

# THE KEYS



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## From the Pen of the Priest in Charge...

Our Diocesan Synod was held last month (June 13-15) in Roanoke. As I told a fellow priest at the Synod, “The ‘good news’ is what was discussed and needed to be voted on was the routine business of the Diocese (the budget, committee reports, etc.) The ‘not so good news’ is all that what was discussed and needed to be voted on was the routine business of the Diocese.”

The Friday night banquet speaker was the Rt. Rev. David Haines, a Missionary Bishop in the Anglican Province of America.

In the afternoon session of the first day, Bishop Lerow had us break out into meetings of the three Diocesan Regions. We are in the Southern Region with St. Thomas of Canterbury in Roanoke, St. Stephen’s in Clifton Forge and Christ Church in Covington, Church of the Epiphany in Amherst, St. David’s in Charlottesville and St. Alban’s in Richmond. In that session, delegates from the various parishes shared things they did this past year to serve and reach out to the community near their parishes. Some interesting ideas were put forth.

The Synod schedule included three masses, the Thursday Chrismal Mass (when the Bishop blesses the sacramental Holy Oils used by the priests in their parishes throughout the year) held at St. Thomas of Canterbury, and then morning masses (with Matins) on Friday and Saturday morning held at the hotel.

The processional hymn of the Saturday mass is one that I find very encouraging. It is Hymn 537 (Moscow) “Christ for the World.” Each verse begins “Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring...” This is the mission of the Church and of our parish (as the local branch of the Church). We are to sing the praises of God to the world and bring it to Christ.

The hymn goes on to give us ideas on how we are to fulfill this mission. We bring the world to Christ “With loving zeal...” (verse 1). “With fervent prayer...” (verse two). “With one accord...” (verse three) and “With joyful song...” (verse four). I recommend you read the rest of the words to that hymn. I think you too will find them instructive and encouraging.

For good or not so good, Synods are typically mundane events. But then business meetings in general are. Yet Synods are helpful in one important area. Wait, make that two.

First, they remind us that we are not a congregational church! We are a parish in a diocese that has a bishop over us as our Reverend Father in God, who connects us to the life of the One, Catholic Church Jesus founded upon the Apostles, and established by the Holy Ghost at Pentecost.

Second, they remind us that as a parish in the Church we have a mission. The same mission Jesus gave that first branch of the Church He established in Jerusalem 2,000 plus years ago.

May our parish be mindful of these two things as we conduct our own business and hold our own discussions going forward. – Fr. Paul

## July Birthdays

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| 1. Joshua Slayton    | 10. Lou Brossy        |
| 3. Shannon Pappas    | 11. Ashleigh Drysdale |
| 10. Sterling Hatcher | 13. Rebecca Williams  |

## News and Notes

Congratulation to Ethan Beutell on his graduation from high school, with honors. He will be attending Virginia Western Community College in the fall, majoring in Social Sciences.

Congratulations to James Williams and Bridget Guy on their engagement!

On Wednesday, July 10, Fr. Paul will celebrate a mid-year Requiem Mass at 7:00 p.m. If you would like someone prayed for and have not submitted their name previously, please do so by July 9.

“But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.” (Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-3)

“And when [Judas Maccabeus] had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachms of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of the resurrection: For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead. And also in that he perceived that there was great favour laid up for those that died godly, it was an holy and good thought. Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.” (II Maccabees 12:43-45)

Speaking of the Diocesan Synod...The two main items on the agenda were the passing of the 2020 Budget and the first vote on a change to the diocesan canon regarding the Clergy Health Insurance stipend. Both passed without opposition or abstention. The Diocese remains healthy financially. DMAS is comprised of 13 parishes and 3 missions. St. Peter's is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest parish (by number of communicants).

Delegates were chosen for the upcoming Provincial Synod and G-4 Joint Synods scheduled for January 15-17 in Atlanta, GA. Fr. Paul was chosen to be a delegate. He will also remain the chairman of the Standing Committee and is a member of the Commission on Ministry. Marnie Slayton is also a member of that committee. Barbara von Claparede is a member of the Executive Committee. Sheila Darby is a member of the Music Commission.

