A View of the Future

Expanding our Sacred Space in the Parish Hall
Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.'

*The full rendering of the parish hall complex is on page 10-11.
One of the key areas of our shared vision for the future is to utilize fully our Port Royal Campus. The ministry of Trinity-by-the-Cove is your ministry. Before Trinity-by-the-Cove was yours, there were Episcopalians who called Naples home in the 1950s—they laid a foundation, built a church, purchased land, built a parish hall and rectory. Later, they enlarged the parish hall and offices. People came and were baptized, learned about God, mourned the passing of loved ones and lifted voices in prayer and praise.

The future of our parish family continues with you. We all lay a foundation with each prayer, each service project, each hymn sung, and with our attention to the church and campus we love so dearly. One of the foundations we seek to lay is for a view of the future with expanded sacred space and a parish hall that can serve not only the present, but the future—sacred space that takes advantage of the beauty with which God has blessed us in our Port Royal Campus. This goal began in 2004 and was recently outlined in the Major Gifts brochure *Love so Amazing*. This document, *A View of the Future*, has been developed to provide more depth and detail of how we can expand our sacred space.

The pages that follow contain the dream of this expanded sacred space together with the reasons why the vestry believes the project is needed, how we might achieve the vision together, some good news about progress we have made and the generosity of some major donors, and frequently asked questions.

As you read through this brochure, you may see your experience reflected in its pages—more space for worship—more people able to come to church—more space for Bible study, adult formation or small group gatherings. You may see room for the Church Mouse or room for sewing for orphans—beautiful space for our AA meetings. If you have questions or would like to discuss any aspects of the plan, please feel free to contact me. —*Fr. Edward*.

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A View of the Present

A view of our present parish hall can be seen through the mission and ministry of our church. The Mission of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel and provide a loving and compassionate environment for the continuing transformation of a life in Christ Jesus. We believe this journey is shaped by God through worship, learning, fellowship, and service to others.

Learning

Each year, the parish hall hosts luncheons, breakfasts and dinners. From Men of Trinity to Wednesday Nights Out, over these shared meals, we learn about needs in our community and ideas on how we can grow as Christians. The parish hall is space that helps us grow as a parish family.

Fellowship

Each Sunday, the parish hall hosts coffee hours for each of our liturgies. It’s in this time that we catch up with one another, make new friends, and share the deep fellowship that marks church as something unique in this world. Shared meals with no speaker or particular purpose are also to be had, whether a summer Sunday brunch or the barbeque lunch following the fishing tournament.

Service to Others

With big Church Mouse sales and the Christmas Market, the Women of Trinity use the parish hall to raise money to help people in need. We invite Immokalee Friendship House to use the parish hall so they can harness volunteers to produce a special mailing. The parish hall is the space where Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Friday and has for decades. Lives have literally been saved in space made holy by the help given to people struggling with addiction.
Worship and Music

From October through Easter we experience the parish almost triple in size. Our seasonal parishioners join us and our young families leave their summer vacations behind to “kick it up a notch” in church attendance. During this time, the parish hall is the space used for a concurrent worship service to the 9 a.m. service in the church. Additionally, the antique organ has been an attraction to many Neapolitan music lovers for concerts.
Our Existing Parish Hall Complex Footprint

Using Every Square Inch

The parish hall is the central aspect of our parish hall complex, but not the only part! Every square inch of the parish hall complex is put to use weekly to support the mission and ministry of our church:

The Kitchen

The kitchen is used by the gourmet cookers to make jams, sauces, and chutneys for the Christmas Market. Parishioners gather to prepare soup for delivery to parishioners who need some love and care. The Baker’s Dozen gathers each year to prepare and bake hundreds of cookies for decoration in Advent. Pancake flippers hit the grill each Shrove Tuesday to help raise money for disaster relief.

Small Group Rooms

The Conference Room, Library and Family rooms are space in the parish hall complex that are used for small groups. Whether it is a Wednesday noonday Bible Study, Thursday Women’s Bible Study, Rector’s Class, Vestry meeting, Grants Commission meeting, our rooms are used daily. Of course, these rooms are used not just for study, but for when brides and grooms gather for weddings and when families gather for funerals.

Church Mouse Rooms

There are two rooms used by the Women of Trinity for our thrift store, the Church Mouse. This ministry provides all parishioners the opportunity to donate clothes, jewelry, and home goods. Parishioners volunteer to sort and price the
goods for monthly sales and big sales in the Fall and Spring. Proceeds are granted to charities by the Women of Trinity.

