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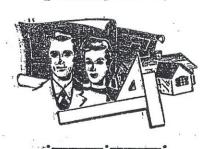
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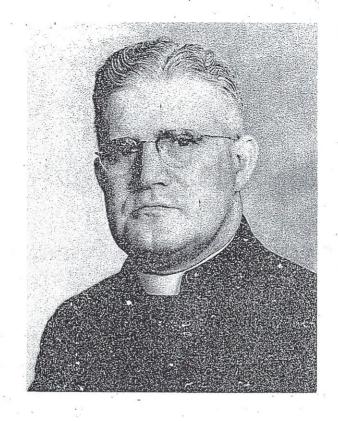
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Dedication and Foreword

We dedicate this book to the Laity of Saint Joseph's Parish, Portage, Pa., as a fitting tribute to them for their zeal for the things that pertain to God, and the advancement of their Holy Faith. They labored and sacrificed to establish this parish which this year celebrates its Golden Jubilee. The Very Reverend E. A. Bush, Vicar General of the Diocese of Pittsburgh officiated at the laying of the corner stone of St. Joseph's Church and preached the sermon. It is our happy duty to thank these with whom it has been our pleasure to be associated in the preparation of this great event. A final acknowledgment of indebtedness is due to the chairman and the members of the various committees where this work had its inception, with their suggestions, and finished thanks to their encouragement and inspiration. "If human hearts can so increase the job of living, then what must be the great Heart of God. (Fulton Sheen)"

MJN



Reverend Murtaugh J. Nolan, Pastor



Reverend John J. Crowley, Assistant Pasto

History Of St. Joseph's Church

Portage, Pa.

The year was 1897. At this time our nation had already ended the struggle over slavery and reconstruction was well under way. However in our own backyard—Portage—another peaceful struggle was to take place. This was the struggle of the pioneers of St. Joseph's for the erection of a church. True, they had held two services in McGough's Hall but the steps there seemed weak, so they moved over to Goldstein's Hall above his general store. All this was fine but the progressive devotees wanted something more worthy as a place of worship. So a committee was selected to plan the building of a church.

The Church Committe consisted of the following: John McConnell, Philip Hopfer, Joseph Hopfer, Edward McGlade, Peter McGough, Mr. Supples, Edward Nash, Patrick Campbell, Joseph Campbell, Michael George, Thomas Burkey, John Beiter and John Claymen with John Ticker-

hoof as treasurer.

The committee weathered the early hardships, and through untiring efforts and the cooperation of the people, the building of the church was realized. The men toiled throughout the day and night, aided by the dim glow of torchlights, to dig the foundation on ground which was virtually donated by Mr. J. C. Martin of New York City.

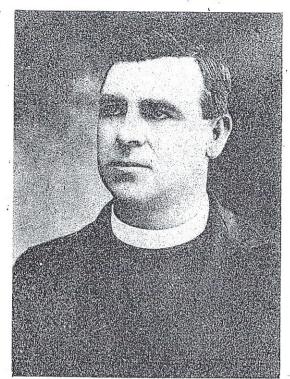
CORNERSTONE LAID

Finally, the men were to see the fruits of their labor, for the foundations was ready for the important day—the laying of the cornerstone. The cornerstone was laid August 15, 1898 by a priest, whose name is forgotten, delegated by Bishop Phelan of Pittsburgh. The church was dedicated in honor of St. Joseph in November, 1898.

Father Thomas Ryan, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, Wilmore, was given the assignment of serving the new church as a mission. During these first years, when travel was not an easy matter, the priest would come to Joseph Campbell's home every two or three weeks to hear confessions of the parishioners. Father Ryan stayed at St. Joseph's until 1900, when Father James B. Egan was appointed to serve the mission parish.

In 1901 St. Joseph's came under the jurisdiction of the newly-formed Episcopal See of Altoona; Bishop Eugene A. Garvey having been consecrated bishop of the new diocese in September of that year. The people worked hard

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Reverend Thomas Ryan 1898 - 1909



Reverend James B. Egan 1909 - 1911

to build a rectory so that a priest could be assigned as a resident pastor. Thus Father Egan became the first resident pastor in 1909.

PARISH FINDS A WAY

The raising of funds for the church presented another problem. But the ancient adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way," was uppermost in the minds of the parishioners and they found the way. At this time chancing of prizes was a popular way of raising funds. The first article to be chanced off was a gold watch. Bazaars and picnics were favorite occasions, too. For one such affair, Ann McGlade, Sarah McGough and Mary Dougherty, all school teachers in Johnstown, collected items from the stores of Johnstown for the bazaar. All were generous in their contributions and a variety of items was sent to Portage.