Left out of the June edition of The Keys was a report on the joint Ascension mass we had with St. Philip's Anglican Church held on Ascension Eve, May 29. Thirty-five souls were in attendance, including eight from St. Peter's. Fr. Wade Miller, Vicar of St. Philip's was the celebrant of the mass and Fr. Paul preached the sermon (you can hear the sermon at <http://stphilipsblacksburg.org/homilies-and-essays/> ). A collection was taken for the Pregnancy Resource Center. The total given was \$650.00.

Fr. Miller and Fr. Paul are discussing having another joint mass for the Feast of All Saints which is on Friday, November 1. More information will be forthcoming.

## Wisdom from the Church Fathers

### Selections from St. John Chrysostom on the Mass:

“When you see the Lord immolated and lying upon the altar, and the priest bent over that sacrifice praying, and all the people empurpled by that precious blood, can you think that you are still among men and on earth? Or are you not lifted up to heaven?”

(*The Priesthood* 3:4:177 [A.D. 387]).

“Reverence, therefore, reverence this table, of which we are all communicants! Christ, slain for us, the sacrificial victim who is placed thereon!” (*Homilies on Romans* 8:8 [A.D. 391]).

“‘The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not communion of the blood of Christ?’ Very trustworthy and awesomely does he [Paul] say it. For what he is saying is this: What is in the cup is that which flowed from his side, and we partake of it. He called it a cup of blessing because when we hold it in our hands that is how we praise him in song, wondering and astonished at his indescribable gift, blessing him because of his having poured out this very gift so that we might not remain in error; and not only for his having poured it out, but also for his sharing it with all of us. ‘If therefore you desire blood,’ he [the Lord] says, ‘do not redden the platform of idols with the slaughter of dumb beasts, but my altar of sacrifice with my blood.’ What is more awesome than this? What, pray tell, more tenderly loving?” (*Homilies on First Corinthians* 24:1(3) [A.D. 392]).

“What then? Do we not offer daily? Yes, we offer, but making remembrance of his death; and this remembrance is one and not many. How is it one and not many? Because this sacrifice is offered once, like that in the Holy of Holies. This sacrifice is a type of that, and this remembrance a type of that. We offer always the same, not one sheep now and another tomorrow, but the same thing always. Thus there is one sacrifice. By this reasoning, since the sacrifice is offered everywhere, are there, then, a multiplicity of Christs? By no means! Christ is one everywhere. He is complete here, complete there, one body. And just as he is one body and not many though offered everywhere, so too is there one sacrifice” (*Homilies on Hebrews* 17:3(6) [A.D. 403]).

July, 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	[1]	[2] 10:00 a.m. PG	[3]	[4] 10:00 a.m. HC  INDEPENDENCE DAY	[5]	[6]
[7] 10:00 a.m. HE  TRINITY III	[8]	[9] 10:00 a.m. PG	[10]  7:00 p.m. Mid-year Requiem	[11]  12 noon HC  PRECIOUS BLOOD (transferred)	[12]	[13]
[14] 10:00 a.m. HE  TRINITY IV	[15]	[16] 10:00 a.m. PG	[17]	[18]  12 noon HC  ST. SILAS (transferred)	[19]	[20]
[21] 10:00 a.m. HE  TRINITY V	[22]	[23] 10:00 a.m. PG	[24]	[25]  12 noon HC  ST. JAMES	[26]	[27]
[28] 10:00 a.m. HE  TRINITY VI	[29]	[30] 10:00 a.m. PG	[31]	<b>LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE – Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; EP – Evening Prayer; PG – Prayer Group</b>		

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Please — If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT!!!

Week beginning Sunday →	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	August 4
<b>Altar Guild</b>	B. Higginbotham	C. Beutell	V. Williams	M. Slayton	B. Higginbotham
	C. Beutell	C. deRosset	B. Higginbotham	M. Heterick	C. Beutell
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	M. Slayton	E. Paisley	C. deRosset	J. Butterfield	B. von Claparede
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Drysdale	P. Pappas	A. Butterfield	P. Williams	G. Terrell
	L. Brossy	M. Slayton	L. Brossy	M. Slayton	D. Drysdale
<b>Epistoler</b>	P. Williams	A. Butterfield	G. Mauney	G. Terrell	C. von Claparede
<b>Server</b>	P. Williams	T. Paisley	P. Williams	T. Greene	P. Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	T. Greene	W. Paisley	J. Williams	C. von Claparede	W. Paisley

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2019 Vestry members: Allen Butterfield, Dan Drysdale, Angela Greene, Ted Paisley, Phil Pappas, George Terrell.