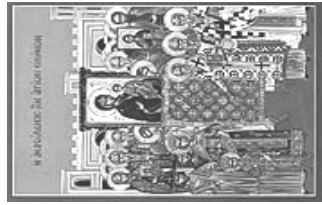




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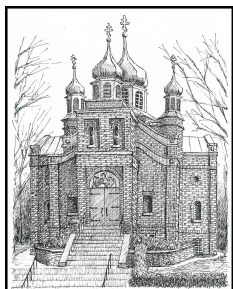


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CRESEFARE SUNDAY Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. & FORGIVENESS VESPERS Coffee Hour	2 BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M.	3 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M.	4 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	5 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M.	6 All Parish Panikhida, 5:30 P. M.	7 Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers <u>5:00 P.M.</u> CONFESSION
8 1st of Great Lent ORTHODOXY SUNDAY Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour Orthodoxy Vespers, <u>5 P.M.</u> Waterbury	9	10 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 A. M. ARBOR ROSE & 10:45 A.M JEROME HOME (for Communion) Confession 2:00 P. M.	11 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	12	13	14 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 P.M. Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers <u>5:00 P.M.</u> CONFESSION
15 2nd of Great Lent ST. GREGORY PALAMAS Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour Deanery Vespers 4 P.M. Hartford	16	17	18 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	19 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 A. M. MIDDLEWOODS & APPLE REHAB (for Communion) Confession 1:00 P. M.	20	21 Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M CONFESSION
20 3rd of Great Lent VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour FORCC Vespers 4 P.M. Bridgeport	23	24 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 A. M. WALNUT HILL (for Communion)	25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Festal Vesperal Liturgy 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	26	27	28 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 P.M. Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M CONFESSION
29 4th of Great Lent ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour Deanery Vespers 4 P.M. Stamford	30 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.	31 ST. INNOCENT, ENLIGHTENER OF AMERICA <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 A. M. ST. LUCIAN'S (for Communion) Confession 11:00 A. M.	APR 1 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	2	3 Akathist to the Theotokos, 6:30 P. M.	4 SPRING CLEANING 8:30 A.M. Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M CONFESSION



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ONE STEWARDS: March is ONE Stewards month and the 2009 campaign has begun. Our parish had a wonderful 2008 contributing \$3,420 having 22 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.

CLOCKS CHANGE: Early on Sunday morning March 8th our country moves clocks ahead one hour to resume Daylight Saving Time. On March 7th we will move back to our 'summer' schedule for Vespers with services beginning on Saturday at **5:00 P.M.**

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 in May.

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 make the journey to the Sacrament of Confession during 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, April 10th.

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 Vespersal Liturgy the rules of fasting are the same as for Presanctified.

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.	8th	Holy Trinity Greek Church, Waterbury
Mar.	15th	All Saints Church, Hartford
Mar.	22nd	FORCC Sunday: St. Nicholas, Bridgeport
Mar.	29th	Dormition Church, Stamford

Archpriest David Koles, Rector
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Terryville, CT 06786
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April 5th Nativity of the Virgin, Waterbury -
Holy Unction
April 12th Holy Transfiguration, New Haven -
Bridegroom Matins

The March monthly charity collection is for the **Ancient Faith Radio**. Ancient Faith Radio exists to supplement the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic church with on line audio programming of music, prayers, readings, lectures and interviews.
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We say we are “timeless Christianity 24 hours a day” reflecting both the eternality and the daily presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in our midst. Christ is truly in our midst and He truly ever shall be!

Learn about the story of Ancient Faith Radio as told in this article in *The Word* magazine.
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tional expenses are yet to be determined. We have 4 years until we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Consecration of our church on Washington Street.

