

Christ Church

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2025 Annual Report

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Annual Meeting of Christ Church, Manhasset

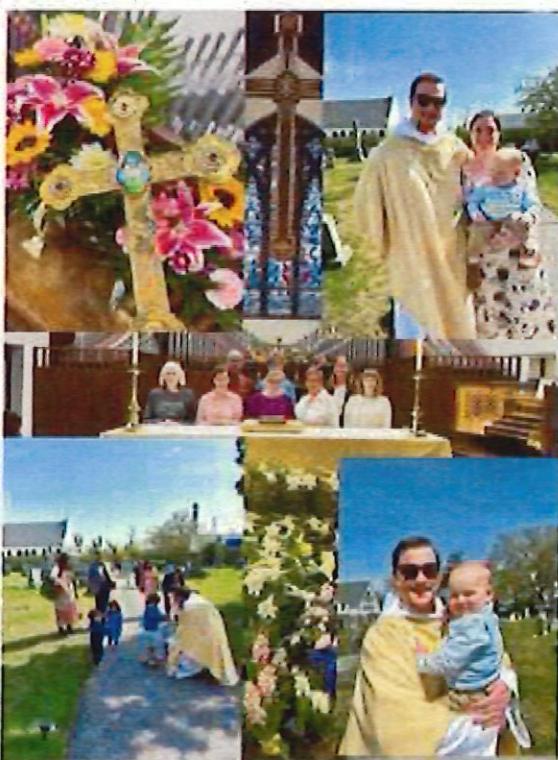
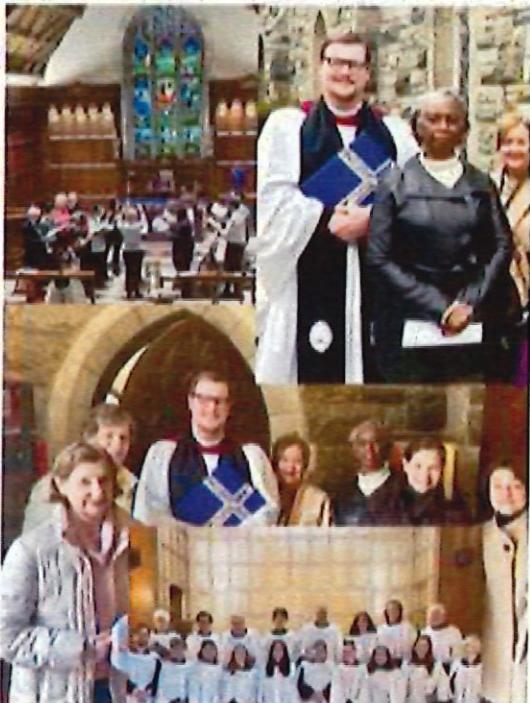
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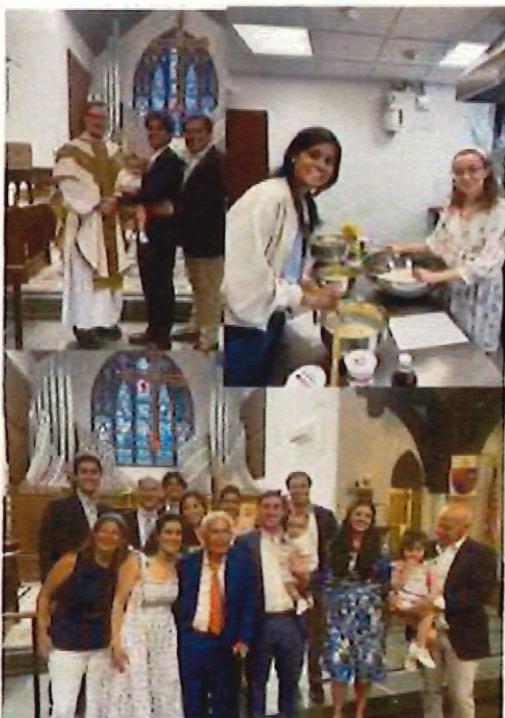
Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer & Call to Order
- II. Appointment of the Clerk
- III. Approval of Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting (held Feb. 2, 2025)
- IV. Report of the Vestry Nominating Committee & Election of Vestry Members & Warden
- V. Institution of Newly Elected Vestry Members & Warden
- VI. Warden's Report
- VII. Treasurer's Report
- VIII. Rector's Report
- IX. Acceptance of Reports by Parish Organizations and Committees as Submitted
- X. Adjournment & Closing Prayers

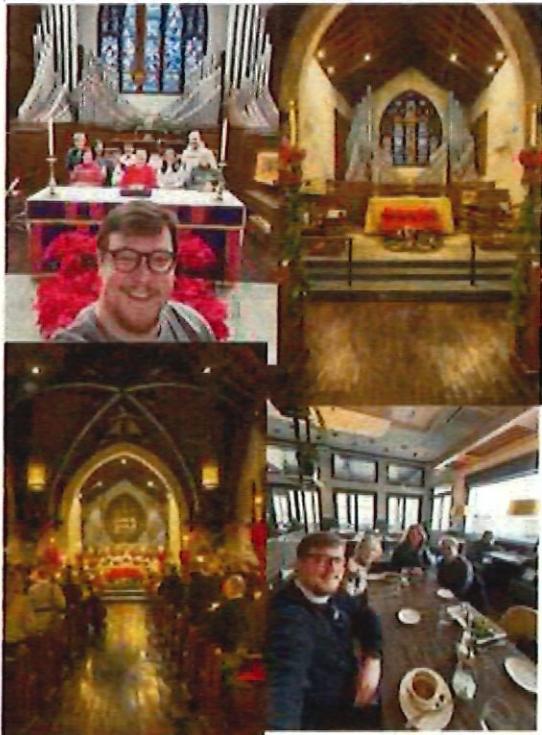
Christ Church's 2025 in Pictures











Call to Order and Opening Prayers: A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Officiant: Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

All: Almighty God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Officiant: For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: For the fellowship of Christ Church and all the saints,

All: We thank you, God.

Officiant: Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with this parish as we take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Appointment of Clerk for Annual Meeting

The Reverend Stephen Tamke appoints Ms. Holly Melichar as clerk for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting (held February 2, 2025)

Minutes can be found on the last page of this booklet.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Slate:

Church Warden (2 years, until 2028)	Holly Melichar
Vestry Member (3 years, until 2029)	Alex Bennett
Vestry Member (3 years, until 2029)	Amir Royer

Nominating Committee Bill Cornachio (*chair*), Jeannine Daly, Devin McKay, Gloria Ryan, Doug Spadaro, Phyllis Sternemann, The Reverend Stephen Tamke (*ex officio*).

Complete Vestry:

Senior Warden, Liz Giacoma (Class of 2027)
Junior Warden, Holly Melichar (Class of 2028)
Class of 2027: Laurie Gibbons, Clayton Tadler
Class of 2028: Doug Spadaro, Tommi-Grace Alvaro
Class of 2029: Alex Bennett, Amir Royer
Treasurer: Oriana Cyprus
Clerk: Kathleen Anderson Arnopp

Thank you to outgoing Vestry Officers

William Cornachio, Senior Warden, Anita Schmidt, Vestry Member

Thank you!

Commissioning of Vestry Members and Wardens

To be done in Lent 2026.

Source: *Book of Occasional Services*, pp. 180-183

The congregation being seated; the Rector stands in full view of the people. The candidates for Vestry and Warden stand facing the celebrant.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Rector asks the Nominating Committee Chair and the Wardens (Sponsors)

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of God's Church?

Sponsors: I believe they are.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: I will.

Nominating Committee Chair: I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Warden and Vestry Members in this congregation:

Rector: Let us pray.

