. Our loved ones **NEED** to feel connected to their parish family.

*Jerome Home, New Britain
 Sadie Albino*

Arbor Rose, New Britain
Nona Belomyzy

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Walnut Hill, New Britain
Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain
Mary Kotrady

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

Brittany Farms, New Britain
Olga Halajko

Apple Rehab, Rocky Hill
Jean Prusik

At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Helen Karabin,
Susan Labas, Stella Liwen, Irene Prigodich and Stella Tynik.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

John Gedz	66	March 1 1954
Anna Zavadsky	63	March 1 1962
Stephen Prigodich	76	March 1 2002
Stephen Shimko	52	March 2 1912
Conrad Filipchuk		March 2 1933
Alexander Kornak	81	March 2 1953
Mary Gel	84	March 2 1978
Julia Jazkevich	93	March 2 1999
Child Antonina Vanuk	1	March 3 1920
Nicolai Jazkevich	86	March 3 1983
Isaiah Zablotsky		March 5 1951
John Dobosz	77	March 5 1963
Mary Makuch	79	March 5 1973
Benjamin Karanowytch	44	March 6 1996
Elizabeth (Zuk) Zaleski	76	March 6 2000
Helen Finn	86	March 6 2001
John Stepanuk	70	March 7 1919
Child Stephen Wanik	9 mo	March 7 1922
Peter Adamovich	48	March 8 1935

William Burak	63	March 8 1960
Helen Panevich	56	March 8 1961
Naum Martinuk	49	March 9 1942
Sophie Gasukewich	92	March 9 1985
Child Michael Muchko	1	March 10 1909
Child Theodore Sonedayik	2 mo	March 10 1910
Child Eugenia Shakuna	17 days	March 10 1912
Child Constantine Stankevich	23 days	March 10 1918
Lillian Maddaluno	90	March 10 2008
Mary Panish	87	March 11 1997
Kathryn Petriw	83	March 11 2009
Paul Krish	56	March 12 1975
Mary Mick	28	March 13 1928
Anastasia Karpie	63	March 13 1955
Michael Lewchick		March 13 1985
Child Constantine Petrov	3	March 14 1914
Child Constantine Zdanuk	3	March 14 1914
Catherine Uliasz	97	March 14 2002
Roman Zhardetsky		March 15 1915
Thekla Gladky	42	March 15 1937
Alexander Zhdanuk	69	March 15 1942
Anastasia Burak	57	March 15 1952
Tikhon Zuk	72	March 16 1949
Mary (Dobosz) Roman	86	March 16 2000
Stephen Semanchik		March 17 1939
Katherine Pravka	41	March 17 1941
Dorothy Bielomizy	63	March 17 1962
Child Michael Semchik	5	March 18 1903
Child Miroslav Halaytso	8 mo	March 18 1922
Mary Horbal	67	March 18 1970
Child Evan Bashkevich	1	March 19 1936
Peter Horbal	81	March 19 1975
Paul Kozuch	70	March 20 1966
Katherine Kotek		March 20 1989
Eulah (Julia) Chesky	94	March 20 2008
Mary Kislicki		March 21 1970
Mary Stepanuk	34	March 22 1916
Nicholas Halaytso	37	March 22 1926
George Shimchick	74	March 22 1971
George Sachok	85	March 22 1983
Wasył Szestakow		March 22 1986
James Tilley	50	March 23 1964
Mary Romanchuk	86	March 23 1974
Helen Stankievtz		March 23 1987
Vasili Ratushinsky	45	March 24 1911
Aleksy Pituk	48	March 24 1930
Mary Zavada	57	March 24 1949
Akulina Kateshenok	76	March 24 1972
Helen Zaiko	87	March 25 2005
Vasili Lazar	23	March 27 1903
Child Anastasia Dyachuk	2 days	March 27 1922

Victor Raducha	52	March 27 1942
Ignatz Smoluk	75	March 27 1968
Walter Gedz	87	March 28 2004
John Wlasuk	88	March 29 1975
Child John Verder	6 mo	March 30 1918
Mary Eroch	67	March 30 1962
Peter Dyranka	56	March 30 1971
Casimer Zielinski	75	March 31 1994

ВЪЧНА ПАМАТЪ

THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD – CELEBRATED ON MARCH 25TH

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. There is a painting of the Annunciation in the catacomb of Priscilla in Rome dating from the second century.