**Adult Formation Room**

The Adult Formation room is filled almost every Sunday as parishioners learn about the Bible, prayer, church history, theology, and other aspects of the Christian journey. As Naples becomes more “year round” we have had summer adult education as well. The Adult Formation room seats about sixty comfortably; we often find the space uncomfortable as the room fills to the rafters. The space is also used during the week with offerings such as icon painting, illuminating manuscripts, sewing dresses for orphans in Africa, and housing church mouse merchandise for sales.

**Choir Room**

One of the strengths at Trinity-by-the-Cove is our worship and music. Our musicians practice Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings in the choir room. The room not only serves as essential rehearsal space, but also as essential storage space for the music, vestments and other needs of our music program.

**Restrooms**

There are four restrooms in the parish hall complex. If you’ve ever had to give a newcomer directions, you know how they are tucked away here and there. Of course, with all the space used daily, our restrooms are an important way we care for our needs and offer hospitality.
Looking toward the Future

The vision of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church for the next twenty years is to continue our excellence in worship and commitment to pastoral care and to work towards becoming a leader within the Episcopal Church in formation that develops strong and faithful Christians willing to assume responsibilities at all levels of society, spreading the Good News of the Gospel and offering care and compassion to people in need.

Building on and revising the master plan of 2004, our vision of the future parish hall complex sees expanded sacred space, relieving crowding particularly during the 9 a.m. service in season, but even more in providing an experience of worship to God in the beauty of holiness.

Expanding Worship Space

As you look at the beauty of our church, pictured above, imagine the parish hall transformed into space that is bright and light—a rose window and doors that echo the beauty of the church—and more space. During season, we offer five services to accommodate the number of worshippers. On Sundays for the 9 a.m. service during the school year, the church is almost full thirty minutes before the service begins, which makes it unlikely young families can compete for a seat and if they get one, it’s behind the pulpit (the worst seats in the house).

Not only will expanded worship space allow for growth, the ministries that use the parish hall will be supported for years to come. Opening the parish hall to the waterfront offers new possibilities for gatherings and takes advantage of the blessings we have.
To Expand and Open to Water

As you think of expanding sacred space and opening the parish hall to the beauty of the waterfront, keep the highlighted areas in mind as you turn the page. To reach the water, the kitchen and storage need to move. To expand, we need more room on the Galleon Drive side of the hall.

A view of the west side of the parish hall. The nursery is relocated to the children’s side of the parish hall complex. With a gift from a major donor, we can begin this work immediately; however, we will realize cost savings between $60,000-$70,000 if we can build the expanded parish hall at the same time.
The Footprint of Our

- To expand the sacred space, the kitchen and storage areas are moved.
- The nursery is relocated to the children’s area.
- We are examining expanding Church Mouse space and providing for additional small meeting space.

- Notice new and expanded ladies restroom and a new family restroom.
- There are movable walls in the new space to allow for Sunday lectures and more space for adult formation and worship while retaining coffee hour space.
• Future plans provide for updating our clergy, staff, and workroom space.

• We are examining the possibility of more small meeting space on the east side of the library.
Current View of Parish Hall-Interior

Architect Sketch of Renovated Parish Hall-Interior (Set for lecture)
For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost,

Expanding our worship space and transforming the parish hall from a square room separated from the waterfront view to space that echoes the beauty of our church and takes advantage of our waterfront vista, like all capital projects, will take money. Over the summer and now into the new year, we’ve taken some important steps:

1. The first step is to fund the nursery addition to make room for a new kitchen. To create a stand alone building to house the nursery on the west side of the parish hall complex by the children’s courtyard and atria is estimated to cost between $350,000-375,000. With a gift from a major donor, we’ve completed this step and can begin building immediately; however, we will realize cost savings if we can take step 2 at the same time.

2. The next step is to fund the expanded worship space, estimated at $4.9 million, including:
   - a new sanctuary space for worship opening to gardens and waterfront ($1,630,000)
   - an expanded formation space ($720,000)
   - remodeled adult meeting rooms, choir room, conference room, and church mouse ($570,000)
   - a new kitchen due to relocation within the plan ($425,000)
   - relocated and modernized restrooms due to plan configuring ($285,000)
   - landscaping, site work and parking ($400,000)
   - a contingency of 10% ($425,000)
   - the diocesan tithe of 10% ($445,500)

Of course, the total 4.9 million must be funded for the project to proceed. That noted, the estimates on each portion may inspire major gifts for a portion of the work and thereby excite the entire parish to join in. This will allow us to take another step toward space that will allow for worship in the beauty of holiness with flexibility that enhances current formation, fellowship and service ministries together with new ways to use our space that opens onto the waterfront.