Silence

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation I commission Liz Giacoma, as Senior Warden, Holly Melichar as Junior Warden, Laurie Gibbons, Clayton Tadler, Doug Spadaro, Tommi-Grace Alvaro, Alex Bennett and Amir Royer as Members of the Vestry.

New wardens and vestry members: May God who has given us the will to do these things give us the grace and power to perform them.

All: Amen.

Renewal of Commitment to Christ (*prayed by all*)

Rector: Let us give thanks for the gifts we have each been given by the Holy Spirit to build up the body of Christ.

Silence

All: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us in baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

The Reverend Stephen C. Tamke 

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. – Matthew 4:16-23

As I read last Sunday's Gospel passage, I was struck by the immediacy of the actions of these new disciples; that once they knew Jesus, even ever so slightly, they immediately dropped their nets and followed him. This passage from early on in Matthew's Gospel encourages each of us to drop whatever nets may be holding us back from fully following Christ and to immediately and wholeheartedly follow Him. All of us, through our baptism, are called to follow the Gospel imperative of Jesus Christ every day. Together, our Christ Church parish has sought to do this beginning in 1802 and continues to do so today.

As I reflect on the year 2025 at Christ Church, I am, as always, thankful for the hard work of our ministry team. Donna Cullinan-Gillis, Enrique Valdes, and Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer, through their various roles, and using their individual gifts and talents, ensure that Christ Church continues to live out its mission and ministry in this time and in this place.

The life and ministry of this place is not possible without the dedicated and faithful work of our Wardens, Bill Cornachio and Liz Giacoma, and Vestry, together with our Treasurer, Oriana Cyprus, and Clerk, Holly Melichar. We are blessed to have such a devoted group of lay leaders, who bring a diversity of skills and faith experience to the table. Bill Cornachio, Senior Warden, has completed his two-year term, and I am so grateful to him for accepting the call to serve after his service on Vestry. All of our Wardens, each year, are on speed dial since I arrived here in 2020, and I give thanks to God for their steadfastness of faith, their collaborative spirit, and their spirit-filled leadership of our parish which they so love! Thank you, Bill and Liz! To Liz Giacoma, who is rotating up to serve as Senior Warden, and Holly Melichar as Junior, thank you both for your willingness to serve. Alex Bennett has re-upped for another three-year term on Vestry, and Amir Royer has graciously offered to join us on Vestry for a three-year term. Thank you to Alex and Amir. As well, my thanks to Anita Schimdt as she completes her two terms of service on Vestry. Thank you for your six years of service in leadership to our parish!

In the year since our last Annual Meeting, we have taken part in fellowship, worship, and outreach at our Christ Church parish. We have engaged in regular and faithful maintenance of our buildings. In the Church, this work included updating the Sacristy to be brighter with a new coat of paint, LED lights, new shelves, and a safety handrail on the door. As well, we updated the Tower Chapel to be a fully “child-friendly” space with toys, chairs, live-stream TV for the church service, and changing table. At the Rectory, thankfully, the only work was minor preventative maintenance

needs. At the Parish House, we closed out the lock-system update, fixed HVAC system issues, and began a new lighting project that will change out the existing gymnasium light fixtures for more appropriate and tasteful chandeliers. Funds for this project were graciously donated by a parishioner.

We continue to support the St. Mary's food pantry, and our participation in the "Adopt-a-Family" program was, once again, superb and fully in the charitable spirit of the Christmas Season. In the past we have engaged this "Adopt-a-Family" program through St. John's Episcopal Hospital's iCare Foundation, but this year we did so through the Long Island Family and Children's Association. Even with a shorter timetable to retrieve tags, purchase gifts, and return them to Church for delivery, Christ Church showed up phenomenally well. Thank you!

Over the last year, our Daily Bread Ministry has continued to serve those in our communities. I am thankful to Phoebe Miller, Donna Lennon, Donna Cullinan-Gillis, and all those who faithfully take part in this program each month. This ministry has become part of our shared life here at Christ Church. Our monthly Daily Bread Ministry is a time in which parishioners gather in the Parish House Kitchen to bake together and share those baked good with those who need it. It is my hope that this year, in 2026, we might utilize our lovely kitchen space for even more food-based outreach programming, especially with our Family Service families.

Our worship and programmatic schedules were ones in which we found ourselves quite busy! From a fantastic service of Lent Lessons & Carols at St. John's of Lattingtown, to Holy Week liturgies; from Summer Home Communions to our Christ Church for Families service; and from Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist each Thursday morning to Advent Lessons & Carols, our worship was full and vibrant. Our Easter Sunday attendance and Christmas Eve/Day attendance were both strong, and, our Sunday worship attendance, both in-person and via-Zoom, was slightly up. Our Altar Guild, led by Diana Tadler, Directress, continued its important ministry of sacramental preparation for Eucharist, Baptisms, and Funerals. The Altar Guild was the recipient of a wonderful gift, the purple and rose vestment set for Advent and Lent. Once again, Phyllis Sternemann led our phenomenal Historic Cemetery Tour gracefully and professionally. Lesley Stackler chaired another fantastic Holly Fair for a third very successful year. Thank you, Lesley, for three years of great success at the Holly Fair! And, thank you to Vestry member Tommi-Grace Melito Alvaro for chairing the fair in the future. Our Tuesday evening education classes were well attended. In addition to my regular classes, we welcomed Phoebe Miller to offer two different classes for our academic enjoyment! Our Galentine's Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Mothering Sunday Brunch, Summer Home Communions, and Coffee Hour offered space for us to break bread together as a Parish Family.

New to us in Fall of 2024, and growing through 2025, was our family service, which is held once a month. Christ Church for Families is a shortened Eucharist service that is modeled especially for families with little ones for whom the full hour-long 10:00am service might seem somewhat daunting. Each month, on the third Sunday at 9:00am, we gather in the Parish House for Eucharist. The young ones gather on the "sermon rug" and hear a bible story from the Gospels as well as a children's sermon. And then, we all gather around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist. This past

Fall/Winter of 2025, each month, families left the service with a new item to build their at home prayer spaces. This culminated with Advent wreaths and Christmas Tree decorations. This Family Service serves as a form of “liturgical Sunday School” which engages the scripture, doctrine, and liturgy of our faith in the midst of worship. It is my hope, and my intention, that beginning in Fall of 2026, we will include more “formal” Sunday School offerings after each Family Service. My thanks to Arlene Blocker for her help in making this service happen each month. It has been a joy seeing this service grow with a regular attendance of, sometimes, thirty! If you know of anyone who might find this service a fit for their family, please let them know all about it and send them my way!

I was blessed to baptize twelve babies and children in 2025; and many of these young ones and their families are part of our parish either at our 10:00am service, or, at our Family Service. We had one parishioner Received into The Episcopal Church, Phoebe Miller, who did so at a Diocesan Confirmation service in May of 2025 with Jeannine Daly as her parish sponsor.

Whenever I walk through our graveyard to and from the Church, I say “hello” to everyone buried here. I say hello especially to the parishioners who I have had the holy privilege to bury in our hallowed ground. This year I’ve included a “Necrology List,” for the first time in our Annual Report. It lists all those from our parish family who we have buried since our last Annual Meeting. There are quite a few names on there this year, names of parishioners who were, and continue to be, vibrant and holy members of this old and special parish. I wanted this list included so we can honor their memories and live out their hopes and dreams for this place. I am thankful for their lives of faith and holy witness, and I am thankful for the gifts they shared with us. May their memories be a blessing, and, may their faithful examples be that which helps to lead us in the years to come.

As Danielle, Henry, and I prepare to welcome our daughter in the coming week or two, I give thanks to God each day that we are blessed to call Christ Church our home. It is a gift for Henry to have been baptized and to be raised up in his faith in this holy place, for his sister to look forward to that same joy, and for Danielle and me to share with each of you the joys of parish life.