As of this printing we have collected \$ 400.00

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Birthdays & Anniversaries in MARCH:

2	Mary Camarata	1928
5	Irene Koles	1989
6	Paul Salina	1948
7	Megan Bartos	1986
8	Nicholas Zamayduk	1921
15	Kara Leeann Ahern	2008
17	Sara Kumor	2004
21	Mary Cherpak	1918
21	Marion Bichum	1942
21	Gabriel Rembisz	2006
22	Anna Laska	1914
24	Marie Machado	
26	Jennifer Needham	1985
30	Jeffrey Burrill	1985
31	Diane Dounouk	1945



CHURCH RENOVATION

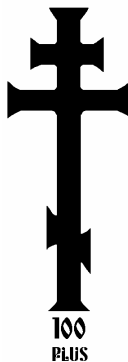
UPDATE:

A systematic plan has been developed to address the problems in the following manner:

- ♦ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls [summer - fall '09]
- ♦ Paint the interior of the church. [summer - fall '10]

As you can see we are down to the last two items. These will take some research to determine the best course of action. 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.

Thank you to all who have contributed these past two years but we are not finished. Addi-



“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
Ann Laska

Arbor Rose, New Britain
Sophia Johnson
Nona Belomyzy

Walnut Hill, New Britain
Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

Brittany Farms, New Britain
Olga Halajko

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain
Mary Kotrady

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

Apple Rehab, Rocky Hill
(formerly Elm Street Nursing Home)
Jean Prusik

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



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 Karanowytsch	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
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 Koteck		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 Szeszakow		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



Forgiveness Sunday

In the Orthodox Church, the last Sunday before Great Lent – the day on which, at Vespers, Lent is liturgically announced and inaugurated – is called Forgiveness Sunday. On the morning of that Sunday, at the Divine Liturgy, we hear the words of Christ:

"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses..." (Mark 6:14-15)

Then after Vespers – after hearing the announcement of Lent in the Great Prokeimenon: "Turn not away Thy face from Thy child for I am afflicted! Hear me speedily! Draw near unto my soul and deliver it!", after making our entrance into Lenten worship, with its special memories, with the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, with its prostrations – we ask forgiveness from each other, we perform the rite of forgiveness and reconciliation. And as we approach each other with words of reconciliation, the choir intones the Paschal hymns, filling the church with the anticipation of Paschal joy.

What is the meaning of this rite? Why is it that the Church wants us to begin Lenten season with forgiveness and reconciliation? These questions are in order because for too many people Lent means primarily, and almost exclusively, a change of diet, the compliance with ecclesiastical regulations concerning fasting. They understand fasting as an end in itself, as a "good deed" required by God and carrying in itself its merit and its reward. But, the Church spares no effort in revealing to us that fasting is but a means, one among many, towards a higher goal: the spiritual renewal of man, his return to God, true repentance and, therefore, true reconciliation.

Father Alexander Schmemmann
Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, Introduction
DRE/OCA 1975-1982



Draft Minutes: Annual Parish Meeting January 27, 2008

The Annual Parish meeting of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church was held on Sunday, January 25, 2009.

Meeting Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Warden Paul Salina called the meeting to order at 11:25am in the church and Fr. David opened the meeting with the singing of "O Heavenly King". There were 36 parishioners in attendance and a quorum was declared. Paul welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Paul believes that this is the 107th annual meeting of our parish. All written reports were distributed.

