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| Sunday | Жондяу | Тиездяу | Wednesday | Тникздяу | Friday | Ѕятикдяу |
| Greeter: Carol Skerpan | Cleaner: Waniks | Charity: Christmas Stocking Project | | 1 ркотестіон оf тбе тбеотокоз | 2 | 3 Education Day at St. Vladimir's Seminary NO VESPERS |
| 4 17th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. | 5 | 6 st. innocent, apostle to america | 7 | 8 | 9 st. tikfion, patriarcf of moscow | 10 |
| Sisterhood Panikhida Coffee Hour – | | <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 AM MIDDLEWOODS & St. LUCIAN'S | IIDDLEWOODS & | | Vareniki Workshop 8:30 Friday & Saturday | |
| Raymond / Ludko FORCC Banquet | | | | | | Great Vespers5:00 p.m. CONFESSION |
| 11 18th after Pentecost Ch. School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Burrill | 12 | 13 iveron icon of тбе тбеотокоз | 14 | 15 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 AM JEROME HOME & ARBOR ROSE | 16 | 17 Tag Sale & Food Festival 9-3 Great Vespers5:00 p.m. CONFESSION |
| 18 19th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - | 19 | 20 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 AM LEDGECREST | 21 | 22 казан ісон об тае таеотокоз | 23 | 24 ICON: "JOY OF FILL WRO SORROW" |
| Bichum/Labas/Steffick | | | | | 46 th Diocesan Assembl Virgin Mary Chur | |
| | | | | | | Great Vespers5:00 p.m. |
| 25 20th after Pentecost Ch. School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - S.Matyczyk / L. Balkun | 26 CREATMARTYR DEMETRIVS OF THESALONIKA Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M. | 27 | 28 st. job of pocrhev | 29 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 AM WALNUT HILL | 30 | 31 бієкомяктук Jofin Kocfurov Great Vespers5:00 p.m. GENERAL CONFESSION |



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SISTERHOOD FEASTDAY: The

Patronal Feastday of our Sisterhood is October 1st, The



Protection of the Theotokos. We will celebrate this feast with Festal Vesperal Liturgy and "Pot Luck" supper on Wednesday, September 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m. A Panikhida for the departed members will be after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 4th.

OE Day: On Saturday, October 3, 2009, St Vladimir's Seminary will once again host its annual Orthodox



Education Day, which this year features the theme "God's Green Earth: Ecology and Theology." This year's theme emphasizes the lives of saints and their relationship to the cosmos. We are fortunate and blessed that the relics of St Herman, the 18th–

19th-century missionary monk, who lived in harmony with the Alaskan natives and their land, will be in our Three Hierarchs' Chapel for public veneration. His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH will preside at the Divine Liturgy and will lead a special workshop for teens on the intersection of ecology and theology.

We **will not** have Vespers at HTOC this evening because Fr. David will be attend the events of the day.

FORCC: The 16th annual FORCC (Fellowship of

Orthodox Churches of Connecticut) Benefit Dinner will

be held on Sunday, October 4th, 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, CT. The guest speaker will be His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH.



Vareniki Workshop: In preparation for the coming Tag Sale and Food Fest we will gather to make



our famous Vareniki on Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th. We need dough rollers, pinchers, stuffers, dish washers, etc. etc. All abilities welcomed! See Ed or Marion Bichun with questions. Tag Sale and Food Festival: On Saturday, October 17th, 9 am to 3 pm. <u>Volunteers are needed!</u> Please bring gently worn clothes, household goods, books jewelry, Toys, Portable furniture, etc. Food will be Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Stuffed Cabbage, Saurkraut, Pierogi, Empanada, Soup and Bread. Collection of goods October 11-16 ONLY! See Ed & Marion Bichun, Ann Myszka or Diane Dounouk with questions.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: The annual assembly for the Diocese of New England will be held Friday & Saturday, October 23 - 24 at the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Church in Waterbury. His Beatitude, Metropolitan



JONAH will speak at the banquet on Friday evening and preside at the Divine Liturgy on Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend these events without having to register for the assembly. Banquet tickets are \$30.00. We will have vespers on Saturday, October 24th as usual