Finally, it is my prayer for our shared life together that we, through our prayers and our actions, may do as Andrew, Simon-Peter, James, and John did with immediate effect: we may throw down the nets that hold us back from fully living out our Gospel imperative with and for Jesus Christ. With a thankful heart and encouraged spirit, I can confidently say, as I do each year at our annual meeting, “O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready!” (*Psalm 57:7*).

As ever, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Stephen C. Tamke

XVIII Rector

Warden's Report

Thank you for attending the Christ Church 2026 Annual Meeting. This is a very important event in the life of our Church, and we are grateful that you made the effort to participate. That includes those who are attending digitally, via Zoom.

I am grateful also for the privilege of serving as Senior Warden during the last two years, and my earlier participation on the Vestry. Thank you for having the confidence in me and electing me to these very important positions. My report will cover three areas, the Church's spiritual life, fellowship and outreach.

Christ Church's Spiritual Life

Under the amazing leadership of our Rector, our spiritual life here continues to grow and flourish. Regular Sunday morning services are a gift, with the ritual of our very rich liturgy, enhanced by Fr. Stephen's thoughtful and often inspiring sermons. And for those who for one reason or another cannot attend the Sunday service, our Zoom technology is a great alternative. It was especially welcome this past Sunday, when 12 or so inches of snow kept us hunkered down in our warm homes, but didn't stop the Rector from making his way over to the Sacristy and celebrating the 10:00 a.m. service.

Apart from that, the regular adult education classes on Tuesdays are a gift. The Lenten Walking with Job program, the Epistles of Paul, and the fall program covering the Psalms and Medieval Art and Life and the recent Advent book study program with Evelyn Underhill were all well received. Fr. Stephen's thorough research preparation was evident. I recommend all who can join these programs, which again, are easily accessed on Tuesday evenings via Zoom.

Regular Thursday Morning Prayer, and special programs on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, and other important days on the Christian calendar are a vital part of what makes Christ Church a special spiritual place for all of us.

In the Episcopal tradition, music is an essential element of the Liturgy, and Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer and our Choir deserve our thanks and praise. I am truly amazed how such a small group of talented singers can create such beautiful, rich music during our regular Sunday and other services.

Fellowship

We have several Church events that repeat each year but they don't get tired. The recent Holly Fair was, as usual, a great success under Lesley Stackler's leadership, and we are grateful for that, and for Tommi-Grace Melito Alvaro agreeing to chair the event next year. The Summer Home Communions are a great opportunity for us to mingle and enjoy each other's company, and I am

particularly pleased that many parishioners bring guests to these events. Because we enjoy welcoming our Church friends to our home, April and I are happy to host once again this year.

Other fellowship events are not to be overlooked, from the upcoming Galentine's Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Mothering Sunday Brunch, among others.

I consider Stewardship an element of Fellowship, and many thanks to all of you who submitted your pledges this year. You will hear more about that from Oriana shortly, but I will steal a little bit of her thunder by pointing out that pledges for 2026 exceeded last year's and by a meaningful amount.

Our Church volunteers are one of our greatest assets. I have already mentioned Leslie's three years of chairing the Holly Fair, but not to be overlooked are the enhancements to the Memorial Garden, thanks to Anita Schmidt and Senetta Koch, Tom Chaly's gardening skills have also enhanced the beauty of our Church landscape, and Alex Bennett has made some infrastructure improvements which improve the experience.

Community Outreach

As always, the historic graveyard tour was a great success under the leadership of Phyllis Sternemann. Thanks to all who participated in organizing, handling administrative tasks, and performing as actors. I especially enjoyed my role as merchant Edgar Poole. The Daily Bread Ministry spearheaded by Phoebe Miller is a wonderful success and thanks to all who assist her in that important work. By joining with our Saint Mary's Church neighbor, we have and continue to assist those in our community who have special needs, which include the upcoming SOUPER Bowl program, the Backpack school contributions, and of course, the Christmas gift giving program that is so deeply appreciated by the deserving families who we support during the holiday season.

The other fun program that draws in community members is the Spooky Organ Recital. Thanks once again to Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer, and to Meredith Baker, for making that such a great success. Community outreach is also part of our spiritual mission, and in that regard, the Advent and Lent Lessons and Carol's programs are special not only to us, but to the community members as well.

Final Words

My thanks to the members of the Vestry, Warden Liz Giacoma, Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer, and all those who chaired a committee or led an activity. Special thanks to Enrique Valdes for keeping our campus looking beautiful and the many improvements that he has made to the property, but above all, for his devotion to our Church. We need to acknowledge the service of Oriana Cyprus as our Treasurer, and all the other contributions she so generously provides the Parish.

Our deepest debt of gratitude is to Fr. Stephen, who recently celebrated his fifth year with us. The energy and creativity he brings to our Parish is unmatched in my memory. Perhaps most notably are the monthly Family Service, and the general welcoming of children to our regular Liturgy by the

dual-purpose Tower Chapel area. And as I mentioned earlier, the regular Adult Christian Education sessions are a gift.

As I leave my position in the able hands of Wardens Liz and Holly, and the other Vestry members, I hope to continue to be involved in the life and the growth of our Parish.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Cornachio, *Senior Warden*

February 2026

Statistics from the 2025 Parochial Report

Every year the National Church asks each parish to complete a standard statistical and financial Parochial Report. The full report will be available in the Parish Office after it is approved by the Vestry and submitted to the Diocesan Office and the National Church Office. Here are some of the statistics from 2025.

“Active Baptized members” include anyone who has attended at least one event and/or contributed financially to the parish. We will report about 200 active baptized members, which is up from 2024.

“Communicants in Good Standing” are those who attend Church at least three times in the calendar year and for whom we have a record of regular financial contributions. We will report a total of 110 people: 90 members 16 years of age and older, and 20 members under 16 years of age. Much of the growth we have seen is from our monthly Family Service, and we are very excited about that!

We had twelve Baptisms in 2025:

- Jerry Holland in January 2025
- Cole Crosby Youngman February 2025
- Ryan James Youngman in February 2025
- Jack Henry Youngman in February 2025
- Steffi River Ryan in February 2025
- Luna Juane Ryan in February 2025
- Blake Victoria Scouler in May 2025
- Vivienne Lena Scouler in May 2025
- Mackenzie Cartherine Baron in May 2025
- Patrick James Montgomery in June 2025
- Jack Christopher Wright in October 2025
- Christian Joseph Courtade in October 2025

One person was received into The Episcopal Church

- Phoebe Miller in May 2025

Seven people were buried from Christ Church in 2025:

- Carole Adele Schmidt, Shaharazad (Dolly) Monica Sattaur, Frederick Kenneth Schlamp, Ann Burr Henahan, Janet Abbe Rider, Carla Frances Wilkie Meehan, Thomas Gerry Gallatin, Jr.

Our average Sunday attendance for the 8:00am Rite 1, 9:00am Family Service, and 10:00am Rite 2 Eucharists was 50 people, up from an average of 48 in 2024 (both in-person and online over Zoom). Easter Sunday (both in-person and online over Zoom) attendance was 175, down from 185 in 2024.

Christmas Eve & Day (both in-person and online over Zoom) Holy Eucharist Rite 2 at 4:00pm and Holy Eucharist Rite 1 at 10:00am attendance was 216, down from 225 in 2024.

We offered a total of 115 Sunday Eucharists. We offered 55 services of weekday Daily Office worship (in-person & online Morning Prayer Rite 1 and in-person Evening Prayer Rite 1 & Compline). We offered 48 services of weekday Holy Eucharist.

41 signed pledge cards were received for 2025 totaling \$149,000.00 which was essentially static from \$150,000.00 in 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Once again, Christ Church parishioners came through by meeting or exceeding pledge and plate expectations for 2025. Thank you!

Our total revenue was good at \$444,544.04 which was 10% over our expected budgeted number. This was a very similar number to what we grossed in 2024.

