

Annual Report of 2014

St. Francis Episcopal Church

Delivered at the Annual Meeting,
Sunday, January 25, 2015



St. Francis' Episcopal Church is a diverse community, accepting all.
We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship.
We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!

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AGENDA

Annual Meeting
January 25, 2015

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

11:30 AM - Nominating Report, Opening of the Polls

Luncheon

12:00 PM - Opening Prayers and Business Session

- Closing of Polls
- Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting
 - Financial Reports
 - Other Reports
 - Old Business
 - New Business
- Vestry Appreciation Awards
 - Announcements
 - Necrology
 - Benediction
 - Dismissal

GUIDELINES FOR VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Our Charter provides that the Vestry shall consist of two (2) Wardens and nine (9) Vestry Members. The Wardens' terms are for two (2) years and the Vestry terms are for three (3) years. The Wardens and Vestry members ideally will not succeed themselves, though they may serve no more than two terms in succession. They must then wait at least one (1) year before being eligible to serve again. When a member of the Vestry finds it necessary to retire before their term expires, that position is filled by the Vestry. The terms of office are staggered so that each year the Parish is to elect one (1) Warden and three (3) Vestrymen.

THE CURRENT VESTRY

WARDENS

<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>
Pam Maiolo	Lisa Webb

CURRENT VESTRY

Class of 2015

Nathalie Edwards
Kelsey Pelliccia
Ilia Scriven

Class of 2016

Rillette Hammond
Pam Warntz
Carroll Wilson

Class of 2017

David Dunham
Geraldine Peters
Carline Sinckler

QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS ACCORDING TO CANON FIFTY

SECTION 2. The persons entitled to vote at such meetings must be:

- (a) baptized,
- (b) at least sixteen years of age,
- (c) of good moral character
- (d) adhering to The Episcopal Church and to no other religious body,
- (e) regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish or Mission, and
- (f) regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish or Mission for six months next before the said annual meeting.

A record of the regular contributors for the support of the Parish or Mission shall be maintained by the Treasurer, with the dates of their contributions. Such records shall be sufficient evidence as to the qualification of a voter with respect to the last preceding requirement. Any voters not baptized in the Parish or Mission must have been enrolled as members in accordance with the provisions of the Canons of The Episcopal Church. Rectors, Vicars, or Wardens shall keep a list of all members of the Congregation who have been received as voters, which list shall be open to inspection by the members of the Congregation. No one shall be permitted to vote or be eligible to office in more than one Parish or Mission in this Diocese, although members of a Parish or Mission may be eligible also to vote or hold office in a Chapel.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH OFFICERS

Names in BOLD are those nominated for election at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Names not in bold are those continuing in office for terms to which they were previously elected.

VESTRY

Sr. Warden	2 year term until 2017	Lisa Webb
Jr. Warden	1 year term until 2016	David Dunham
Vestry	3 year term until 2018	Nathalie Edwards
Vestry	3 year term until 2018	Elaine Patania
Vestry	3 year term until 2018	Cynthia Pelliccia
Vestry	2 year term until 2017	Ava Parmelee
Vestry	2 year term until 2017	Geraldine Peters
Vestry	2 year term until 2017	Carline Sinckler
Vestry	1 year term until 2016	Rillette Hammond
Vestry	1 year term until 2016	Pam Warntz
Vestry	1 year term until 2016	Carroll Wilson

DIOCESAN CONVENTION:

The 2015 Diocesan Convention will meet February 27- 28 in Princeton, NJ

Delegates:

Nathalie Edwards
Leslie Oliver
Geraldine Peters

Alternates:

Pam Maiolo
Amy Myzie
Paul Sinckler

DELEGATES TO THE WATCHUNG CONVOCATION:

Alan Benjamin	Sharon Benjamin	Jennifer Gruber
Rillette Hammond	Gail Slater	Norma Tucker

2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

David Dunham, Rillette Hammond, Pam Warntz, Carroll Wilson

VESTRY MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Vestry is to:

1. Provide a Christian Environment which will promote a Spiritual enrichment with the Parish.
2. Function as a policy decision-making body as representatives of the Parish.
3. Provide an open forum for the exchange of information with the Parish.
4. Recommend the formation of, and provide leadership for, committees that support specific functions and goals within the Parish.

Vestry Committees: Buildings & Grounds, Finance, COME!, Stewardship and Outreach.

Committee Membership: May include anyone from the Parish family. If interested, please contact the Rector, a Warden or Vestry member.

MEETING MINUTES FROM 2014

St. Francis Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting
January 26, 2014

The 2014 annual Meeting was brought to order with prayer on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 11:40 AM. The Nominating Committee Chair – Paul Sinckler – presented the nominees for the 2014 Vestry:

Vestry:

Jr. Warden Lisa Webb 2 year term until 2016
Vestry David Dunham 3 year term until 2017
Vestry Geraldine Peters 3 year term until 2017
Vestry Carline Sinckler 3 year term until 2017
Vestry Ilia Scriven 1 year term until 2015

Diocesan Convention:

Delegates: Alternates:
Pam Maiolo Leslie Oliver
Amy Myzie Geraldine Peters
Waring Webb Cynthia Pelliccia

Watchung Convocation:

Alan Benjamin Leslie Oliver Susan Kokotajlo
Heather Nunes Mary Pfeiffer Norma Tucker

Nominating Committee for 2015:

Pam Maiolo, Ilia Scriven, Nathalie Edwards, Kelsey Pelliccia

Fr. Zamboni asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Vestry and Warden – none
For Diocesan Convention – none; For Watchung Convocation – none

Fr. Jack asked for that a Unanimous Ballot be presented – so moved, seconded and carried.

Meeting continued after a “pot-luck” lunch.

- Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting were accepted.
- He also asked everyone to review the Annual Report Booklet.
- Business:
 - Ilija Scriven, Treasurer presented 2013 Treasurer’s Report and the 2014 Budget.
 - The Finance Committee consists of: Amy Myzie, Ilija Scriven, Audrey McConney, Father Zamboni, Pam Maiolo and Paul Sinckler. Father thanked all of the Finance Committee for their hard work this year.
 - After reviewing the 2014 budget, Ilija announced that the Vestry had approved it.
 - Elaine Patania spoke about Consecration Sunday 2013 and plans to do it again in 2014.
 - Lisa Webb and Pam Warntz presented St. Francis Facebook page and new Web Site.

Other reports:

- Father Jack asked all to review all the Committee reports in the Annual Meeting Booklet.
- Motion made/carried to accept all reports as presented.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Nothing

Vestry Appreciation Awards

- Father Jack thanked Paul Sinckler and Amy Myzie for their many years on the Vestry and presented Paul with a token of appreciation. (Amy Myzie was absent from meeting)
- Father had a special thank-you and a St. Francis Award for Cynthia Pelliccia for her Fellowship.
- Sr. Warden Pam Maiolo presented a bottle of St. Francis wine and a gift card to Fr. Zamboni in thanks for his ministry.
- Princess Thomas read a letter from Audrey McConney thanking everyone for their prayers, cards and visits while she was in the hospital. She is home now and doing dialysis at home.

