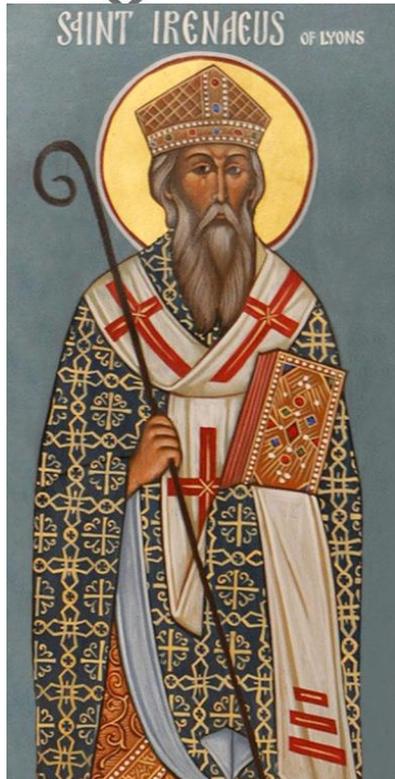


The Trinitarian



A Letter from our Rector



Who Is Irenaeus?

Irenaeus, a 2nd century bishop in France, is a Roman Catholic and Anglican saint known for expanding Christianity throughout Europe. His focus was to formulate Christian theology and combat heretical thinking. He was mentored by Polycarp, a Christian writer deeply affected by the preaching of John the Evangelist. This line of Christian thought developed what came to be known as orthodoxy, the generally accepted understanding of Christianity.

He is best known for his work, *Adversus Haereses*, a rebuke of Gnosticism. Irenaeus developed three pillars for the foundation of Christianity - scripture, tradition and the apostle succession. Anything outside of these would be considered untrue. The basic tenant of Gnosticism was that our material world was created by an evil god; and that humanity could only escape by means of gnosis, a secret knowledge.

I believe there are variations on this theme even today where some folks have tried to manipulate scripture toward their end; therefore, circumventing our common understanding of God through the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is my hope that we will read the Bible, the foundation of our Christian beliefs and discuss the Bible with others, gaining a deeper understanding of what the Bible intended at the time of its writing and how it relates to us today.

May God bless you,

Fr. Chip

Fr. Chip



From My Soapbox



I have now been a fully ordained priest for a month. Little did I realize the number of rites, ceremonies, rubrics, and options that affect our liturgy. On Sunday morning, May 13, Fr. Chip suggested it was customary for the newly ordained to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. That was when I suddenly realized that the actions of the priest have great meaning in the celebrating. The only problem was, I didn't know when and what actions were to be taken. One of my sons said to me, "You ought to know! You have been assisting in this service for 10 years." And, he was correct I had been a deacon since 2008 but still needed liturgical instruction.

Fortunately for me, from the generous gifts provided to me that would be useful in my serving was a book called "A Priest's Handbook, by Dennis G. Michno" with the subtitle: The Ceremonies of the Church. I had flipped through the pages and understood that, to again quote from the book, "this handbook seeks to present a way to celebrate the liturgy that promotes dignity and decency, without rigidity or fussiness, yet reclaiming of balance between a sense of mystery and unity of action."

Needless to say, this young – in ordained time – priest wanted to do things the "right way." After searching through six pages in the table of contents, I found the section on The Holy Communion. Not only were there written directions but also illustrations of the Manual Acts during the Great Thanksgiving. All well and good, except I didn't think I should be reading from the handbook instead of the service book on the altar.



I solved that problem by using very small "sticky-notes" in the margins of the service book with a series of arrows, crosses, and notations for hand gestures. When I was finished, several pages looked like they had measles since I had used bright pink notes. Fr. Chip was by my side performing the duties I had always done and offering advice on what came next. I can see now, with the opportunity to celebrate a few more times, that what is done is to make the sacramental action part of the function of the liturgy.

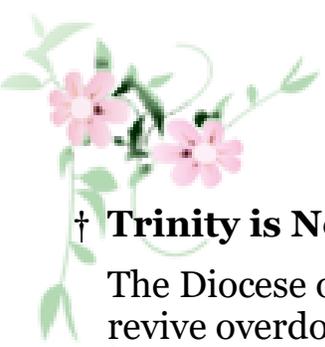
Orderly movement, orderly patterns of worship, and orderly "common prayer" are the goals of liturgical worship. Our Book of Common Prayer offers many options for our services in a decent and orderly worship as has each one from 1549 to 1979. In association with Fr. Chip, we would hope to keep our services interesting and enlightening.

And those are the thoughts from your Associate Priest's Soapbox.

Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim





The Rector's Corner



† **Trinity is Now Certified to Revive Overdose Victims**

The Diocese of West Virginia is calling each parish to be certified to use Narcan to revive overdose victims. Therefore, Fr. Chip and 40 other clergy members were instructed on this during the past week. The diocese realizes that there are some who do not believe in this method. Here are some of those reasons and responses: 1. That overdose victims should not be revived because they made the choice leading to overdose. Response – A. Scripture tells us that Jesus saves all people, many times and even those who sin and make unfortunate decisions. B. Jesus says that he will forgive not just 7 times but 77 times. Therefore, we Christians are not to give up on people. C. I've met numerous overdose victims who have been revived multiple times; and they have changed. They are now healthy, tax paying citizens, and supporting their children and spouse. Though it's difficult, people can change.

† **Trinity Getting Emergency Training**

In response to the school and church shootings across the country, our vestry has decided to be proactive and develop a plan of action in time of need. Therefore, Fr. Chip recently received ALICE training through our diocesan office. This effort, in addition to work by our senior warden (Mike Oliver), Trinity is developing a plan to be prepared in case of any shooting or emergency.

ALICE training has been developed by law enforcement to help schools and churches. This training is instructed by a local police department and is used across the nation for such emergencies. The training will be shared with our ushers and others in the coming month. This is not an emotional response but unfortunately a necessary response to these horrendous events occurring all-to-often in the past year. In the end, we want to ensure the safety of all Trinity members.



† **Sink hole within our back fenced area has been filled in.** Thank you, Fr. Jim.

† **We continue to add and maintain our beautiful exterior landscaping.** Thank you, Garden Committee.

† **Some have contacted Fr. Chip, indicating an interest for a new weekly Bible Study.** Contact Chip if interested.

† **The new worship, Night Church, is beginning to grow with both Trinity and St. John members.**

† **Fr. Chip is developing a personal theology library, resources to loan for Trinity members. Come see.**

† **Fr. Chip is now working as President of the diocesan Standing Committee, helping to oversee diocesan events, ministries.**



- † **Fr. Chip is on the diocesan Sharing Hope and Grace committee board to help develop a plan to better support individual parishes in WV.**
- † **Fr. Chip is now part of the national planning board for CEEP, an Episcopal Church national network for parishes across the US, focusing on major issues encounters.**
- † **Fr. Chip is expanding personal counseling hours for members. Please contact him to set up a personal meeting.**
- † **Fr. Chip will be managing the annual senior Peterkin Summer Camp during the last week of June.**



A History of Trinity Episcopal Church by Joseph Mackey

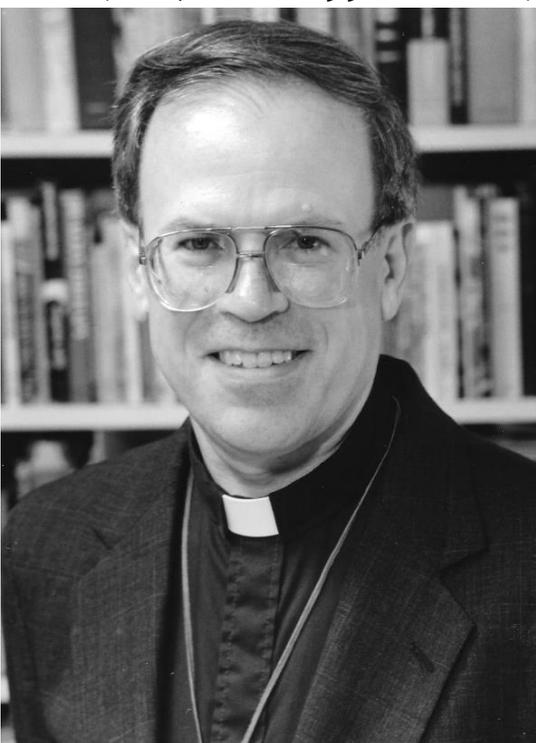


Chapter XVI The Venerable Dr. Paul D. Roberts 1993-2000



With the sudden departure of Dr. Rice, Trinity spent two years in the search process for its next rector. On 1 July 1993 the Rev. Dr. Roberts was installed.

In 1993 the vestry held a Pony Express Stewardship campaign which raised pledges from \$168,000 in 1992 to over \$200,000. In addition, after an absence of several



years the annual vestry retreat for newly elected and continuing vestry members was revived (and continues to this day).

In 1994 the biggest news (other the Dr Roberts heart attack, by-pass surgery and back on the job in a short time that spring) was the renovation of the nave. The old carpet was taken up with the floors refinished and restored and looking as when it was originally laid. (And it still looks pretty good). Also, the front row of pews was removed to provide more room at the chancel steps. In addition, the two prayer desks on either side of the chancel steps and four chairs were installed and continue to be used. The cost for this was \$24,594. In 1999 the pews were padded.

In August 1994 the Rev. Ms. Beth Maynard was called and after her ordination to the priesthood

made assistant rector who led the various youth groups as well as the campus ministry at Marshall providing a regular presence on campus for students and staff.

She also worked with fill-in priest and later assistant Jean-Jacques D'Aoust. He continued in the area filling in and assisting at St John's, St Peters and St Andrews in Barbourville while he continued teaching at Ashland Community College.