Expenses were a bit off budget, however, mainly in the areas of building repairs and utilities. We had some HVAC and plumbing issues in the Parish House that required repair as well as the installation of a new locking system that was unplanned. This put us over budget by about \$7,000 in this area. Natural gas costs showed a large increase this year. We had budgeted \$15,000 across the three buildings, but our actual cost for gas was about \$24,000.00. This represents an almost 60% increase in gas prices. Our usage did not go up.

Altar Guild will show a large increase over last year and over budget. This is due to the purchase of the new purple vestments that were used during Advent. Funds for the purchase (\$12,000.00) were donated and show in the memorial donation line and the Altar Guild donation line and do not represent an exponential increase in normal Altar Guild spending.

We received a generous capital donation of \$40,000.00 to the Cemetery Fund which will be used to improve various aspects of the cemetery and urn garden.

We finished out the year with a \$33,000.00 deficit which was funded, with Vestry approval, out of the saving account. If not for those unexpected expenses, we would have fared better than expected on the deficit.

The proposed budget for 2026 is largely based on what our income and expenses were for 2025.

We are budgeting a \$440,000.00 gross income, and even though that is about the same as 2025, I want to note that many parishioners increased their pledges and we also gained some new pledging members from the Family Service. So our pledged income line is actually up by \$35,000.00 over last year which is very much appreciated and speaks to the commitment of this parish to grow and to provide a spiritual home for future generations. I expect that our actual income will be greater than \$444,000.00 based on plate income from last year. New pledging members, notwithstanding, I still believe we will likely do a bit better than projected.

On the expense side, we will have some increases. The Vestry voted unanimously to give Father Stephen a much-deserved raise in salary (\$5,000.00). He had not gotten a cost-of-living increase in 3 years. This raise will result in about a \$7,500.00 increase in expenses for the church. We also made the necessary adjustments to the budget, based on 2025, to forecast utility expenses. There is also a slight increase to Enrique's salary that will offset an increase to his Medicare and supplement.

Thanks to Bill Cornachio, our Sewer bill will be going down significantly. Bill was able to get our assessed valuation reduced with Nassau County which in turn will reduce our payment to the Great Neck Sewer District.

We lowered our projected pledge to the Diocese this year. The past two years we had pledged \$15,000.00 but were only able to give \$5,000.00. This year we opted to lower our pledge to \$5,000.00 with the hope that if we are flush during the year, we will increase our giving.

Our projected deficit for 2026 will be about \$6,700.00 which I hope and pray will be even smaller by year's end.

Investments and Bank Accounts as of 1/26/26:

JP Morgan Diocesan Investment: \$3,356,547.00 (As of 12/31/25)

JP Morgan Schola Cantorum Investment: \$13,700.00

(Compared to \$3.045 Million and Schola Cantorum \$12,000 respectively at year end 2024)

Vanguard Parish Investments: \$381,000.00

Vanguard Altar Guild Investments: \$16,500.00

(Compared to \$336,500 and \$16,500, respectively at year end 2024)

Chase Operating: \$58,000.00

Chase Savings: \$101,000.00

Discretionary: \$5,500.00

PayPal: \$2,500.00

Apple Bank Altar Guild (as of 12/31/25): \$7,400.00

Christ Church Cemetery Fund: \$75,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Oriana Cyprus

Treasurer

Christ Church
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2026

		Jan - Dec 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
41000 - Revenue		
41100 - Pledge Income		
41110 - Current Year Pledge	180,000.00	
41120 - Prior Year Pledge	2,000.00	
41100 - Pledge Income - Other	0.00	
Total 41100 - Pledge Income	182,000.00	
41200 - Plate Income		
41200 - Plate Income	20,000.00	
41300 - Music Donations		
41390 - Miscellaneous Donations	3,500.00	
41392 - Memorial Donations	7,500.00	
41395 - Donations Altar Guild	8,000.00	
41396 - Holy Day Donations	12,000.00	
41397 - Cemetery Donations	1,000.00	
41398 - Pass Thru Altar Guild Donations	0.00	
Total 41390 - Miscellaneous Donations	28,500.00	
41400 - Endowment Distributions		
41600 - Interest Income	138,000.00	
41700 - Building Use	25.00	
41910 - Miscellaneous Income	55,000.00	
41920 - Cemetery Tour	3,000.00	
41930 - Holly Fair	15,000.00	
Total 41910 - Miscellaneous Income	18,000.00	
Total 41000 - Revenue	445,025.00	
Total Income	445,025.00	
Expense		
51000 - Salaries and Benefits		
51100 - Rector	56,316.26	
51110 - Rector Salary	1,200.00	
51130 - Rector Health Insurance	21,000.00	
51140 - Rector Pension	3,371.00	
51160 - Rector Housing Equity Allowance	23,219.56	
51170 - Rector Withholding	550.00	
51180 - Rector Life Insurance	105,656.82	
Total 51100 - Rector	105,656.82	

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Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2026

	Jan - Dec 26
51200 - Sexton	43,014.14
51210 - Sexton Salary	4,200.00
51230 - Sexton Health Insurance	2,160.00
51240 - Sexton Lay Pension 403(b)	2,160.00
51241 - Sexton 403(b) employer match	2,700.00
51242 - Sexton Lay Pension Base 403(b)	8,630.18
51250 - Sexton Withholding	62,864.32
Total 51200 - Sexton	30,250.00
51300 - Parish Administrator	30,250.00
51310 - Administrator Salary	30,250.00
Total 51300 - Parish Administrator	30,250.00
51400 - Music Director	26,500.00
51410 - Music Director Salary	26,500.00
Total 51400 - Music Director	5,000.00
51800 - Miscellaneous Sal/Ben	8,500.00
51900 - Taxes & Workers Comp	4,500.00
51910 - Employer Contributions	13,000.00
51930 - Workers' Comp & Disability	243,271.14
Total 51900 - Taxes & Workers Comp	13,000.00
Total 51000 - Salaries and Benefits	17,000.00
52000 - Worship & Programs	11,500.00
52100 - Music	1,600.00
52110 - Section Leaders	700.00
52120 - Instruments & Extra Singers	200.00
52130 - Supply Organists	2,500.00
52140 - Sheet Music	500.00
52150 - Organ/Piano Maintenance	500.00
52170 - Music Licenses	500.00
Total 52100 - Music	750.00
52200 - Christian Formation	250.00
52210 - Sunday School	500.00
52220 - Youth Ministry	200.00
52230 - Adult Formation	1,700.00
Total 52200 - Christian Formation	500.00

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52300 · Outreach	1,000.00
52310 · Outreach Programs	1,000.00
52320 · Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,000.00
Total 52300 · Outreach	2,000.00
52400 · Hospitality	1,500.00
52500 · Publicity & Communications	2,000.00
52900 · Miscellaneous Worship & Program	800.00
52910 · Cemetery Tour Expense	1,300.00
52920 · Holly Fair Expense	8,000.00
52930 · Altar Guild Expense	500.00
52900 · Miscellaneous Worship & Program - Other	10,600.00
Total 52900 · Miscellaneous Worship & Program	34,800.00
52600 · Funeral Expense	0.00
53000 · Buildings & Maintenance	0.00
53100 · Church	3,500.00
53110 · Church Electricity	11,000.00
53120 · Church Natural Gas	8,000.00
53130 · Church Water/Sewer	1,800.00
53140 · Telephone and Internet	3,000.00
53180 · Church Preventative Maintenance	1,500.00
53190 · Church Repairs	500.00
53100 · Church - Other	29,300.00
Total 53100 · Church	29,300.00
53200 · Parish House	10,000.00
53210 · PH Electricity	10,000.00
53220 · PH Natural Gas	1,200.00
53230 · PH Water/Sewer	5,000.00
53240 · PH Telephone & Internet	10,000.00
53280 · PH Preventative Maintenance	5,000.00
53290 · PH Repairs	0.00
Total 53200 · Parish House	41,200.00