Secretary's Report Minutes of the annual meeting dated January 27, 2008 and the special meeting dated November 2, 2008 were reviewed. Motion to accept the January 27, 2008 minutes as submitted Nelson Potter/Diane Polzun. Motion carried. Motion to accept the November 2, 2008 minutes as submitted Dan Bradanini/Paul Culton. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report (A copy of the report is on file with the secretary.) Father David reported the metrical statistics. Father David gave a brief overview of the national church beginning in 2008 regarding the downhill slide into a black hole to the election of Metropolitan Jonah as a breath of fresh air indicating a "light at the end of the tunnel". He continued by saying that for "us" at HTOC we need to continue being one of the leading parishes in the Diocese of New England. Father David had thanks to many people and organizations for their dedication who "labor and serve". Thank you to the Parish Council, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, David and Phyllis Bartos who keep the coffee hour list, Ellen Santoro and Jillian Wanik who bake the prosphora and cinnamon bread, for those who sing under the direction of our choir directors Jason Ferrandino and Juliana Koles with the assistance of Chris Dresko, Matushka Elizabeth Dresko, and Paul and Annette Salina, to our wonderful church school teachers Jennifer Wykes, Alyson Pulcini and Dori Ann Kumor, for the church cleaners and to the flower lady Eva Zagorska and to Nicholas Dresko and the altar servers Andrew and Nicholas Pulcini and Gavin Wykes. Father David also informed us that we are the second largest parish in the Diocese of New England and have 140 assessed/communicating members. We have the largest membership in ONE Stewards and have been the most generous parish for the past three years. We also have the most members in the Bishop's Circle, 5. We have 56 married couples in the church but only 14 in which both spouses are Orthodox. Our average age is 53 years and 10 months – we have 38 members over age 80 and 14 children under age 10.

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. We continue to have a full cycle of church services and there is a concerted effort to bring our community together through various events. He also noted that Father John Dresko has left for a new parish assignment in Las Vegas and his family is spread across the country but they can always call New Britain home. Paul also thanked our choir directors - Juliana Koles and Jason

Ferrandino. He also thanked Matushka Elizabeth Dresko, Chris Dresko and Annette Salina who fill in occasionally. He thanked the Parish Council members and the church organizations for their contributions of time and talent. He thanked everyone both visible and invisible who do good works for the church. He thanked Paul Culton, Marion Bichum and Diane Polzun who have fulfilled their terms on the parish council and must step down. Paul thanked Nick Dresko for his work with the new altar servers. He reported that many projects have been completed this year. We now need to look to the future and be concerned with maintaining and increasing our parish population, to preserve and grow our financial support-even through difficult times. The 100th anniversary of our church building is on the horizon in 2013 and we need to continue to work towards needed renovations of our holy temple but must ensure the growth of the faithful of our parish as well.

Choir Director Report Juliana Koles reported on behalf of herself and Jason Ferrandino. Thanks to everyone. They are excited as they will be adding new music this year and more choir rehearsals will be scheduled. Liz, Juliana and Greg who have strong voices will be leaving this year - thank you...If you would like to join the choir see Juliana or Jason. Thanks for this past year and for the years to come.

Financial Report Copies of the financial reports are on file with the secretary. George Ludko highlighted portions of the income and expenditure items. He also indicated that a loss in membership was reflected in the loss of cash donations.

2008 income	\$163,288.36
expense	\$182,945.44
exp/ins	(\$ 19,657.08)

George Ludko reported that the bulk of the expenses was for property maintenance for the caretakers home. The windows were replaced and other needed repairs were done that were not covered by insurance. The boiler in the church failed inspection twice and repairs needed to be made to bring it up to code in order to pass inspection. The boiler is in good working order. The catch basin in the parking lot was also repaired. Total assests as of 12-31-08 \$221,541.75. Motion to accept the 2008 financial report Ellen Santoro/Ann Myszka. Motion carried.

Endowment Fund Reports Nadine Cabrera reported that in general the market is down 40-50% in the last year. She informed us that on Sept. 15, 2008 there was a huge drop and she contacted Warden Paul Salina with her concerns and the need to act/move quickly as the market was dropping steadily. They discussed what the church actually needs in the next 5 years and came up with repairs for the 2013 anniversary of our building, shortfalls in the budget etc... It was decided to move \$50K from the endowment funds to something safe and FDIC insured. Funds were removed and moved into 2 CD accounts at TD Banknorth and Bank of America. We took a loss of about 25%. Total endowment fund as of 12-31-08-\$154,366.26.

Cemetery/Perpetual Care Fund Nadine Cabrera reported that the Fidelity account has been closed. The cemetery committee needed to raise the prices so that the bills could be paid - we should break even now. Total cemetery funds as of 12-31-08

\$26,157.38.