The October monthly charity collection is for the OCA Christmas Stocking Project. In its 16th year, the Christmas Stocking Project last year it provided 15,000 filled Christmas stockings or equivalent gifts to children in lands and areas where they were received with special delight. Recipients will be children in Albania, Belarus, Georgia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine. The stockings are assembled by workers at the AHRC (Association for the Help of Retarded Chil-

dren) Vocational Training Center. These workers learn that they are serving a real need, receive a small compensation and the added pleasure of acting as "Santa's Helpers." Each "Christmas Stocking" <u>only cost</u> <u>\$5.00!</u>



Archpriest David Koles, Rector 9 Frankie Lane Terryville, CT 06786 Phone: 860-573-0013 Email: <u>frdavid@htocnb.org</u> PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, October 26th. All Council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

GENERAL CONFESSION: is nor-

mally 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 on Saturday, October 31st.

E-mail ADDRESSES & **ON-LINE DIRECTORY:** Just a reminder

for those who have access to a computer. Our on-line directory can be accessed by going to our web site http://www.htocnb.org/ and clicking on the tab "Parish

Directory" When you get there the Username is htocpd and the Password is troitsa. And if you are not receiving email notification of events, schedule changes, funerals, etc. please send a note to Fr. David at frdavid@htocnb.org and you will be added.

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WELCOME: We want to welcome new members and future members to the family of Holy Trinity.

> Jennifer Needham - West Hartford Olga Solovyova - Cromwell Nicholas & Mallory Kokus - Bloomfield Daniel Belonik - West Roxbury, MA

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

A preliminary meeting between Baker Renovations Inc. and members of the Parish Council has taken place in August. In the coming months a systematic plan for the restoration of the interior of the church will be formulated. 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]

As you review the points listed above, one

can see that the additional expenses are yet to be determined. But it is important to remember that our church building is approaching 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 2009 we collected \$ 2600.00

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

in OCTOBER:

- 4 Barbara Raymond 1937
- 5 **David Bartos** 1951
- 7 Phyllis Bartos 1955
- 8 Marie Shimchick 1964
- 12 Dina Karanowytsch 1923
- 15 David Wanik 1989
- 15 1989 Danielle Wanik
- 16 Andrew Pulcini 2000 17
- Timothy Bannon 1983
- 20 Olivia Salina 2003
- 23 Antoinette Rudy 1920
- 25 **Rosemary Delaney** 1951
- 27 Stella Liwen 1921
- 27 Priya Karabin 1981
- 7 1990 Patrick & Gale Dilger
- 20 Jason & Amber Fiedler 2002
- 23 Michael & Jillian Wanik 1988