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53300 - Rectory	
53310 - Rectory Electricity	4,500.00
53320 - Rectory Natural Gas	3,000.00
53330 - Rectory Water/Sewer	250.00
53340 - Rectory Telephone & Internet	2,800.00
53350 - Rectory Snow Removal	500.00
53360 - Rectory Landscape Maintenance	5,000.00
53380 - Rectory Prev. Maintenance	7,500.00
53390 - Rectory Repairs	3,500.00
53300 - Rectory - Other	0.00
Total 53300 - Rectory	27,050.00
53400 - Cemetery & Grounds	
53410 - Lawn Maintenance	2,000.00
53420 - Grounds Maintenance	600.00
53430 - Snow Removal	750.00
53400 - Cemetery & Grounds - Other	0.00
Total 53400 - Cemetery & Grounds	3,350.00
53900 - Miscellaneous Physical Plant	
Total 53000 - Buildings & Maintenance	5,000.00
54000 - Property/Liability Insurance	
55000 - Administrative Expenses	
55100 - Clergy Reimbursable Expenses	105,900.00
55110 - Clergy Entertainment	250.00
55120 - Clergy Travel	254.50
55130 - Clergy Continuing Education	500.00
55800 - Clergy Conference	880.00
Total 55100 - Clergy Reimbursable Expenses	1,884.50
55200 - Vestry Expenses	
55300 - Office Expenses	
55310 - Office Supplies	0.00
55320 - Computer/Software Expenses	3,000.00
55330 - Postage	2,500.00
55340 - Copier Lease	500.00
55350 - Office Expenses - Other	5,200.00
Total 55300 - Office Expenses	11,200.00

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55400 - Financial Expenses	0.00
55410 - Interest Expenses	100.00
55420 - Financial Services Expenses	1,200.00
55450 - Payroll Processing	50.00
55400 - Financial Expenses - Other	1,350.00
Total 55400 - Financial Expenses	1,350.00
55900 - Miscellaneous Admin. Expense	0.00
Total 55000 - Administrative Expenses	14,434.50
56000 - Diocesan Assessment	5,000.00
57000 - Pass-Thru Expenses	49.56
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	300.02
Total Expense	451,755.22
Net Ordinary Income	-6,730.22
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
94020 - Capital Income - Donations	0.00
94024 - Capital Donations Cemetery	0.00
Total 94020 - Capital Income - Donations	0.00
Total Other Income	0.00
Other Expense	
95010 - Capital Expense - Church	0.00
95020 - Capital Expense - Parish House	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	-6,730.22

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	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
41000 · Revenue					
41100 · Pledge Income					
41110 · Current Year Pledge	110,308.25	130,000.00	-19,693.75	84.9%	
41120 · Prior Year Pledge	2,145.00	2,500.00	-355.00	85.8%	
41130 · Prepaid Pledge	34,650.00	15,000.00	19,650.00	231.0%	
41100 · Pledge Income - Other	2,063.57				
Total 41100 · Pledge Income	149,164.82	147,500.00	1,664.82	101.1%	
41200 · Plate Income	27,224.47	15,000.00	12,224.47	181.5%	
41300 · Music Donations	3,345.00	6,000.00	-2,655.00	55.8%	
41390 · Miscellaneous Donations					
41392 · Memorial Donations	8,450.00	1,500.00	6,950.00	563.3%	
41395 · Donations Altar Guild	14,117.54	7,000.00	7,117.54	201.7%	
41398 · Holy Day Donations	14,828.00	10,000.00	4,828.00	148.3%	
41397 · Cemetery Donations	1,570.00	1,000.00	570.00	157.0%	
41398 · Pass Thru Altar Guild Donations	1,125.00				
41390 · Miscellaneous Donations - Other	9,454.00				
Total 41390 · Miscellaneous Donations	49,544.54	19,500.00	30,044.54	254.1%	
41400 · Endowment Distributions	137,397.88	138,000.00	-602.14	99.6%	
41600 · Interest Income	23.53	50.00	-26.47	47.1%	
41700 · Building Use	54,450.00	60,000.00	-5,550.00	90.8%	
41800 · Pass-Thru Income	4,518.63				
41900 · Pastoral Liturgy Donations	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	
41905 · Sale of Cemetery Plots	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%	
41910 · Miscellaneous Income					
41920 · Cemetery Tour	2,770.80	4,500.00	-1,729.20	61.6%	
41930 · Holly Fair	16,099.55	12,500.00	3,599.55	128.1%	
41940 · Concert Series	0.00				
Total 41910 · Miscellaneous Income	18,780.35	17,000.00	1,780.35	110.5%	
Total 41000 · Revenue	444,449.20	404,300.00	40,149.20	109.9%	
41410 · Vanguard - distribution income	94.84				
Total Income	444,544.04	404,300.00	40,244.04	110.0%	
Expense					
Salaries and Benefits					
51000 · Salaries and Benefits					
51100 · Rector					
51110 · Rector Salary	52,805.19	53,000.00	-194.81	99.6%	
51130 · Rector Health Insurance	1,237.14	1,200.00	37.14	103.1%	
51140 · Rector Pension	19,708.20	20,000.00	-291.80	98.5%	
51160 · Rector Housing Equity Allowance	3,169.95	3,200.00	-30.05	99.1%	
51170 · Rector Withholding	23,004.42	22,000.00	1,004.42	104.6%	
51180 · Rector Life Insurance	494.00	400.00	94.00	123.5%	
Total 51100 · Rector	100,418.90	99,800.00	618.90	100.6%	
51200 · Sexton					
51210 · Sexton Salary	42,819.12	54,000.00	-11,180.88	79.3%	
51230 · Sexton Health Insurance	3,973.00				
51240 · Sexton Lay Pension 403(b)	2,127.27	2,160.00	-32.73	98.5%	
51241 · Sexton 403(b) employer match	2,127.27	2,160.00	-32.73	98.5%	
51242 · Sexton Lay Pension Base 403(b)	2,653.11	2,700.00	-46.89	98.3%	
51260 · Sexton Withholding	8,717.91				
Total 51200 · Sexton	62,417.68	61,020.00	1,397.68	102.3%	
51300 · Parish Administrator					
51310 · Administrator Salary	25,480.58	30,250.00	-4,769.42	84.2%	
51320 · Parish Administrator Withholding	4,541.06	0.00	4,541.06	100.0%	
Total 51300 · Parish Administrator	30,021.64	30,250.00	-228.36	99.2%	
51400 · Music Director					
51410 · Music Director Salary	24,577.65	23,900.00	677.65	102.8%	
51420 · Music Director Withholding	2,941.55	2,600.00	341.55	113.1%	
Total 51400 · Music Director	27,519.20	26,500.00	1,019.20	103.8%	
51800 · Miscellaneous Sal/Ben	5,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	166.7%	
51900 · Taxes & Workers Comp					
51910 · Employer Contributions	8,511.71	7,000.00	1,511.71	121.6%	
51930 · Workers' Comp & Disability	4,504.97	4,000.00	504.97	112.6%	
Total 51900 · Taxes & Workers Comp	13,016.68	11,000.00	2,016.68	118.3%	
Total 51000 · Salaries and Benefits	238,394.10	231,570.00	6,824.10	102.9%	
Worship & Programs					
Music					
52100 · Music					
52110 · Section Leaders	11,280.00	10,000.00	1,280.00	112.6%	
52120 · Instruments & Extra Singers	1,540.00	2,000.00	-460.00	77.0%	
52130 · Supply Organists	700.00	750.00	-50.00	93.3%	
52140 · Sheet Music	195.76	150.00	45.76	130.5%	
52150 · Organ/Piano Maintenance	3,276.99	2,500.00	776.99	131.1%	
52170 · Music Licenses	449.00	400.00	49.00	112.3%	
52100 · Music - Other	110.00				
Total 52100 · Music	17,551.75	15,800.00	1,751.75	111.1%	
52200 · Christian Formation					
52210 · Sunday School	481.97	300.00	181.97	160.7%	
52220 · Youth Ministry	221.99				
52230 · Adult Formation	392.17	400.00	-87.83	83.0%	
52200 · Christian Formation - Other	178.17				
Total 52200 · Christian Formation	1,214.30	700.00	514.30	173.5%	
52300 · Outreach					
52310 · Outreach Programs	537.57	1,500.00	-962.43	35.8%	
52320 · Rector's Discretionary Fund	3,831.20	1,000.00	2,831.20	383.1%	
Total 52300 · Outreach	4,358.77	2,500.00	1,868.77	174.8%	
52400 · Hospitality	1,369.06	600.00	869.06	273.6%	
52500 · Publicity & Communications	1,655.79	1,000.00	655.79	165.7%	
52800 · Supply Clergy	0.00	27	500.00	-500.00	0.0%