There were some questions asked if we should sell the Stanley Stock and some discussion as Stanley Works is laying off people. Nadine Cabrera believes that the stock should bounce back and we should leave it as is at this time. She is open the any suggestions or concerns.

Motion to accept the endowment and cemetery reports Sonya Matyczuk/Nelson Potter. Motion carried.

George Matyczuk reported that the old cross will be removed and replaced in the spring. Thank you to the Duksa family at Burritt Hill Funeral Home for attempting to repair the broken cross and now replacing it.

Paul Culton indicated that he read an article where people that are low on funds are selling cemetery plots on e-bay. We do have many plots available if we need to raise cash in the future. Paul Salina reminded us that our by-laws prohibit individuals from selling their plots

Parish Organizations

***Sisterhood**

Ellen Santoro thanked all the members for their hard work. In 2008, we had "Girls Night Out" at the Bushnell, a sisterhood anniversary luncheon at the Labas's, extended brunch for Bishop Nikon's visit and an evening in Tuscany. We also had a meat fare brunch with the proceeds benefiting Fr. Mihalik. Ellen thanked her officers-Diane Polzun, Rosemary Delaney and Phyllis Bartos. She also thanked all the sisterhood members who work tirelessly to support the church in numerous ways.

Beginning Balance 1-1-08	\$5,736.65	
Income	\$4,248.70	(pieroghi workshop, meatfare brunch, Tuscany dinner)
Expense	\$1,374.25	
Inc/exp	\$2,874.45	
Ending Balance 12-31-08	\$8,611.10	

***Men's Club**

Paul Culton reported the Men's Club has about \$13K-most of it in CD's. The main fundraiser for the Men's Club for the past 22 years has been the Lotto. They have given over \$60K back to the church. In 2008, they donated \$500 to the Christmas Stocking project and provided funds for the youth rally, they also had a golf outing and attended a Rock Cats game. The men's club would like to sell all the lotto tickets for 2009.

Beginning Balance 1-1-08	\$13,635.24
Income	\$ 3,199.29
Expense	\$ 3,174.10
Inc/exp	\$ 25.19
Ending balance 12-31-08	\$13,617.51

***Church School** Thank you to Jennifer Wykes, Alyson Pulcini and Dori Ann Kumor. Jennifer Wykes noted that most church school families have only one Orthodox spouse and it is important to bring the children together with other Orthodox children. In March 2008, church school began every other Sunday from 8:30am to 9:15am. They do hands on activities and have children ages 4-10. They may have to split up into 2 classes in September because we have some younger children who will be ready for church school. If anyone knows of a website for

Orthodox educational materials for church school age children, or have any ideas, please see Jennifer.

OLD BUSINESS

***MAJOR CAPITOL PROJECTS**

***Church School Interior** Paul Salina reported that the walls have been painted and the carpeting and tile have been replaced. Thank you to the Beck family who added to their original donation. The kitchen area has also been completed. A sump pump was added in the sink room. There has been no water since the drains were cleaned. Shelving was purchased and has been added in the sink room and storage areas.

***Church Interior** Paul Salina reported that work continues to be done towards refurbishing for the 2013 anniversary. He asked if anyone has information/records etc. of what month the building was actually consecrated in 1913. The roof project has been completed and he believes the problems with the leaks have been resolved. Thanks to Mike Wanik and George Matyczyk who have been scraping the walls and the arch area over the ambo. It was discovered that the large area peeling over the arch is canvas and it was a previous icon of Christ, stars and angels. We need to explore options on what is the best resolution for solving this issue. We have several options to look at. As a part of the renovations for 2013, the chandelier needs to be repaired/cleaned and possibly re-wired at a cost of \$10K. A mechanism to raise and lower it for periodic cleaning may be added. The parish council will work on this. It was suggested that some families may want to donate funds for some of these projects, as was done for past Icon projects.