3. Because these are estimates, we might hope that building costs will be lower, but we are prudent to expect that costs will be higher, which is why we include a contingency. With our Finance Commission engaged in good oversight and planning, excellent financial staff—and the promise of transparency, accountability and prudent stewardship set by Fr. Edward—we have set a good foundation on which to build.
Good News and Generosity Received

The Nursery Addition—Estimated $350,000-375,000

The nursery for our youngest parishioners is located by the kitchen. It is a room that has had a variety of purposes over the years and is currently used for storage in addition to nursery. Our master plan creates a stand alone building to house the nursery on the west side of the parish hall complex by the children’s courtyard and atria. This building is key to our continuing master plan and the first step in the phased plan to move the church kitchen and renovate the parish hall for expanded use and waterfront views.

Waterfront Expansion—Estimated $25,000-30,000

The beauty of the waterfront is underutilized. Installing a fixed dock will allow for 640 square feet of space to allow for seating and space for outdoor worship, such as the Easter sunrise service. Sunday worship when the parish hall space is needed for other offerings, and for special opportunities for prayer, fellowship and teaching.

Cast Bells—Estimated $90,000

Our electronic bell system recently has been malfunctioning due to age. The sounds we have heard from the tower for the past fifty years are digital imitations of real bells. We have been in consultation with the 140-year-old Verdin Bell company in Cincinnati, and they suggested that we might like to have some real cast bells for our tower to celebrate occasions such as ordinations, investitures, Christmas and Easter. The cost of the engineering, casting, transportation and installation for three specially tuned bells is estimated at $90,000.

Automatic Door for the Church—Estimated $15,000

The front doors to the church are heavy and difficult to open for our youngest and older parishioners. Equipping the doors to be opened automatically while keeping the pristine lines and historic architectural beauty of the threshold will not only maintain the beauty we love in our church, but allow all parishioners to enter with ease. Our price so far excludes new doors. There are additional opportunities related to the transept doors.

Hand in Hand—We can reach the Parish Hall Project

Participation from all parishioners is essential to positioning our church’s finances in a way where major gifts are possible. For each of us pledging to the mission and ministry of our church, we’re helping to make possible these major gifts. Parishioners are now pooling resources—walking hand in hand—with other parishioners by giving to the capital improvement fund. So far we have pledges exceeding $3.1 million toward beautifying and updating the parish hall worship space—reaching the future—hand in hand.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the reason for the Capital Campaign?
We are a vibrant, expanding parish that has seen growth in membership, church attendance, religious education attendance, ministries to serve and know God more fully, and outreach programs to help others in our surrounding community.

The size of the campus is finite so lacks ground to “add on.” The Parish Hall and wings are over 50 years old with outdated electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and hurricane safeguards. Expanding and reconfiguring will provide safer, more efficient, aesthetic spaces. The Parish Hall also becomes an extension of our church, with worship space as beautiful and spiritual as our church.

Exactly how much do we need to raise?
We will not know the final cost until we go to contract, but we have estimates that the cost will be approximately $5 million. Several large donations have already been made including the full cost of the new nursery.

How will the money be spent?
This project will allow us to enlarge the Parish Hall to accommodate 200+ people in this larger sacred space; build a new safer, attractive nursery for our young families; add meeting space; develop beautiful outdoor space on the waterfront area by the Parish Hall; renovate, relocate and update the kitchen, needed storage space, adult formation rooms; and upgrade the restrooms, audio/visual equipment, and the HVAC systems.

When was the last Capital Campaign?
It has been over 15 years since the last major Capital Campaign. That campaign had established our master plan, which was last updated in 2017. In 2012 we had a smaller campaign called Restoration 60, that made improvements primarily to the church building.

Don’t we have a “big” endowment? Why can’t we use those funds?
The Endowment Fund is just under $4 million. The Enabling Resolution which established it reads, “It is the intent that the Endowment Fund shall be managed in perpetuity as a true endowment.” Part of the endowment is donor restricted and so may only be used for designated purposes. A maximum of 5% of unrestricted funds can be withdrawn annually (based on a formula) to assist in the General Operating Budget. The principal can not be withdrawn to fund totally a Capital Campaign.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the plan for construction and what is the timeline?
If the campaign is successful in 2019, permitting would begin in fall 2019 with construction commencing after Easter 2020.

What will happen to the regular operating budget of the church?
Any pledge that is made to the Capital Campaign is meant to be above and beyond what a parishioner is already giving. Regular giving is what keeps a parish functioning on a day-to-day basis. A Capital Campaign is a separate initiative intended to make improvements beyond normal maintenance and repairs. In the short-term, regular stewardship giving is expected to remain at its current level.

How long do I have to pay my pledge?
We are committed to working with each parishioner so that all may participate. We anticipate that pledges will be made over 1-3 years with the first pledge payments being made in 2019.

With the expansion of the sacred space will there be enough parking?
We are eliminating 5-7 parking spots on the waterfront so that the area can be used as multi-purpose outdoor space for worship and fellowship. The east parking lot will be reconfigured and the area in front of the parish hall improved for grass parking. It is anticipated that we will add an additional 8-10 parking spots.

What is expected financially of me, a parishioner?
This answer will be different for each person and/or family. Reflect on Trinity-by-the-Cove’s role and importance in your life. Assess how you can help this vision become a reality. Pastoral guidance is always available over a cup of coffee with Fr. Edward or any of the clergy or vestry members.

Questions? Excited? Come and have a cup of coffee with Fr. Edward. It’s always exciting to hope and dream as a parish family as we seek to love God and our neighbors. Give Polly Butler in the office a call to find a time that is convenient for you.
With major donors taking interest in the projects and opportunities in our major gifts program, it is exciting to see the Holy Spirit at work laying the foundation in the hearts of our parish family. We can join with them, hand in hand, to make the renovation of the parish hall happen.

**Formation — Christian Education**

*Hand in Hand* we can build expanded formation space ($720,000)

**Worship Space — Prayer and Praise**

*Hand in Hand* we can build new sanctuary space for worship opening to gardens and waterfront ($1,630,000)

**Music—Small Groups—Church Mouse**

*Hand in Hand* we can remodel adult meeting rooms, choir room, Conference room, and church mouse space ($570,000)

**Service to Others — Fellowship and Fun**

*Hand in Hand* we can build a new kitchen where gourmet cooking, pancake flipping, Christmas Cookies and all those breakfasts, lunches and dinners can be prepared and served ($425,000) and relocate the restroom facilities due to plan configuring ($285,000), and landscaping & parking ($400,000).
Expanded sacred space and a parish hall will serve the present and aspire to a vibrant and growing future:

- We will have renovated space -- with high ceilings, simplicity of design, and rose windows overlooking the waterfront — worship space that mirrors the beauty of our church and will attract members to our contemporary worship service
- We will have flexible and multi-purpose space that can adapt to future contemporary and waterfront worship possibilities
- There will be larger space for lectures, Sunday adult formation classes—seating just as many if not more people than our church
- Our space will be equipped with better audio and visual equipment that meet the needs of our congregation with adaptable meeting space for small groups, formation classes, meetings and functions allowing us to provide a richer harvest of opportunities for those who call Trinity-by-the-Cove home
- We will be able to offer beautiful space for funeral receptions and other sacred gatherings
- We will have space that will allow us to be more creative in our programing giving us more touch points with those seeking a church that is vibrant and current

Trinity-by-the-Cove has been blessed in so many ways—and has been a blessing to each one of us in our own ways—and we now have the opportunity and privilege to quite literally open our doors, to make a space for those who are hungry for a community in which they can experience the love of God, raise their children in faith, and grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

We have been prudent stewards of our existing buildings and they are in good shape, but they are over fifty years old. Expanding our sacred space allows us to address practical needs:

- **Air conditioning**—19 separate systems in Parish Hall complex. Three or four units per year need replacement at a cost of approximately $25,000 per year.
- **Electrical**—Parts of system are 60 years old. Equipment in electrical room adjacent to men’s bathroom in Fountain Courtyard illustrates the effect of corrosive environment on breakers, panels and other electrical equipment. Poses safety hazards and needs replacement.
- **Plumbing**—Water service pipes serving the Parish Hall are galvanized metal and subject to corrosion. They have broken and leaked in the past and need replacement.
- **Roof**—We recently replaced the flat sections of roof which were leaking, but the sloped sections will require replacement within the next 5 years.
- **Parking Lot**—Considerable cracking. Asphalt will continue to deteriorate as water can penetrate through cracks and weaken subgrade. Sealing the surface is a short-term treatment of the symptoms of a larger problem.
- **Fenestration**—Most windows are not hurricane rated. Risk of wind and water damage during severe storms.
Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it,
mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help, I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

— Robert Robinson, 1735-1790