

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service, Inc. Home of Historic Holy Trinity

Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER 2014

2014—A Year in Review

To sum up 2014 in one word, it would be “our volunteers”. Okay, so that really equates to two words. It is because of the many volunteers who helped us this year that Historic Holy Trinity has seen more activity around the complex than it has seen in the last five (5) years.

This Christmas newsletter highlights the work and progress that was made throughout the year as a result of those who volunteered their time and skills—YouthWorks, Confirmation students, Niagara University staff and students, St. Vincent DePaul Parish (Niagara Falls), Heart, Love and Soul, “our regulars” as well as the many others who gave of their time to preserve the legacy of Historic Holy Trinity.

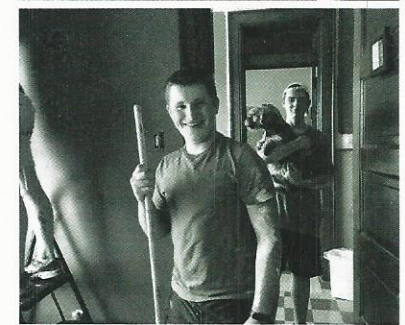
School Centennial Celebration

The year was 1914. Holy Trinity School, located at the corner of 14th and Falls Street, opened its doors. At that time, grades kindergarten through 8th occupied 2 floors along with a faculty of 10 Sisters. One hundred years later, the first floor hosts our donation/distribution center and the History Room. The second floor, a work in progress, houses a room filled with Christmas villages and decorations and our office. The auditorium is just waiting for the day it can be fixed up and host wonderful events as in past days.



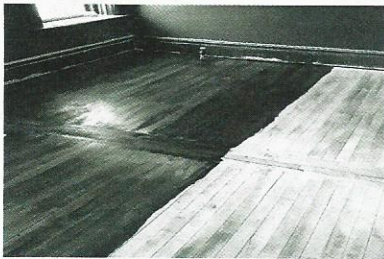
Chopin's Singing Society

To celebrate this milestone, we opened the doors of the school for alumni, parishioners and guests to walk the halls and reminisce of days past. Chopin's Singing Society commemorated the afternoon's event with a concert of delightful Polish music in the church.



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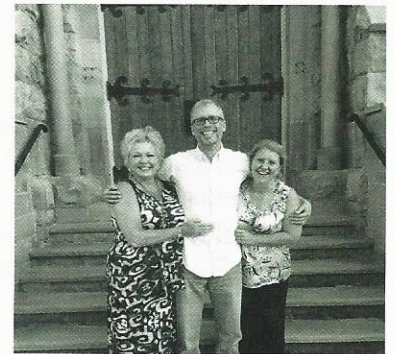
Renovations/Restoration

Through the help of hundreds of volunteers this summer and fall, the transformation of the (former) convent is astounding. Seven of eight bedrooms, the living room and the dining room were painted, flooring lifted to reveal the hardwood floors that simply need a good sanding, staining and polyurethane (a couple bedrooms were finished). The Chapel door was found, sanded and stained and is now back in its rightful place. Several other doors were sanded and stained. The kitchen received a needed facelift as well. The school saw lots of activity too. A couple classrooms, the 2nd floor hallway and the outside doors all received fresh coats of paint. So did the garage doors and the ledges of the church windows. The office floor was removed to reveal more hardwood and is now a functioning office with meeting space once again available. The yard was spruced up ... weeding, brick edging and regular lawn maintenance. Sure was a busy summer! A heartfelt thank you to all!

Friday Church Tours

For the third consecutive summer, we opened our church doors for tours from June 6 through September 26. Our visitors had come from all over—as far West as California, Utah, and Ohio, and from the South—South Carolina and Florida.

Stop by December 5, 12, or 19th between 6—8 pm. The church is beautifully decorated for Christmas.



Holy Trinity Church
"It is a Special Place!"

Donation/Distribution Center

The **Donation/ Distribution Center** continues to grow. Each week seems to be busier than the last. We are always looking for items such as dishes, pots/pans, sheets, blankets and small appliances (as well as stoves and refrigerators).

A very special thank you to Heart Love & Soul, to our volunteers and to you for your continued support throughout the year. It is because of your generosity we are helping so many in our community.

In 2015, our doors will be open Saturdays from 10 am—1pm (excluding major holidays).

Friday tours will continue in 2015 from June 5 through September 25, 2015 (6:00-8:00 pm).

Tours are also available throughout the year by appointment. Email info@historicHT.org or call 716/299-0799.

Thank you for your continued support of Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service,

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Historic Holy Trinity!

Donations can be made to:
Holy Trinity Preservation
1419 Falls Street
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*God's peace and blessings to you this Christmas,
may it be filled with love, joy and happiness.
Wishing you a happy and healthy 2015!*

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