The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as "good tidings." This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of St Luke (1:26-38). The troparion describes this as the "beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery," for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man.

There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God's promise to send a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15): "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel." The Fathers of the Church understand "her seed" to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, which they saw dimly, but the Archangel Gabriel now proclaims that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

We see this echoed in the Liturgy of St Basil, as well: "When man disobeyed Thee, the only true God who had created him, and was deceived by the guile of the serpent, becoming subject to death by his own transgressions, Thou, O God, in Thy righteous judgment, didst send him forth from Paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Thy Christ Himself."



The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth in Galilee. There he spoke to the undefiled Virgin who was betrothed to Joseph: "Rejoice, thou who art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among

women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

In contrast to Eve, who was readily deceived by the serpent, the Virgin did not immediately accept the Angel's message. In her humility, she did not think she was deserving of such words, but was actually troubled by them. The fact that she asked for an explanation reveals her sobriety and prudence. She did not disbelieve the words of the angel, but could not understand how they would be fulfilled, for they spoke of something which was beyond nature.

Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34). "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: therefore also that which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.' And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her" (Luke 1: 35-38)."

In his Sermon 23 on the day of the Annunciation, St Philaret of Moscow boldly stated that "the word of the creature brought the Creator down into the world." He explains that salvation is not merely an act of God's will, but also involves the Virgin's free will. She could have refused, but she accepted God's will and chose to cooperate without complaint or further questions.



DRAFT MINUTES

Annual Parish Meeting January 24, 2010

The Annual Parish meeting of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church was held on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

Meeting Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Warden Paul Salina called the 108th annual meeting to order at 11:21am in the church and Father David opened the meeting with the singing of "O Heavenly King". There were 32 parishioners in attendance and a quorum was declared. Paul welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Secretary's Report Minutes of the annual meeting dated January 25, 2009 were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted Diane Dounouk/Chris Dresko. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report (A copy is on file with the secretary.)

Father David reported the metrical statistics. Father David informed us that he had a difficult time writing his report. The report should be telling the "State of the Parish" in which we look at where we are and where we are going. Father reported that there is so much good at HTOC but one thing continues to trouble him-that being our participation in not only the divine services but parish life in general. This appears to be a recurring theme over the past years. He seems to "nagging" everyone to sign up for things to do all the time. He quoted St. Seraphim of Sarov, stating the goals of Christian life-prayer, fasting, vigil and other Christian activities and then went on to explain each. We should participate in the life of the parish to acquire the Holy Spirit. Father David thanked those dedicated individuals who labor and serve, the officers of the parish council, the Sisterhood, the Men's Club, the coffee hour keepers, the prosphora bakers, the church school teachers, the choir under the direction of Chris Dresko and those who fill in for him, for Ewa Zagorska-the flower lady, and altar servers Andrew and Nicholas Pulcini and Gavin Wykes under the leadership of Nicholas Dresko. Thank you to all. Father David also reported that HTOC is the second largest in the Diocese of New England with 132 assessed/communicating members. We have the largest membership in ONE STEWARDS and we have 5 members in the Bishops Circle. We have 49 married couples of which only 14 are both Orthodox. The average age is 53 years 6 months. We have 38 members who are over age 80 and 17 members under age 13. We certainly can make things happen in our parish.

Warden's Report (A copy of the report is on file with the secretary.) Warden Paul Salina thanked Father David and Matushka Melanie for their service to our parish. The cycle of services continue to be full and there is a concerted effort to bring our community together through various events. Paul thanked our choir under the direction of Chris Dresko and the altar servers under the guidance of Nick Dresko. He also thanked the Parish Council and the church organizations and those who go about making the parish run smoothly. A special thanks to 3 parish council members who will leave due to term limit policy, Phyllis Bartos, Ellen Santoro and himself. Through his last 3 years as warden, we have seen trees removed, which were causing damage to our roof and an outside beautification/maintenance project near completion, the renovation of the church school and kitchen area, the sale of the Beaver St. home and the beginnings of the restoration of the church interior in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the church building in 2013. Paul is also concerned with maintaining and growing of the parish population and that we must keep a cautious eye to the attendance and financial support to ensure a vibrant life for generations to come.