Announcements:

- Acolyte Festival – 2/8/14
- Acolyte Sunday – 2/9/14
- Shove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – 3/4/14
- Ash Wednesday Services 3/5/14 at 12 noon and 7:30pm
- Diocesan Convention, Cherry Hill – 2/28/14 - 3/1/14

- Lenten Services at Christ United Methodist on Wednesdays at noon during Lent
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner – 3/15/14
- Palm Sunday – 4/13/14
- Easter Sunday – 4/20/14
- Father offered his thanks to:
 - ~Vestry: old – new – continuing.
 - ~Pam Maiolo – Sr. Warden
 - ~Ilia Scriven – Treasurer and Budget
 - ~Mary Pfeiffer – Communiqué
 - ~Elma Adams – Music Director
 - ~Geri Peters – Clerk
 - ~Barbara Dalto – Sunday School Superintendent

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn the 2014 Annual Meeting at 1:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Geri Peters, Vestry Clerk

RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

If you have read any of my previous Annual Meeting reports, you might recall that in recounting events of the prior year, I've tried to gather them under overarching spiritual, missional or theological themes. Last year, for instance, I used our new Mission Statement to organize and interpret the richness of our congregational life. I've done that to help us see how the events of parish life are part of the bigger picture of God's life in us, as well as to avoid simply presenting a laundry list of things that happened, however wonderful, in the year just ended.

This year just ended, 2014, has been a very different year in my life, and I've found I need to discern and describe God's presence in its events in a different way – by looking at a calendar.

For several years now, I've used Google Calendar on-line to keep track of appointments, meetings, service times, pastoral visits, social events, singing commitments and everything else in my life, both professional and personal. My wife, Judith, and I started doing this in the fall of 2011 when she began her studies at UMDNJ (later Rutgers) to become a Physician Assistant. The complex and ever-changing calendar for her program was to be found on Google Calendar and we quickly learned that we needed to put all our family commitments on this single platform if we were going to keep our lives organized and avoid scheduling meltdowns. I've been doing it ever since.

In preparing to write this report, I reviewed 2014 on my Google Calendar, and here's what I found.

First, the normal round of parish and diocesan life:

- Sunday and Weekday Worship
 - Pastoral Visits
 - Vestry Meetings
 - Annual Parish Meeting
 - Diocesan Convention
 - Clericus (Clergy Colleague) Meetings
 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 - Ash Wednesday Services and Ashes to Go
 - Lenten Services & Formation Programs
 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 - Holy Week and Easter
 - Preparing for and celebrating the Baptisms of Carl Gruber, Kaitlyn Phua, Xavier McConney, Anthony and Rachel Jones.
 - Preparing for and celebrating the Lifelong Covenant of Jay and Tito
- Villa-Chauvin
 - Parish Picnic
 - Consecration Sunday Planning
 - Vestry Cookout at the Maiolo's with Bishop Chip and Susan Stokes
 - Villa-Chauvin House Blessing
 - Convocation Youth Lock-in
 - Evensong Celebrating Older Adults
 - Committal of Glenn Singer's Ashes in the Memorial Garden
 - Welcome Back Dinner
 - Clergy Conference
 - ...
 - Advent
 - Preparing for and celebrating the Lifelong Covenant and Marriage of Laura and Gerriane Breck
 - Budget preparation
 - Christmas Worship

Interwoven with all of this on my Google Calendar are the events of our family life in the same 12 months. My singing life shows in rehearsals, a voice lesson and a recording session. For my step-daughter, Coral, there are school meetings, a Prom, a Youth Group Mission Trip to South Dakota from Bridgewater United Methodist Church, visits with her father, rehearsals and performances of *Godspell* (also through BUMC), dental and medical appointments and more.

Judith's academic calendar for the early weeks of 2014 shows the last onslaught of classes and tests, then Comprehensive Exams, that completed the didactic portion of the PA program she'd begun two and half years earlier. In late February, we rejoiced at her White Coat Ceremony marking her achievement and that of her classmates, followed by a brief family getaway to Puerto Rico to celebrate. Her first clinical rotation at a family practice in Trenton near Trinity Cathedral appears in the early weeks of Lent.

Scattered through these first months on the calendar are regular visits with Judith's oncologist. In and after Holy Week, appointments for MRI, CT and PET scans appear, as disturbing symptoms suggest that her cancer has returned – news that is confirmed by the oncologist not long after Easter. May and June are filled with appointments for blood work, chemo and the periodic draining of excess abdominal fluid. Improbably (but blessedly), the calendar shows that Judith and I manage to get away to Moot Point, my family's summer home in the Adirondacks, for a wonderful week together in late June.

Over the summer, appointments with visiting nurses who assist Judith with home-administered chemo and IV nutrition appear. Oncologist visits continue until October 15th, when Judith's doctor tells us she has just weeks to live. I take a Leave of Absence from St. Francis'. Family and friends come to visit. Judith dies on October 27th.

Visitation and funeral on All Saints' Sunday at BUMC are followed by meetings with attorney, accountant and therapists. The calendar shows me dipping one foot back into ministry as the Church Year ends on Christ the King, followed by a blessed time of retreat at the SSJE monastery over Thanksgiving week. Both feet are back in at St. Francis as Advent opens the new Church Year, and Coral and I take beginning steps into our very changed life. Christmas at St. Francis and at home with my son, sister and brother-in-law complete the year.

A year in the life of St. Francis. A year in the lives of Jack, Judith and Coral, interwoven on one Google Calendar. And that is as it should be; just as it should be.

Interweaving happened when Judith and Coral were present with me for St. Francis events: Sunday worship on occasion, Shrove Tuesday and St. Patrick's Dinners, the Parish Picnic, the Villa-Chauvin House Blessing, and the Welcome Back Dinner.

But the interweaving of parish life and my family's life goes much deeper. They were woven together in your prayers and concern as you learned of the cancer's return; in the leadership of Wardens and Vestry, of Deacon Marge and Mother Joan Fleming while I was on leave; in Marge, Pam Maiolo and Amy Myzie coming to our house the day Judith died to care for and pray with us along with Judith's and Coral's pastors from BUMC; in your presence at Judith's Visitation and Funeral; in the meals, cards and prayers in the weeks that followed. "Thank you" is woefully inadequate to honor this interweaving of love, but it is the best I have. Thank you.

The interweaving of parish life and my family's life in this year speak to something deeper still. Bluntly put, if Christian faith and life have any point, they must interweave with our lives – in times of challenge and loss, of joy and celebration, along with the ordinary, everyday stuff. To put it another way: if what we celebrate in the Eucharist each Sunday; if the Incarnation of God in Jesus, the Word made flesh who came to live and die and be raised to for our sake; if any of this means anything at all, it means at least this: God has chosen to interweave divine life with human life; to wrap even human death in the embrace of divine love to bring forth new life. When a congregation's life and a family's life (and death) are woven together as happened for me this year (and as happened for others at St. Francis in this and other years), we live into and bear witness to that truth. Incarnation, Passion, Death and Resurrection; the interweaving of divine and human life in all the pain and grace of love – it's all right there on my Google Calendar. This is what your rector has to report for 2014.

