

ST. ANDREW'S 2017 COLUMBARIUM TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT

The Columbarium (currently located in the Chapel) continues to fulfill its mission as the final resting place for "cremains" of parishioners and their families. It is organized as a separate non-profit Trust, consistent with Chapter 701 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Its existing written by-laws require annual reports and meetings of the Columbarium Trust Board of Trustees.

Columbaria are also regulated by Chapter 157 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Columbarium has met the legal requirements for its existence.

While the Columbarium was purchased and the Trust organized in the late 1990s, it became more regularly operated in 2002 with Parish appointment of the 5 member Board of Trustees. Several vacancies, including the chair, currently exist on the Board of Trustees. Parishioners have actively engaged in the purchases of niches in the Columbarium, and there are well established policies in place for niche space purchases. The purchase price for niches is \$750 for one and \$1,000 for two, making the Columbarium an economical choice for placement of remains. When niches are purchased, 25% of the net purchase price is placed in a separate savings account for the St. Andrew's Church Columbarium Trust Fund. The current balance of this Trust Fund, located at Associated Bank, is \$3020. 75% of the net purchase price is managed as the Parish capital fund known as the Parish Worship Space Fund. The balance of that fund is currently \$7,970.

There are currently twelve sets of remains in the Columbarium. No inhumments have occurred in the last year. The Columbarium is in no danger of becoming filled in the near future. Certainly parishioners ought to consider the Columbarium as an option for final disposition of their earthly remains.

The Columbarium itself, the wooden cabinet, was damaged by a leak in the air conditioning system. The glue joints in the doors were damaged, the top of the cabinet has warped and the finish has been damaged. The doors have been repaired and the remaining repairs will be undertaken in the coming year.

Larry Bechler served as President of the Columbarium Trustees for many years. He stepped down from that post, which has since gone unfilled two years ago. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Ginny Wolfe has agreed to take on the role of President of the Columbarium Trustees. Thank you Ginny for your willingness to serve in this capacity!

Fr. Andy Jones
Chair pro tem of the Board of Trustees
St. Andrew's Church Columbarium Trust