Some of the first altar boys were: Lee Diehl, Walter Groom, Charles Burkey, Stewart Mears, Aloysius Beck,

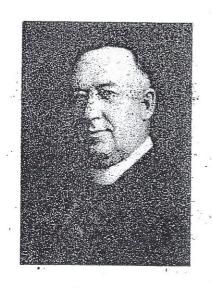
Russell Kiel, and Earl Kiel.

The honor of being the first infant to be baptized fell upon Ryan Hopfer, who was baptized in 1900, when the records of St. Joseph's were still kept in Wilmore. Joseph Conrad and Maria Kalman were the first couple, according to records of the Portage church to receive Sacrament of Matrimony by being married in the new church.

FURNISHINGS ADDED

At its completion, the church did not have all the furnishings of today. The altars and communion railing were built by Thomas Burkey and Robert Burns. Mrs. Lucy Guigue and Mrs. Elizabeth Cullen collected money to purchase carpet for the sanctuary. As contrasted to the modern lighting equipment, which was installed in 1904, kerosene lamps, placed along the walls, provided the lighting in these earlier days. Those however were used sparingly as services were seldom held in the evenings.

Philip Hopfer was one of the main collectors for a bell to be installed on the belfry at St. Joseph's. The story is told about his approach to Mr. Sanford Henry, a non-Catholic, to ask for a \$5 donation for the new bell. Mr. Henry hesitated a minute to try Mr. Hopfer's patience and then offered to make a \$10 donation if they "would put on a whistle instead of a bell." Mr. Hopfer was "flabbergasted," and he exclaimed: "Who ever heard of a whistle on a Catholic Church." The expression greatly amused Mr. Henry who promptly handed over his donation. Strange as it may seem, the bell was tolled for the first time for the funeral of Philip Hopfer.



Reverend Garrett B. Welch 1912 - 1927

Reverend John C. Dunphy 1927 - 1940





Reverend James H. Hanion 1940 - 1942

ALTAR SOCIETY

Kline's store in Johnstown donated the first linens to St. Joseph's. The Altar Society, with Mrs. Peter Stoltz as treasurer, purchased two brass candlesticks from Kline's at \$3 each which seemed expensive at the time and were admired by all.

In the first days of the new church, Mrs. Martha Diehl, Mrs. Philip Hopfer, Mrs. Peter Stoltz, Margaret Noel, Mrs. Kate Mears, Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Groom all shared in

caring for the altars.

There were probably many more of the early settlers of Portage who did their utmost to get the new parish going, but their names are lost in the pages of memory that fade with the passing of time.

Peter Seymour was janitor during Father Egan's pastorate. He served many years and was followed by Mr. Carr, John Kline, Nick Myers, William Mackey, Peter Myers, and Charles Donahue. The present janitor, Harry Powers, assum-

ed his duties under Father Welch.

Father Richard J. Farrell served as pastor of St. Joseph's in 1911. (Father Farrell's picture does not appear among the former pastors due to the editors inability to obtain a photograph). It was in his pastorate that Stations of the Cross were installed during a mission. The Stations are realistically designed to promote meditation on the Passion of Christ.

The first missionaries to come here were Father Whissel

and Father Linder of the Redemptorists.

ORGANISTS OF THE CHURCH

Organists to serve St. Joseph's up to 1948 were: Professor Edward Duffy, Elizabeth Farrell, Trig Noel, Katherine Campbell, Velma Kiel, Mrs. Malloy, Mildred Miller, Mrs. Earl

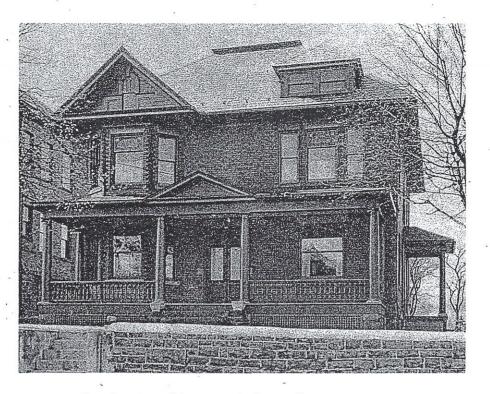
Kiel, Irene Kiel and Mary Cunningham.

Members of the first few choirs included: Fred Laxton, Louis Walters, Margaret Supples, Kate Supples, Bell Duffy, Mame Diehl, Faye Noel, Margaret Woodard, Mrs. Mears, Elizabeth Smith, Frank Myers, Elizabeth Myers, Sarah McConnell, Jack Finnan, Peter Clark, John Clark, Hester Diehl, Jean Campbell, Dan Campbell, Buck Burns, Jim Madigan, Joseph Madigan, Earl Kiel, Robert Kiel, Clara Burkey, John Madigan and Clara Kiel. During the service of Mrs. Malloy, the practice of having a children's choir was started.