Choir Director's Report Chris Dresko said that Forgiveness Sunday will be one year that he has taken over the choir. This year has brought some new choir members-young faces, new generation and some with musical talent. Over the summer the liturgy books were redone. He now has a choral newsletter (it's on the website too) that also lists the reader schedule. If you are interested in reading, see Chris. Christmas Caroling was cancelled last year due to an icy day and Ruth taking a tumble. Chris and the choir are looking into taking Pascha music to the shut-ins. Chris is planning an all-male choir service before Forgiveness Sunday. We will also be hosting the deanery service on Palm Sunday which will bring choir members from other parishes together. Chris also informed us that he will be basically out the

month of July due to his wedding and relatives weddings.

Financial Report Copies of the financial reports are on file with the secretary. George Ludko reported the biggest income was the sale of the Beaver Street house. Expenses in 2009 were pretty routine except for some outside property maintenance. George Ludko reported that it is disturbing to the council that cash donations are down and the council needs to review this.

2009 income	\$252,421.02
2009 expense	\$176,417.61
inc/exp	\$ 76,003.41

George indicated that some new accounts were created this year - 2 savings accounts for the memorial and endowment funds and the monies collected are going directly into those accounts. George reported that he was directed by the parish council to "pay back" funds previously borrowed from with the proceeds from the sale of the house, and he went back 3 years. He also paid some bills from the sale of the house. An account for the 100+ club monies was also set up. This money is to be used for church renovation projects. In 2008, they were used for the church school, rug, and kitchen renovations. They were not used in 2009 and there is \$4600. Motion to accept the 2009 financial report Paul Culton/Peter Anop.

Cemetery/Perpetual Care - Paul Salina reported that the cross at the cemetery that was damaged has been removed and a new one put up at no expense to the church. Thank you to the Duksa Family/Burritt Hill Funeral Home. He also thanked the memorial gift from the Matczyk family for the cemetery circle beautification with the addition of pavers. This area will be used especially on St. Thomas Sunday. George Ludko reviewed the cemetery reports prepared by Nadine Cabrera. A copy of the report is on file with the secretary.

2009 operating income	\$22,783.41
2009 operating expense	\$18,969.47
inc/exp	\$ 3,813.94
Total assests	\$47,424.66

George reported that this is the first year that he can remember that we didn't operate at a loss. This was due to our re-structure of cemetery fees and a sale of new plots. The previous years depleted the Fidelity funds. In 2009, two of the funds gained. Motion to accept the cemetery financial report as submitted Ellen Santoro/Nelson Potter. Motion carried. Father David said that if you haven't made any funeral arrangements that he would suggest Burritt Hill as they know the "Orthodox funeral and traditions". They are wonderful.

Endowment Funds - A copy of this report is on file with the secretary. George Ludko Reviewed the reports submitted by Nadine Cabrera.

Total endowment funds as of 12-31-08	\$150,336.90
Total endowment funds as of 12-31-09	\$216,109.16

George reported that the financial committee will be meeting with 1 or 2 investment advisors to go over the church portfolio and take a look at how we have our funds invested and suggest some direction to invested wisely and get the best return. Motion to accept the Endowment report Ellen Santoro/Dave Bartos. Motion carried. Thank you to George Ludko and the financial committee for a job well done.

SISTERHOOD Ellen Santoro
 2009 starting balance \$8611.10
 2009 ending balance \$9716.43

income \$3708.83 expense \$2603.50

The Sisterhood made donations in 2009 to Nick Dresko, ONE Stewards, Sisters of Mercy, Holy Resurrection Church in NH, Father Mihalik and Vestments for Father David. There is \$2928.70 in the chandelier fund-this is from the tag sale, cookie and pie sales. Activities in 2009 included a game night, meat fare brunch, outing to dinner and a Christmas show. This year the sisterhood will be celebrating out 100th anniversary and have pledged to raise at least \$5K for the refurbishing of the chandelier. You are all invited to a celebration dinner in the fall. Thank you for your continued support.

MENS CLUB Paul Culton

2009 beginning balance \$13,660.43

2009 ending balance \$14,920.93

2009 income \$3037.27 2009 expense \$1776.77

This year the Men's club made a \$500 donation to the Christmas stocking project and they still owe youth rally \$500. They will make a double payment in 2010. This is the 24th year for lotto and it has raised over \$57K since its inception. In 2009, the lotto netted \$2600. There is still 7 numbers remaining at \$52 per year. The Men's club plans to make a motion at their meeting next week to beat the sisterhood with a donation to the chandelier refurbishing. 2009 activities included Rock cats game, golf and dinner outing.

