

The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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PILGRIM PRIEST'S PONDERINGS

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IS JESUS ENOUGH?

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, my wife Molly and I have been reading a book together as part of our Lenten discipline. The book is Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep by Tish Harrison Warren, a priest in the Anglican Church of North America. Molly and I read a chapter, and then spend the good part of an hour discussing what we read and how it relates to our lives, both as individuals and as a couple.

In Chapter 8 "Give Rest to the Weary", Tish writes: *"When I was a college student, I met a missionary in Ireland who asked me a simple question that changed my life. I told her about my weariness, struggles and doubt. She listened intently, and then asked me, 'Is Jesus enough?'"* (Harrison, pg. 108).

That question has echoed in my mind, my heart and my soul since I first read it a few weeks ago. If you are like me, at my best I put Jesus in the center of my life, but with an "and". Jesus and health, Jesus and shelter, Jesus and Molly, Jesus and our daughters. In other words, even while Jesus is at the core, there are always other things I need to make my life complete. At my best, Jesus is not enough.

I am reminded about what Paul wrote to the Philippians. After listing all the benefits he had in the world, he writes *"Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."* (Phil. 3:7-8a). For Paul, Jesus was enough. [Heavy sigh]. The work of making Jesus enough in my own life will be a lifelong endeavor. I trust that it will be the same for many who read this.

As we reach the end of Lent and begin the journey of Holy Week and Easter as we walk the Way of the Cross, and observe Good Friday and Easter, I lay this question before all of you (myself included): IS JESUS ENOUGH??

Your fellow Pilgrim in Christ,

David+

NOTES ON WORSHIP

Jesus said to his disciples *"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old"*

[Matt. 13:52]

During the season of Lent we at St. Mary's brought out the older language of the Prayer Book tradition, and have used the 1917 High Altar, given by Rev. Louis Durr in memory of his parents, for the Eucharist. We will continue to bring out our older treasures through Palm Sunday and Eastertide, using the original Lords Table from 1855, (*see separate story on page 3 regarding this altar*) and both old and new Communion vessels, as well as contemporary (Rite II) Liturgy. Hopefully by Pentecost, we will be able to return to a "normal" celebration of the Eucharist, when we will again use the High Altar and distribute Communion at the Altar rail. The priest will be vested in chasuble, as well as stole, starting on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The "new" cedar Altar will return this summer. All suggestions are welcome as we continue to bring out old and new in our Worship!!

Your fellow ambassador,

David+



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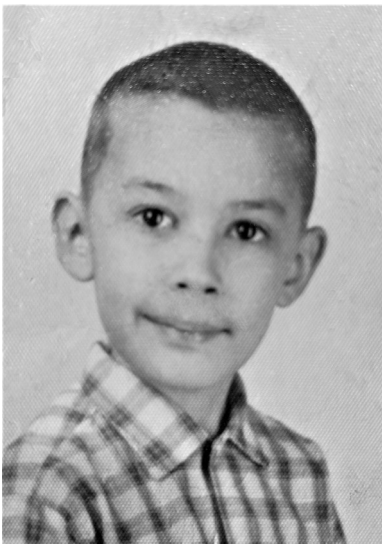
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Consecration of St. Mary's

The ceremony of consecration was performed on Thursday morning last at 10 1/2 o'clock by the Rt. Rev. C. P. McIlvaine, Bishop of Ohio. The first service was held in the church on the evening previous, when a sermon was preached by the Bishop. After the consecration, regular morning service was held, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Richard Gray of Cincinnati and the Rector of the church, Rev. Noah Hunt Schenck. Another service was held in the evening, when the Bishop again preached, and administered the rite of confirmation. Several children were baptized at both morning and evening service. The attendance in the evening was quite large, and would have been larger, had more general notice been given.

Highland Weekly News, 1 Nov 1855

Who is this?



Answer next month

Last month: Carlene Phillips

Vestry Report

The snow has melted and it seems spring is headed our way. I hope you have the opportunity to be able to hear our supply priest; Rev. David Bailey, talk about this Lenten season and what Lent does and doesn't mean for us all. I also hope that many of you have been able to get your vaccine, or get a date scheduled for one. Our church is open for service on Sunday mornings; social distancing is practiced, masks are worn and other safety measures are in place. Rev. David follows strict safety procedures in serving the bread for Communion; we are not yet able to include wine in Communion. Join me in hoping and praying for more returns to normal in the coming months.

Reserve Advisors visited the church on February 24. They spent most of the day looking at all the building and grounds to develop a comprehensive report on all maintenance and other items related to the long term upkeep of our buildings and property. We plan to obtain a prioritized list of the things we need to address in the coming years, which will help us plan and decide on ways to pay for the expenses. I hope I did not mislead you in my earlier description regarding their work. They did not do any "invasive" examination of the building structures. They did take extensive measurements and looked for any signs of settling or cracking that could be indicative of underlying structural problems. We hope to get the report back from them by end of March. The Vestry has also obtained legal counsel, with the help of the Diocese, to try to pressure the contractors involved in substandard HVAC work. There are several areas where the HVAC work on both the new and old buildings was done poorly, plus in some cases equipment was supplied that was much less than what was quoted to be supplied. This, in large part, explains why we have trouble heating the sanctuary in cold weather. Please don't hesitate to ask me or one of the Vestry members about matters concerning St. Mary's. We are looking forward to being able to enjoy your fellowship again!