From 1911 to 1912 Father John Dunphy was appointed

administrator of St. Joseph's

In 1912, Father Garrett B. Welch was named pastor. Father Garrett dreamed of one great project, a parochial school, for which he asked the assistance of the people. The progressive parishoners once again accepted the challenge and



Saint Joseph's Rectory



Saint Joseph's Convent

the financial burden to translate the dream of Father Welch into reality in 1916.

SISTERS OF MERCY

The Sisters of Mercy of Mt. Aloysius graciously agreed to supply the new school with teachers. Sister Mary Philipa became the first principal. The names of the Sisters serving St. Joseph's School would compose an Honor Roll of Service in Education. The school became, and yet remains, one of the greatest assets of St. Joseph's parish.

Another innovation during the tenure of Father Welch at St. Joseph's was a field mass at Cramer's farm, in Dutch Settlement. Father Welch remained in Portage until 1927 when he died. His loss was mourned by all, for he was loved by the entire town. Hundreds of parishioners and non-parishioners paid their respects to one whose accom-

plishments are memorable even today.

The people received another wonderful pastor in 1927, when Father John Dunphy was again assigned to Portage, this time as pastor. He had served as chaplain in the European Theater in World War I. Father Dunphy served St. Joseph's during the hard years of the Depression. He labored long and hard to keep the church in repair. The men of the parish gave freely of their time to help him paint the interior and exterior of the church. Among his many personal labors was the revamping of the altar. BISHOP GUILFOYLE

About this time, Msgr. Richard T. Guilfoyle, former chancellor of the Diocese of Erie, was consecrated bishop of the Altoona Diocese. In 1939, he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a very large class at St. Joseph's.

Father Dunphy celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood while at St. Joseph's. For this occasion,

the parishioners gave him a substantial purse.

Father Dunphy had a great interest in the school and visited it often, always encouraging the children to become good Catholics and good citizens of their country. During the latter part of 1938, Father Flanagan of Boys Town visited the school as Father Dunphy's guest. They had studied for the priesthood together at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emittsburg, Maryland.

Father John Dunphy died November 28, 1940, Thanksgiving Day, to the sorrow of the entire town of Portage.

FATHER HANLON

Father James F. Hanlon served the parish with distinction from late in 1940 until 1942. He began to reduce the debt which for years had been hampering the parish's progress. Father Hanlon served the parish during the early years of World War II when the people were turned to God to

pray for the safety and safe return of their loved ones.

Father Hanlon was transferred to another parish and Father Bernard Conley, his assistant, served as admisistrator of the parish until May 27, 1943 when the present pastor, Father Murtaugh J. Nolan, came to Portage.

Father Nolan had been an assistant in 1923 and 1933 under Father Dunphy. As pastor, he was well received by the people who worked hard with him to pay off remaining

debts of the church.

The practice of having a Fourth of July Parish Picnic at

McCormick Park was established by Father Nolan.

One memorable occasion was the Field Mass celebrated at McCormick Park for G. I. Homecoming Day in August of 1947. A very large crowd attended, and the great number of persons kneeling on the groud during the Consecration of this Mass, presented an inspiring sight.

Just by looking around the church, one can see the things that occupy Father Nolan's time, aside from spiritual care

of his parish.

He has been greatly aided by his assistants. The present assistant, Father John J. Crowley, deserves much credit for his quiet, unassuming help in all things.

MANY CONVERTS

Up to the present year of 1948, many converts have been baptized in St. Joseph's Church, providing spiritual evidence that all accomplishments at St. Joseph's have not been material.

In May of 1939, a parishioner of St. Joseph's was ordained a priest. Father Emmett Michaels chanted his First Solemn Mass in St. Joseph's church. During World War II he served with distinction as chaplain in the Marine Corps.

A number of girls from St. Joseph's parish have entered religious orders. Sister M. Salome, the former Raphael Michaels; Sister M. Fides, the former Velma Kiel; Sister M. Patrice, the former Clara Farren; Sister M. Concetta, the former Clementine Mora; Sister M. Pauline, the former Irene McDermott; Sister M. Clement, the former Nellie McDermott; Sister M. Reginald, the former Lena Kleman; Sister M. Thomasina, the former Eleanor Quinn; Sister M. Giles, the former Marie Anderson. These are all members of the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Athania, the former Theresa Mangan, a Sister of Notre Dame for 25 years, is stationed in Rochester

It is the wish and prayer of all parishioners and friends of St. Joseph's Church that the next fifty years in its history will be peaceful and fruitful; that the centennial will be celebrated by members who realize the value of the work of the early parishioners in giving the "Ecclesia Santi

Joseph."