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	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
52900 - Miscellaneous Worship & Program				
52910 - Cemetery Tour Expense	781.37	500.00	281.37	156.3%
52920 - Holly Fair Expense	1,271.56	700.00	571.56	181.7%
52930 - Altar Guild Expense	22,191.32	8,000.00	14,191.32	277.4%
52900 - Miscellaneous Worship & Program - Other	499.42			
Total 52900 - Miscellaneous Worship & Program	24,743.67	9,200.00	15,543.67	269.0%
Total 52000 - Worship & Programs	50,904.34	30,200.00	20,704.34	168.6%
52600 - Funeral Expense	2,582.90			
53000 - Buildings & Maintenance				
53100 - Church				
53110 - Church Electricity	3,073.14	3,000.00	73.14	102.4%
53120 - Church Natural Gas	10,687.13	7,500.00	3,187.13	142.5%
53130 - Church Water/Sewer	14,141.76	13,500.00	641.76	104.8%
53140 - Telephone and Internet	1,752.67	1,200.00	552.67	145.1%
53180 - Church Preventative Maintenance	3,543.53	2,000.00	1,543.53	177.2%
53190 - Church Repairs	1,553.31	5,000.00	-3,446.69	31.1%
53100 - Church - Other	289.64			
Total 53100 - Church	35,041.18	32,200.00	2,841.18	108.8%
53200 - Parish House				
53210 - PH Electricity	9,221.53	10,000.00	-778.47	92.2%
53220 - PH Natural Gas	10,040.31	5,500.00	4,540.31	182.6%
53230 - PH Water/Sewer	1,225.70	500.00	725.70	245.1%
53240 - PH Telephone & Internet	4,803.02	5,500.00	-696.98	87.3%
53280 - PH Preventative Maintenance	13,598.93	10,000.00	3,598.93	136.0%
53290 - PH Repairs	13,264.18	10,000.00	3,264.18	132.6%
53200 - Parish House - Other	704.67			
Total 53200 - Parish House	52,858.34	41,500.00	11,358.34	127.4%
53300 - Rectory				
53310 - Rectory Electricity	4,586.79	4,000.00	586.79	114.7%
53320 - Rectory Natural Gas	3,025.26	2,000.00	1,025.26	151.3%
53330 - Rectory Water/Sewer	224.40	300.00	-75.60	74.8%
53340 - Rectory Telephone & Internet	2,758.28	2,200.00	558.28	125.4%
53350 - Rectory Snow Removal	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
63360 - Rectory Landscape Maintenance	5,595.78	4,500.00	1,095.78	124.4%
53380 - Rectory Prev. Maintenance	2,981.77	3,000.00	-18.23	99.4%
53390 - Rectory Repairs	3,376.64	3,500.00	-123.36	96.6%
53300 - Rectory - Other	114.66			
Total 53300 - Rectory	22,663.58	19,800.00	2,863.58	114.5%
63400 - Cemetery & Grounds				
63410 - Lawn Maintenance	1,827.62	500.00	1,327.62	385.5%
63420 - Grounds Maintenance	556.44	2,000.00	-1,443.56	27.5%
63430 - Snow Removal	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
63400 - Cemetery & Grounds - Other	206.30			
Total 63400 - Cemetery & Grounds	2,590.36	2,750.00	-159.64	94.2%
53900 - Miscellaneous Physical Plant	5,541.31	3,000.00	2,541.31	184.7%
Total 53000 - Buildings & Maintenance	118,594.77	99,250.00	19,444.77	119.6%
54000 - Property/Liability Insurance	47,684.50	45,000.00	2,684.50	108.0%
55000 - Administrative Expenses				
55100 - Clergy Reimbursable Expenses				
55110 - Clergy Entertainment	221.59	500.00	-278.41	44.3%
55120 - Clergy Travel	4.50	500.00	-495.50	0.9%
55130 - Clergy Continuing Education	185.00	2,000.00	-1,835.00	8.3%
55140 - Clergy Cellular Telephone	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
55600 - Clergy Vestments	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
55800 - Clergy Conference	380.00	500.00	-120.00	76.0%
Total 55100 - Clergy Reimbursable Expenses	771.09	3,850.00	-3,078.91	20.0%
55200 - Vestry Expenses	300.00			
55300 - Office Expenses				
55310 - Office Supplies	2,825.93	1,800.00	1,025.93	157.0%
55320 - Computer/Software Expenses	2,315.68	2,500.00	-184.12	92.8%
55330 - Postage	24.04	1,000.00	-975.96	2.4%
55340 - Copier Lease	5,147.82	4,400.00	747.82	117.0%
55300 - Office Expenses - Other	484.22			
Total 55300 - Office Expenses	10,797.69	9,700.00	1,097.89	111.3%
55400 - Financial Expenses				
55410 - Interest Expenses	85.66			
55420 - Financial Services Expenses	87.39	200.00	-112.61	43.7%
55430 - Payroll Processing	1,144.63	1,000.00	144.63	114.5%
55400 - Financial Expenses - Other	39.00			
Total 55400 - Financial Expenses	1,356.68	1,200.00	156.68	113.1%
55900 - Miscellaneous Admin. Expense	29.09			
Total 55000 - Administrative Expenses	13,254.75	14,750.00	-1,495.25	89.0%
56000 - Diocesan Assessment	5,000.00	15,000.00	-10,000.00	33.3%
57000 - Pass-Thru Expenses	1,163.24			
56900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	300.04			
Total Expense	477,978.64	435,770.00	42,208.64	109.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-33,434.60	-31,470.00	-1,964.60	106.2%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
94020 - Capital Income - Donations	40,000.00			
94024 - Capital Donations Cemetery	40,000.00			
Total 94020 - Capital Income - Donations	40,000.00			
Total Other Income	40,000.00			

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Other Expense				
95010 · Capital Expense - Church	4,285.25			
95020 · Capital Expense - Parish House	626.51			
Total Other Expense	4,912.76			
Net Other Income	35,087.24			
Net Income	1,652.64	-31,470.00	33,122.64	-5.3%

225th Anniversary Committee Report

In 2027 Christ Church Manhasset turns 225 years old! This is a momentous achievement, and we will be celebrating all year long. Our committee was formed in October 2025, and we have been meeting regularly ever since. We will be weaving our 225th theme into all of our existing illustrious parish events, and are planning several special initiatives to bring the parish together to mark the occasion. We are reprising our beloved Parish Cookbook, *Holy Smoke*, and will begin collecting recipes in early 2026. For those who may not be a cooking enthusiast, be on the lookout for more opportunities to come together for fellowship, represent our parish, engage our faith, and invest in our collective futures. Whether you are a lifelong member, or have just started attending services- we are so thrilled to be celebrating with you next year! If you are interested in volunteering on the 225th Anniversary Committee, please reach out to Tommi-Grace Melito Alvaro, *Committee Chair*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommi-Grace Melito Alvaro, *Chair*; Oriana Cypress, Liz Giacoma, Phyllis Sternemann; Donna Cullinan-Gillis

Building and Grounds Report

Parish House:

In addition to the normal maintenance of the Parish House, in 2024 we identified that the lock system needed a total update which was contracted in 2024 for \$4,500.00 but that work was completed and cost was paid in 2025. The funds to pay for the locks were generously donated by a parishioner. As well, the Parish House needed some additional HVAC and plumbing work that were not initially planned for and added some unintended expense. New chandeliers were purchased for the Great Room and will be installed in 2026. The funds for this project were donated by a parishioner.