"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now homebound 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 NEI | ED to feel co | nnected to their par- | Alexandra Kovalevich | 99 | October 5 1993 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ish family. | | Mary Glowacki | 90 | October 5 2008 | |
| | | | Child Adam Dziamba | 4 days | October 6 1909 |
| | Home, New Bi | ritain | Peter Kosko | 46 | October 6 1995 |
| S | adie Albino | | Kashauka Uzefa | 36 | October 7 1914 |
| | | | Gregory Terasimov | 24 | October 7 1914 |
| | Rose, New Bri | tain | Mary Hanska | 24 | October 7 1942 |
| No | ona Belomyzy | | Anna Klotz | 84 | October 7 1971 |
| | | | John Ludko | 84 | October 7 1994 |
| | Nursing Hom | e, Berlin | Michael Cherpak | 29 | October 8 1918 |
| | atasha Zaiko | | Antonina Gelazin | 71 | October 8 1961 |
| Ni | icholas Zamay | duk | Elizabeth Stankevich | 28 | October 9 1918 |
| | | | Anton Minchuk | 33 | October 10 1918 |
| Walnut | Hill, New Bri | tain | Stephanida Manchuk | 23 | October 10 1918 |
| A | gnes Makula | | Alexander Muchinsky | 23 | October 10 1919 |
| Ol | lga Skotnicki | | Stephen Piluten | 35 | October 11 1918 |
| N | lary Cherpak | | Andrew Lehman | | October 12 1967 |
| | | | John Labas, Sr. | 80 | October 12 1969 |
| Brittany | Farms, New B | ritain | Zenaida Burak | | October 12 1987 |
| С | lga Halajko | | Sophie Anop | 89 | October 12 1988 |
| | C C | | Elizabeth Kuhar | 63 | October 12 1992 |
| St. Lucian K | Residence, Nev | v Britain | Child Eugenia Chamilov | 3 mo | October 14 1915 |
| Μ | lary Kotrady | | Carl (Cyril) Schaplak | 73 | October 14 1972 |
| | | | Peter Anop | 53 | October 15 1952 |
| Middle | woods, Newin | gton | Child Peter Licki | 5 mo | October 16 1908 |
| Jennie Skovich | | | George Uhroros | 33 | October 16 1918 |
| | | | Constantine Likuda | 38 | October 16 1918 |
| Apple 1 | Rehab, Rocky | Hill | Vera Panasevich | 27 | October 16 1918 |
| Jean Prusik | | Child Lydia Pyachetsko | 5 | October 16 1930 | |
| | | | Mary Fetzko | 74 | October 17 1957 |
| At Home: Mary Bogdan, | Anne Chernal | Helen Karabin | Helen M. Spearen | 90 | October 17 2006 |
| Susan Labas, Stella Liwe | | | Andrew Belomyzy | 53 | October 18 1928 |
| Subuli Lucus, Stoliu Live | ii, iiciic i iigo | aren ana Stena i Jink. | Katherine Novick | 32 | October 18 1954 |
| | <u>666556</u> | | Barbara Dimnitch | 75 | October 18 1962 |
| AN AN | | • | Mary Karpey | | October 18 1982 |
| | | | Theodore Urish | 33 | October 19 1918 |
| | | | Child John Zdanuka | 2 mo | October 21 1911 |
| | | | John Panasevich | 26 | October 21 1918 |
| PARISH DIPTYCHS | | | Mary Alexeef | 71 | October 21 1960 |
| Please remember our de | parted brothe | rs and sisters in your | Wasile Zurawlew | | October 21 1979 |
| prayers. | | | Olga Ziegler | 82 | October 21 2001 |
| | | | Theodora Stefik | 25 | October 22 1949 |
| Joseph Mannon | 37 | October 1913 | Irene Dubovsky | 65 | October 23 1956 |
| Child John Cherpak | 1 day | October 1 1918 | Antoinette Sachok | 72 | October 23 1984 |
| Paul Blake | | October 2 1959 | Donna Balkun | 55 | October 23 2001 |
| Peter Fetzko | 82 | October 2 1991 | Child John Mayopit | 1 day | October 25 1908 |
| Anna Makula | 94 | October 2 2007 | Ignatius Boytik | 57 | October 25 1932 |
| Martha Cherpak | 24 | October 3 1918 | Mary Baranov | 64 | October 25 1954 |
| Child Anna Hofedalko | 1 | October 3 1928 | Nikita Bichun | 63 | October 25 1960 |
| Juliana Dubovsky | 72 | October 3 1966 | Eugenia Tilley | 63 | October 26 1976 |

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Alexandria Brown

Stephen Hleschak

Lavrenty Baldowsky

Child Zenaida Shumansky

Mary Fetzko

Julian Hrusha

Anna Wanik

Walter Karpie

October 3 1990

October 3 1997

October 4 1928

October 5 1906

October 5 1915

October 5 1938

October 5 1952

October 5 1975

Sophie Stankevich

Anastasia Harko

Michael Bichun

Peter Kunchik

Anatole Zaiko

Simon Pazeychuk

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October 26 1980

October 26 1985

October 26 2000

October 28 1918

October 28 1952

October 28 1973

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| Nadia Lashenka | 67 | October 28 1980 |
|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| Walter Sitkiewicz | 59 | October 29 1947 |
| Gregory Taran | 18 | October 30 1908 |
| Sophie Karabin | 71 | October 30 1958 |
| Gary Allen Karpey | 18 | October 30 1980 |
| Mary Suski | 89 | October 30 2006 |
| Joseph Burak | 16 | October 31 1934 |
| Andrew Golyshko | 69 | October 31 1958 |
| John Horbal | | October 31 1979 |
| Anne Zuk Novack | 78 | October 31 2008 |
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Icons of the Theotokos Commemorated in October

Translation of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God to Moscow [October 13]

The Iveron Icon of the Mother of God, located on Mount Athos, has been glorified by many miracles. Accounts of the wonderworking image were spread throughout Russia by pilgrims. His Holiness Patriarch Nikon (then still Abbot of the Novospasky monastery) asked Abbot Pachomius of the Iveron Monastery on Mt Athos, (who was



in Moscow collecting alms for the Athonite monasteries) to supply a copy of the wonderworking Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

The Athonite monk Iamblichos painted the copy of the Iveron Icon, and after a year the icon was taken to Moscow, accompanied by monks of Athos. On October 13, 1648 it was solemnly greeted by a multitude of the people. The Iveron Icon of the Russian Orthodox

Church was also glorified by the Lord with many miracles (February 12).