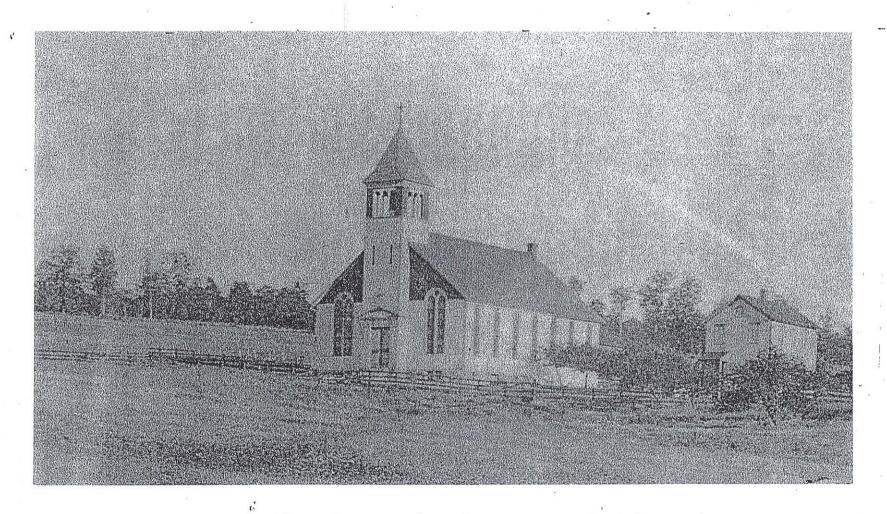
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St. Joseph's Parish GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sunday, April Eighteenth

MORNING PROGRAM

11:00 A. M. Solemn Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving in honor of Saint Joseph.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend R. T. Guilfoyle D. D. Bishop of Altoona, Celebrant.

The Very Reverend Joseph D. O'Leary, S. T. D., J. C. D.,

Sacred Heart Church, Altoona, Assistant Priest

The Rev. Francis De Sales Nolan O. F. M., St. Francis Monastery, New York, Deacon of Honor.

The Rev. Carl Wileshal, Immaculate Conception, Johnstown.

Deacon of Honor

The Rev. John J. Crowley, St. Joseph's, Portage, Deacon

The Rev. Linford F. Greinader, Chaplain, Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Subdeacon.

The Rev. Murtaugh J. Nolan, St. Joseph's, Portage, Master of Ceremonies.

The Rev. Mr. Robert McCoy, St. Francis Seminary, 2nd. Master of Ceremonies.

The Rev. Father Francis De Sales O. F. M., Golden Jubilee Sermon.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

12:30 P. M. Dinner served in the school hall by the Ladies' Auxiliary of A. O. H.

4:30 P. M. Public Reception — Portage High School Auditorium.

"Star Spangled Banner", Francis Scott KeyAmvets Post 150 Band

Presiding Officer

Adam J. Molino

Address of Welcome

Burgess O. J. Stricker

"Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck Robert Kiel Accompanied by Sr. M. Fides R. S. M.

"THE CHURCH IN OUR TOWN" By Mrs. Mary Cicotello

PrologueAda	m J. Molino
GuestFranc	eis Dubreucq
First Narrator	Robert Kiel
Second NarratorFr	rank Vetakis '
Third NarratorSteph	
"Londonderry Air" (An Irish Folk Song)Steph Accompanied by Sr. M. Fie	
Speaker of the dayEdward J. E	larkins, Esq.
"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" (Irish Folk Song)	Joseph Mad-
igan. Accompanied by Sr. M. Fides R. S. M.	
Presentation of several of the pioneer members of	St. Joseph's
Congregation.	
AddressHis Excellency, the Most Rev. R.	T. Guilfoyle
D. D. Bishop of Altoona.	

FinaleSelectionAmvets Post 150 Band.

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Reverend Bartley C. McAteer
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GOLDEN JUBILEE

Of St. Joseph's Church, Portage, Pa. April 18, 1948

The celebration is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, Portage, Pa.

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Memories of St. Joseph's

Ah! what lovely recollections that Before me come to view, And I seem to feel the presence of The dear ones that I knew, With tender retrospection into Times that are no more.

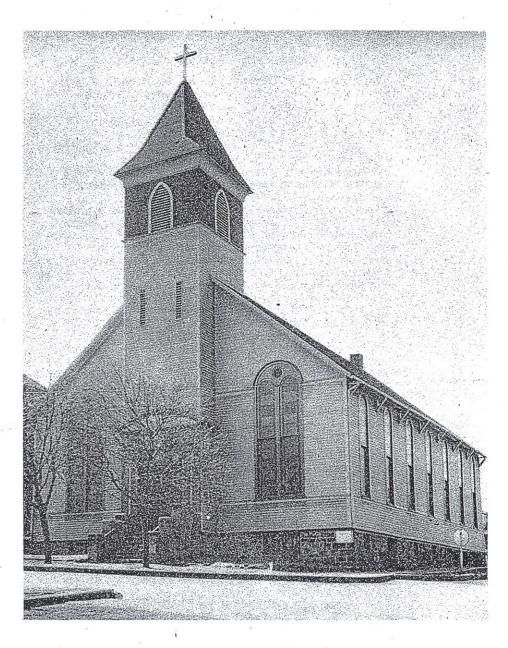
I see again St. Joseph's, as it was In days of yore. That grand old parish church, Built with ever willing hands, Near where the hillside forest Met the field in which it stands.

