

From August 1898 to January 1899 services were resumed in the Church and carried on by various Ministers.

In August 1898 there was a Memorial Service held for soldiers who had fallen during the American Invasion, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Chaplain of the 19th Reg. Chaplain Sutherland continued holding services until January 1899.

On Christmas Day, 1898 there was a celebration of the Holy Communion. The Celebrants were the Revs. Sutherland and Z. Vall Spinoza, former rector of the Parish.

On February 28, 1899, Ash Wednesday, the Right Rev. H. B. Whipple, Bishop of Minnesota visited Ponce. Also in 1901 the Rt. Rev. G. W. Peterkin Bishop of W. Virginia visited Ponce. He held a Confirmation Service.

Bishops in Charge of the Spiritual Work of the Church in Puerto Rico.

- Rt. Rev. W. W. Jackson Of Antigua, 1872-1889
- Rt. Rev. C. J. Branch Of Antigua, 1889-1896
- Rt. Rev. Mather Of Antigua, 1896-1900
- The Bishop of Chicago and Pres. Bishop 1900-1902
- Rt. Rev. J. H. Van Burren, First Missionary Bishop of Puerto Rico, 1902-1912.
- Rt. Rev. A. W. Knight, Of Cuba, in charge from April 1912 to Dec. 1913
- Rt. Rev. C. B. Colmore, D. D., Second Missionary Bishop of Puerto Rico, Dec. 17, 1913.
- Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando, Suffragan, February 1, 1924

Members of Vestries since 1901.

Messrs. Lohse, Miller, Toro, McDonald, Maltman, Wantzoli, Monfeldt, Morgan, Wells, Nelson, Fernando Toro, Umbach, Hatch, Mervin, Johnson, Robbins, Sperry, Reed, McLeod, Domenech, Du Bois, Biscoomb, Judge Foote, Jones, H. L. Moore, Heinz, Gates, Junghans, Browne, Crossman, Allen, Antonsanti.

Lay Readers of the Parish:

- Mr. Robert E. Miller
- Mr. Leonard Reed
- Mr. J. H. Wells
- Mr. Thos Butler
- Mr. Alex Horton

Parish Visitors:

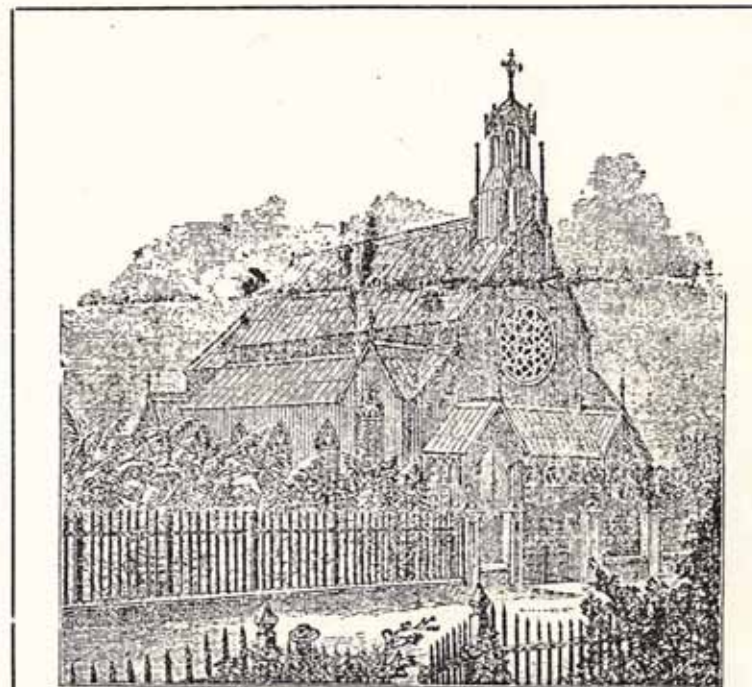
- Miss Sarah Davidson
- Miss Frances Cuddy
- Mrs. Edith F. Rafter
- Sister Mary Gadsten
- Miss Mariana Cordero
- Miss Juana Peña
- Miss Moraima Escudero

Present Staff:

- Rev. E. Reus-García, Priest-in-Charge.
- Rev. Lauro Bauzá Roger, Assistant.
- Mr. Justice Becke, Lay Reader.
- Miss Paula Velázquez, Parish Visitor.
- Miss Teresa Rivera, Organist.
- Mr. Thomas Butler, Organist.