The Iveron Icon is also commemorated on February 12, March 31, and Bright Tuesday.

Commemoration of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God and the deliverance from the Poles [October 22] The Commemoration of the Deliverance of Moscow From the Poles by the Kazan Icon was established in gratitude for the deliverance of Moscow and all Russia from the incursion of the Polish in 1612. The end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth centuries is known in Russian history as "the Time of Troubles." The country suffered the onslaught of Polish armies, which scoffed at the Orthodox Faith, plundering and burning churches, cities and villages. Through deceit they succeeded in taking Moscow. In response to the appeal of His Holiness Patriarch Hermogenes (May 12), the Russian people rose up in defense of its native land. From Kazan, the wonderworking icon of the Mother of God was sent to the army headed by Prince Demetrius Pozharsky.



St Demetrius of Rostov (September 21), in his Discourse on the Day of Appearance of the Icon of the Mother of God at Kazan (July 8), said:

"The Mother of God delivered from misfortune and woe not only the righteous, but also sinners, but which sinners? those who turn themselves to the Heavenly Father like the Prodigal Son, they make lamentation beating their bosom, like the Publican, they weep at the feet of Christ, like the Sinful Woman washing His feet with her tears, and they offer forth confession of Him, like the Thief upon the Cross. It is such sinners whom the All-Pure Mother of God heeds and hastens to aid, delivering them from great misfortunes and woe."

Knowing that they suffered such misfortunes for their sins, the whole nation and the militia imposed upon themselves a three-day fast. With prayer, they turned to the Lord and His All-Pure Mother for help. The prayer was heard. St Sergius of Radonezh appeared to St Arsenius (afterwards Bishop of Suzdal) and said that if Moscow were to be saved, then people must pray to the Most Holy Virgin. Emboldened by the news, Russian forces on October 22, 1612 liberated Moscow from the Polish usurpers. A celebration in honor of the Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos was established in 1649. Even in own day this icon is especially revered by the Russian Orthodox nation.

The Kazan Icon is also commemorated on July 8.

Icon of the Mother of God "the Joy of All Who Sorrow" [October 24]

The wonderworking "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Icon of the Mother of God was glorified in the year 1688. Euphymia, the sister of Patriarch Joachim (1674-1690), lived at Moscow and suffered from an incurable illness for a long time. One morning during a time of prayer she heard a voice say, "Euphymia! Go to the temple of the Transfiguration of My Son; there you will find an icon called the "Joy of All Who Sorrow." Have the priest celebrate a Molieben with the blessing of water, and you will receive healing from sickness." Euphymia did as she was directed by the Most Holy Theotokos, and she was healed. This occurred on October 24, 1688.

The icon of the Mother of God "Joy of All Who Sorrow" (with coins fused to it by a bolt of lightning), was manifested at St Petersburg in 1888. See July 23.



The August 2009 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on August 24, 2009. Warden Paul Salina welcomed everyone back from the summer hiatus and called the meeting to order 6:58pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King".

Pastor's Report Father David indicated it has been somewhat of an emotional roller coaster since our last meeting. We has had six funerals, George Fedak, Stella Potvin, Anne Laska, Mary Roman, Mary Shimchick, and Sophie Johnson. Father told us that he was disappointed in the summer attendance for church services, especially the 2 Feast Days. He reminded the council members that we should be the leaders of the parish and set an example. On a joyous note, Kaiden Alan Fiedler was baptized on Saturday. The Men's Club held their annual golf outing with a social/dinner at the Salina residence. Thank you to the Salina's for hosting. The Liturgical New Year is starting soon with Feast Days. We will celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos with Great Vespers on the eve of the Feast-Monday Labor Day. We have been invited to join Father Andrey Pokotylo and the Ukrainian Church for their parish feast day Tuesday September 8 at 9am. The Elevation of the Cross service is Sunday 9-13 and Divine Liturgy on 9-14 at 9am. The UCONN football game is Saturday, September 26 and Ed Day is Saturday, October 3. Father will try to coordinate the trip to Ed Day. Father recently has been cleaning and has found some old vestments. He indicated that some are beyond repair and it is time to dispose/burn them. He also found a set of vestments (gold/ red) that Father Joseph Dankevich used and he asked the council for permission to donate these to the Metropolitan Theodosius Museum at St. Tikhon's. When the new bookstore (downstairs) was built at St. Tikhon's, a few years back, a museum dedicated to the history of Orthodoxy in America was opened (upstairs). The council agreed. The council also gave father permission to donate other unused items to missions or other churches that could use them.