It's bound with love and memories That will play about the heart, As echoes through yon wooded hills When its pealing bells do start. Their sonorous tone of beauty Floating o'er the places, where once Many a loved departed one listened For its message there.

And there within that edifice Of sanctity and prayer, I know the spirit lingers, With those of you who share The old familiar places that Your fathers gave to you.

When they left in profound silence Their vacant places for you, And, on this day so fruitful, From the bottom of my heart, I beg of God to bless His earthly counterpart.

> By JEROME SKELLY



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Extract from Archives

PORTAGE, PA., MARCH 28, 1897

Citizens met in McGough's Hall for the purpose of organizing and to appoint a committee to collect the funds from the different parties who may have collected money for the erection of a Catholic Church at Portage, Pa.

Meeting appointed Edward McGlade Chairman on motion of Joseph Campbell. J. J. McDonnel, was elected secretary

and Philip Hopfer elected treasurer.

M. J. George and John Tickerhoof were appointed as a committee to call upon and collect the money supposed to be in the hands of former collectors.

The Sec'y. was requested to communicate with J. C. Martion of New York to ascertain whether or not he is willing to donate a site or location for a Catholic Church.

The following permanent collectors were appointed: M. J. George, John Tickerhoof, Edward Nash, Andrew Boma, Joseph Hopfer, and Jas. Daily.

The Sec'y was authorized to procure sufficient books for

to keep proper records of the organization.

The collecting committee was instructed to make a house to house canvas and in addition to taking subscriptions to also ascertain the number of families and the number of souls in each family in the district comprising this congregation. Motion carried that the people of Portage and vicinity meet on Sunday, April 11, 1897, at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

Motion carried that festival be held on Monday and Tues-

day, April 19 and 20 -97.

Adjourned to meet at time indicated above. J. J. McDonnell, Sec'y.

PORTAGE, PA., APRIL 11, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of former meeting read and approved. On motion of Joseph Campbell a committee was appointed for the purpose selecting a site for a church.

The following persons were appointed: M. J. George, Joseph Hopfer, John Claymen, Joseph Campbell, P. F. Campbell, E. J. Durry, Philip Hopfer, J. J. McDonnell were requested to report at the next meeting.

Motion carried that said committee meet this afternoon

and try to select a site for said church.

Motion carried that the different books be headed giving authority for soliciting funds and that the names of the President, Secretary and Treasurer be signed to the certificates giving such authority.

Mr. John Claymen was appointed an additional col-

lector. Mr. Jos Campbell was appointed an additional collector in conjunction with M. J. George on the North side of R. R. Cosmo Sherno was appointed an additional collector at Puritan. Adjourned to meet Sunday, April 18, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M.

PORTAGE, PA., APRIL 18, 1897

Meeting was called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of former meeting read and approved. The report of the committee for a church location was received. They have chosen a site for a church on Caldwell Avenue and Orchard Street in the Borough of Portage. Motion carried that the

report of said committee be accepted.

Motion carried that J. C. Martin's proposition be accepted provided that the lots offered are each 150 feet front and 150 feet deep. Namely, three lots at \$150.00 each. Total \$450.00. That he will donate one half of above \$225.00, leaving a balance that can be paid at any time that it may be convenient. The balance being at 6% interest from date of sale. Motion carried.

Motion carried that the Sec'y. communicate with the Flinn heirs with a veiw to purchasing the title to the minerals underlying lots to be purchased from J. C. Mar-

tin.

The following officers were appointed to oversee the Festival to be held on April 19 and 20 Inst.

SOFT DRINK TABLE—W. E. Toole, Bella Duffy, Katie

Diehl, Maggie Woodard, Clara Burkey.

ICE CREAM TABLE—Vince McGlade, Sue McGlade, Katie Supple, Mary McDonnell, Hattie Supple, Mary Burkey, Carrie Yeckly.

DANCING FLOOR-Joseph Martin, John Beiter, Fred

Beiter, Patrick Waters.

PROMPTORS-John Burk and John Myers.

All Ladies of the congregation that can are requested

to help wait on the supper table.

TO SELL TICKETS—Joseph Campbell and Thos. Burkey.
Motion carried that Treasurer give a bond in the sum of
five hundred dollars.

Motion carried that collectors report and turn over to

the Treasurer all moneys collected each month.

Adjourned to meet on Sunday, April 25th, 1897, at 3 o'clock.

PORTAGE, PA., APRIL 25, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of former meeting read and approved. Mr. Philip Hopfer asked to be released as Treasurer. His resignation accepted. Whereupon John Tickerhoof was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

Motion carried that the funds derived from the Festival held on the 19 and 20 Insts., be turned over by the officers of said Festival to the Treasurer.

Amount turned over being \$146.61.

Motion carried that John Tickerhoof, Philip Hopfer and Joseph Campbell shall act as Trustees for the Church organization of Portage, Pa., and that they shall at once ask for and secure abstract of title to the lots offered for the location of a Church and if found satisfactory to have same conveyed to said Trustees.

Motion carried that the Church organization hold a Picnic on Decoration Day, May 30, 1897, and that the Sec'y have suitable posters struck and distributed for the oc-

casion.

Motion carried that Sec'y. shall be paid \$8.00 for the first quarter or three months service from date of organization.

Motion carried that John Myers and Joseph Campbell act with the Sec'y. in preparing a form for Bills for Picnic to be held on Decoration Day. Adjourned to meet Sunday, May 9, 1897, at 3 o'clock. No compensation accepted by J. J. McDonnell, Sec'y.

PORTAGE, PA., MAY 9, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of for-

mer meeting read and approved.

Motion carried that a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to examine the grounds where the picnic is to be held on May 29, 1897, and recommend any improvements deemed necessary. John Beiter, Gerome Skelly

and Chas. George appointed.

Motion carried that as many members of the congregation as possible assist with the repairs of the Picnic Grounds. The Chairman appointed Chas. George, W. E. Toole, and J. J. McDonnell as a committee to procure a suitable orchestra to furnish music for the picnic. Also appointed as a committee of arrangement for the picnic—Philip Hopfer, Reade McGough, Thos. Burkey, John Beiter, Jos. Campbell, Fred Beiter and J. J. McDonnell. Adjourned to meet Sunday, May 16, 1897, at 3 o'clock.

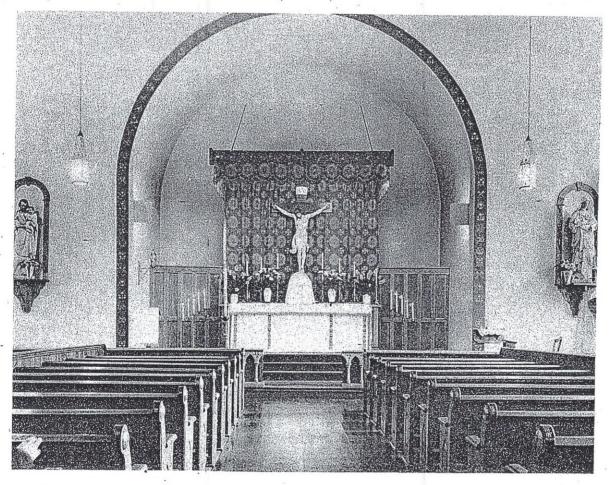
PORTAGE, PA., MAY 16, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of former

meeting read and approved.

Received report of committee on repairs of picnic grounds. They recommend that about 500 feet of lumber be purchased to make the necessary repairs. Report accepted and committee authorized to purchase the amount of lumber necessary.

Report of committee of arrangements received and ac-



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cepted as follows:

FOR FLOOR MANAGERS—Joseph Hopfer, J. J. McDonnell, John Beiter, Patrick Waters, John Burk and Ed Hopfer.

Joseph Campbell to furnish the necessary refreshments for the picnic.

Thomas Burkey to sell tickets.

John Myers to collect meal tickets.

To help at the tables-Vince McGlade and W. E. Toole.

To act as Treasurer of picnic-Philip Hopfer.

Bill of Herald Co. for Posters received, accepted and the Sec'y. authorized to draw an order for the amount, namely, \$4.18.

Motion carried that Hugh Canavan and John Burk call upon the collectors and request them to report at the next meeting. The Treasurer reports that there is now \$134.00 in the Treasury.

Motion carried that a permanent place be secured for holding meetings.

Adjourned to meet Sunday, May 23, 1897, at 3 o'clock.

PORTAGE, PA., MAY 23, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of former meeting read and approved.

Motion carried that Mr. M. J. Wilson's proposition to furnish music for the picnic on May 29 1897, be accepted. Motion carried that John Myers confer with John Burk

and arrange if possible to do the prompting.

Motion that Fred Beiter shall collect meal tickets. Motion carried that Hugh Canvan shall act as Gen'l.

floor manager.

Motion carried that Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Mrs. Philip Hopfer, Mrs. Frank Diehl, Mrs. Reade McGough and Miss Annie McKenzie make the arrangements for the necessary eatables for the picnic. And also appoint the different overseers for the different tables at the picnic.

Motion carried that the Committee of Arrangements

meet on Monday evening, May 24, 1897.

Motion carried that all members that possibly can meet on the picnic ground at 9 o'clock A. M., 29th, May, 1897. Adjourned to meet Sunday, May 30, 1897.

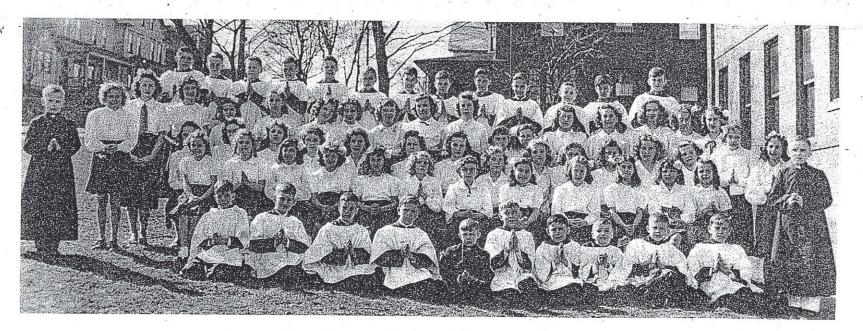
PORTAGE, PA., MAY 30, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Motion carried that the Sec'y, read the bills of expense

of picnic.

Motion carried that the bills as read by Joseph Campbell for supplies be accepted and an order drawn for the amount namely, \$27.92.



St. Joseph's Choir - 1948

Front Row (Left to right) — Luigi Saccol, Michael Lynch, Philip McNally, Robert Shevock, James Dudley, Joseph Benden, Richard Bulow, Joseph Grillo, Ralph Scoran, Robert Kunko, Joseph McNally, Ralph Talarigo, Joseph Zabas.

Second Row — Michael Beiter, Mary Jane Markovich, Patricia Smith, Helen Bakale, Kathleen McGough, Rena Martinelli, Nancy Ruffing, Marcella Ondesko, Dolores Galla, Martha McNally, Mary Ellen Farren, Patricia Farren, Mary Justine White, Rose Ann Talarigo, Betty Valko, Dolores Markovich, Janet Saintz, Nancy Penrod.

Third Row — Mary Jo Bulow, Dolores Ferguson, Carmelita Bellvia, Patricia Zabas, Angelica Damin, Regina McIntosh, Alice Kunko, Shirley Erzal, Thelma Maul, June Kroski, Mary Louise Grillo, Vaughn Blotnick, Genevieve Miterko, Patricia Severin, Shirley Talarigo, Edward Gervinski.

Fourth Row — Marlene Yancisian, Audrey Kiel, Antionette Scipione, Betty Shevok, Dorothy Talarigo, Frances Benden, Margaret Mary Kane, Donna Jean Kanas, Miriam Ann Quinn, Jane Cunningham, Rose Marie Erzal, Patricia McCarthy.

Fifth Row — Edward Severin, Francis Kopnicky, John Duffy, Thomas Michaels, Donald Novotny, Wesley Ernest, Reno Saccol, Paul Boley, Edward Galla, Fred Davison.

Treasurer reports amount of money in the Treasury at this date \$182.00.

Adjourned to meet June 6, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M.

PORTAGE, PA., JUNE 6, 1897

Meeting called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of former meeting read and amended by having amount of Jo-

seph Campbell's bill for picnic supplies entered.

Bill of Joseph Campbell for supplies for Festival received and accepted and the Sec'y, authorized to draw an order for the amount, namely \$10.91. Also to draw an order for John Tickerhoof for the rent of hall. Also an order for John Myers, \$1.55 for preparing ice cream

Adjourned to meet June 28, 1897 at 3 o'clock P. M.

PORTAGE, PA., JUNE 28, 1897

Meeting transacted no business. Adjourned to meet July 11, 1897.

July 8, 1897. Order drawn to Thos. Forsythe, \$6.23 for lumber furnished to prepare picnic ground. No meeting on July 11th, 1897.

PORTAGE, PA., SEPT. 26, 1897

Meeting adjourned June 28, 1897, called to order by E. McGlade. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Bills of Herald Company for Order & Minute Books, read and approved, and Sec'y, authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for amount, namely \$8.00.

Motion carried that committee be appointed to secure and prepare a suitable place for the celebration of Mass on Sunday, Oct., 3rd, 1897. Philip Hopfer, John Myers, John Beiter, Fred Beiter, Adam Moyer, John Tickerhoof, Peter Seymour, W. E. Toole, Chas. George, Robt. Davis, Thos. Burkey, Joseph Hopfer, J. J. McDonnell, M. J. George, John Groome, Thos. Canavan appointed

Adjourned to meet Sunday, Oct. 3rd, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PORTAGE, PA., OCT., 17th, 1897

Meeting called to order in Goldstine Hall by Father Ryan.

Collectors appointed for Portage: Joseph Hopfer and Joseph Campbell.

For Puritan: P. F. Campbell and Edward Nash

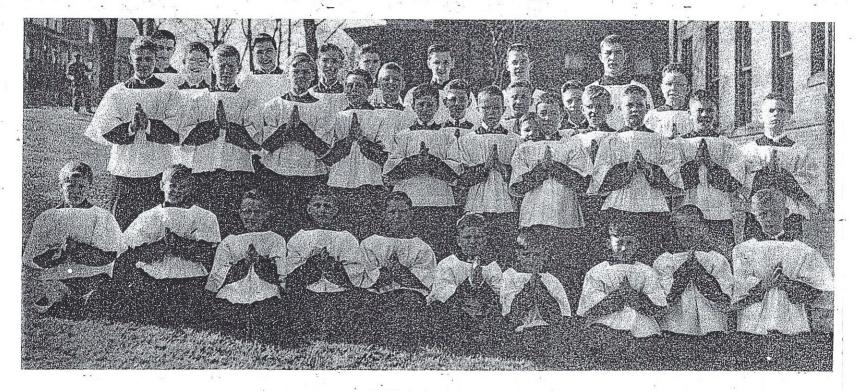
For Sonman: John White.

For Jamestown: Jas. Daily.

German Settlement: Frank Cramer and Andrew Bieter. Committeemen: Messrs. Philip Hopfer, Edward McGlade, E. J. Duffy, John P. Groome, M. J. George.

To take up penny collection: Joseph Campbell and J. J.

Saint Joseph's Altar Boys - 1948



Altar Boys

Back Row (Left to right) — Domenic Melotti, Joseph Kline, Maynard Scarton, Samuel Tomaselli, Reno Tavernini, Leonard Kunko, Anthony Kiel, Robert Erzal.

Third Row — Joseph Farren, Philip Stager, Richard Harchuck, Ceri Damin, Ronald Sigado, Dominic Bellvia, Thomas Oxenreider, Eugene Saintz, William Oxenreider.

Second Row — James Smerk, Richard Farren, Gerald Koshak, James Bulow, Richard Sigado, Robert Klein, Leslie Lauffer, William Mackey.

Front Row — Chester Stager, Gary Stager, John Koshak, Edward Melotti, Vincent Michaels, Brian Leap, Joseph Kiel, James Casale, John Sigado, Ronald Grigoletto.

McDonnell.

Adjourned to meet on call of Father Ryan.

J. J. McDonnell, Sec'y.

Amount cash turned over by Philip Hopfer to the Treasurer, Oct. 23, 1897—\$43.20.

Amount of penny collection turned over by J. J. Mc-Donnell and Joseph Campbell to Father Ryan up to and including Sunday, Nov. 14, 1897—\$58.63.

Amount turned over Sunday, Nov. 21, to Father Ryan (penny col.) \$7.21

PORTAGE, PA., MAY 15, 1898

Meeting of "Church Committee", following members present, Edward McGlade, Philip Hopfer, John J. Groome, Michael J. George, E. J. Duffy—being a full representation. On motion of Mr. George, and seconded by John Groome, E. J. Duffy was named Secretary of Committee. No other nominations being made—E. J. Duffy was elected as permanent Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Hopfer and duly seconded the 3rd Sunday of each month, and immediately after Mass, was selected as date and time of meeting in regular session—No further business, meeting adjourned to meet regularly at the call of President.

By order of President: Edward McGlade. Attest: E. J. Duffy, Sec'y.

PORTAGE, PA., MAY 15, 1898

Special meeting called to order by President Edward Mc-Glade in shop of Michael George.

Members present, Mesrs. McGlade, Hopfer, George and Duffy.

On motion of Philip Hopfer, seconded by Edward Mc-Glade that the "Bond" of J. T. Long, Contractor be fixed at Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) and that said "Bond" be submitted to J. T. Long to be by him executed. Agreed to—No further business Committee adjourned to meet at the call of President. By order of President.

Edward McGlade. Attest: E. J. Duffy, Sec'y.

PORTAGE, PA., DEC. 11, 1898

At a meeting of the Congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church held on the above date, Rev. Thos. Ryan in the Chair, the following resolution was proposed by Edward McGlade and seconded by Joseph Hopfer and carried unanimously. Resolved: That Rev. Thos. Ryan and the Committee of the Church proceed legally to borrow one thousand dollars to pay off debt of above named Church.

J. J. McDonnell, Sec'y,

St. Joseph's School, 1948



Note from Editors

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

The publication of this Golden Jubilee Booklet came as an afterthought and the lack of time has not permitted us to make it the complete volume we would wish. There are many interesting things in the history of the church about which we have not been able, in so short a time, to obtain complete information. We trust that those who read it will do so with a charitable eye, realizing that omissions and inaccuracies are almost certain to occur and that these are due not to any desire on our part, but to the necessary limitations of human frailty and the conditions under which our book has been hurriedly put together.

The Golden Jubilee Committee, composed of members of The Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Parish, wishes to thank all those who contributed in any way in making this booklet possible.

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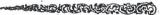
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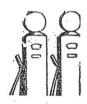
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