Services in English are held every Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND
A SPECIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY,
MAY THE 27th, AT 11 A. M. TO CONMEMORATE
THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE



FIRST NON-ROMAN CHURCH IN SPANISH POSSESSIONS.

FOUNDING OF HOLY TRINITY PARISH IN PONCE,
AND THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN PUERTO RICO

1872-1874.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

Procession.

The Crucifer. The Choir. The Clergy. The B'shop.

Processional Hymn No. 464.

1. Opening sentences. Invitation. Confession. Absolution. Lord's Prayer.
2. The Venite, Page 9, Prayer Book.
3. Psalm No. 150, Page 525, P. B.
4. The First Lesson, Gen. 1:1-2:3.
5. The Te Deum, Page 10.
6. The Second Lesson, S. John 1:1-18.
7. The Benedictus, Page 14.
8. The Creed, Versicles, Collect for the Day, Special Collect, Prayers, Grace.
9. History of the Parish.
Hymn No. 445.
The Sermon, by the Bishop.
10. During the Offertory:
Anthem, "Oh for the Wings of a Dove."
11. Closing Prayers and Blessing.
Processional, Hymn No. 519.
(Music by the Choir of St. Luke's Hospital Chapel).

SPECIAL PRAYER.

Oh Lord, we glorify Thee in Thy servants our founders and benefactors departed out of this present life; beseeching Thee that, as they for their time bestowed charitably to our comfort the temporal things which Thou didst give them, so we for our time may fruitfully use the same to the setting forth of Thy holy word to Thy laud and praise; and finally that both they and we may reign with Thee in glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HISTORICAL FACTS.

On the 20th of November, 1869, the following gentlemen met in Ponce, to consider the organization of a Parish, availing themselves of the Decree of the First Spanish Republic, granting religious liberty to her Colonies: W. E. Lee, Daniel Basante, T. H. Bronsted, T. G. Solomons, Peter J. Menvielle, G. F. Wiechers, Thomas A. Dodd and Charles H. Daily.

Queen Victoria of England gave the materials for the building, as a gift to her English subjects in Puerto Rico, and the building was shipped in sections from Liverpool.

Messrs. Wiechers & Co. gave the land on which the Church was built.

In 1872 the Parish was organized and funds were collected to erect the Church building.

In August, 1873, the Church was opened for Divine services under License, at which time there was a debt upon it.

At the downfall of the Spanish Republic, the Church was ordered to be closed; but the English Consul and Queen Victoria used their good offices and the Church opened again, the interdict removed from the Rector. Ringing of the bells was then prohibited. They were rung for the first time again at the time of the American occupation, July 25, 1898.

In the summer of 1874 the Lord Bishop of Antigua, the Rt. Rev. William Waldron Jackson, consecrated in the presence of a large congregation the new building in honor of the Holy and Ever Blessed Trinity.

First Vestry—Messrs. Daniel Basante, Waldemar E. Lee, Thomas G. Salomons, James Mc Cormic, James Gilbee and August Lion.

NOTE—In the old Anglican Cemetery in this City, graves of Shroder, Lee, Basante, Toro and others whose names can hardly be read, are still found in good conditions.

Other members of Vestries up to the American Occupation: Messrs. Wiechers, Ganslandt, Lohse, Shroder, Armstrong, Preston, Finlay, Rooke, Toro, Muller, Van Brakle, Ryan, Howe and Robert E. Miller.

Rectors.

Rev. DuBois (organizer of Parish)	1872-1874
Rev. A. Giolma	1874-1875
Rev. Z. Vall Spinoso	1876-1884
Rev. B. Noel Branch	1884-1893
Rev. Joseph Emery	Visit 1893
Rev. H. M. Skinner	1893-1895
Rev. Fred. Caunt	1899-1901

Rectors Appointed By the American Episcopal Church.

Rev. S. E. Gunn	1902
Rev. H. B. Thomas	1902-1903
Rev. Wm. Watson	1903
Rev. H. P. Walter	1906-1908
Rev. J. F. Droste	1908
Rev. A. S. Jukes	1908-1909
Rev. L. Reed	1909-1910
Rev. P. Reinhardt	1913-1914
Rev. L. M. A. Hawghwout	1914-1923
Rev. P. D. Locke	1923-1931

NOTE—New Church building dedicated in 1928—The Rev. P. D. Locke—Rector.

Ardo. P. Estéban Reus-García
1932-1944