Also begun was "Caring Hands" by Virginia Riggall leading a small group of church members who assisted the elderly, shut ins, hospitalized and others who needed temporary help as well as calling parishioners,

Under the leadership Steven Thabet Boy Scout Troop 8 was re-organized in 1993 with five members which grew to 18 youths in 1994. In 1995 that grew to 26.¹

In 1999 Trinity celebrated its 130th anniversary. During Lent that year former rectors were invited back for a celebration. On 22 August was a re-creation of Evening Prayer, using the Book of Common Prayer, 1789, that would have been used on 22 August 1869 when the rector of Christ Church, Point Pleasant, traveled to Barbourville. In addition, the then rector of Christ Church, Point Pleasant, the Rev. James Bernacki, had the sermon. There was also a celebration in the dining room with special music by the Big Sandy Minstrel Band. A special guest at the dinner, was that of Collis P. Huntington himself! (Played by James Casto). There was also a catered meal by Beulah Wise, with Everett Smith of Sugarwood Hitch Co., providing horse and buggy rides and many members were in period costume.

Things were looking up once more for Trinity at this time. In his annual report for 1999, Dr. Roberts told of a 10 percent increase in Sunday mornings, the new Wednesday evening program was gaining ground and stewardship was on the rise



At the annual meeting in January 2000, Dr Roberts announced he would be leaving in August.

¹Annual Report, 1994.

Calendar of Events



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sunday at 7 PM and Thursday nights at 7 PM. Consult <http://aawv.org/site/home.htm> for information.





Boy Scouts soon to be just “**Scouts**”

Meets every other Monday at 6 PM in the Dining Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Jeremy Reed at 304-972-9116 or nighthawkeye@yahoo.com.

Coffee ‘n Collars

Every Thursday at 9:30AM, your Huntington Episcopal priests will be having coffee at the River and Rail Bakery shop in the Heritage Square retail center off 11th St and Veterans Memorial Blvd. Everyone is invited to join us for coffee and conversation. Come join us!

Narcotics Anonymous

Meets Tuesdays at 7PM in the Dining Hall and Fridays at 12:30 in the Dining Hall

Night Church

A joint Celtic Evening Worship Sundays at 5 PM Sponsored by St. John’s & Trinity at St. John’s Huntington, WV



Top Hat Ballroom Dancing

Top Hat Ballroom Dancing gives dance lessons on Thursday Evenings in the Dining Hall. Beginner’s class start at 6:30 PM, Intermediate Class starts at 7:30 PM. Classes are \$20 per couple per class. Contact Gail or Paul Patton at 304-412-3171 or visit their website at tophatballroom.com.

The Woodlands Service

Every Thursday at 4 PM, please join Father Jim in a small service with communion.

Yoga

Monday nights at 5:30 PM. Contact Susie Ferguson at 304-633-4953 or mamasusanne2@aol.com



**Duke Ellington
Sacred Concert
June 20, 2018 at 7PM**



Needs of Cridlin Pantry

The following are the Food of the Month and Underwear needs. 48 jelly and Women's size 7. Please NO BRIEFS (Granny panties)!! We are in desperate need of boys' and girls' clothing sizes 4T – 10, men's clothing and toys.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

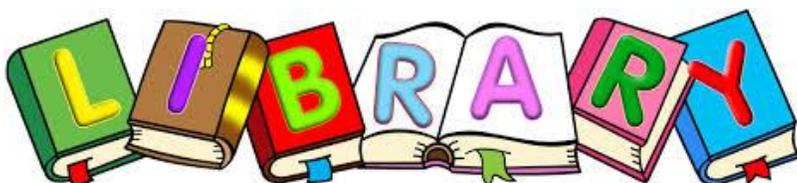
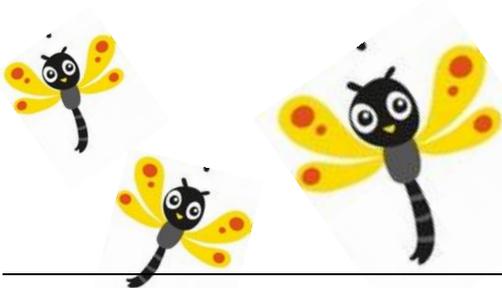
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13 Adam Baumgartner
15 Ed Rahal
 Kathy Gue
 Mark Smith



16 Theo Brown
 Suzanne Slone
17 Susan Gilpin
20 Jenny Grover
25 Matt Weimer
 Scott Gibbs
28 Chuck Warder
29 Bennett Weimer
30 Gary Adams



5 Dick & Barclay Bolen
16 Bob & Terri Wallace
21 Kem & Danita Shaw
23 Steve & Mary Williams
30 Steve & Brenda Thabet
 Tom & Susan Gilpin
 David & Betty Given



The Deacon's NEW Priest's Lending Library is open for business. We have new books that you may peruse.

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