Rectory:

Regular preventative maintenance was maintained for 2025.

Church:

Similarly, to the work done in the Choir Room in 2024, the Sacristy was brightened up with new paint, shelving, LED lights, and a safety hand rail added to the Sacristy door for aid with entrance and exit. Children's toys and other items were added to the Tower Children's Chapel, along with a TV for livestreaming the service in the Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

Oriana Cypress
Building and Grounds

Altar Guild Report

The members of the Altar Guild continued their faithful work in 2025, and we are thankful for our ministry at Christ Church. I wish to acknowledge the members Marina Conrad, Lynda Geraci, Devin McKay and Holly Melichar for their dedication. As well, we welcomed Lynda Geraci as a new member. Thank you, to Father Stephen for his assistance.

An integral piece of who we are as a worshipping community here at Christ Church is that we “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” (Psalm 96:9) The work of the altar guild is to ensure that the means by which we worship (the altar frontals and other liturgical hangings/appointments, linens, silver, candles, etc.) and how we worship (setting up for the Eucharist prior to each service, setting up for funerals and baptisms, etc.) all seek to further that call to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The liturgical appointments we use each week, (the matching altar, pulpit, lectern, and priest’s vestments, as well as the silver Eucharistic vessels, and more) are all donated items that were given in the past to support and enhance the life and worship of Christ Church in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a life event. And, just last year, a beautiful purple and rose set of vestments was donated to Christ Church for use in the seasons of Advent and Lent. Many thanks to those who donated this beautiful set of vestments!

The purple and rose vestment set for the seasons of Advent and Lent was given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Arthur “Ward” & Peggy Wright by their daughter Holly Melichar, and, in thanksgiving for, and in honor of, Diana Tadler’s continued ministry as Directress of the Christ Church Altar Guild by Ariana J. Tadler, David Paterson, Penelope S. Tadler, Clayton A. B. Tadler, Rebekah Tadler, and Diana’s Grandsons: Carter Lord Paterson and Decker Reed Paterson.

If you are interested in donating to the Altar Guild in memory of a loved one, liturgical appointments (such as silver chalices, brass candle sticks, altar hangings for seasonal liturgical use, along with many other options) are wonderful ways in which to memorialize someone we love. Just ask me or Father Stephen about that possibility!

Altar flowers are an important part of our worship together as a beautiful way to memorialize someone or celebrate occasions in our lives. A thank you to all who have and continue to contribute to the cost of these flowers which is \$115 per week.

We welcome new members. Please contact me or Father Stephen if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana T. Tadler

Directress

Cemetery Committee

For the past 2 years, the Cemetery Committee has been working to make the cemetery a real asset to Christ Church by making it more inviting and safer. This project has helped ensure a more positive experience of our graveyard, especially for funerals and our annual Historic Cemetery Tour.

We began with landscaping the center section of the Urn Garden between the west side of the church and the walkway. We also levelled the slates, trimmed trees and bushes to allow more sun, replaced plantings, added mulch, and replaced dying bushes.

Tom Chaly helped with weeding, and he planted numerous plants from his personal garden to brighten the Urn Garden. He also helped plant the beautiful flowers near the ramp leading to the parish hall. As part of our upcoming work, we will endeavor to recognize his faithful gardening ministry with a plaque of some sort in the graveyard.

To continue our work, we will solicit volunteers for a standing committee to prioritize, plan, and execute further improvements. We have funding to complete many landscaping changes, but not enough for repairing headstones.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Bennett, Senetta Koch, & Fr. Stephen Tamke
Cemetery Committee

Church Historian's Report

1. Three out-of-town families were assisted in 2025 when they inquired about burial locations of their family members in the Christ Church Cemetery. Information shared by the Sealey family was later used in part of the 2025 Historic Cemetery Tour.
2. Research into a Civil War veteran, Charles Hemminger, has determined the location of his unmarked grave in the Christ Church Cemetery.
3. The annual Historic Cemetery Tour on October 25, 2025 was a success, with four new characters represented. Our event's sponsors increased to 16, thanks to the assistance of Phoebe Miller. Many church members helped make the event a fun and successful fundraiser.
4. The next Historic Cemetery Tour will be scheduled for October 24, 2026; with a focus on the Revolutionary War timeframe. This is in conjunction with the Nation's 250th Anniversary.

5. The Sons of the American Revolution is working with Christ Church to determine which Patriots were buried in our Cemetery and would be commemorated in 2026. The Town of North Hempstead will be participating.
6. Ongoing projects include creating a list of gifts and donations to the church, researching noteworthy persons buried in the cemetery, responding to genealogical queries, creating a Policy & Procedure Manual for the Historic Cemetery Tour and updating the safe storage of archival documents held by Christ Church.
7. Further review and cataloging of additional holdings will proceed slowly.

Suggestions and assistance with all archival, research and tour related tasks are greatly appreciated and will be welcomed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Sternemann
Church Historian

Fellowship & Hospitality Report

During 2025, we lived into our spirit of hospitality here at Christ Church. Coffee hours were full and had great participation from those who attend Sunday 10:00am worship. Thank you to those who host Coffee Hour! In Lent 2025 we had our annual Mothering Sunday Brunch and our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was a great success! After Easter Sunday service we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, coordinated by Alex and Maire Bennett. It was wonderful to break bread together during fellowship and meal once again. In Summer 2025 we once again held our favorite Summer Home Communions. We were able to have 3 of these Summer Home Communions, one each in June, July, and August. Thank you to, Lesley and Walter Stackler, April & Bill Cornachio, and Father Stephen and Danielle Tamke, who hosted! The Parish Hall was used to host a few receptions following services here at the parish including a festive reception after Lessons and Carols. If you'd like to host Coffee Hour, a Summer Home Communion, or take part in coordinating any of our other hospitality efforts, please reach out to the Parish Office! Coffee Hours especially need some more hosts. If you're able to host on a Sunday morning, please sign up in the back of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Giacoma
Hospitality Committee

Music Ministry Report

Having just completed my second year here at Christ Church Manhasset I am pleased to report again that the Christ Church Choir and music program continue to grow due to the dedication and enthusiasm of our new and returning Choir members. The generosity of the Christ Church community enables us to purchase new repertoire and to engage professional soloists for special feast days.

Our soprano and alto soloists, Elizabeth Zotto and Sofia Notar-Francesco continue to provide us with outstanding leadership in their respective choir sections and beautiful solo work.

In the spring of 2025 the Choir again joined in presenting a Lenten Lessons and Carols service at St. John's of Lattingtown in conjunction with their Choir and Organist, Ruaraidh Sutherland. This proved to be another joyous collaboration and we are looking forward to repeating the event here at Christ Church again in March of 2026. The Lenten Lessons and Carols is an opportunity to sing an interesting array of renaissance, romantic, and contemporary liturgical repertoire. The choir enjoyed good fellowship following the service with a reception at St. John's.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2025 saw the Choir singing a full array of services that culminated on Easter Sunday with a stirring contemporary anthem by Daniel Pinkham.