A final word on the interweaving of my life as priest and, now, widower in the year and years to come. When I returned from my leave, I met with Senior Warden, Pam Maiolo. After she had brought me up to speed on parish life in my absence, Pam asked me if the experience of living through Judith's death and the grief work that is just beginning would make a difference in what kind of priest I would be going forward. "Of course!" I answered, "How could it not?"

I went on to say that while as yet I had only small glimpses of what that might look like in practice, I knew it would be so. Priests (and deacons and bishops) bring to ministry all of our experience of life and love, of pain and joy, of need and provision, of weakness, failure and grace and the interweaving of God's love in it all. The experience of this past year is changing me in some ways I'm beginning to recognize and, I'm sure, in ways I'm currently clueless about. Those changes are already shaping how I pray and preach; what I notice when I walk into a hospital room or listen to someone in my office; what I think really matters and what is the small stuff I can let go; where I look for God's presence and recognize God's love; how I depend on God's grace and the love of God's people – and I know there is more to come.

I can't say yet what that will look like in the interweaving of our lives and ministry as priest and parish in 2015, or how God will interweave the divine life with our human lives, but I trust it will be so. I dare to believe that God will do new things with us as a result of it all. And I am grateful beyond words that God has interwoven my life with the life of St. Francis', Dunellen.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack" followed by a small cross symbol.

The Rev. Jack Zamboni, Rector

DEACONS REPORT

And the when? continues in my life... As ever, I'm on God's schedule and yet I continue to be surprised. I should know by now that telling her my plans doesn't work.

Before I arrived at St. Francis', Fr. Jack requested that I remain "at least 2 years". I assured him that I was not planning on leaving for 3. God's plans, however, are not discernible and after 5 years, I am gratefully still at St. Francis' and trust that, as has always happened in the past, I will be open to his leading grace, whatever that is.

This has been a difficult year at St. Francis' and particularly so for Fr. Jack and his family. I am glad that I was able to be here to assist and am grateful for all the support I received, especially from Sr. Warden Pam Maiolo. As I watched how everyone stepped up to do whatever was needed – the vestry, group leaders, and parishioners – I was struck by the evidence of God's grace and real presence here.

Visiting the homebound as well as those in other facilities continues to be a pleasure. Assisting at the altar and filling in wherever Fr. Jack has requested is an honor. Writing the script for the St. Francis' skit at the Welcome Back Dinner was great fun. I was particularly impressed with the enthusiasm of the COME! Committee to make it such a resounding success. Thinking this would be something 'simple', I had not envisioned all the props and costumes that appeared.

Thank you to Carline for her sewing ability, Heather for gathering all the props, to the ideas and input of the committee, to the 'actors' who outdid themselves with originality, and especially to Fr. Jack who was a spectacular St. Francis!

I have a plaque over my fireplace which reads "VOCTVS atque non VOCATVS Deus aderit": ("Bidden or not bidden, God is present".) Carl Jung had this carved over the front door of his house in Zurich to remind those entering that "Awe of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom" May we too be reminded, both as members of St. Francis' and in our own lives, that God IS always present. We only need recognize it.

May you know God's real presence in your life.

Dcn. Marge

REPORT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is a diverse community, accepting all. We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship. We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Last year I ended my annual report with, at the time, our new mission statement (above). This year I begin my final report as Sr. Warden with the same statement that I feel provides continuity & evidence of our mission at St. Francis Episcopal Church. Many things have occurred during 2014 that stand as a testament to that statement.

In September, Norma Tucker & Audrey Johansen were honored at Evensong: Honoring the Contributions of Older Adults in Our Diocese at Trinity Cathedral. Carol Wilson & Barbara Dalto (both honored in 2013) continue to faithfully serve our congregation. Carol as a vestry member & Barbara as our Sunday School Director.

Our youth bring a forward bright look to the future of our congregation. They are part of our Sunday school & acolyte ministries & even an occasional musical presentation. In case you haven't noticed we have a number of new babies & toddlers in the congregation & rumor has – more on the way.

Our diversity in ethnicity & color brings an opportunity for us to share & better understand that we are all children of God. Being part of this community has been a blessing to me for the past 35 years.

And finally, the St. Francis diverse community has been a leader in truly accepting & welcoming all persons regardless of sexual orientation. We ascribed to the practices of Oasis in the Diocese of New Jersey in November of 2010. And for more than 4 years St. Francis has been a welcoming congregation” by providing a “safe, comfortable & affirming spiritual home for all people.”

Our worship service on Sunday at 8am & 10 am has held steady in attendance with an average of 69. The 8am Eucharist attendance has seen a slow but steady increase. We also initiated a Wednesday Noonday service with a small core group in attendance. (This service will resume after Lent 2015). During the Lenten season more than a dozen St. Francis parishioners worshipped at Christ United Methodist Church in Piscataway during an ecumenical noon time service.

Our adult Lenten Christian formation programs on Sunday morning & Thursday evening led by Father Jack have been informative & well attended. I look forward to additional opportunities during 2015. We are fortunate to have 2 dedicated volunteers leading our Sunday school program. Barbara Dalto oversees the program & Waring Webb nurtures our 3-5 yr. olds. Together they provide a wonderful Christian education for our youth. These programs are key to our growing in faith.

One of the assets of St. Francis Church is its wonderful fellowship & camaraderie. Opportunities abound – Our annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner (thanks Amy) brings parishioners & community members to share a fun night & good food; participation in the Lenten lunch & worship at CUMC; our Holy Saturday Feast; our annual end of the season picnic & worship on the green in June; leadership get together in August with our wonderful Bishop Stokes in attendance; our welcome back dinner in September; the Women’s Christmas Party in December (a man in attendance??)(thanks Cynthia), the annual meeting & our weekly coffee hour where we sit down & eat, chat & share.

Our charge to go out to serve Christ by serving others will be more fully addressed in my Outreach report. Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself is evident at St. Francis.

And finally, there are a people to thank who have contributed to our life at St. Francis that are always there when needed.

Tom Patania has been my go- to- guy for painting & restoration of both the rectory & our church interior. He also was instrumental in replacing a new interior door in the narthex, advising me on fence installation requirements, helping with sewer issues at rectory, offering advice on reconstruction of our collapsed front planter & providing institutional building memory. A great project manager.

Thanks to Barbara Dalto for her tireless work with our Sunday school, our book group, Gospel bracelets (making & selling); Flat Jesus, outreach participation & her ability to manage her time & most always say yes. She sets a high bar for us all.

And then there are the others- YOU- who contribute so much to the worship, maintenance & leadership of St. Francis Episcopal Church. You are the person who contributes your time, talent & treasure to our community. You come to Eucharist on Sunday morning, you make a financial donation, you plant a flower, you participate in many of our ministries at St. Francis, you are a vestry member, you share the peace at worship, and you laugh & cry with us all. You are important. Thank You.

We share our lives together & we eat, pray & sometimes drink together. We are the church. Let us continue to stand strong & go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

Faithfully,
Pam Maiolo

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN

As a communication professional and Associate Program Officer for Public Affairs for The Episcopal Church, I had a bit of a different role as Jr. Warden at St. Francis'. Here are some of the ways that I served in 2014:

Calendar of Events

Created and maintain a Calendar of Events that is circulated at vestry meetings, providing information for the website calendar (<http://www.stfrancisdunellen.org/#!/calendar/c22ji>), St. Francis’ social media on Facebook and Twitter, and media releases. This calendar is also published regularly in the Communique.

Media releases

Compiled an updated list of local media outlets, and with the help of Monique Phua and Suzannah Kokotajlo, circulated regular media releases. Placements throughout the year have included:

- Diocese of NJ online calendar
- Dunellen Express print & online (usually publishes w/pictures)
- Dunellen.com
- Dunellen411.com
- mycentraljersey.com

These placements have helped to publicize St. Francis' service times, as well as events such as:

- Blessing of the Animals
- Christmas Eve Services
- Country Line Dancing
- Mass on the Grass

Social media

Regularly posted photos, scheduled tweets about upcoming events, and shared information and prayers from the wider Episcopal Church on Facebook and Twitter. Changed St. Francis' Facebook cover photo so that it was seasonally appropriate during Christmas, Holy Week/Easter, and various times during the year, as well as updated service times as needed.

Also, the following article appeared in mycentraljersey.com and was included in The Episcopal Church Public Affairs Office Daily Scan, a daily digest of news stories about what's happening around the Episcopal Church (please see me to subscribe). It was shared on St. Francis' social media:

FISH Hospitality offers emergency shelter to homeless - St. Francis' day center mentioned
<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/local/middlesex-county/2014/12/01/fish-hospitality-homeless-emergency-shelter-interfaith-church-network/70117542/>

And this article with photo about St. Francis' history was spotted on NJ.com and shared on St. Francis' social media as well:

Glimpse of History: Continuing an Easter tradition in Dunellen
http://www.nj.com/middlesex/index.ssf/2014/04/glimpse_of_history_continuing_an_easter_tradition_in_dunellen.html

Website calendar

Update and maintain website calendar.

Narthex calendar

Updated with the help of Ashley Thomas.

2013 St. Francis' photo book

Created a photo book chronicling a year in the life of St. Francis', two copies of which can be found in the Narthex, along with a 2012 version. Additional copies can be ordered for anyone who wishes to purchase their own at cost from Shutterfly. Provided David Dunham with links to the 2013 and 2012 books to post on the web site and shared the 2013 photo book on Facebook as well.

Ashes to Go

Starting in 2010, Ashes to Go has been a movement of meeting people where they are on Ash Wednesday. According to ashestogo.org, as of March 5, 2014, ashes were distributed in a variety of public places in 35 states and at least 3 countries. St. Francis' joined this movement for the first time in 2014! Created a sign to use for Ashes to Go at the Dunellen train station with help from Waring Webb on correct measurements and how to attach the sign to the easel for display.

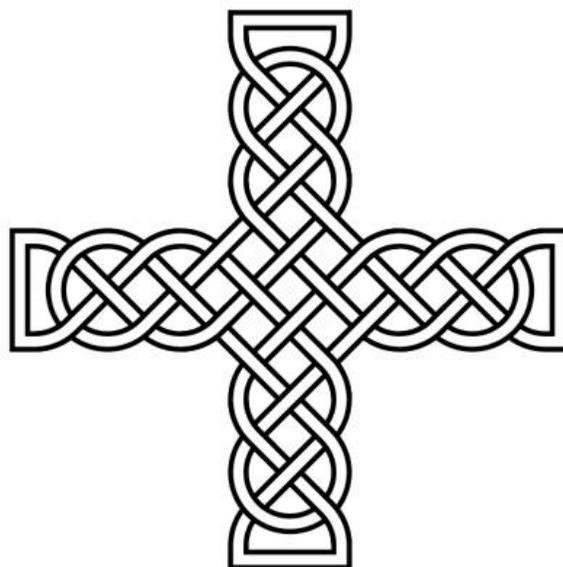
Also participated in Ashes to Go at the Dunellen train station and witnessed this exciting opportunity for St. Francis' to be present in the community and offer something that people were happy to receive. Submitted pictures to:

- The Episcopal Church website: <http://ashestogo.org/your-stories/your-ash-wednesday-stories/>
- Ashes to Go website: <http://ashestogo.org/your-stories/your-ash-wednesday-stories/>

Many thanks to all who contributed to these various endeavors over the past year. It is a pleasure to serve the St. Francis' community, and I look forward to continuing the adventure in 2015!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Webb,
Jr. Warden



PARISH STATISTICS

SERVICES

Holy Eucharist

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Sunday Eucharist	92	91	90
Sunday Eucharist with Holy Baptism *	1	1	3
Sunday Eucharist with Confirmation **	1	0	0
Weekday Eucharist	13	24	14
Private (Home/Hospital) Communion	40	77	84
Total Communion Services	147	193	191
<i>* Number of people baptized</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>** Number of people confirmed</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>** Number of people received</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Other Services

Morning Prayer	0	0	0
Noonday Office	0	2	0
Evening Prayer	1	1	1
Compline	5	4	5
Stations of the Cross	1	1	1
Liturgy of the Word for Holy Saturday	1	1	1
Blessing of the Animals	1	1	1
House Blessing	0	0	1
Marriage	1	4	2
Burial	3	3	1
Ordination	1	0	0
Total Other Services	14	17	13
Total All Services	158¹	204²	201³

ATTENDANCE

Total Sunday Attendance	3,554	3,348	3593
Average Sunday Attendance (includes Saturday night services)	67	64	69
Total Weekday Attendance ⁴	944	1027	581

¹ **2012** Ordination with Weekday Eucharist and two Burials with Weekday Eucharist counted only once.

² **2013** 4 Marriages with Weekday Eucharist and 2 Burials with Weekday Eucharist counted only once.

³ **2014** 2 Marriages with Weekday Eucharist and 1 House Blessing with Home Eucharist and counted only once.

⁴ **2012 and 2013** include Ordination (2012) and more burials and weddings (2012 and 2013) than 2014.

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Investment and Bank Accounts Balances
for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Investment Type	Balances
• Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) as of December 31, 2014	\$ 204,243.20
• Provident Bank – Savings Account as of December 31, 2014	\$ 19,344.53
• Provident Bank – Checking Account as of December 31, 2014	\$ 10,377.28
• Provident Bank – Savings Account Restoration Fund - as of December 31, 2014	\$ 44.12
• PNC Bank – Savings Account: Escrow as of December 31, 2014	\$ 2,828.20
• Provident Bank – Savings Account: Escrow as of December 31, 2014	\$ 877.65
• Provident Bank – Rector's Discretionary Fund as of December 31, 2014	\$ 275.28
Provident Bank – Raffle Account as of December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENT AND BANK ACCOUNTS BALANCES \$ 238,040.28.

Prepared by Iia Scriven
January 14, 2015

TREASURER'S REPORT 2014 AND 2015 BUDGET

1	Activity	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	Change Incr/(Decr)	2015 Budget	2015 vs. 2014 Budget Incr/(Decr)	2015 Budget vs. 2014 Actual Incr/(Decr)
2							
3	INCOME						
4	Parish Offering						
5	Envelope Income - Pledge	\$ 91,376.00	\$ 81,625.10	\$ (9,750.90)	\$ 83,708.00	\$ (7,668.00)	\$ 2,082.90
6	Prior Envelope Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 170.00	\$ (30.00)	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00
7	Envelope Income - Non-Pledge	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,583.00	\$ 4,083.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (583.00)
8	Holy Days	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,469.00	\$ 469.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 31.00
9	Donations for Mass Needs (Candles, Flowers, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,415.25	\$ 415.25	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (415.25)
10	Special Envelopes (Heat & A/C)	\$ 500.00	\$ 435.00	\$ (65.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00
11	Initial Offering	\$ 225.00	\$ 152.00	\$ (73.00)	\$ 215.00	\$ (10.00)	\$ 63.00
12	Loose Plate	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 558.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (158.00)
13	Coffee Hour	\$ 50.00	\$ 23.30	\$ (26.70)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 26.70
14	Subtotal	\$ 105,451.00	\$ 101,030.65	\$ (4,420.35)	\$ 102,273.00	\$ (3,178.00)	\$ 1,242.35
15	Facilities			\$ -	\$ -		
16	Day School	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 12,720.00	\$ -	\$ 13,356.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 636.00
17	Country Line Dancing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ (610.00)	\$ 675.00	\$ (1,325.00)	\$ (715.00)
18	AA	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00	\$ -	\$ 780.00	\$ -	\$ -
19	Vicarage	\$ 25,440.00	\$ 25,440.00	\$ -	\$ 26,700.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,260.00
20	Vicarage Back Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	Hall and Church Rental	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (550.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 50.00
22	Subtotal	\$ 41,940.00	\$ 40,780.00	\$ (1,160.00)	\$ 42,011.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 1,231.00
23				\$ -	\$ -		
24	Additional Income			\$ -	\$ -		
25	Designated Outreach Donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,369.66	\$ (130.34)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 130.34
26	Fundraisers	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,108.01	\$ (891.99)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,108.01)
27	Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals/Memorials	\$ 500.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (90.00)
28	Memorial Garden Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ -
29	Other Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,319.50	\$ 2,819.50	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (2,819.50)
30	Health Insurance Tax Credit	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,531.97	\$ 131.97	\$ -	\$ (3,400.00)	\$ (3,531.97)
31	Diocesan Investment Trust Dividends	\$ 7,819.00	\$ 7,778.72	\$ (40.28)	\$ 8,064.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 285.28
32				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
33	Subtotal	\$ 21,719.00	\$ 23,197.86	\$ 1,478.86	\$ 16,064.00	\$ (5,655.00)	\$ (7,133.86)
34							
35	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 169,110.00	\$ 165,008.51	\$ (4,101.49)	\$ 160,348.00	\$ (8,762.00)	\$ (4,660.51)
36				\$ -	\$ -		

1								
2	Activity	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	Change Incr/(Decr)	2015 Budget	2015 vs. 2014 Budget Incr/(Decr)	2015 Budget vs. 2014 Actual Incr/(Decr)	
37	EXPENSES			\$ -	\$ -			
38	Rector			\$ -	\$ -			
39	Salary	\$ 33,116.82	\$ 33,116.80	\$ (0.02)	\$ 36,105.96	\$ 2,989.14	\$ 2,989.16	
40	Social Security Offset	\$ 3,349.39	\$ 3,349.44	\$ 0.05	\$ 3,578.04	\$ 228.65	\$ 228.60	
41	Social Security Offset - Prior Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
42	Housing Allowance	\$ 10,666.00	\$ 10,665.96	\$ (0.04)	\$ 10,666.00	\$ -	\$ 0.04	
43	Subtotal	\$ 47,132.21	\$ 47,132.20	\$ (0.01)	\$ 50,350.00	\$ 3,217.79	\$ 3,217.80	
44	Professional Expense	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 979.01	\$ (820.99)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 820.99	
45	Pension (Church Pension Fund)	\$ 8,483.80	\$ 9,139.68	\$ 655.88	\$ 9,063.00	\$ 579.20	\$ (76.68)	
46	Continuing Ed	\$ 1,117.00	\$ 323.45	\$ (793.55)	\$ 1,117.00	\$ -	\$ 793.55	
47	Subtotal	\$ 11,400.80	\$ 10,442.14	\$ (958.66)	\$ 11,980.00	\$ 579.20	\$ 1,537.86	
48	Health/Dental Insurance Premium	\$ 17,674.00	\$ 16,590.40	\$ (1,083.60)	\$ 11,543.00	\$ (6,131.00)	\$ (5,047.40)	
49	Life Insurance Premium	\$ 228.00	\$ 228.00	\$ -	\$ 228.00	\$ -	\$ -	
50	Subtotal	\$ 17,902.00	\$ 16,818.40	\$ (1,083.60)	\$ 11,771.00	\$ (6,131.00)	\$ (5,047.40)	
51	Total	\$ 76,435.01	\$ 74,392.74	\$ (2,042.27)	\$ 74,101.00	\$ (2,334.01)	\$ (291.74)	
52	Staff							
53	Organist Salary	\$ 9,924.05	\$ 9,924.00	\$ (0.05)	\$ 10,053.00	\$ 128.95	\$ 129.00	
54	Organist Social Security Offset	\$ 759.19	\$ 759.24	\$ 0.05	\$ 769.00	\$ 9.81	\$ 9.76	
55	Sexton	\$ 2,152.80	\$ 779.21	\$ (1,373.59)	\$ 1,560.00	\$ (592.80)	\$ 780.79	
56	Nursery Attendant	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 685.00	\$ (375.00)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 615.00	
57	Deacon	\$ 1,074.00	\$ 1,074.00	\$ -	\$ 1,074.00	\$ -	\$ -	
58	Supply Priest	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,116.00	\$ 1,116.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (916.00)	
59	Supply Organist	\$ 600.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
60	Workers Compensation (Church Ins. Related)	\$ 400.00	\$ 378.00	\$ (22.00)	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 22.00	
61	Total	\$ 16,970.04	\$ 16,165.45	\$ (804.59)	\$ 16,956.00	\$ (14.04)	\$ 790.55	
62								
63	Maintenance							
64	Church Insurance	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 9,029.25	\$ 129.25	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 470.75	
65	Fire Safety	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,466.36	\$ (33.64)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 33.64	
66	Church Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,912.31	\$ (4,087.69)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,587.69	
67	Vicarage Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,299.90	\$ (1,700.10)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,700.10	
68	Facilities Supplies (Bathrooms/Kitchen)	\$ 400.00	\$ 339.01	\$ (60.99)	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 60.99	
69	Memorial Garden	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15.57	\$ (984.43)	\$ 50.00	\$ (950.00)	\$ 34.43	
70	Total	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 14,062.40	\$ (6,737.60)	\$ 21,950.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 7,887.60	
71								
72	Parish Support							
73	Altar Expenses	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 3,597.48	\$ 1,247.48	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (1,097.48)	
74	Music Program	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,145.93	\$ 45.93	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ (45.93)	
75	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 608.53	\$ 108.53	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (108.53)	
76	Adult Education	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 150.00	
77	Sunday School	\$ 200.00	\$ 758.07	\$ 558.07	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (558.07)	

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2	Activity	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	Change Incr/(Decr)		2015 Budget	2015 vs. 2014 Budget Incr/(Decr)	2015 Budget vs. 2014 Actual Incr/(Decr)
78	Acolytes/Youth Programs	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ (150.00)		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 950.00
79	Stewardship (includes offering envelopes)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,527.73	\$ (172.27)		\$ 1,700.00	\$ -	\$ 172.27
80	Newcomers Ministry	\$ 500.00	\$ 425.10	\$ (74.90)		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 74.90
81	Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 578.92	\$ 378.92		\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (78.92)
82	Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
83	Diocesan Convention Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 626.70	\$ (573.30)		\$ 576.00	\$ (624.00)	\$ (50.70)
84	Vestry Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 45.10	\$ (554.90)		\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 554.90
85				\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
86	Subtotal	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 9,663.56	\$ 413.56		\$ 9,726.00	\$ 476.00	\$ 62.44
87	Office							
88	Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,511.33	\$ 11.33		\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (11.33)
89	Copy Machine	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,973.99	\$ (26.01)		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 26.01
90	Advertising	\$ 650.00	\$ 100.40	\$ (549.60)		\$ 500.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 399.60
91	Fundraisers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 506.34	\$ (1,493.66)		\$ 250.00	\$ (1,750.00)	\$ (256.34)
92	Subtotal	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 4,092.06	\$ (2,057.94)		\$ 4,250.00	\$ (1,900.00)	\$ 157.94
93								
94	Total	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 13,755.62	\$ (1,644.38)		\$ 13,976.00	\$ (1,424.00)	\$ 220.38
95								
96	Outreach			\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
97	Vestry Outreach (.07% of income)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,153.14	\$ (846.86)		\$ 1,123.00	\$ (877.00)	\$ (30.14)
98	Designated Outreach Expenses (ERD, FISH, etc.)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,407.67	\$ (92.33)		\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 92.33
99	Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
100								
101	Total	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,560.81	\$ (939.19)		\$ 3,623.00	\$ (877.00)	\$ 62.19
102								
103	Fair Share	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -		\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
104								
105								
106	Utilities							
107	Phone	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,950.31	\$ 50.31		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 49.69
108	Gas & Electric	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,022.97	\$ (977.03)		\$ 10,750.00	\$ (1,250.00)	\$ (272.97)
109	Water	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,752.47	\$ 252.47		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 47.53
110	Garbage	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,067.37	\$ (32.63)		\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 32.63
111	Ground/Lawn Care	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,899.00	\$ 5,399.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (4,899.00)
112								
113	Total	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 23,692.12	\$ 4,692.12		\$ 18,650.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ (5,042.12)
114								
115	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 168,105.05	\$ 160,629.14	\$ (7,475.91)		\$ 164,256.00	\$ (3,849.05)	\$ 3,626.86
116								
117								
118	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 168,105.05	\$ 160,629.14	\$ (7,475.91)		\$ 164,256.00	\$ (3,849.05)	\$ 3,626.86
119	Total Operating Income	\$ 169,110.00	\$ 165,008.51	\$ (4,101.49)		\$ 160,348.00	\$ (8,762.00)	\$ (4,660.51)
120	Difference Incr/(Decr)	\$ 1,004.95	\$ 4,379.37	\$ 3,374.42		\$ (3,908.00)	\$ (4,912.95)	\$ (8,287.37)

MINISTRY REPORTS FOR 2014

**PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2015**



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It was a busy year in and around the church and the rectory.

Last winter's extreme snowfalls and fluctuating temperatures caused the planter at the base of our steeple to crumble. Once the weather calmed down, a new shorter version was built in its place. Any suggestions on what we should plant there are welcome.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Alex Meyer led a team that installed a new fence at the back of the property, behind Milbank hall. And thanks to Pam Maiolo's leadership, we also have a new fence between the Memorial Garden and our neighbor.

Several of the exit signs and emergency lights within the building were replaced over the summer. We still have a few more to tackle this coming year.

Thank you to Amy Myzie and Paul Sinckler for their work in sprucing up the stairs outside the day care center.

Thank you also to Waring Webb, Fr. Jack, Pam Maiolo, Tom Patania, and everyone else who has helped with various issues (mostly plumbing related) throughout the year.

The big theme for this coming year will be energy conservation. We have started working with an organization called Green Faith that helps churches become more energy efficient by installing better lighting and newer heating and cooling equipment. I'm sure more details will follow.

David Dunham
Buildings and Ground Chair

ST. FRANCIS ALTAR GUILD REPORT - 2014

The Altar Guild had some minor changes in 2014 – one was the official retirement of Norma Trimmer and the semi-retirement of Norma O'Sullivan, who will help out when needed when she is around. Our guild is now made up of 14 very talented and dedicated women and one "honorary" man who helps when we need extra strength – like hanging up all the Christmas wreaths and swags.

The women are grouped into teams of 3 or 4 who, every four (4) weeks, meet to set the Altar up for that weekends services and any other service that might be offered during their "week" of duty. We also meet as a group to clean the altar, and associated items two to three times a year – before Easter, sometimes at the end of summer and before Christmas.

Listed below are the current, active members, many of whom have served for several decades:

Sharon Benjamin Mary Pfeiffer
Nathalie Edwards Cordell Trotman
Pam Maiolo Karen Williams
Norma O'Sullivan
Vincent Maiolo#
Norma Trimmer**

Barbara Dalto Gail Slater
Audrey Johansen Pam Warntz
Leslie Oliver Muriel Wilson
Geri Peters
Doris McElvery**

#*Honorary Member* ***Emeritus*

There are also other parishioners who help the Guild on a regular basis, like Amy Myzie and Paul Sinckler who pick up the flowers for Easter and Christmas each year. Without them I don't know what we'd do. Please thank them when you see them around the church. Also, when needed, extra hands help us decorate for the Easter and Christmas seasons. All are welcomed and your help is always appreciated.

I want to personally and sincerely thank **ALL** the members for their faithful service. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of this dedicated group, please let me or Father Zamboni know. We are also looking for any men who might want to serve St. Francis in this capacity. ***This Guild is NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY!***

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Oliver
Altar Guild Directress

USHERS

Our Usher Ministry has remained faithful, dedicated volunteers who work each Sunday to assure each member, new or old, is greeted warmly. These "ministers" offer their time each Sunday, often filling in when another could not make the service. If you are interested in this ministry, please speak to an usher or Father Zamboni. Please consider becoming a part of this rewarding ministry.

The following parishioners volunteered to serve during calendar year 2014:

Pam Maiolo	Geri Peters	Leslie Oliver
Norma Tucker	Arthur McConney	Ilia Scriven
Elaine Patania	Karen Williams	Edward Myzie
Paul Sinckler	Carroll Wilson	Tom Patania

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that other parishioners have, from time to time, volunteered to fill in on an "ad hoc" basis. We wish to thank them for their willingness to care enough to make a difference.

Gail Slater
Usher Ministry Coordinator

GREETERS - 2014

Our greeters who faithfully greeted all upon entering St. Francis, in 2013, were:

Audrey Johansen Gail Slater
Leslie Oliver Norma Tucker
Ava Parmelee Pam Warntz
*Honorary Weekly Greeter – Barbara Dalto

We are always in search of new people and new ideas on how to continue to keep St. Francis the family/friendly church that we all love.

The Greeters work with the COME Committee to effectively serve the church in welcoming all people to the Church. One of our primary goals is to see that any “Newcomer” who enters our doors, comes back and stays. There are so many areas that we need to expand on and we need your help. Please contact Fr. Jack or myself if you feel this is something that you can do for St. Francis Parish. Don’t feel that because you may not know everyone that you couldn’t help; there are many areas in which we could use your assistance.

Thanks to all who have acted as greeters and to the entire Parish Family for being a very Welcoming Church.

Leslie Oliver
Greeter Coordinator

LECTORS & CHALICE BEARERS

Our Lectors and Chalicers were very faithful and committed to serving St. Francis in 2014. We had 18 dedicated lectors and 5 Chalicers in 2014. We are always looking for new voices to read the lessons, and also we are in real need for new Chalicers. If you are interested please speak to Father Zamboni.

One lector is assigned to read the lessons at the 8 AM service, and two (2) read at the 10 AM service. There are also two Chalice Bearers assigned for the 10 AM service.

Those who served in 2014 were as follows:

Alan Benjamin	Ilia Scriven	Tiffany O’Sullivan
Sharon Benjamin	Paul Sinckler	Elaine Patania
Nancy Dunham	Princess Thomas	Paul Sinckler
Rillette Hammond	Norma Tucker	Princess Thomas
Pam Maiolo	Lisa Webb	Amy Myzie
Carroll Wilson	Leslie Oliver	Scott Torzewski
Elaine Patania	Suzannah Kokotajlo	
Branden Villa-Chauvin	Jennifer Gruber	

We have a talented group and I would like to thank all of the above for their continued faithful support and commitment to this service. I would also like to thank those who, although not a “regular” lector, have stepped up to read when needed and asked to help.

Gail Slater
Lector/Chalice Bearer Coordinator

COUNTERS

The counters of St. Francis’ Church are a faithful group of current and former vestry members and volunteers. Two people serve each Sunday, with the task of counting and depositing all money received during the week. They complete a pre-printed counter sheet which lists the names and envelope numbers of each parish family, and fill in details of each parishioner’s contribution for the week. Each individual counter serves as a check of the other to ensure mistakes are minimized.

Everyone serves about twice per quarter, with the schedule adjusted for vacations. As with all service guilds, every person serving as a counter is requested to arrange for coverage with another counter should they be unable to participate on their assigned Sunday, thus insuring that there are always two available people to count.

If you think you would like to participate in this vitally important ministry, please contact any vestry member or warden.

Listed below are the current, active members, many of whom have served in 2014:

Paul Sinckler	Kelsey Pelliccia	Rillette Hammond
David Dunham	Amy Myzie	Lisa Webb
Nancy Dunham	Leslie Oliver	Carroll Wilson
Pam Maiolo	Elaine Patania	Nathalie Edwards
Audrey McConney	Geri Peters	Waring Webb

Gail Slater, Counter Ministry Coordinator

FUNDRAISING

Raffle \$ 2320.00
Coupon Book \$ 280.00

Thank you!
Geri Peters

FLAT JESUS, ALWAYS WITH us

Was about to be relegated to a photo album when, by popular demand, this happy reminder of Christ's presence in our lives was moved to his own wall in Milbank Hall where there is room for even more photos. Take one home and include him in your everyday life.

GOSPEL BRACELETS AND OTHER CRAFTS

After four years we find that the market we are able to reach has become pretty much saturated. While sales are not as many as they were, we will continue to offer our wares at the Dunellen Street Fair and the Diocesan Convention, and, though they are out of sight, they are available at the church. See Barbara Dalto for purchases or special orders.

Many enjoyed purchasing our Christmas craft offerings this year, and we will be looking for new ideas for the next holiday season. We enjoy crafting together and encourage all to participate when workshops are announced.

Barbara Dalto

BOOK GROUP

Our group of 10 readers continues to meet at noon on Wednesdays in Milbank Hall. to discuss 50 or 60 pages of our current book and to enjoy being together. During Lent we meet following the service at Christ United Methodist Church.

We recently completed "Call The Midwife", by Jennifer Worth and "The Christmas List", by Richard Paul Evans. We are presently reading "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings", by Maya Angelou, and our next selection will be "The Joy Luck Club", by Amy Tan.

Ours is an informal group, and we often do lunch out between books. All are welcome. Stop by any time and give us a try.

ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Memorial Garden is located on the south side of the church building. The entrance is the double glass doors that are located on the ground level as you enter Milbank Hall. The memorial plaque is above the baptismal font, between the stained glass windows that are located in the foyer entrance.

During the winter our statue of St. Francis is located in this area. It is then placed in the far end of the garden in the spring. The Memorial Garden is a place where human ashes may be interred. Those interred are all church members or family members of parishioners. Although there will be no individual markers, records are kept of each interment location. An aesthetic asset to our Church grounds, the Memorial Garden is a serene place to sit, pray, meditate and remember a loved one.

The Memorial Garden is not a project, which will end at a given time or date, with the last shrub or flower set in place. In fact, the garden will incur ongoing expenses. This spring the garden will need mulch and additional plantings. In the fall, the garden will need a good trim as the trees and mature bushes have grown tall. We ask donations to help defray these expenses. Persons may contribute donations to express their support. To make a donation, one can use the regular offering envelope by noting the donation on the "other" space, or by writing a check to the St. Francis Memorial Garden. Fresh flowers, wreaths, sprays and plants may be put in the garden for remembrance of loved ones. There should be no statues or plaques placed in the garden.

This summer a beautiful fence was erected around our garden. It not only provides privacy but encompasses the Memorial Garden and its esthetic beauty. A special thanks to Pamela Maiolo who has been keeping up with the weeding/trimming and cleaning of the garden. Thank you to all the others who may stop by to help clean up, water, plant or do some weeding/trimming to keep our garden beautiful. Please ask how you may help.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Patania

COME! (AKA THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBER EVANGELISM)

COME We participated in the annual Dunellen Street Fair on September 7th. Carline Sinckler and other parishioners handed out 144 Colors of Faith bracelets to the kids. Barbara Dalto sold 17 gospel bracelets. We also handed out 100+ flyers announcing several upcoming church events to our guests. It was a wonderful experience to speak with our neighbors about the church.

On Oct 4th, we hosted our annual Welcome Back Dinner which was attended by some 40+ guests. This year's theme was celebrating the lives of our patron saints; Francis of the Assisi and Clare. Deacon Marge developed a script detailing major events in the lives of the awesome. Paul Sinckler was very realistic in the part of the bishop. The evening also included a 50/50 raffle hosted by Elaine Patania and the sale of crafts. Lisa Webb and Nathalie Edwards also sang a duet. The evening concluded with a team trivia game which lively and fun. We also collected some 12+ bags of pet food and monies which were donated to the Plainfield Area Human Society. The shelter was very appreciative of our donations. Many parishioners contributed their time and talents to these events and good time was had by all.

God Bless you. Respectfully submitted, Heather Nunes

OUTREACH

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deuteronomy 15.7-8

We certainly were not "hard-hearted or tight-fisted" in 2014 at St. Francis Church. The year presented some new & renewed opportunities for our congregation to provide for our neighbors locally & around the world and we opened our hands.

On April 7th, St. Francis became the day center for the FISH Hospitality Program. FHP's mission is to serve homeless women & families with shelter & meals. Other assistance from FHP includes help with housing, jobs, medical services & other available resources. The day center in the undercroft provides clients with a place to rest & relax if they do not have a commitment during the day. The center is available from 7am-5pm.

In addition to our building use support we designated our 2014 Lent collection to FHP & sent a check for \$ 750. We also were a support church for FHP by providing meals to clients at Christ United Methodist Church in Piscataway on three separate occasions. Pam Warntz is the coordinator of that ministry. And we were able to assist a former FHP

client family at Christmas with many wonderful gifts for the 3 children & their Mom. Elaine Patania was the overseer of this year's program. Many thanks to all who have embraced & helped with the many facets of the FISH Hospitality program. We have been truly able to assist our neighbors in the community.

The recipient of our Advent collection was Episcopal Relief & Development to honor their 75th Anniversary & specifically, the Thrive to Five fund. Our goal was \$ 700. With donations from our Sunday school, the Pennies from the Heart cans, our outreach budget & your generous donations, we sent a check to ERD for \$ 1250. The diocesan task force promoting a 75th anniversary donation by all congregations was very pleased to hear of our donation. We have sent a picture & write-up for them to use in their continued campaign.

Grace's Kitchen at Grace Episcopal Church in Plainfield continues to be supported by a faithful group of St. Francis volunteers. The program that provides lunch to those less fortunate in the Plainfield area serves more than 100 clients on the each of the last five days of the month. We shared this ministry 9 times in 2014 on the applicable last Monday of the month with St. Marks' Episcopal Church. It is a very rewarding experience.

Winter coat collection began early with outerwear collected by Norma Tucker. When all coats & jackets were collected, the total number donated to the FISH clothing room was 41. Our clothing collection of slightly used, clean items continues throughout the year. And our mittens, gloves, hats & scarves collection once again brought some warm cozy articles to the clothing room.

Monthly food collection for the FISH food room continues throughout the year. Items are suggested for donation but any non-perishable food product or paper goods are always welcome. Please remember the less fortunate when you do your food shopping. If there is anyone you know of that has a need, please speak to Fr. Jack.

More than 75 pairs of eyeglasses were given to the local Lions Club for this outreach project. These is an ongoing collection so when cleaning out & reorganizing in the New Year, bring any kind of glasses-children's, adults', sunglasses, readers & hearing aids to the collection bucket in the Narthex.

And although I have mentioned many of the dollar donations in this report-your monetary donations during the year enabled us to financially support:

ERD 75th anniversary Advent donation -\$ 1250

FISH Hospitality with our Lenten collection - \$ 750

The Good Shepherd Home for Children, Cameroon, West Africa \$ 360

Kitchen of Hope, Glassboro, NJ -\$ 100

Trinity Cathedral - \$ 100

Dunellen Fire & Rescue- \$ 50

Thank you to **ALL** who participated in these outreach opportunities & made the donations possible.

Pam Maiolo, Outreach Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP

The New Consecration Sunday

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pledges	50	52	56	47	50	43
Amount	\$ 68,585.00	\$ 69,746.00	\$ 77,650.00	\$ 82,830.00	\$ 91,376.00	\$ 83,708.00

2014 for the year 2015

A total of 43 giving units completed Estimate of Giving Cards this year.

- 6 New Giving Units – Many are parishioners who have given regularly but did not pledge last year.
- 18 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their last year’s amount.
- 13 pledged the same amount as last year.
- 6 decreased their pledge from last year.

We have achieved these results despite the fact that several major donors from last year have moved away, are ill or are now deceased. (8)

“What percentage of your income is God calling you to give?”

2014 Consecration Sunday Team Members

Elaine Patania - Consecration Sunday Chairperson
Geri Peters & Karen Williams – Celebration Luncheon Chairperson
Amy Myzie – Congregational Governing Board Dinner Chairperson
Monique Phua, Cynthia Pelliccia, Carline Sinckler, Elaine Patania– Sunday Announcers
Barbara Dalto - Signage
Ilia Scriven – Church Financial Secretary
David Waite - Guest Leader

*Please note that these trends and totals are posted before the Annual Meeting to meet the deadline for the printing of the Annual Meeting booklet. They can and do change throughout the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our list of Sunday School participants currently numbers 25 young people . However, only a few attend on a regular basis. For the 11 Sundays, from October 19 thru December 28 attendance has averaged about 7 children each Sunday. We very seldom have any children in the 3 to 5 age group, but look forward to that picking up when the infants we are enjoying having with us are old enough.

We have long wished for music in our program. This year we are very excited to have with us Pam Warntz and her guitar. Miss Pam has been visiting from time to time to teach us songs. We are most thankful to her for giving us of her time and talent.

In the fall we always enjoy our session in the church kitchen. Many thanks to the adults who pitched in that day.

This church year we have used the "Living The Good News" curriculum but have set it aside at times in order to place special emphasis on subjects such as "Peace" this past last fall, and understanding the meanings of the Jesse Tree during Advent. We will return to the curriculum and focus on Jesus ministry until Lent, when we learn more about the Passover story and it's meaning for us as Christians.

Once again, Mary Pfeiffer led the children in a very informative Christmas program in which we learned that secular symbols can have religious meaning.

Our outreach projects included, as always, greeting cards for The Seamen's Church Institute, and the donations we make each Sunday in the jar on our children's altar. These are always chosen by the children from a list of suggestions made by them and others. Our last Easter donation went to Smile Train. Our 2014 Christmas donation went to ERD. The latter showed their desire, as important members of their church family, to join with the congregation in this Advent project.

We enjoy having young people from Fish Hospitality join us, and they seem to enjoy participating.

We thank Ashley Brown for her wonderful help in Sunday School when she is not needed to provide nursery care.

Visitors are always welcome.

Barbara Dalto and Waring Webb



Our Dearly Departed
We prayerfully remember those of our parish who entered Eternal Life in
the Year of Our Lord 2014:

Marlene Placzak

Glenn Singer

Judith Yannariello

*Almighty God, we remember before You this day your servants Marlene,
Glenn and Judith, and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of
larger life, You will receive them more and more into Your joyful service,
that they may win, with You and all Your servants everywhere,
the eternal victory, and let light perpetual shine upon them,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is a diverse community, accepting all.
We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship.
We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!