Secretary's Report There is one correction under Church Demographics-it should indicate 1 member on the parish council in the age group 40-49. Motion to accept the corrected minutes Diane Dounouk/George Ludko. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report George Ludko reported that Jennie Ever-

son and George Matyczyk have audited May 2009.

| June 2009 | Income | \$ 8,517.00 |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| | Expense | \$12,378.45 |
| | Exp/inc | \$ 3,861.45 |

(large expenses - Bishop visit, withholding and Soc. Sec., Fair Share, lawn mowing, utilities, and yearly web page)

Motion to accept the June 2009 audited report (Jennie Everson) by Ellen Santoro/Peter Anop. Motion carried. g expenses - property

| July 2009 Income | \$ 9,759.50 | (Big expenses - property |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | | insurance, property tax, |
| Sale of Beaver St | \$ 91,101.00 | fair share, withholding |
| | | and Soc. Sec., candles, |
| | | lawn mowing, utilities, |
| | | Elevator lift maint., |
| Total income | \$100,860.50 | a/c maint.) |
| Expense | \$ 21,775.39 | |
| | | |

Exp/inc \$79,085.11

| Transfer of Funds from the Checking Account | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|--|
| Money Market | \$60,000.00 | Webster Bank | |
| Endowment CD | \$10,000.00 | Webster Bank | |
| Memorial Fund | \$10,034.52 | Webster Bank | |

| Transfer of Funds | from the Mone | ey Market Account |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Memorial Fund | \$45,000.00 | Webster Bank |

May charity \$368.00 June charity \$386.00

George Ludko reported with the sale of the Beaver Street home that there was a lot of transferring of funds and some new accounts were created. The memorial and endowment funds have been repaid for the funds owed the last 3 years (\$10K each). George indicated that he paid the property insurance off for the year rather than paying the monthly service fee. The money for the May charity had to be wired to Lithuania at an additional cost of \$45. \$60K for the memorial fund is now in a CD for 15 months at 2% interest. Wachovia will be changing to Wells Fargo. The 100plus Club income for 2008 was \$3700. This was used to help pay for the remodeling of the kitchen/rug. There was an additional \$3K donated towards the rug. The project cost \$12K. The new 2009 100plus Club money will go into the money market fund-there is \$2700 so far this year. The 100plus Club monies are used for capital improvements. The Webster money market account allows 6 transactions per month. There was a discussion that there needs to be some parameters set up as to how the endowment funds can be used. It is believed that the interest may be used after the fund reaches \$100K. The idea is not to touch the principal. If changes need to be made then perhaps it should be brought up at the annual meeting. Motion to accept the audited (Jennie Everson/George Matyczyk) report by Dan Bradanini/Ellen Santoro. Motion carried. Thank you to George for all his hard work. Paul Salina reminded us that at our June meeting we discussed sending the pledge forms out earlier and have then returned earlier so that we may build a realistic budget. Motion to send out the pledge forms with a letter in November and request

for return by December 15, 2009 by Nelson Potter/Peter Steffick. Motion carried. The dates can be adjusted.

OLD BUSINESS

*Caretaker's House The deal with the City of New Britain closed at the end of July. The house was sold "as is" for \$95K. The property was surveyed at the city's expense and we do have a copy of file (in the safe). Ken Malinowski from the City Housing informed Paul Salina that they almost have a family ready to move in. The city will be doing some exterior repairs (siding, roofing and chimney work). They were very pleased with the interior of the home and they were very happy to strike a deal with us. Paul informed us that the net profit was 91,101.00. The only expense we had was the 3.5% for the real estate commission and \$500 attorney fees. We will not continue to cut the grass at the Beaver Street home. Paul Salina also received a letter from the family next door as a tree overhangs on their property and he told them that the city now owns the property. Thank you to Paul Salina for all your hard work.