***Caretaker's House** Paul Salina advised us that the house went up for sale in January 2008. From January to May 2008 it was offered to parishioners 1st at \$129K. After that Paul added a 4-sale sign and showed the home to 10-12 people and received 1 offer at \$85K. The home was then listed with Realty 3 and they have been advertising it quite regularly in the NB Herald. Many people have looked and we have been advised that no one is interested unless the price is dropped below \$90K. The home price has dropped from \$119K, to \$109K, to its current price \$94.5K. The council agreed that we do not want to just give the house away. Even though work has been done on the interior much remains to be done on the exterior-the garage needs to be sided, the roof, gutters, etc. There was a hole in the chimney which Dan Bradanini has repaired - thank you. Paul also advised us that there is talk of another option. He and Mike Wanik have had some discussions with Mayor Stewart and his initiative to end homelessness in New Britain. There may be state and federal grants available. The city has a few different projects underway either to buy the home outright or invest and repair the house and then become the property manager. The city has already purchased a multifamily home a few doors down to convert to condos. There have been a few break-ins. Apparently people have been breaking into vacant home to steal the copper plumbing. Paul has nailed the cellar door shut. The vacant home remains a liability and the city may have a viable proposal in the works. We are not paying taxes on the home although we have to maintain the heat at 55 and keep the electricity on.

From the floor – nothing

NEW BUSINESS

2009 Budget and Salary Recommendations George Lukdo reported it was not necessary to go over the budget item by item. There has been a 0% increase in the budget in the last few years. The Fair Share was increased and most of that goes to the OCA. The annual Diocesan Meeting mandated at 6.3% COLA for clergy. The office expense was kept high as more work continues on the website and we may need to purchase a new computer. The pay phone has been removed and a land-line phone needs to be installed. Motion to accept the 2009 budget as presented by Dan Bradanini/Rosemary Delaney. Motion carried. Peter Steffick reported that people who have pledged have upheld their pledge. We need to get the non-pledging people who contribute, to pledge so we can prepare the budget. We previously have had to have Main St. USA and bazaars to subsidize the budget. Is that something we want to do again?

Nominating Committee Paul Salina reported there wasn't really a nominating committee that he actually made a few calls. Dan Bradanini has agreed to be the Vice-Warden, and that George Matyczyk and Jennie Everson have agreed to be auditors. George Ludko/Ann Myszka nominated Rosemary Delaney for the remaining at large opening - she accepted. The slate of officers for 2009: Warden Paul Salina, Vice-warden Dan Bradanini, Recording Secretary Phyllis Bartos, Financial Secretary George Ludko, Treasurer Nelson Potter, Assistant Treasurer Peter Steffick, Auditor Jennie Everson, Auditor George Matyczyk, At large Ann Myszka, Ellen Santoro, Diane Dounouk, Tim Bannon, Dan Telychka, Peter Anop and Rosemary Delaney. Motion to have the secretary to cast 1 ballot Dave Bartos/Paul Culton. Motion carried.

Delegates to the All-American Council and Diocesan Assembly There is no All American Council scheduled for 2009. George Ludko/Sonya Matyczyk nominated Rosemary Delaney to be our delegate to the 46th Diocesan Assembly - she accepted. Motion carried. The Diocesan Assembly will be in Waterbury, CT this year.

From the floor Paul Salina reported that a piece of the former rectory soffit fell off and is need of repair. He received a bid from John Dorsey to repair and replace the rotted wood etc for \$2450. It was recommended that the repair should be done. We do have good tenants who also tend to our grounds and maintenance on the rectory. The income received from the tenants exceeded the cost of the repairs and help to balance our budget. . Motion to make these necessary repairs to the soffit/roof not to exceed \$3K George Ludko/Nelson Potter. Motion carried. Peggy Shafran requested a printed updated parish directory. This will be done.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn 12:40pm by Dan Bradanini. The meeting concluded with the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos