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ANNUAL REPORT  
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**RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE PARISH**  
on the Occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting  
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, 31 January 2010

The Feast of Timothy and Titus, 26 January 2010

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am glad to report that Saint Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church continues to grow in ministry, in mission, and in membership. While 2009 brought with it its share of tragedy and loss, through it all the parish witnessed to the presence of the Gospel, of God in Christ, in the City.

In 2009 Mass was celebrated ninety three times on Sundays and one hundred sixty two times on week-days. Three children were baptised, one couple were married, and we buried four of our number. We expanded our practice of celebrating major feasts on the day by adding Michaelmas to our roster and at that celebration we welcomed back to Saint Ignatius our Suffragan Bishop, the Rt Rev'd Catherine S. Roskam. Overall we saw an 8% net increase in membership, which translated into a 5% increase in our average Sunday attendance. Furthermore, your generosity in this difficult year was indeed remarkable. While we saw a not-surprising downturn in our pledge income, the number of people supporting this parish with their financial resources grew and we are aware that many of you continued to give sacrificially of your time, talent, and treasure. To help assure the financial future of the parish, I formed an *ad hoc* committee to examine the question of the parish's investments and endowment, the report of which committee you will find in the Annual Report.

In the area of Christian Formation, I asked our deacon, the Rev'd Paul S. Kahn if he would be willing to lead a new effort to expand our ministry with adults, both on Sundays and at other times. I also asked vestryman William Farris if he would assist Deacon Kahn in this work. In addition to formulating a wonderful series on Christianity and Science this past fall and organising other opportunities, we also held an Advent Quiet Day at the House of the Redeemer and have planned a week-end retreat to the Holy Cross Monastery for the Spring. Deacon Kahn and Mr Farris are working on a series of offerings for 2010 that should be even richer.

We also continued to support our ministries for families with children, especially as this demographic is one of our leading areas of growth. Lucy Yates has been working with the Sunday School children this year and I am grateful to her for her efforts, especially as she grew more and more pregnant this past autumn. It is my intention, already signalled to the vestry, to give a great deal of thought in 2010 as to how we might strengthen this work and better support our families with offerings that meet their needs. In the coming weeks, we will be forming an *ad hoc* Committee on Ministries with Families and Children to better understand our needs and see how best we can move ahead with our resources.

2009 also brought new friends in far away places. Our older companion parish relationships having come to natural ends, we inaugurated two new relationships: with the Standing Rock Episcopal Mission, South Dakota; and with the Church of Saint Saviour, Pimlico, London. The first came through our former interim pastor, the Rev'd Robert C. Schwarz. Fr Schwarz is now the priest-in-charge on Standing Rock and ministers to the Lakota people on the Standing Rock Reservation. We began this relationship on the Day of Pentecost and have been exploring how to expand and deepen this new connection, a project that the Outreach Committee has embraced with great zeal. The second is part of a wider effort, initiated by the Bishops of New York and London, to twin parishes in Central London with churches in Manhattan. Saint Saviour and Saint Ignatius were partnered because of our similarities of Catholic outlook and diverse urban setting. We welcomed the Rev'd Matthew Woodward, Vicar of Saint Saviour's, here this past June and we expect that we will see him often in the coming years. In turn, I visited Saint Saviour's and was warmly received by the people there. We hope that this partnership will, like our relationship with Standing Rock, begin with prayer and grow organically.

Soon after I arrived at Saint Ignatius in the fall of 2007, I met with Outreach Chair and vestry member Lucy Kuemmerle to discuss our outreach ministries. That conversation and our subsequent discussions and expansion of the committee have born real fruit in 2009 and I am so pleased that we are in the midst of a renaissance in our mission-oriented ministries. In 2009 we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Parish Soup Kitchen, a ministry that emerged at the grass roots level when parishioners saw a need and acted. The strength and longevity of this ministry is a tribute to this community. It was truly gratifying to see the Soup Kitchen get much deserved attention this past year, attention that has, in fact, helped recruit volunteers and inspired us to seek outside funding for its work. Our efforts were rewarded with the receipt of a grant from Episcopal Charities of New York for 2010. As I mentioned above, the outreach committee has also embraced our new companion relationships, especially that with Sanding Rock, and has been working on initiatives that will engage us with our brothers and sisters in our companion parishes.

Our music ministry continues to generate visitors to the parish and greater visibility across the City. Our concert series keeps expanding, with more musical groups wishing to be associated with our ensembles-in-residence program, and with an expanding number of concert offerings. Our own choir performed two extraordinary concerts here that were very well attended and, even more importantly, they have continued to offer liturgical music of the highest quality at our regular and feast-day celebrations of the Mass. Organist and Choirmaster Douglas Keilitz should be congratulated for the care and devotion he has shown towards this church and to our core mission of making God in Christ's presence known in the midst of the City. It can not go without notice that in September the hot water heater that had been placed in the bell tower above the organ chamber failed, flooding our 1966 Cassavant pipe organ. The damage was significant to three of the four divisions of the instrument. Fortunately, the Church Insurance Corporation covered the loss and we are poised to restore the instrument. With your additional assistance, we are also hoping to make several strategic improvements to the instrument that will render it in better condition than before the accident.

Many other things have happened during the course of the year and many people deserve recognition for their devotion to this church. You will find more information about this past year in the reports that are to follow. I do, however, wish to say a few words about some personnel changes—ordained and lay, staff and parishioners—we have experienced this year.

Early in the year we welcomed as our new sexton James Mayanga. James has worked well throughout the year in his primary mission of keeping our church clean as well as shown initiative in performing handy-man work throughout the building.

The Rev'd Stephen R. Harding and the Rev'd Storm K. Swain served as priests associates of the parish from the time of my arrival and took their leave at the end of the summer. During their time at Saint Ignatius, they were a support to me in more ways than I can number. I am grateful for their collegiality and assistance both in times of crisis and while sailing calm seas. Both were devoted to the pastoral concerns of our parishioners and visitors and each went above the call of duty in this regard. I will miss them enormously. Mother Swain, as many of you know, has recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Theology, and Director of Anglican Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Father Harding continues his work as Director of Pastoral Care at the New York University Medical Centre and as a Chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. Leading lives between two cities makes it difficult for them to add into the mix a substantial Sunday commitment of the kind they devoted to Saint Ignatius. With a real spirit of thanksgiving we wish them all our love.

In December, Marie Postlewate stepped down as chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee after many devoted years of service to our parish and to our historic and beautiful building. While Marie will be returning to serve on the vestry and has graciously accepted my offer to become Warden of the Columbarium, I still wish to acknowledge her devotion as B&G chair and the challenges she valiantly faced during her tenure. While there are always things to do in a building like ours, there are also many accomplishments—often unseen but vital—over these past years that are due to Marie's hard work. I thank her profoundly.

Two vestry members are also stepping down after six years of service. The first is Lucy Kuemmerle who has consistently been a voice for justice and compassion in all our work. Lucy is also stepping down as chair of Outreach. Lucy's dedication to the least and the lost is just one example of the Gospel's vibrant life in our community and I am grateful to have worked with her. The second is Scott McDermott who has brought his business acumen to the work of the vestry, not to mention of our recent Capital Campaign, of which he was treasurer. I am so pleased to have had Scott's advice and council. Both, I am certain, will continue to exercise their lay leadership among us for many years to come.

Finally a word of thanks for our Churchwardens, David Holkeboer and Abigail Plumer. David and Abigail have exercised great leadership in so many ways, not the least of which in bringing to me your concerns and those of the wider community. They have offered me valuable council, drawing on their deep experience of life in this community whenever I have needed it. I must pay a special tribute to David who, after six years of

service as a vestryman and six more a churchwarden, is stepping down from vestry leadership. While he will remain a stalwart leader of our Soup Kitchen, I want to say how much I will miss his quiet council and sound advice.

I believe that at the centre of our common life is our beautiful and historic liturgy, enhanced by splendid music. From this Eucharistic centre flows our work in the community amongst those in need, our work to shape and form ourselves and our children in the Christian faith, and to invite those who have not yet experienced the vitality of our common life into our community. We do these things so the Gospel and the love of God that flows from it can be spread throughout our City and our world. I believe that we have strengthened each of these mission areas in the past year and are poised for great things. We have made a commitment to be a vital and living community that is open to all people. I am personally honoured that we are all on this journey together and I look forward to continuing to serve this community as priest and pastor in the coming year full of promise.

May God bless us and all our works. Amen.

Faithfully yours,

Andrew C. Blume✠  
*Rector*

## FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

	09 Budget	09 Actual	Budget 10
	Jan - Dec 09	Jan 1 - Dec 12, 09	Jan - Dec 10
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Candle Offerings	1,800	1,690	1,860
Concert box office/tickets	3,000	4,050	5,000
Endowment income			1,500
Endowment withdrawal 5%	21,250	20,000	0
Endowment withdrawal to balance	35,873	30,000	0
Flower Offerings	3,600	1,495	0
Music Fund & Concert Support	15,000	5,304	18,000
Music Group Fees	10,000	10,464	10,100
Music Offerings	6,800	12,811	0
Nicoll Trust	9,000	17,088	20,000
Other Offering / income	9,000	39,955	21,500
Other Space Use	10,000	13,700	10,000
Plate	9,000	16,997	10,000
Pledges	225,000	192,911	200,000
Pledges, prepaid	0	5,900	6,000
Reach Out	74,315	73,352	75,312
Reserve Fund to balance			47,000
Soup Kitchen Offerings	3,000	3,008	3,000
Tower Apartment Rent	14,400	14,400	14,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>451,038</b>	<b>463,124</b>	<b>443,672</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advertising	1,100	656	1,140
Associate Clergy	1,000	2,729	1,000
Auditing Fees	6,000	6,500	6,500
Building Maintenance	8,000	11,933	9,000
Building Supplies	6,000	4,865	6,000
Candles	1,800	2,218	1,800
Child Care	5,400	6,790	5,400
Choir	40,060	42,750	41,800
Christian education	500	76	500
Clergy Continuing Education	500	500	500
Concert Series	17,500	22,002	14,200
Conferences & Conventions	500	160	600
Deputy Organist	6,400	6,060	6,400
Diocesan Assessment	46,413	37,130	40,394

	<b>09 Budget</b>	<b>09 Actual</b>	<b>Budget 10</b>
	<b>Jan - Dec 09</b>	<b>Jan 1 - Dec 12, 09</b>	<b>Jan - Dec 10</b>
Evangelism	400	224	400
Flowers	3,600	2,827	2,000
Hospitality & coffee hour	750	467	750
Insurance	23,000	21,798	21,808
Liturgical Supplies	600	926	900
Office Supplies	3,000	7,425	4,000
Organ Repairs	450	0	450
Other Music Expenses	750	277	750
Postage	700	1,016	900
Printing & Photocopying	6,280	8,086	6,280
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,800	4,330	2,000
Rector's Expenses	2,000	2,512	2,500
Retreats & Quiet Days	275	397	300
Seminarian	500	455	500
Soup Kitchen (non-coffee hour)	6,000	7,176	6,500
Telephone & Cable	6,000	6,090	6,000
Utilities	37,000	30,309	30,000
Wages and Salaries	216,760	219,968	222,400
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>451,038</b>	<b>458,649</b>	<b>443,672</b>
 <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	 0	 4,475	 0
 <b>Capital Income/Expense</b>			
Other Income		44,666	
Capital Expense		7,006	
<b>Balance</b>		<b>37,660</b>	

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Knapp  
*Treasurer*

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

In May the Rector, in consultation with the Vestry, formed an *ad hoc* committee to study the question of the Parish's investments, including the question of the Parish's endowment. The Rector invited churchwarden Abigail Franklin Plumer, treasurer Charles Knapp, vestryman Scott McDermott, and parishioners Smedes Rose and Barbara Pritchard to join the committee, which was constituted as the Investment and Endowment Committee. The committee met several times throughout the summer and fall until it was superseded in November by the newly formed Investment Committee (see below).

The Rector charged the *ad hoc* committee with examining the state and nature of the Parish's investments, primarily held in securities in a brokerage account at Deutsche Bank Alex Brown, and managed for many years by an outside financial advisor, Mr Thomas Famigletti. From a review of the Parish records, the Committee determined that that account, which had for many years been referred to as "The Endowment," was never legally constituted as such. Indeed, formal endowments need to be enacted through Vestry resolutions that include language about the governance of the monies, especially as regards to an investment policy and spending rule.

In their discussions, the Rector, Churchwardens, and Committee came to believe that in order to grow the Parish's capital funds either through gifts or bequests—which will over the long term be essential in ensuring our long-term financial health—that certain financial instruments had to be in place in order for potential donors to have the confidence to trust their gifts to the Parish. The Committee then set to work formulating a series of recommendations to the Vestry to address this issue and clarify, through Vestry resolution, the nature of the existing accounts and to establish an endowment as such, while still preserving the parish's current ability to draw on funds the vestry feels it needs to meet the demands of our mission and our desire to grow. The work of the Committee was aided greatly by material provided by the Episcopal Church Foundation specifically designed to help parishes establish and govern endowments.

Through a series of meetings, a draft set of resolutions was drawn-up, representing a road map towards ensuring the financial stability of the parish. The Committee was very clear that the actions proposed were not simply ends unto themselves, but constitute a plan that will allow the parish to most fully engage in the ministry to which we are called. The resolutions presented to the vestry were as follows:

- 1) To Establish an Endowment Fund;
- 2) To Establish an investing policy for the Endowment (inflation + 3%), including the establishment of a formal Investment Committee to oversee the Endowment on behalf of the Vestry and advise on other financial matters, including the investment of other funds;
- 3) To Establish a spending policy for the Endowment (3% per annum);

- 4) To Establish the current Deutsche Bank account as the Reserve Fund;
- 5) To Allocate \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to be the kernel of the Endowment as the “Robert Shorter Music Fund,” in recognition of Mr Shorter’s gift to the parish of monies designated to be used for music;
- 6) To Authorise the investment of the newly constituted Endowment in the Diocesan Investment Trust.

The Vestry approved all six resolutions.

These actions are the first steps towards moving beyond our current financial situation. With these instruments and policies in place, the parish can begin the work in earnest of soliciting capital donations, which might take the form of gifts, bequests, or other giving vehicles (trusts, etc.), to provide significant support to portions of the budget (i.e. music, clergy housing, building maintenance, etc.). This next stage of the process will take some time and we will not expect to see a major shift in our budgeting for 2010 or even 2011 beyond our currently stated objectives of ensuring that adequate operational funding that will allow for the growth of the parish envisioned in the plan, which includes using monies from the Reserve Fund to address short-falls in income.

The Investment Committee as elected at the October Vestry Meeting is as follows:

*Ex officio*

The Rev’d Dr Andrew C. Blume, Rector  
Mr Charles N. Knapp, Treasurer

Term expiring November 2010  
Mrs Abigail Franklin Plumer

Term expiring November 2011  
Mrs Barbara Pritchard

Term expiring November 2012  
Mr Scott McDermott  
Mr Smedes Rose

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew C. Blume✠  
*Rector, Chair (ex officio)*

## STEWARDSHIP

The 2010 stewardship campaign began October 26, 2009, when Father Blume's letter on stewardship was sent to all parishioners. Members of the vestry, Virginia Price and Elisabeth Koenig conducted this year's Every Member Canvass.

The economy has made this a financially uncertain time for many parishioners, but there is much to be thankful for in the generous response of the congregation to date.

As of January 26, 2010, the results of the Stewardship campaign are as follows:

Pledges received:	71	
Total pledged:		\$198,476
Increased pledges:	23	
Decreased pledges:	10	
New pledges:	12	
Median pledge 2010:		\$1,200
Average pledge 2010:		\$2,795
Median pledge 2009:		\$1,400
Average pledge 2009:		\$3,190
Average pledge 2008:		\$2,940
Average pledge 2007:		\$2,864
Average pledge 2006:		\$2,663

With regard to the number of pledges, we are ahead of where we were at this time last year. At the 2009 Annual Meeting, the Stewardship committee reported having received 63 pledges for a total of \$201,002. (By the end of 2009, we had 73 pledges for a total of \$208,000.) In 2007, we had 67 pledges for a total of \$226,050. In 2006, we had 66 pledges for a total of \$175,730.

We expect to receive some late pledges over the next month. If 2009 is a guide, we can also look forward to receiving new pledges throughout the year as newcomers join in the life of our parish.

I am enormously grateful to Father Blume for his enthusiasm, administrative support, and spiritual guidance throughout this campaign. The advice and insights of previous Stewardship chairs Charles Knapp and Nevin Brown were invaluable.

On behalf of the Stewardship committee, I thank all the parishioners who have pledged this year for their loving commitment to the work of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hughes  
*Stewardship Chair*

## MUSIC

There is a scriptural reference from the Psalms that gets quoted a lot within church music circles: “Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings, and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him” (Psalm 96:8-9). We, as Ignatians, already know how seriously we take that psalm verse, for as we come together each week (and many times in between), we offer unto our Lord the very best that we possibly can in our worship of Him. Music is no exception; we continue a tradition established here long ago of offering music for the Mass which beautifies the worship of our Creator, Sustainer, and Saviour. Music, like spoken or silent prayer, is another vehicle in which we communicate with God, and He with us. It is not meant to be entertainment or window-dressing, but rather an offering and sacrifice unto our God, a gift to Him in acknowledgment of all the gifts He continues to give us. As Ignatians, we know that we can offer no less than our finest gifts!

To that end, our Choir prepares for each solemn mass a setting of the Ordinary, a motet whose text is reflective of the scriptural theme of that particular day in the church year, and the ancient plainsong propers (it is important to note that they do all of that within a 1 3/4-hour rehearsal on a Sunday morning!). The music offered for the mass represents some of the finest settings written specifically for the worship of God throughout the centuries, enhancing a style of worship that includes all five senses. During my time here at St. Ignatius, I have discovered that we have a local, national and international reputation regarding worship and music, though at the same time, limited. Therefore, it became my intention to increase the awareness of what we do on our corner of West End Avenue with the hope that, with greater awareness, we will see our numbers increase, as well.

This past year saw the continuation and growth of the “Music at Saint Ignatius of Antioch” series. This is a program designed draw attention to our Anglo-Catholic family, acting as a unique form of outreach and making our presence better known in our local community and the city. Its other purpose is to raise funds for the financial support of a music ministry and worship that has earned the above-mentioned reputation. As the series has been evolving, our presentations have been growing in scope. Our hope is to attract a wide audience from all over the city.

2009 saw more concert performances by the Choir of St. Ignatius of Antioch: in March, the Choir presented Antoine Brumel’s monumental twelve-part *Missa “Et ecce terrae motus”* (The “*Earthquake*” Mass) and other works by Brumel and his contemporaries. And in December, the Choir and Orchestra concluded the year with “*Three More Christmas Cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach (and a Handel Organ Concerto)*” - performed during the actual season of Christmas. Attendance at these concerts, which include fabulous soloists and an equally fabulous orchestra, has been strong, and the long, steady applause at the conclusion of each performance demonstrates an appreciative audience.

St. Ignatius of Antioch's support of and commitment to the performing arts has made it an attractive venue for a variety of ensembles. By the end of 2009 we became the home of eight ensembles-in-residence: the internationally-acclaimed men's ensemble *Lionheart*; the early music ensemble *Polyhymnia*; the women's ensemble *Amuse*; our long-time friends *Canticum Novum Singers*; the chamber choir *Cerddorion*; the all-professional *New York Virtuoso Singers*; the venerable *Amor Artis Chorus*; and the newly-formed *TENET*. In addition, we have served as hosts to a number of concerts, including performances by *Tiffany Consort*, *Mimosa Chamber Ensemble*, *Jolle Greenleaf & Christian Lane*, *Parthenia Consort of Viols*, *Blue Heron Renaissance Choir*, and *Cascata*. To adequately publicize all of these performances, a new full-color glossy brochure was designed, printed, and sent to a combined mailing list of 1500 names. We are very grateful to Lee Ryder of *Amuse* for her talent and financial generosity in producing these brochures.

I feel honored and privileged to have the opportunity to work and worship in a parish such as ours. For me, the work of planning, preparing, and presenting music in the church is indeed worship, and I would not want to do it anywhere but here. I am grateful for your devotion to our communal worship and for your support of my work, and I pray that God's blessings on me will continue for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Keilitz,  
*Organist and Choirmaster*

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

At the same time as our historic building continues to offer space for our both our daily worship and programs, it also presents special challenges in terms of maintenance and heating. While significant deferred maintenance has been undertaken over the past two years, much remains to be done.

### **Undercroft Issues**

Many of the issues this year, as in every recent year, have been associated with the undercroft. Maintenance of this space is a constant battle and our tenant's and musical groups' use during the week make conditions in this space often unacceptable. Supervision on our part is constantly needed to ensure that proper cleaning is done, food products not left out, garbage kept off the ground in storage bins and supplies properly stored.

The broken window/door next to the kitchen door was repaired last year so that it is fairly well sealed and no longer can be opened, but mice still found a way to gnaw through the wood at the bottom and are still getting in. It needs to have a door or window frame that is weather- and rodent-proof, as do all of the windows in the undercroft. This window and the one next to it in particular need extra protection since they are right next to the garbage bins.

The window next to the broken window/door has numerous phone and cable lines coming in and resting on the windowsill which are exposed to weather and people placing things on them in spite of a sign advising them to beware. This has caused the disruption of phone service into the church at least twice in recent years. The phone company has not been responsive to our calls for repair. These wires also run along the baseboards into other rooms and are a safety risk as shock could result from someone touching these wires. Conduits should enclose all exposed wires to ensure safety to children especially.

The door going into the garden from the kitchen is also a major source of vermin and weather intrusion and needs to either be replaced or supplemented by a separate outside door that can be used both in the winter as a storm door and replaced with a screen door in the summer. The screen/storm door that came with the door has been damaged beyond repair, mostly by TOP misuse, and is now useless as it does not close properly to provide any extra protection. The large main window on the door, as well as the window next to it going into the kitchen are also a safety concern as the glass can easily be broken and the door opened by an intruder.

Finally, sometime in the near future the whole of the Undercroft needs to be scraped and painted. This project could be done in collaboration with our tenant.

### **Light Fixtures**

The undercroft lighting is provided by ugly, outdated fixtures with fluorescent tubes which are very difficult to maintain. When one tube goes out, all four tubes in a pan must be changed at the same time and this process is difficult as the plastic cover

must be taken off, which often results in breaking or chipping the plastic, and the tubes are very hard to get in and out of these old fixtures, many of which are just on the verge of being unworkable. Someday soon these fixtures must be replaced with modern fixtures, which will be easier and cheaper to maintain, and much nicer to look at.

Other light fixtures in need of upgrading are the moat lamps, two of which have already been upgraded in recent years, but there are 4 others which need to be replaced soon as they are cracked and yellowed and the lenses cannot be replaced since they are so old. The new fixtures add a much more powerful light that greatly enhances the look of the exterior now that it is clean, as well as providing greater security. There was some suggestion that we look for a more elegant type of lighting but that would involve a much greater expenditure.

### **Stairway Railing to the Undercroft**

The railing on the right side of the stairs going down to the undercroft was removed several months ago after it was found to be loose and in danger of falling off. Repairing this railing is a matter of some urgency as these steps are hazardous even in the best conditions, and often people start down without noticing the signs directing them to use the railing on the other side.

### **West End and 87<sup>th</sup> Street Oak Doors**

Both of our oak doors need to be sanded down and weatherproofing varnish reapplied every 3 years at least. It has now been almost 4 years since the West End door was refinished and over 6 years since the 87<sup>th</sup> Street entrance was refinished. The sign on the West End door has gotten loose and needs to be taken off and reinstalled, when the revarnishing is done if not before.

### **Failure of Water Heater in Bell Tower**

In June we succeeded in getting an insurance claim for damage done to the organ pipes as a result of the leakage of the bell tower in 2003. The vestry voted to use this money to first remove the water heater from the bell tower which had caused several of us so much anxiety the past decade in knowing that its lifespan had run out and its failure was surely imminent. When I took over as B&G chair around 8 years ago, this item was at the top of the list that was given to me of work that was critically needed. But there was one crisis after another in various parts of the building and the water heater removal kept getting postponed. Knowing that we had the money to have this work done and yet somehow failed to do it in time has grieved me tremendously, but fortunately the insurance money in hand and additional donations to be solicited this spring should enable us to repair the organ to a state much better than it has been in many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Postlewate  
*Building & Grounds Chair*

## OUTREACH

There are some things which St Ignatius does every year:

Our **soup kitchen**, on Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings, is our church's primary ministry. Ably coordinated by David Holkeboer, with Holly Hughes staying on top of the ordering, and weekly captains keeping everything going during their shifts, we seem to go along without a hitch. Our volunteers are faithful and include people from the parish, the neighborhood, and students from Trinity School. See David's report below.

We participated this year, as for many years, in the **CROP Walk**, both in fund raising and actually walking. The money supports the efforts of the Church World Service by responding to hunger globally and locally; our soup kitchen is one of the local recipients.

We also participated, as we often have, in the annual **AIDS Walk**. Our Deacon Kahn was assistant to the celebrant at the Eucharist in the Park.

Several times a year we collect clothes for **St Martin's Closet**, a ministry out of General Theological Seminary, which distributes clothes to the homeless or very poor in that neighborhood. Our most recent collection was in the Fall; we will be having one during Lent.

As we have done for 25 years, we contributed **Christmas gifts** from the parish to a homeless shelter for families in the neighborhood.

As some of our commitments in previous years have been phased out (ie, a relationship with a church near New Orleans after Katrina, our commitment to Fessenden House or Ecclesia Ministries), we have found new avenues for outreach and for forming relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. One of these is our new relationship with **Standing Rock Episcopal Mission**, where our former interim Father Rob Schwarz is the priest-in-charge. We have so far been able to send money, which is much needed for church repairs and even for gas, as the distances which Father Rob and the lay leadership need to cover are large. We had a jewelry sale fund-raiser in the fall and are planning another for the Spring. On January 10 Father Rob gave a presentation at the adult forum and we were able to learn about the history of Standing Rock and its present-day conditions, as well as the day-to-day work which Father Rob and his wife Jeanna do. Brother Stephen Storen has connected Father Rob with The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society which can help in supplying hymn books in Lakota.

Our other new relationship is with Saint Saviour's Church, Pimlico, London, which Father Blume and several parishioners have already visited; their Vicar, Father Woodward, and several of their parishioners, have visited with us.

We are on the verge of being connected with **Carpenter's Kids**, a partnership between our Diocese and the Anglican Diocese of Tanganyika, to provide clothes and school supplies to children, most of whom are HIV/AIDS orphans. We are working with the Diocese to see what the next step for us is.

**Valentines for Vets:** The Sunday School kids as well as many adults at coffee hour decorated Valentines to be sent to local VA hospitals, as part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Vets, organized by Voluntary Services at Veneral Affairs.

We want to thank the enthusiastic outreach committee: Deacon Paul Kahn, Thelma Piervicenti, Stephen Storen, Anne Nelson, Ravi Rajan, Betty Piazza, Virginia Price and Trish Metz. And David Holkeboer who oversees the soup kitchen year in and year out. Give them all a hug on your way out.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Kuemmerle & Laura Friedman  
*Outreach Co-Chairs*

### **Soup Kitchen**

In March of 2009 the parish celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the soup kitchen. We celebrated with a Sunday brunch featuring typical soup kitchen fare. Many former and current volunteers were present and remarks by founders Lucy Kuemmerle and Kate MacEnulty were warmly received. Of the 50 volunteers who served monthly in 2009, 25 are St. Ignatius parishioners. A core group of students from Trinity High School also volunteered regularly, even during the summer and often during holidays. We applied for and received a grant of \$4900 from Episcopal Charities for 2010, which will provide significant budgetary relief to the parish. We were granted funding from the CROP Walk of about \$1000. During the past year we served 2500 guests, some 400 fewer than last year, a statistic we have no explanation for given the current economy. We began a program of collecting travel sized toiletries from parishioners and distributing them to our guests, a gesture which seems to be very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

David Holkeboer  
*Soup Kitchen Coordinator*

## EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee exists to advance three major goals: to increase the visibility of our church, to draw visitors and newcomers through our doors, and to aid in the incorporation of new members into the life of the parish. A further aim that unites all of these goals is to enlist the whole congregation in the work of evangelism. During 2009, the Evangelism Committee consisted of Justin Hoffman, Alison Howard-Levy, Marie Postlewate, James Tunkey, and Warren Woodfin.

Among our concrete achievements for the year are the completion of our set banners to be posted on the fences along 87th Street and West End Avenue announcing seasonal and special services. We also introduced church fans with the parish lion emblem and the church's website to use during hot weather. These items—sufficiently plentiful and inexpensive to encourage people to take them away—help to spread the name-recognition of the parish outside our walls. We are also moving forward with plans for a newcomer information packet as a concrete way of welcoming our visitors.

Music is, of course, a tremendous part of what draws people to St. Ignatius, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Douglas Keilitz, whose work with our own Choir's concert series and with our Artists in Residence has drawn many in the community across our threshold. The annual St. Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals, conceived of by our Rector, has similarly reached out to the neighborhood to bring many new faces (and muzzles) within our walls. The parish website, under the capable management of the Rector and Mrs. Blume, continues to be both an excellent resource for parishioners and an effective advertisement for St. Ignatius and its ministries. Finally, although second to none in importance, the genuine hospitality you as individuals extend to our visitors is the best possible kind of evangelism. Thank you for being such good representatives of the warmth of this congregation.

We look forward to these and other initiatives continuing to bear fruit in the form of a growing and energized congregation. As I stated at the 2008 Annual Meeting, there is no intrinsic reason St. Ignatius shouldn't be packed to the gunwales every Sunday. We offer first-rate liturgy, sound preaching, glorious music, and a warm and welcoming congregation. It is my sincere hope that every member of St. Ignatius feels called to share the treasure that we have in this parish church.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren T. Woodfin  
*Evangelism Chair*



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