*Church Interior Renovation Father David, Paul Salina, Dan Bradinini, George Ludko, Paul Culton and George Matyczyk met with Brian Baker from Baker Liturgical Art in Southington. Many ideas were suggested. He will be back to take measurements and take a closer look. He will come up with suggestions and prices. He did indicate that we have a very beautiful church but the walls are painted all one color. If you recall the arches were previously gold stenciled but deteriorating paint/ peeling etc has removed that. He also suggested different tints of the same color or wood accent pieces. He said the columns (poles) really should be boxed in. The iconostas is beautiful but poorly lit. Work on the chandelier would be done, including the installation of a mechanical system to raise and lower the chandelier for cleaning. He is going to make proposals that we will be able to pick and choose. He did suggest that during the renovations that the church be shut down for about 3 months and have the services in the downstairs area. Anticipated work would be done the summer of 2012. It would not be practical to keep the church open during renovations due to the extreme cost of weekly clean up to hold services. Omit-To put up and take down materials will require more time for the project. He did suggest the floors be redone too-he would remove the pews and put them in storage trailers. He does have a careful and thoughtful process, his workmanship is wonderful. (He did the Palace Theater in Waterbury.) This is the 1st step in a long journey and we do have time to get it completed for the 100th anniversary in 2013.

*Project Management Review Paul Salina informed us that the first phase of the outside property maintenance has begun. Shrubs, bushes and trees are overgrown and now detract from the beauty of the church. George Matyzczyk met with Shaun from Shemeth Landscaping and he made several suggestions. Copies of the letter and proposals are on file with the secretary. It was suggested to make the trees/bushes near the parking lot gates a priority, as the overgrown bushes are hazards that impair the sight lines on both Beaver and Washington streets. Motion to proceed with the maintenance project with Option B not to exceed \$8K George Ludko/Diane Dounouk. Motion carried. Phase one is just about done. It was suggested that we also take a look at the list and see what we can do ourselves though much Phyllis Bartos of the work needed to be done is beyond the scope of a few

volunteers. George Matyczyk was to check on how the trees would be cut-we understand stump removal is usually separate and would request at least cut as close to the ground as possible.

*Church Demographics George Ludko has a meeting with Father Halvorsen on Wednesday. We currently have 140 people paying assessments of which we have 61-signed pledges. We need to encourage everyone to pledge.

*From the Floor Father David received some photos of the renovations that the Berlin NH made to the rectory. He will post them on the Charity bulletin board. This was our charity collection for January 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

*October Charity Motion to have the OCA Stocking Project be the October charity Ellen Santoro/Ann Myszka. Motion carried.

A possible suggestion for November would be Prudence Crandall.

*Church Tag Sale Marion Bichun, Ann Myszka, and Diane Dounouk are coordinating the event to be October 17. It will be a tag and food festival. This is to raise money for the chandelier fund. A flyer with information will be distributed to parishioners.

*2 Committees for Project 2013 Paul Salina suggested that we think about forming 2 committees for the church interior renovation project-one to work on the restoration project itself and the other to assist with securing of funding and developing a capitol campaign within the parish.

*From the floor

*Rosemary Delaney indicating Andrew Boyd will be leaving to attend the seminary soon. He has been very active with the OCF and has attended services here many times. It was suggested that we give him some assistance. Motion to use \$500 from the education fund as a one-time gift to Andrew Boyd by George Ludko/Ann Myszka. Motion carried.

*Cemetery Project - George Matyczyk presented some ideas to address the area near the cross using memorial funds from his sisters Lillian Madaluno and Louise Beechum. There is \$2425 and the family will pay the remainder. The family wishes to place gray paver stones in an 18 foot diameter around the cross to highlight the area and provide a suitable place to hold Thomas Sunday service. Dan Bradanini suggested going to the cemetery to try and visualize it. Paul Salina asked in the contractor can provide digital renderings of the proposal. Further discussion postponed to the next council meeting. The cemetery committee will also review the proposal.

*Inventory - Ann Myszka indicated that our parish by-laws indicate we are to have inventories of both real and personal property. She will begin.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm by Dan Bradanini. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 7PM

Respectfully submitted,