Respectfully submitted,
John Joy, Sr Warden

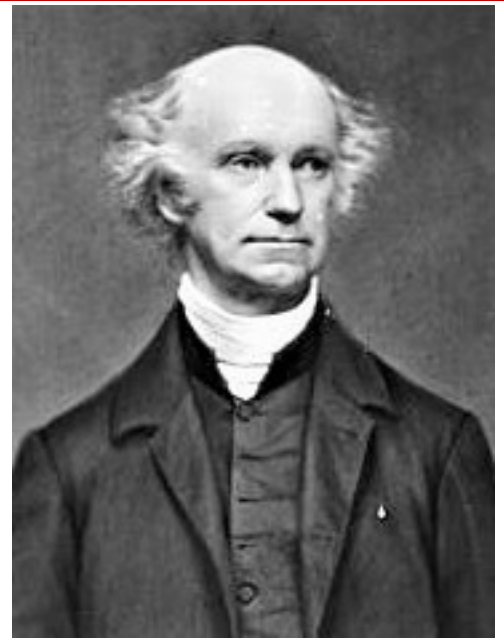
PARISH PRAYER LIST

Margaret Lyons, Herschel Hook, Esther Russell, Nancy Orth, Mary Reynolds, Jim Shirkey, Maxine McGrath, Cindy Eigel, Ann-Marie Ogden, Elsie Young, Carlene Phillips, Charlie and Martha Gorman, Brad Elmore and the patients and staff at Georgetown Veterans Home as well as those serving in our armed forces: Macy Lyle, Henry Sherrill, Jaden Chin-Franz, Isaac Campbell and Ethan and Samantha Anderson and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

1855 ALTAR



Charles Petit McIlvaine



Born January 18, 1799
 Burlington, New Jersey, United States
 Died March 13, 1873 (aged 74)
 Florence, Kingdom of Italy
 Buried Spring Grove Cemetery

Col. William O. Collins took charge of much of the building of St. Mary's, including paying all of the bills. It was interesting to note one bill for \$8.00 from J. & J. Mather dated Oct. 24, 1855 for "work on the Communion table."

Oct. 24, 1855 was the day before the Consecration and Dedication of the new building on Oct. 25, 1855. One can picture J. & J. Mather feverishly building the wooden altar on the day before the Consecration, so the service could go ahead as scheduled on Oct. 25th.

At the time St. Mary's was built in 1855, Bishop McIlvaine was insisting that "Altars" in churches in the Diocese of Ohio be "Holy Tables" with legs, to be appropriate for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and not stone "Altars of Sacrifice," implying a Romish doctrine of the sacrifice of the Mass.

McIlvaine said he "*must refuse to consecrate any church in which there is an altar-form structure for the Lord's Supper, and in which there is not a proper table in the usual sense, as the permanent furniture.*" (Diocesan Journal, 1846, pp. 35-37)

In 1820 Charles McIlvaine was ordained to the diaconate in Philadelphia, and was soon after called to Christ Church in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. In 1822 he was appointed chaplain to the U.S. Senate. From 1825 to 1827, he served as chaplain and professor of ethics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where his students included Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis.

In 1827 McIlvaine declined the presidency of The College of William & Mary but accepted a call to St. Ann's Church in Brooklyn, New York. In 1831 he was named professor of the evidences of revealed religion at the University of the City of New York. In 1832, he became the 2nd president of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and also the second Bishop of Ohio. (Remember the Dio-

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Lector & Intercessor Schedule

1st week	Betty & Jim Heathcote
2nd week	Sandy Ferrell & Dea Flinn
3rd week	Carol & John Joy
4th week	Andrea & Tyler Harner
5th week	Sandy Ferrell & Dea Flinn

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Celebrate Easter at St. Mary's!



McIlvaine *(continued)*

Diocese of Southern Ohio was not founded until 1875.)

He was a leading advocate of Evangelicalism, and wrote a noted rebuttal of the Oxford Movement, Oxford Divinity Compared with That of the Romish and Anglican Churches.

He was the 28th bishop consecrated in The Episcopal Church. Bishop McIlvaine was so highly respected internationally (for his opposition to the Catholic-leaning Oxford movement within the Episcopal Church) that, shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War, President Lincoln asked him to go to England with Archbishop Hughes and Peter Force to argue against British recognition of the Confederacy. He often had coffee at Buckingham Palace, lunched with faculty members at Oxford, conversed with cabinet members, and influenced debate in the House of Commons.

McIlvaine died in Florence, Italy on March 14, 1873. His body, carried through England on its journey home to Ohio, was honored for four days in Westminster Abbey, the only American to this day to lie-in-state at Westminster.

(left: McIlvaine's grave in Spring Grove Cemetery)(Wikipedia)



St. Mary's Episcopal Church Information

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The Rev. David Bailey
Supply Priest

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 am
Streaming on Facebook
IN PERSON!

(note: masks are required continuously while in the church buildings, with exceptions as explained by Fr. David during the service. Hand sanitizer and masks are available!)

We strive to be safe and make our parishioners and guests feel safe and welcome!

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