At the end of May 2025 the choir celebrated the close of the "singing season" with a catered lunch in the parish hall. This was a happy and engaging event for the members who worked so diligently during the year.

In October Christ Church again hosted the annual "Spooky Concert" which was initiated by our former organist Meredith Baker in conjunction with Father Stephen. The Nassau chapter of the American Guild of Organists engaged a number of local organists, including our own Meredith Baker, to play pieces that were in celebration of the Halloween season. This recital is a nice complement to the Historic Cemetery Tour held the day before. New this year were seasonal poems and readings from English literature read by Father Stephen which enhanced the program greatly. The event was attended by a very enthusiastic audience and is such a wonderful opportunity to feature our glorious Casavant Freres organ.

The December 2025 Lessons and Carols service was, as always, an excellent opportunity for the Choir to explore a wide range of traditional and contemporary repertoire. The reception following the service was a chance for the choir to join with the parish community in celebration of the Christmas season. There were ample opportunities for solos and we were fortunate to have been able to supplement our singers with additional professional voices due, as usual, to the generosity of the Christ Church community.

I continue to cherish my position here at Christ Church and I look forward to continuing my work with Father Stephen, the Christ Church staff and the Christ Church Choir and congregation. It is a privilege to make music on the beloved Casavant Freres organ and it is a distinct pleasure to work with such committed music-lovers. Our Episcopal church has such a rich musical heritage. And I am happy to say we are very fortunate to be able to maintain a high level of musicianship and present repertoire that includes a wide range of traditional and contemporary material of superior quality.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer
Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Outreach Report

In 2025 Christ Church continued our existing outreach offerings. In conjunction with the large food pantry at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church across the street, we continued to have monthly collections of various items as needed by the pantry. Our continued support of St. Mary's food pantry has made us one of their regular and local support organizations. This has included SOUPER Bowl collections, feminine hygiene products, diapers, thanksgiving and holiday food, and general non-perishables. Our partnership with St. Mary's has been very well received and much appreciated.

As well, we once again took part in Adopt-a-Family during the holiday season through the Family & Children's Association. We were able to help a large family receive all that was wanted and needed at Christmas. Through the generosity of our each of our parishioners who took part we were able to meet every request that was made.

This year, we continued our "Daily Bread Ministry." Each month, parishioners gather in our Parish Hall kitchen to prepare various baked goods (cookies, breads, etc.). These foods are then delivered to the Mary Brennan INN in Hempstead. Many thanks to Phoebe Miller for leading this ministry and to all parishioners for their support!

Father Stephen's discretionary fund allows him to offer assistance to those who seeking grocery store gift cards, help with portions of bills, rent, and transportation fare.

Respectfully Submitted,

Father Stephen

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
Manhasset, New York 11030
February 2, 2025**

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

The Annual Meeting was opened at the 10:00 a.m. Zoom and in-person Church service, The Rev. Stephen Tamke, Rector, led the opening prayer and called the meeting to order.

II. Appointment of Clerk and Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

Holly Melichar was appointed Clerk. Upon a motion by A. Tadler/P. Tadler, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Christ Church on February 4, 2024, with no addendum or discussions, were accepted, all in favor, motion carried.

III. Report of the Nominating Committee slate:

The Nominating Committee Chair, Warden Arlene Blocker, presented the Vestry approved slate. The nominating committee: Alex Bennett, Jeanine Daly, Devin McKay, Gloria Ryan, Penelope Tadler, Rev. Stephen Tamke.

- Church Warden (two-year term until 2027): Liz Giacoma
- Vestry Member (two-year unfulfilled term until 2027): Laurie Gibbons
- Vestry Member (three-year term until 2028): Doug Spadaro
- Vestry Member (three-year term until 2028): Tommi-Grace Alvaro

There were no nominations from the floor. The nominated slate was accepted by the Vestry, motion made and seconded (A. Bennett/O. Cyprus) and approved, no discussions, all agreed to elect slate as presented. The Vestry Warden and Vestry members were commissioned to the Vestry.

Complete Vestry:

- Senior Warden: William Cornachio, class of 2026
- Junior Warden: Liz Giacoma, class of 2027
- Class of 2026: Alexander Bennett, Anita Schmidt
- Class of 2027: Laurie Gibbons, Clayton Tadler
- Class of 2028: Douglas Spadaro, Tommi-Grace Alvaro
- Treasurer: Oriana Cyprus
- Clerk: Holly Melichar

IV. Warden's Report – Arlene Blocker, Senior Warden

The full report is contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet, page 13.

A motion was made and seconded by: G. Ryan/L. Giacoma to accept the Warden report as presented. Arlene Blocker gave thanks to the congregation for their trust and continued support.

V. Treasurer's Report – Oriana Cyprus, Treasurer

The full report is contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet, page 17.

The parish was thanked for their generosity and commitment in their fulfilled pledges and generous gifts. 2024 was a good year financially. Total income was up \$56,000 from the budgeted amount of \$390,000. Pledge income increased this year. Total pledge income was fulfilled 100% apart from one family that moved in the beginning of 2024. Capital expenses were funded mostly by donations and gifts. We projected a \$32,000 deficit and closed the year with a \$12,000 deficit. No questions were asked from the congregation.

The 2025 Budget was presented. We are budgeting for higher income than in 2024. A motion was made to receive the entire Treasurer's Report as presented (P. Tadler/N. Cyprus) all responses were aye with no opposition; the motion carried. Thanks were given to Oriana for all her hard work.

VI. Rector's Report – Rev. Stephen Tamke

The full report is contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet, pages 10-12.

Thanks was given to Donna, Leslie and Enrique for their hard work and keeping the Church going. Thanks were also given to outgoing Warden, Arlene Blocker, for her faithful leadership, outgoing vestry members, Senetta Koch and Lesley Stacker, Oriana Cyprus, treasurer, Holly Melichar, clerk, Diana Tadler, Altar Guild, Liz Giacoma, hospitality, Phoebe Miller, daily bread ministry and Alex Bennett and Senetta Koch, cemetery co-chairs.

Last year's goal was to have a food outreach. The daily bread ministry has fulfilled that goal. The homemade baked goods are donated to the Mary Brennan Inn in Hempstead with immense gratitude. The new family service has been going strong with new families participating. Thanks to Arlene and Devin, co-lectures, for the Saturday scripture study. Father Stephen's hope is to be able to have special worships with other parishes and to grow our music program. In the spring, we will invite an estate planner to walk us through planned legacy giving.

We have done a lot in the past five years. Please tell family and friends about us. The way to growth is by inviting more people in. Word of mouth is very important. Talk about what Christ Church has to offer. Father Stephen asked the congregation to commit to bring in friends and family.

VII. Committee Reports – all as submitted.

The full report is contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet, pages 29-37.

A motion was made and seconded (M. Baker/A. Tadler) to accept all committee reports as reported, all responses were aye, with no opposition; the motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment following the closing prayer, upon motion by S. Ivers and seconded by A. Bennett, all agreed, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Note: The elected Vestry members term of office officially began at the Annual Meeting today.

Christ Church
In Memoriam Necrology List

February 2nd, 2025 – February 1st, 2026



Carole Adele Schmidt
Shaharazad “Dolly” Monica Sattaur
Frederick Kenneth Schlamp
Michael Francis Henahan
Ann Burr Henahan
Janet Abbe Rider
Carla Frances Wilkie Meehan
Thomas Gerry Gallatin, Jr.
Lorinda Payson de Roulet
Thomas Cherian Chaly



✠ May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
Rest In Peace. Amen. ✠

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.” BCP 469

Closing Prayers and Adjournment
(from Morning Prayer, BCP pp. 101-102)

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: May I have a motion to adjourn this annual meeting; and a second, and a vote?

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All: Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*