

Ministries and Programs

Trinity Parish currently supports the following ministries and programs:

- The Marion C. Price Trust
- Choir
- Coffee Hour
- Chalice Bearers, Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers
- Christian Education
- Altar Guild
- Vestry
- Soup Kitchen
- Food Pantry
- St. Clare's Society
- Youth Ministry—including Sunday School, a Junior's Group, and Youth Group
- Parish Nurse Program

Because of its location and facilities, Trinity also serves as meeting place for many local groups, and the Parish continues to expand its hospitality to the community.

Buildings and Grounds

- Trinity Episcopal Church—located in the downtown business section of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. The nave of the church seats 500 comfortably, with the choir and servers seated separately. The undercroft of the church consists of six individual classrooms, three offices, several closets, and a large, central open area.
- The Parish offices, as well as the offices of the Price Trust and the Baber Cemetery—located in the Church House immediately across the street from the Church.
- Rectory—located in the 1300 block of Howard Avenue, about one mile from the Church and several blocks from the main cemetery entrance.
- Charles Baber Cemetery and Chapel of the Resurrection—located on West Market Street and maintained by the Charles Baber Preservation Trust.

History of Trinity Church

The history of Trinity Church is intertwined with the city of Pottsville. In 1790, deposits of Anthracite coal were discovered in the area, and this event shaped the foundation for Pottsville's age of great prosperity. The development of the Schuylkill Navigation Company's canal in 1825 and the establishment of the nearby town encouraged the foundation of Trinity Parish.

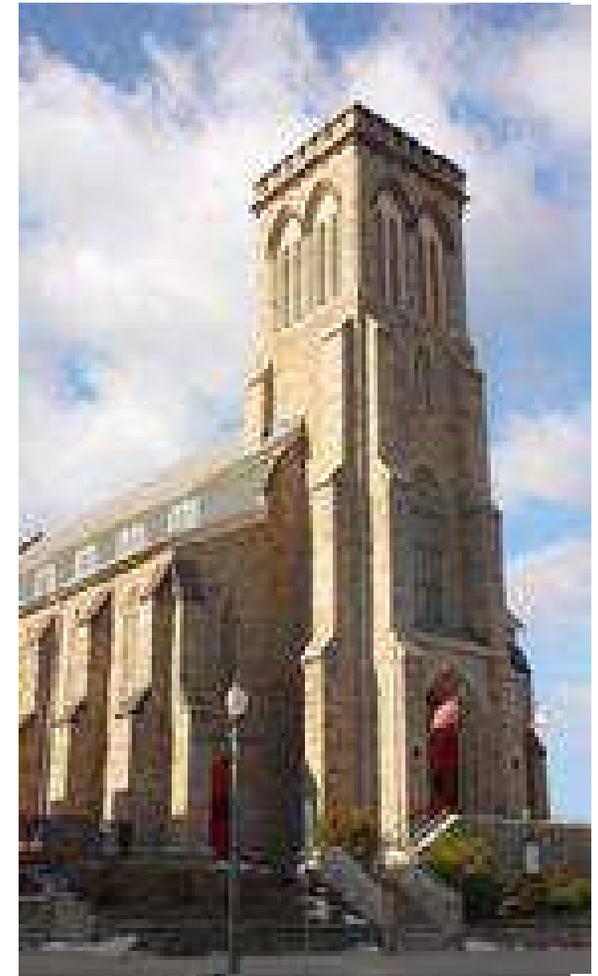
- September 3, 1827—Reverend Norman Nash holds a meeting in an log-cabin schoolhouse to determine interest in the formation of an Episcopal church in the area.
- Two days later, John Pott—founder of Pottsville—grants rights to the parish initially dedicated to St. Luke.
- In 1830, the construction is complete and the church is consecrated by the Right Reverend Henry Ustick Onderdonk.
- July 11, 1847—Because of Pottsville's growing population, construction of a new church begins on the present site.
- In 1885, Charles Baber deeds the cemetery to the Vestry of Trinity Parish.

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**“Living, loving, sharing in
the name of Jesus Christ”**

Pottsville, PA



Trinity Parish Today

Trinity Parish is located in the northeastern Pennsylvania city of Pottsville. A town of approximately 15,000 citizens, Pottsville is nestled in the picturesque Appalachian mountain valley. As the seat of Schuylkill County (population 145,000), Pottsville serves as the governmental, cultural, and commercial hub of the community.

At the present, the parish is unified, and there is a notable absence of conflict. The parish is blessed with a core of dedicated, generous, and active members who care passionately about its future.

Services

Regular Sunday services are held in the Church, with a said Eucharist at 8:00 am and a full Choral Eucharist at 10:00 am.

A weekday Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesdays in the Chapel of St. Luke in the Parish House.

On summer Sundays, services are held at the Chapel of the Resurrection in Charles Baber Cemetery.



Our Story

Trinity Church exists to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, by worship, word and service, to a changed and changing world.

As the oldest church in Pottsville, Trinity Parish is the steward for future generations of a beautiful and significant house of worship.

A Profile of the New Rector

The hopes we have for a stronger, even more committed Parish will depend largely on our new rector. We, at Trinity, have devised a list of our most valued priorities:

- Spiritual leadership, learned theology, insightful preaching, liturgical integrity
- Teaching and working with youth
- Stewardship stimulator
- Parish growth
- Pastoral care and visitation in time of crisis
- Counseling persons facing problems or decisions

Comprehensive Plan

It is the vision of Trinity Episcopal Church:

- *Worship*—to offer engaging, inspirational, and intellectually and spiritually challenging worship through our liturgy, the sacraments, and our music
- *Outreach*—to be a beacon of light to the Pottsville community and Schuylkill County by continuing to grow and expand our outreach ministries
- *Stewardship*—to continue becoming the stewards that God wants us to be by recognizing the gifts that we have
- *Evangelism and Church Growth*—to take a proactive approach to church growth by inviting people to join us in worship and ministry
- *Christian Formation and Discipleship*—to encourage a lifelong journey of faith and discipleship through the offering of engaging and through-provoking study of scripture for all ages
- *Fellowship*—to recognize that we are ONE church family growing together in faith and fellowship.

TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT:

*"Honoring the past as we build
a strong foundation for the
future, while sharing our
Christian faith through service
to the community."*