CHURCH SCHOOL Paul Salina happily reported that we currently have 2 church school classes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Caretaker's House Paul Salina reported that after the water main break at the house-it seemed to be a long process to repair and get the house ready for the market. We have originally asked \$129k but the market fell out and there were no offers after 4-5 months. We then had the assistance of Realty 3 from Berlin and the price was reduced but there were only a few showings. Mike Wanik spoke with Mayor Stewart who has a program to end homelessness in New Britain to see if the city would be interested. The city purchased that home last July at \$95K. They paid to have the property parceled out and we ended up with a profit of \$91K. The city has probably spend an additional \$50K-\$60K in renovations (roof, chimney, siding, back porch, and perhaps a 2nd bathroom) The house is gorgeous. Thank you to Paul Salina and Mike Wanik for your hard work.

2. Capitol Projects Thank you to George Matyczyk, Mike Wanik and Dan Telychka for scraping, patching and painting the church interior. The Sunday school project is done, the outside landscaping project is just about finished, and now we have to concentrate on the church interior. Paul Salina has contacted 5 contractors and 3 have responded. He has met with 2 of them and the 3rd was postponed. We will be looking at the soundness of the plaster - should we repair and paint it, is there a better covering for the walls - the current plaster is 100 years old, perhaps add some trim/enhancements to take away some "plainness". If you recall, some years ago the arches in the church were ornately designed. We will also be looking at the electrical system (#1 cause of fire in older buildings), the lighting, the chandelier-fix, clean, rewire and perhaps add a hoist. Some minor repairs also need to be made to the front steps, the walkway around the church and the laminate of the front wall. Nothing will be cheap and we do not have any costs at this time. It may cost \$100K just to clean the plaster with a chemical solution-(sandblasting is not

recommended) yet paint may not adhere due to the candle soot buildup. Once we get some costs, we will look to form 2 committees - a restoration committee to work with the contractors and a financial committee to raise funds. We are anticipating the work be done the summer of 2012 and it may be necessary to hold services in the church school (so equipment doesn't need to be put up and taken down-it would be more cost efficient). All plans and costs will be brought to special parish body meetings for parish information and approval. This is a big job but we still have a few years. It was also suggested that special painting may require more time. The current sound system does not work since the conversion to a digital signal by the television stations. We will also look into a new system.

From the floor - Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Budget and Salary - George Ludko reviewed the proposed budget. The 2010 budget is a 2% decrease from 2009. The expenses are pretty routine. The Diocesan Assembly did not mandate a "COLA" for the pastor but our budget includes a 3% merit increase and just under 3% for the choir director. George noted that over the last 3 years the budget has been about \$175K and always ran 13-14% behind. The proposed budget for 2010 has been reduced \$3500 and any further cuts would have been to be made from our donations to outside projects and we didn't want to do that. Motion to accept the proposed budget Mike Wanik/Irene Ferrandino. Motion Carried.

Nominating Committee Paul Salina presented the proposed slate of officers:

Warden, Michael Wanik; Vice Warden, Dan Bradanini; Recording Secretary, Ann Myszka; Financial Secretary, George Ludko; Treasurer, Nelson Potter; Assistant Treasurer, Peter Steffick; Auditor, Jennie Everson; Auditor, Rosemary Delaney; and At Large-Ed Bichun, Chris Dresko, Diane Dounouk, Tim Bannon, Dan Telychka, Peter Anop. Motion for the secretary to cast one ballot Dan Telychka/Nelson Potter. Motion carried. Thank you for the good works of the nominating committee-Diane Dounouk, Ellen Santoro and Rosemary Delaney.

Next year will be a little more difficult, as six members terms will expire. George Ludko will be happy let someone interested in becoming the Financial Secretary sit with him and see how things happen.

Delegates to the All-American Council and Diocesan Assembly- There is no All-American council scheduled in 2010 and the Diocesan Assembly will be in Springfield, VT October 29-30, 2009. Motion for Paul Culton to be our delegate for both made by George Ludko/Chris Dresko. Motion carried.

From the floor - Nothing

Thank you to everybody for the support and team effort throughout the year and for those who go about their works silently. We have good people in our parish who care for our church.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Culton at 12:35pm.

The meeting concluded with the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos