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To The
Most Holy Redeemer
From Whom All Blessings Come :

To
His Priests
Who have labored so zealously in this part
of His vineyard :

To
His Consecrated Virgins
Who have dedicated their lives to the education
of the young :

And To
His People
Who have so generously cooperated with priests
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This tribute of gratitude is affectionately dedicated.



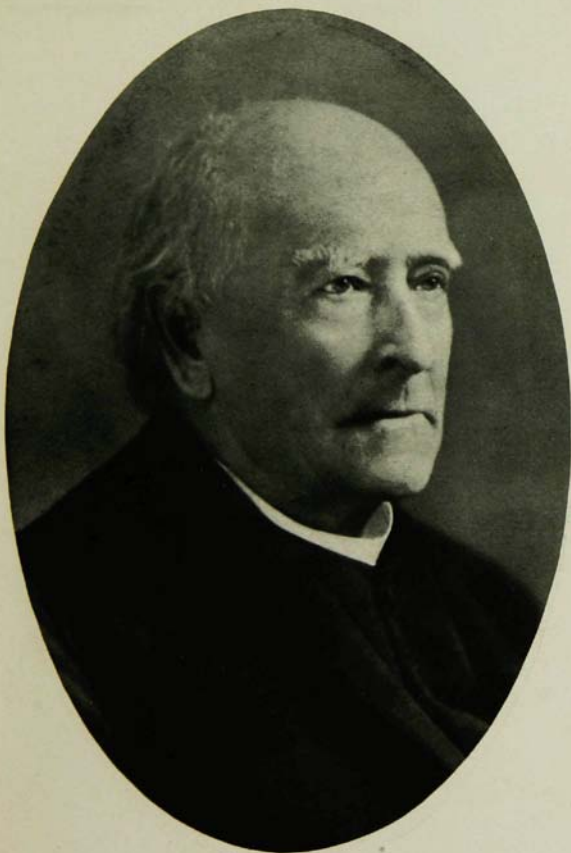
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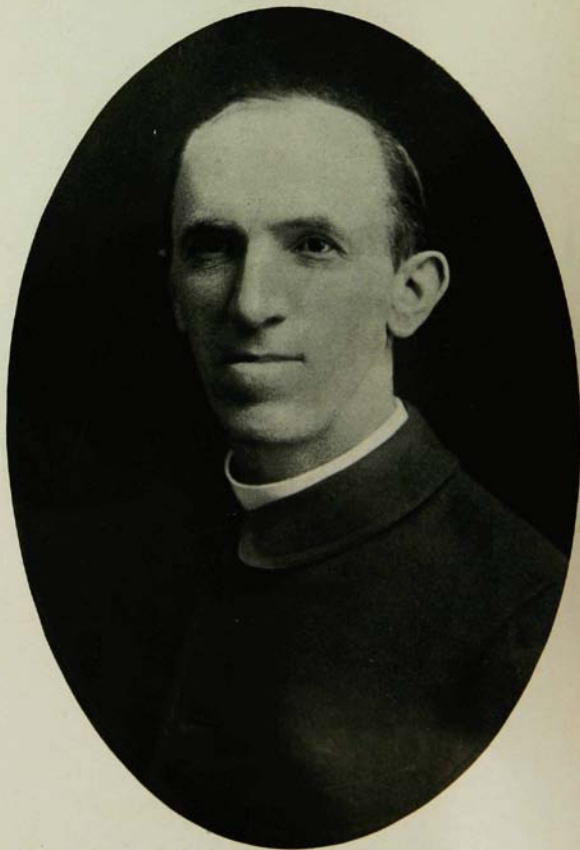
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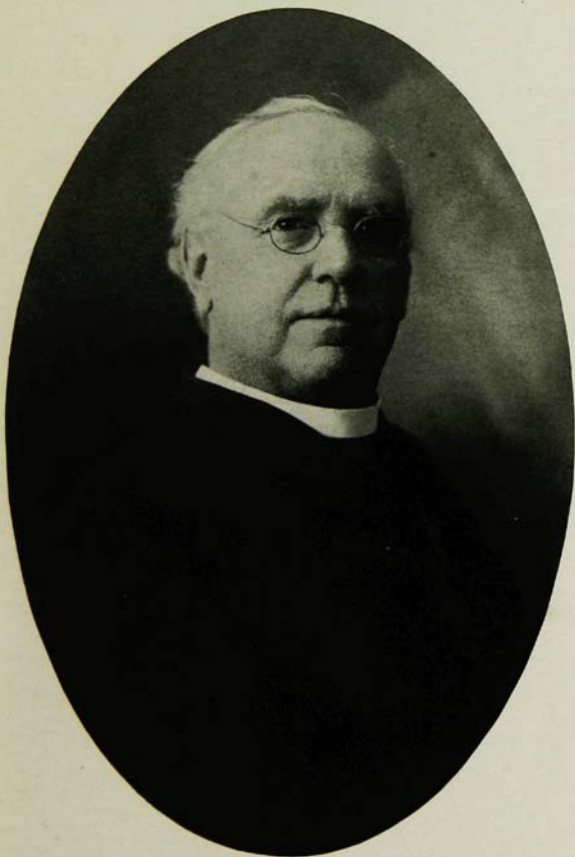
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Rev. Jacob F. Staub, M. R.



Rev. Fidelis C. Oberholzer, M. R.



Rev. Francis X. Kunz.



Rev. John B. Baier.



Rev. William W. Weisel.

Beginnings of Holy Redeemer Church.

On January 29th, 1861, the Reverend Maximus Leimgruber, C. S. S. R., Superior of Saint Joseph's Church, Rochester, New York, left the city to accept a rectorship in New Orleans, Louisiana. A number of citizens assembled to bid him farewell, and to express their gratitude to him for his many zealous labors in this city. At a meeting of several members of Saint Joseph's Church an address was read in behalf of the parish to which Father Leimgruber responded with deep feeling and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown him. After his departure another meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a society in his honor whose purpose and object it would be to support the poor and the orphans of the congregation. After further consideration, however, and on the advice of Reverend Thaddeus Anwander, C. S. S. R., the successor of Father Leimgruber, it was decided to organize an Orphan Society, the poor of the parish to be taken care of by other means. The new society was organized under the name of "Saint Joseph's German Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Society of Rochester and Monroe County," and was incorporated April 23, 1863. A large piece of ground to be known afterwards as the Orphan's Farm was now purchased on which an orphan asylum for German children was to be erected. For this purpose a piece of land containing thirty-two and two-thirds acres on the west side of Hudson Street just outside the city line was bought from John F. Bush for \$9,000. The same was surveyed by surveyor Jones, and laid out in one hundred fifty-three lots; the streets were named as follows: Clifford Street, St. Mary's Street, Thomas Street, Henry Street, Edward Street, St. Alphonsus Street and Bernard Street. Two auctions were held on the premises to sell the lots. Another piece of land on the east side of Hudson Street containing forty-six acres was bought from Jonah Brown for \$14,000. In 1864, 18½ acres more on the north side of Clifford Street city line were bought from Henry Brown for \$8,000. The Saint Joseph's Orphan Asylum Society held a fair in January, 1865, which realized \$3,200. With this sum they paid off a part of a loan of \$7,000 advanced to them by the Church.

"In September, 1864, they had begun preparations for another grand fair to be held during the Christmas holidays from

the receipts of which they proposed to pay off the debt they had incurred by the purchase of this land, now called the Orphan's Farm. In making these arrangements, the men engaged, had unconsciously acted against a statute or law of the diocese, forbidding the holding of fairs, picnics, excursions, etc., in aid of any church, asylum, or any other charitable object without the previous consent of the Bishop, who was also to settle the time. Without this consent of the Bishop, the men had begun their preparations. On hearing of this the Right Reverend Bishop forbade the holding of the Fair and in a letter to Father Ruland, C. S. S. R., Rector of Saint Joseph's Church, he expressed his readiness at a time which we would fix, so as not to interfere with other charities, to permit a Fair for the building of a Church first." On February 1st, 1865, Bishop Timon came from Buffalo to Rochester, and gave his consent for the holding of the Fair toward the end of April, 1865, for the erection of a new Church on the site known as the Orphan's Farm. This decision of the Bishop led to the abandonment of the idea entertained by the Saint Joseph's Orphan Asylum Society of erecting the German Catholic Orphan Asylum on the ground originally purchased for that purpose. After the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer was built the Society began to dispose of the remaining land auctioneering it off in lots. The money to pay for the land and the future building was raised from the lots sold, picnics, fairs, monthly collections, etc. On July 13th, 1866, Father Ruland was permitted by the Father General of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, to interest himself in the erection of the new Church, provided he expend on it no money in his own name, or in the name of Saint Joseph's Church.

Here follows the contract that was drawn up for the erection of the Church:

Contract.

Made this 23d day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred sixty-six, between the board of "Saint Joseph's German Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Society of Rochester and Monroe County," as first part, and Dominic Mura of the city of Rochester as second part. The party of the second part, in and for the consideration of the sum of nine thousand five hundred fifty-four dollars, legal money of the United States of America payable to him as will be said here-

after, engages and binds himself to erect and complete a two story brick building of fifty feet by one hundred, in the town of Irondequoit, on the so called Orphan's Farm, according to the plan and specification furnished to him. For the above said sum, he has to find all the materials required for said building, as they are described in the specifications. The whole building which is to be erected in the best and in a thoroughly substantial manner has to be completed and be ready for use by the first day of July, 1867.

The party of the first part promise and bind themselves, to pay to the party of the second part, for the work to be done for them, the sum of \$6,000, between this date and the first of July next, in monthly payments according to the progress of work. The balance, that is three thousand five hundred and fifty-four dollars with interest at seven per cent, they promise to pay in two equal installments after six and twelve months from the first day of July, 1867.

In witness whereof we have subscribed our names on the day and in the year as above said.

Dominic Mura.

Geo. Ruland, President.

Michael Weigel, Secretary.

On the afternoon of September 16th, 1866, after Vespers the corner stone of the new Church situated at the corner of Hudson and St. Alphonsus Street, was solemnly blessed and laid with impressive ceremonies by the Very Reverend James Early, V. G., the Pastor of Saint Patrick's Church, who had been authorized to do so by the Right Reverend John Timon, Bishop of Buffalo. The following program was found in the corner stone when the old Church was razed to the ground in 1910:

PROCESSION

for

Laying the Corner Stone of the New Church
on the Orphan Farm
on Hudson Street, Rochester.

PROGRAMME

Chief Marshal, John Groh, Sr.

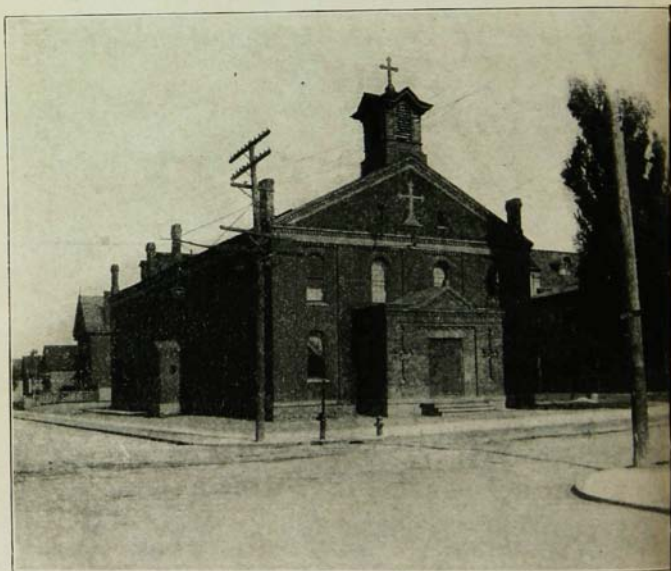
Band

St. Stanislaus Society.

St. Aloysius Society.

Young Men's Literary Club.

St. Francis Society.



The Old Church

St. Peters.

St. Mary's Hibernian Benefit Society.

St. Patrick's.

Band.

St. Paul's Society.

St. Joseph's }
St. Boniface } St. Boniface Church.

Holy Family Society.

Immaculate Conception Society.

St. Josephs' Society. }
St. Alphonsus Society. }
St. Boniface Society. } St. Joseph's Church.

"All the Catholic Societies of the city, fifteen in number, marched in the procession which was a mile long and attracted great attention. The Societies each wearing their regalia made a scene at once interesting and attractive. The rain interfered a little with the ceremonies but they were proceeded with notwithstanding a heavy shower. There was an immense crowd present to witness the ceremony." (Rochester Daily Democrat, Monday, September 17th, 1866.)

"A number of aldermen of the Common Council of the city of Rochester as well as other officers from the town of Irondequoit were also present. The following chronicle written in Latin by Reverend George Ruland, C. S. S. R., Rector of Saint Joseph's Church was also found in the tin box placed in the cornerstone when the old Church was razed in 1910, to make room for the present new school:

In Nomine Christi, Amen.

"Anno Domini 1866 die 16 Septembris, quae erat Dominica tertia Septembris, anno vero vigesimoprimo Pii Papae Noni, Andrea Johnson Praesedente Reipublicae Confoederatorum Statuum Americae Septentrionalis, Fenton Gubernante Statum New York, ab admodum Reverendo Jacobo Early, Decano, qui erat a Reverendissimo D. Joanne Timon, Episcopo Buffalensi ad hoc delegatus fuerat, hic lapsis angularis solemniter positus est, assistantibus Rev. Geo. Ruland, Congregationis S. S. Redemptoris, Rectore Ecclesiae ad S. Josephum, Rev. Theodore Majerus, C. S. S. R., Rev. Bernardo Beck, C. S. S. R., Rev. Bernardo Klaphake, C. S. S. R., Rev. Domino Barker, Pastore Ecclesiae ad S. Mariam, Rev. Domino Sinclair, Pastore Ecclesiae ad S. Petrum et Paulum, et Rev. Domino Payer, Pastore Ecclesiae ad

S. Bonifatium. Aderant septem Societates Germanorum quam Hibernorum et permagna multitudo hominum.

Hoc aedificium, quod sub titulo Sanctissimi Redemptoris ad tempus ad cultum divinum destinatum est, jam est decima ecclesia catholica in civitate Rochester, quinta cetero a Germanis aedificata.

Numerus Catholicorum inter 60 aut 65 millia hominum, qui civitatem hoc tempore inhabitant, est 21 aut 22 (viginti duo) millia.

Constructio aedificii fit sub auspiciis Societatis quae dicitur, "St. Joseph's German Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Society."

Catholici Germani in quorum beneficium haec structura erigitur hucusque ad ecclesiam St. Joseph, quae a Patribus Congregationis Ss. Redemptoris administratur, pertinent."

TRANSLATION

O. A. M. D. G.

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

"On September 16, 1866, A. D., which was the third Sunday of September, twenty-first of the reign of Pope Pius IX, Andrew Johnson being President of the United States of America, and Fenton Governor of the State of New York, this corner stone was solemnly laid by the Very Reverend Dean, James Early, who had been delegated to do this by the Most Reverend John Timon, Bishop of Buffalo. Those who assisted at the ceremony were the following: Reverend George Ruland, C. S. S. R., Rector of Saint Joseph's Church, Reverend Theodore Majerus, C. S. S. R., Reverend Bernard Beck, C. S. S. R., Reverend Bernard Klaphake, C. S. S. R., Father Barker, Pastor of Saint Mary's Church, Father Sinclair, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, and Father Payer, Pastor of Saint Boniface Church. There were also present seven German and seven Irish Societies and a great multitude of people.

This building which has been intended for divine service under the titular of the Most Holy Redeemer, is the tenth Catholic Church in the city of Rochester and the fifth built by the Germans.

Of the sixty or sixty-five thousand people now living in the city about twenty-one or twenty-two thousand are Catholics.

The construction of the building was carried on under the auspices of the Society called "Saint Joseph's German Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Society."

The German Catholics, for whose benefit this building has been erected, had belonged until now to Saint Joseph's Church which is under the charge of the Fathers of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer."

Father Early preached the English Sermon, and Father Payer the German.

In November, 1866, during the erection of the Church, a workman named Hoffman fell from the scaffolding and was killed. The building was contracted and completed for \$9,554.00; it was a combination building, part of it to be used as a Church, part as a school and residence for Pastor and teachers. George M. Heberger, a member of the Orphan Asylum Society, did the brick and stone work. The digging of the foundation was let extra, costing about \$85.00. On July twenty-first, 1867, the feast of the Most Holy Redeemer, the new Church was dedicated by Very Reverend James Early, Dean of Rochester in the presence of an immense gathering. Reverend Father Roesch, C. S. S. R., sang Solemn High Mass, and the Very Reverend Provincial of the Redemptorists, Father Helmprecht preached the sermon. The Very Reverend Provincial permitted the Fathers at St. Joseph's to assume temporary charge of the new parish until such time as the Most Reverend Father General should definitely decide what was to be done. A provisional agreement was therefore entered into on the day of the dedication, between the Reverend Rector of Saint Joseph's Church and the officials of Saint Joseph's Orphan Asylum Society, with whose funds the Church had been built. The Fathers celebrated Mass in the new Church every Sunday.

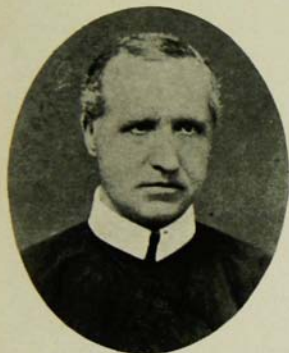
On September 9, 1867, the school was opened with about one hundred and fifty scholars, under the care of the Poor School Sisters of Notre Dame, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During the first week the Sisters from Saint Joseph's helped out, but one week later, September fourteenth, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Sister Pancratia, who was made Superior, and Sister Edigna arrived from the Motherhouse in Milwaukee, and for a few days stayed at Saint Joseph's until a home was fitted up for them in a part of the new building. A candidate from Saint Joseph's also helped out until some time in October, when another candidate from New York, afterwards Sister Eleazar, joined the Sisters. This was the fifth mission in the city opened

by the Notre Dame Sisters and was placed under the patronage of Saint Monica.

The building 100 feet by 50 feet was two and one-half stories high; over two-thirds of it being used for the Church, the remaining one-third was divided into school rooms and a dwelling for the Fathers who stayed only when absolutely necessary, as for example in Winter, and for evening devotions and confessions. Up in the garret there were three small rooms for the Sisters, who had great difficulty in getting water for their apartments. Until the coming of the Sisters in September, Mass was said only on Sundays; but after their arrival the Blessed Sacrament was kept in the tabernacle, and Mass was said also on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Sisters took care of everything connected with the altar.

"In October 1867, Reverend Francis Van Emstede, C. S. S. R., was placed in charge; he spent every Saturday and Sunday in the Church in the exercise of the Sacred Ministry. Very many who had rarely, never before perhaps, attended Church, seized this opportunity to come back to their religious duties, and those children who had frequented the public school came to the parochial school. Under Father Van Emstede the Church and school made quick progress. He seemed to live for his people alone. Divine service was always well attended. He was a Hollander and took great interest in the welfare of his fellow country-men, many of whom he had found had suffered shipwreck in the faith, because there was no priest speaking their language to look after them. He used to bring them together once or twice a month while at Saint Joseph's on Sunday after Vespers and preach to them an instruction. At one time he had forty families in his little flock."

The people of the newly established parish were very energetic and anxious to procure for the church, its necessary furnishings. In order to obtain a chalice, ciborium and monstrance it was thought well to invite individual families and persons to make an offering of these articles to the Church with the understanding that the names of the donors would be inscribed thereon for perpetual remembrance. As a result of the request the chalice was donated by Adam John Markard, the ciborium by Anthony Stumpf, and the monstrance by Mrs. Barbara Engert. The Missal was a gift of John Terharr. Within a short time the following articles were procured; the vest-



Rev. Francis Van Emstede, C. S. S. R.



Rev. George Ruland, C. S. S. R.



Rev. Henry Kuper, C. S. S. R.



Rev. George Roesch, C. S. S. R.

ments for Mass in five colors, a black cope, benediction veil, preaching stole, violet and black antependium, censer, holy water vessel, oil stocks, altar cards, lamps, vases, a processional cross, the tomba and pall for funerals.

The men of the parish contributed \$135.75 at the first solemn Corpus Christi procession for a white cope and eight lanterns, with the understanding that he who gave the largest amount would for this occasion have the honor, either to carry the canopy, or the lanterns, or act as one of the marshals.

The young ladies belonging to the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family of Saint Joseph's Church collected money among themselves to procure a melodeon for the choir, and later donated \$30.37 from which were purchased flowers and bracket lights for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the Forty Hours Devotion seventy dollars were collected by the women of the parish, who had a bank into which they placed their voluntary offerings and the proceeds of a sale of articles. They purchased the sanctuary carpet for \$35.00; also altar laces, cover for the credence table, a Sunday and festal alb and surplice, white and red covers for the Missal stand, floral pieces of artistic roses for the decoration of the altar on the greater feasts.

The school children collected \$18.00 with which was bought a statue of the Christ Child; two festal surplices, an alb, an altar cloth, and a beautiful baptismal stole were also donated. The altar boys were able to pay for red, purple and black cassocks, collars and surplices from the offerings they received at baptisms as well as from their entrance fee, which was \$2.00.

Two children's banners were donated by Saint Joseph's Church. Individual donations were received as follows: \$10.00 for the statute of Saint Joseph; \$14.50 for an Altar of the Blessed Virgin and \$6.00 for the Stations of the Cross.

Before the end of the year 1867, \$505.00 were received and \$140.00 more were promised. Included in this sum were \$111.75 which the young ladies of the parish collected to purchase an Immaculate Conception statute and to decorate the altar of the Blessed Virgin. For an everlasting remembrance, their names were sewed in a beautiful gold heart given by Caroline Blesser and hung on the statute of the Blessed Mother of God.

In May 1868 the first May procession was held, and was followed by a most solemn procession on Corpus Christi on June

11. On this occasion twenty boys and fourteen girls received their First Holy Communion. At the time of promotion there were 260 pupils in school. The Forty Hours Devotion was held September 21, 22 and 23.

"At the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore held October 7-21, 1866, Right Reverend Bishop Timon proposed to the assembled Hierarchy, the division of the Diocese of Buffalo, and the erection of the new Diocese of Rochester. But the good Bishop did not live to see his wish granted by the Holy See. He passed away at the Episcopal Residence in Buffalo Tuesday, April 16, 1867."

"About the middle of February, 1868, news came from Rome that the Holy See had divided the Diocese of Buffalo, creating thereby a new Diocese, with the Episcopal See at Rochester, and the Very Reverend Bernard J. McQuaid, President of Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, as its first Bishop. He was consecrated in the Cathedral of New York City by Archbishop McCloskey, July 12, 1868, and four days later he was solemnly received in Rochester by the assembled clergy. The Right Reverend Bishop assisted by Reverend George Ruland, C. S. S. R., and Reverend Joseph Claus, C. S. S. R., administered the Sacrament of Confirmation for the first time in this Church to a class of seventy-eight, October 25, 1868.

"On November 4, 1868, the Very Reverend Father Provincial of the Redemptorists informed Father Ruland that the Most Reverend Father General had rejected the proposition submitted to him whereby the Redemptorists were to assume permanent charge of the new parish. This decision disarranged the plans of the Very Reverend Provincial who had looked forward to the acceptance of his proposition with the fondest hopes. On the ample grounds included in the Orphan's Farm, he had planned in the event of its acceptance, to erect not only the necessary parochial buildings but likewise a House of Redemptorists, to serve either as a Novitiate or a House of Studies for Aspirants to the Congregation from the Northern States. With the rejection of his proposition, these designs were frustrated and the South, Annapolis and Ilchester in Maryland, remained the fostering mother of future Redemptorists for many years to come." Four Score, p. 88.

Father Van Emstede who had charge of this church from its beginning was called away in November, 1868 and was suc-

ceeded by Father Roesch, C. S. S. R., who was pastor of the Church until the coming of Father Oberholzer in November, 1869. On May 30, 1869, thirty-five from this parish were confirmed at Saint Joseph's by the Right Reverend B. J. McQuaid.

The people of Holy Redeemer Church have always been grateful to the good Fathers from Saint Joseph's who did so much in helping to build up one of the largest parishes of the city, not only financially but particularly spiritually. They laid the foundation well, and God has blessed their efforts most abundantly. The following page will show how the people co-operated with the Fathers in meeting their obligations for the welfare of the Church and school, and thus manifested the high esteem in which the Redemptorist Fathers were held by the parishioners. We wish therefore to express our gratitude to the good Fathers for all they did for our people in those early years.

1867

Receipts		Expenditures	
Pew Rent	\$611.11	Sacristy	\$655.02
Sunday Offerings	429.30	Divine Service	120.04
Collection	52.00	School	508.06
Donations	650.29	Salary of Priests	125.00
School Money	232.75	Repairs and Insurance	1170.69
Extra Collections	821.63	Extras	223.27
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1868

Pew Rent	\$1344.04	Sacristy	\$357.87
Sunday Offerings	577.56	Divine Service	322.04
Collections	83.37	School	901.77
Donations	253.80	Salary of Priests	380.00
School Money	761.28	Interest	411.91
Extra Collections ...	579.60	Repairs, etc.	4212.82
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	\$3599.65		<hr/>
			\$6907.38

1869

Pew Rent	\$1488.91	Sacristy	\$462.00
Sunday Offerings	668.98	Divine Service	372.99
Collections	297.07	School	857.96
Donations	330.09	Salary of Priests.....	483.33

School Money	914.19	Interest	488.33
Extras	11.50	Repairs	349.72
		Extras	399.22
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\$3670.74		\$3413.55	

Arrival of Father Oberholzer.

While on his way to the Vatican Council, Bishop McQuaid met Father Oberholzer in New York and gave him a letter of recommendation to Father Ruland, C. S. S. R., with the understanding that he was to be the Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Irondequoit. The Forty Hours Devotion as well as the Jubilee, for the coming Vatican Council was held October 30, November 1-2, 1869. It was at this time that the charge of the parish was relinquished by the Redemptorists, and assumed by its new Pastor who was to remain among his people for so many years. On the second day of the devotion, Reverend Fidelis Oberholzer, who had just arrived, celebrated Solemn High Mass, assisted by Reverend George Roesch, C. S. S. R., as deacon, and Reverend Henry Kupper, C. S. S. R., as subdeacon. On November 1, the third day of the devotion, Father Oberholzer officiated at High Mass, preached the sermon and formally took possession of the new parish. Father Roesch presented him to the parish and bespoke for him the good will of the parishioners, and with tears in his eyes departed from the people whom he had learned to love so tenderly.

The Reverend Pastor stayed for some time with the Emmanuel Weigel family on Hudson Street until the new parsonage was completed in 1870.

At the instigation of the Pastor, a Society of men was organized on June 12, 1870. It was called the "Concordia Verin" having for its objects the personal holiness of its members by the observance of the Commandments of God and of the Church, and by the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy; secondly the beautifying of the House of God; thirdly the preserving of peace and harmony in the parish, and finally the assisting as far as possible in the affairs of the Church and school.

The members were exhorted to accompany the priest at night on sick calls; they were obliged whenever possible to assist

at the Funeral Mass of a deceased member and to offer up a Rosary for the repose of his soul. During the Poor Souls octave, a Requiem and Libera as well as a general Communion was offered up for all the deceased members. On the anniversary day of the organizing of the society, Mass and General Communion were offered both for living and deceased members.

An admission fee of fifty cents and ten cents monthly dues were charged. On July 4 of this year a picnic was held on the Orphan's Farm for the benefit of the new Rectory which was then in the course of construction. The proceeds of this picnic amounted to \$793.00. On July 31, the Feast of Saint Ignatius, the statutes of the new society were read and adopted and the election of officers resulted as follows:

President	Emmanuel Weigel
Vice President	Valentine Krieg
Secretary	Martin Magin
Treasurer	Joseph Streb
Marshal	Michael Englert
Banner-Bearer	Theodore Bauer

At the end of the first year the "Concordia Society" had a membership of 129. Five years later the membership was 153. In 1887 the members number only 76, and as they became fewer it was necessary to disband. According to the constitution the society was to continue as long as it had 50 members, after which it would have to disband. The funds remaining in the treasury were turned over to the Church.

The Poor Souls Confraternity was canonically erected November 2, 1873, during the Mission preached by Fathers Essing and Kaitz, C. S. S. R. About 1,250 names are found in its membership. After 1894 nothing more is heard of it.

On March 11, 1870, the trustees of the Church drew up a promissory note in favor of the Reverend George Ruland, C. S. S. R., to whom the Church was indebted to the sum of \$6,800.00, which had been advanced by him towards the building of the Church, a copy of which has been found in the archives of the parish, and is appended below:

\$6800 00/100

We the undersigned, trustees of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer in the town of Irondequoit, County of Monroe, New York, do hereby acknowledge that the said Church is in-



The Rectory.

debted to the Reverend George Ruland, Rector of Saint Joseph's Church, Rochester, in the sum of six thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$6800 00/100) which were advanced by him towards building and completing the said Church of the Most Holy Redeemer.

We further promise and bind ourselves as well as our successors to repay the above mentioned sum to the Reverend George Ruland or his successors within the term of eight years as follows, viz: Three thousand seven hundred and fifty (\$3750 0/100) dollars at seven per cent yearly, interest being payable half yearly, on the first of March and first of September.

The principal is to be paid in sums not less than fifty dollars: and if such payment is made after the first of the month, the interest on such sum is to run to the first of the next month. The debt at seven per cent is to paid off first.

All of which we promise faithfully to fulfill; in witness whereof we subscribe our names,

Irondequoit, March 1, 1870.

Fidelis Oberholzer, President.

Jacob Leckinger.

Julius Armbruster.

Principal Total \$6800.00

Paid August 16, 1872.

George Ruland, C. S. S. R.

Interest since March 1, 1872 \$20.25/100 Dollars.

Paid August 18, 1872.

George Ruland, C. S. S. R.

Total of Interest was \$637.48.

Paid in full.

George Ruland, C. S. S. R.

Owing to the rapid growth of the German Catholics in this part of the city it became absolutely necessary that a new and larger Church be built to accommodate all the people of the parish.

For the first ten years, that is, until the new Church was built, the Sisters who taught the children had many difficulties to contend with; but they were women of strong character and bore the trials of life with patience and resignation. The old Church was fitted out for a new school and opened as such September 16, 1878.

In 1870 Sister Edigna was sent to Saint Peter's and Sister

Placida took her place. Here this grand and noble character spent twenty-four years of her religious life in doing good to the young and old. She will long be remembered in this parish for the great influence she had wielded during that time. On May 31, 1874, Sister Renovata was sent here and taught the lower grades. She was very successful with the children's choir of which she had charge. Sr. Vincens followed on March 31, 1875. She was a very shrewd woman, and extremely kind to the people. She took great interest in the school, and procured many things for the altar.

When Saint Michael's Church was dedicated March 8, 1874, it was found that eighty families from Saint Joseph's and about one hundred families from Holy Redeemer constituted the nucleus of the new parish. Since then the parish of Most Holy Redeemer has assisted in organizing three other parishes, viz., Saint Francis Xavier, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Saint Andrew's.

The New Church.

One of the first works mapped out by the new pastor, Father Oberholzer, in the interest of the parish was the erection of a new Church. Accordingly, the first shovel of ground was excavated on May 10th, 1876. During the next two months the foundations were laid and the preparations were made for the laying of the cornerstone July 30, 1876.

The following account is taken from the "Rochester Daily Union and Advertiser," Monday, July 31, 1876:

"The laying of the cornerstone of the new Catholic Church on the northeast corner of Hudson and Clifford Streets is remarkable, especially to those who remember that fifteen years ago the site of the Church and all the land in the vicinity was under cultivation and nobody dreamed that the city would be extending itself there in this generation, much less that a stately structure in rich architectural style would be springing up in the meadows of that day.

"In 1867 the plain Church which the grand one now in process of construction is to supercede, was built. But although man can worship his Creator as devoutly in a small Church as in a great, the former has become inadequate to the wants of the congregation which had grown and prospered wonderfully,

and it was determined by their Pastor, Father Oberholzer, and his congregation to build a larger Church and devote this old Church to school purposes.

"The architect of the new Church is C. Knebel; ex-Alderman John Mauder has the contract for the mason work, and Dorschel and Stade are to do the carpenter work. The lot on which the Church is situated is three hundred and ten by two hundred and thirty feet. The plan of the building is of the Greek cross form; the material brick. The whole length is one hundred and sixty feet, width fifty-eight feet in the body, while the wings extend twenty feet each making its width at the wings ninety-eight feet. The side wall will stand forty feet high above the water table. Two towers stand at the front, one at each corner, the brickwork of each to be ninety feet high, and the whole, including spires one hundred and ninety six feet. The spires will be octagonal and pear-shaped, somewhat resembling minarets on the mosque of Saint Sophia. The towers are eighteen feet, eight inches square, and the walls twenty-eight inches thick. Bells will be hung in the towers, and a clock will show the flight of time. The estimated cost when finished is \$50,000. The Church when completed will be a fine piece of architecture and a decided ornament to the quarter of the city where it is located. It will be ready for occupancy next summer. The various religious societies that took part in the proceeding formed on Franklin Square in the order announced in the "Union" of Saturday, and went in procession through Clinton Place to North and Hudson Streets and down the latter to Clifford Street. The procession was led by the Marshal and staff, the German Catholic Union followed, and the Knights of Saint James and the Knights of Saint George succeeding: Bishop McQuaid and Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, in a carriage with two priests, and having for a guard of honor the Knights of Saint Eustacius, and then followed a number of priests in carriages and the societies in the following order:

Saint Patrick's Church.
Saint Joseph's Church.
Saint Mary's Church.
Saints Peter and Paul's Church.
Our Lady of Victory.
Saint Bridget's Church.
Saint Boniface Church.

Holy Family Church.

Saint Michael's Church.

Clergy in Carriages.

Hebing's Band.

Saint John Berchman's Society, Saint Bonifacius Society, Saint Joseph's Society, all from Saint Boniface Church.

"The walls of the Church, which are already fifteen or twenty feet high had been hung with garlands of evergreen and the United States flag; the Papal colors, white and yellow, floated from the roof of Father Oberholzer's house, alongside the Stars and Stripes and many of the houses in the vicinity were also decorated. A great number of the school children were arranged upon a platform within the Church and the girls were dressed in white wearing wreaths. The Catholic Union and the Knights of Saint James and Saint George came to a rest when the former reached the front of the Church and dividing on each side of the road allowed the Bishop and the societies following to pass through the column. The Societies filed into the Church and took position along the sides, the Knights on closing up and following took the center of the Church leaving a space for the Bishops and Priests to pass down to the east end. The Knights of Saint James formed at the east end of the Church where the altar will be situated, represented yesterday by a cross. A procession consisting of Right Reverend Bishop McQuaid, with Right Reverend Bishop Shanahan, Fathers De Regge and O'Hare of the Cathedral, Fathers Sinclair and Rauber of Saint Peter and Paul's Church, Fathers Stewart and Rossiter of Saint Mary's Church, Father Meagher of the Immaculate Conception Church, Father O'Connor of Saint Bridget's Church, Father Schmall of Webster, Fathers Frischbier and Blauche of Saint Joseph's, Father Renker of Saint Boniface, Father Dole of the French Church, Father Pascalar of Saint Michael's and a number of acolytes entered the Church and proceeded to the east end and there performed the ceremony ordained for such occasions. The procession went then to where the cornerstone was to be laid at the northwest corner of the Church.

"The stone was carried to the spot on a platform by twelve men and was covered with wreaths of flowers. It was two feet long and one foot square. The box that was deposited in the

stone was copper made air tight and contained photographs of the Pope, Bishop McQuaid, and Father Oberholzer, the architect and trustees of the Church, a paper with all the names of all the priests of the diocese and a full set of coins of this year. The Bishop set the stone with the usual ceremonies consisting of blessing it and chanting psalms and the Litany of the Saints. After the stone was laid the procession led by the Knights of Saint Eustace went around the outside of the Church sprinkling the walls of the Church with holy water and praying. After the procession had returned, Bishop McQuaid ascended a temporary pulpit and made a short address to the assembly in substantially the following language:

"It is no idle ceremony that brings us to these grounds this pleasant afternoon. A great work has been commenced; a greater work begun I should say years ago, now takes a fresh start, assumes larger proportions, and we might well hope brings increased blessings that have already extended over this part of our city. A few years ago with wisdom, some of the priests of our city chose this part for the beginning of a work advantageous to the people and greatly to the honor and glory of God. They came out to these broad fields and laid the foundation of a parish school. In God's name its walls were built—built for Divine Worship, built for Christian education. From that day the heavens opened, and to this, God's blessings have rested upon the place. Here came many to find quiet and peace beneath the shadow of the cross. Within the walls of that building they have learned of God, while they have found instruction in those branches useful to man in this world and not incompatible to the next. I said God's blessing has come down upon the place. Peace and quietness have reigned here. The desire to love and fear God has flourished in this place. From first to last the unity of the Christian religion grew in this locality, entered into every mind and heart and has accomplished one of those works most creditable to a faithful Christian people. We see today the result of such a union between priests and people. Children are grown worthy of the name of Christian children. The people, devoted to their Pastor, uniting and co-operating with him in every good work, have accomplished results which are so remarkable that they deserve to be noted.

"The debt that had been on their Church was swept away, and in the spirit of this quick impulsive country of ours, and

to the honor of the Pastor and people, they have invested their money and were building the noble edifice rising up, which, when completed, would be free from debt, unlike so many Churches in the land that were swamped in debt. It was a crown of glory to the Church, and we from the city cry honor and glory to the Pastor and people of Holy Redeemer Church. We come here to honor and congratulate them for what they have done. I might speak of the blessings that will flow from this Church, but it is not necessary to dwell on this subject. It was not for some new ceremony that the Church was building, it brought nothing new there for men to follow. The altar would be new, but the same Sacraments would be offered from it, and the same prayers used to raise our minds and hearts to God.

"The Bishop extended hearty thanks in his own name and in the name of the congregation to all who attended, and especially to the various Societies that were present. They had honored themselves and honored religion by their presence. They showed in a special manner the beauties of religion in this great country God has given us, where all nationalities are united in harmony under one faith."

At the conclusion of the Bishop's address, Father Schmall delivered a sermon in the German language, and Bishop McQuaid then bestowed on the vast assemblage his solemn episcopal blessing, after which the multitude dispersed.

On May 4, 1877, about ten o'clock in the morning, an accident occurred resulting in the injury of six workmen, employed in plastering the ceiling over the gallery. A scaffold had been erected eighteen feet above the floor of the gallery; besides the six men, there were a number of barrels containing plaster and mortar on the scaffold. Under the heavy pressure, one of the planks gave way and the men fell violently to the floor below. Although the injuries sustained by some of them were quite serious, nevertheless they did not prove fatal. The names of these men are the following: Martin Heberger, who suffered injuries to his foot and back; Henry Janick had his ankle badly hurt; Andrew Lambert injured his back and foot; Mathias Roth was considerably scratched and bruised; George Roth also was considerably bruised, and Paul Kinnen who fell head foremost into a pile of mortar received severe injuries to his eyes. He afterwards lost his eyesight entirely. For the last forty years he has been a very cheerful sufferer bearing his blindness in the

spirit of faith and resignation, and spending his days and years in humble prayer. Doctors Schmidt, Kuichling and Oaks were summoned and made the sufferers as comfortable as possible.

Dedication of the New Church.

The solemn dedication of the new Church took place at half past ten o'clock, October 28th, 1877. The procession of several Catholic Societies moving at half past nine o'clock from Franklin Square to the Church and acting as an escort to Right Reverend Bishop McQuaid, consisted of the following: Chief Marshal, Charles Meisenzahl; Assistants, Michael Kleehammer, Ignatius Herbst.

First Division

Captain Long's Band

Knights of Saint George, M. Langknecht, Commander
Saint Michael's Union, Joseph Schwab, Commander

Second Division

Scott and Sauers Fifty Fourth Regiment Band
Knights of Saint Gregory, Wm. Purcell, Commander
Saint Boniface Union, A. Poppett, Commander
Knights of Saint Eustace, Joseph Schiller, Commander
Delegates from various benevolent societies.

Punctually at 10:30 o'clock a procession of clergy and acolythes entered the sanctuary and proceeded down the center aisle to the main entrance to meet the Right Reverend Bishop. Then amid the booming of guns, and the music of the band, the impressive ceremonies of the dedication commenced. The Societies formed so to speak, a guard of honor around the Church while the Bishop was blessing the outer walls. This part of the rite concluded, the procession commencing to chant the Litany of the Saints, re-entered the Church; the Bishop then blessed the interior of the Church, the clergy chanting the psalms prescribed for such an occasion. The Right Reverend Bishop celebrated Pontifical High Mass, assisted by Reverend J. F. O'Hare as assistant priest, Reverend Father Laurentius and Father Zimmer as Deacons of honor, Reverend Doctor Sinclair deacon and Reverend H. Renker sub-deacon of the Mass, and Reverend D. Laurenzis, Master of Ceremonies. The Pastor of the Church, Reverend F. Oberholzer, Very Reverend F. Haas, Reverend F. Pascalar, of Saint Michael's Church, Reverend J.

Hofschneider of Holy Family Church, Reverend J. P. Stewart of Saint Mary's Church, and Reverend Fathers Meagher and Angelo of the Immaculate Conception were also in the sanctuary.

Just before the Mass commenced, the measured martial tread and the clank of swords were heard, and an imposing procession entered the sacred edifice. First came the Knights of Saint Eustace of Saint Joseph's Church in their splendid regalia, making one think of mediaeval times, and the helmeted soldiers of the Crusades. These as the Bishop's body guard took the place reserved for them just outside the sanctuary rails. They were followed by the Knights of Saint George, and the members of the German Catholic Union who were assigned places in the middle aisle. Then came the Knights of Saint James and Saint Gregory who were stationed respectively on either side of the transept. The procession terminated with the Benevolent Societies of the Church. The Knights with their brilliant uniforms and glittering swords added a certain martial grandeur to the solemnities. At the elevation of the Sacred Host the Knights of Saint Eustace presented swords and the air vibrated with the booming of guns. After the Gospel the Very Rev. F. Haas, Provincial of the Capuchin Order in the United States delivered the sermon. An impressive and soul stirring discourse it must have been judging from the eager and attentive faces of the vast audience. The music was according to the spirit of the Church and in keeping with the joyful solemnity. It was the determination of the Reverend Pastor to exclude from the Church from the very beginning all light or theatrical singing. Only what was strictly liturgical,—the Gregorian chant or the classic strains of Palestrina—should be heard within those sacred walls.

Palestrina's famous Mass, "Hodie Christus natus est" was executed by the united choirs of Saint Joseph's, Saint Peter and Pauls, and Holy Redeemer Church, under the leadership of Professor Bauer. Nothing could have accorded better with the services than the majestic harmonies of those clear, well-trained and admirably blendid voices. The responses were rendered by the full choir without instrumental accompaniment.

After the Mass the Right Reverend Bishop briefly addressed the congregation, for they would have felt a sense of incompleteness, if the events of the morning had passed by with no

word of approval from him whom they love and revere as their father and guide. Earnestly and affectionately the Bishop spoke to them commending Pastor and people most highly and proposing the course they had taken in regard to the building of their Church, as a model worthily to be followed by Pastors and congregations throughout the city.

Pontifical Vespers were celebrated at five o'clock. They were sung partly in Gregorian chant and partly in the beautiful *Falsi Bordoni* of Barnabai. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was the appropriate conclusion of the day's solemnity.

The Church is built of brick with handsome stone trimmings. It is surmounted by two lofty cross-crowned steeples beneath one of which is the belfry.

The Church on the interior is exceedingly beautiful, spacious, lightsome and consistent in all its parts, and exquisitely finished in every detail. It is one hundred fifty feet in length and one hundred twenty feet across the transepts. There are no pillars, and standing at the main entrance, one can have an unobstructed view of the whole interior. Iron columns support the galleries. The wood-work throughout is of black walnut, relieved with oak. The pews are of the same material. The walls are hard finished and of a delicate lavender tint. The ceiling is elaborately frescoed, the center-piece being the symbolical representation of the four evangelists. There are twelve large stained glass windows, besides those in the sanctuary and choir gallery. These are the gifts of members of the congregation and are inscribed with the names of their respective donors. Eight of these windows have saints pictured on them, Saints Peter and Paul, Saint Andrew, St. James, The Greater, St. Augustine, St. Gregory, St. Athanasius, St. Cecilia, St. Ignatius, St. Alphonsus, St. Boniface and St. Fidelis. In the Sanctuary there are four beautiful Munich windows, viz: The Good Shepherd, The Holy Family, Christ in the Temple, and Feed My Lambs. The sanctuary is quite large. The high altar is of a light delicate tint, and is tastefully carved, and richly gilded. On the center panel is a beautiful representation of the Lamb, and the seven-sealed book of the Apocalypse. Surmounting the reredos is the altar-piece—not an exquisite painting, aglow with warm colors and breathing only of joy,—but a great dark cross with the pierced and bloodstained body of the dead Christ upon it, Mary and John standing and Mary Magdalene sitting at the

feet of the Crucified Saviour. The sanctuary which is richly carpeted, is raised, one foot above the floor of the body of the Church, and is separated from it by a black walnut railing. The vestries are commodious and neatly arranged. The Church is lighted by gas. There are several handsome chandeliers pendant from the ceiling and numerous side lights."

When first seen this Church has impressed many with the idea of its having suddenly sprung into existence, so vast are its dimensions and so prominent a position does it occupy in the quarter of the city in which it stands. The building was indeed erected in a short period of time, and what is truly marvelous about its construction is that although nearly completed and ready for occupancy it had been erected without saddling any debt upon the congregation. For the prosecution and consumption of this enterprise, great credit is due to persistent energy, business tact and financial ability of Reverend Father Oberholzer. It is a worthy and lasting monument to the zeal of the congregation and the fidelity of their Pastor.

It would be very unjust on our part if we did not add that great credit was due also to Reverend Doctor Sinclair for the valuable assistance that he gave in planning and in carrying into execution the many details connected with the new church. He was highly interested in seeing that the new temple that was being built for the service of God, should be the best of its kind. Many a day he spent in superintending the construction of the Church so that it can be truly said of him that without his aid, the Church very probably would not have become the finest in the western part of the state, as the daily papers of the time spoke of it.

The lot on which the new Church was built, was 300 x 230 feet. The whole length of the building, 166 feet, and its width, 98 feet. The cost of erection was about \$50,000.00.

For some time the societies connected with the Church thought it would be eminently proper to have bells of fitting tone and size in the towers. Accordingly the different members went to work and at a cost of some \$1000.00, had these bells made in Cincinnati by the Buckeye Bell Co. especially for Holy Redeemer Church. They weighed 2,900 pounds, 1,900 pounds, and 1,500 pounds respectively. They were magnificent specimens of the bell maker's skill and were beautifully intoned. On November 9, 1879, at 3 P. M., the beautiful ceremony of the blessing

of the bells took place. The three bells had been placed in front of the altar outside the railing and were wreathed with flowers and evergreens. On each were inscribed the maker's name together with "Anno Domini, 1879." On the largest one was also written "In honorem Sanctissimi Redemptoris" on the second "In honorem Sanctissimi Cordis Jesu" and on the third "In honorem Sanctissimi Cordis Mariae."

Forming a line between the congregation and the bells were the Knights of St. Louis in their dashing uniforms, and under the command of Louis Bogner; in the aisles behind were the Concordia Society with President William Rosenbauer at its head and the Saint Jacob's Society with President Mathias Roth at the post of honor. The following priests took part in the ceremony: Fathers Sinclair, Pascual, Schneider of Saint Joseph's Dressman, C. S. S. R., Weissteiner, Torre and Netzel. Father Herman Renker was deacon and Reverend Leopold Hofschneider subdeacon, and the celebrant Right Reverend B. J. McQuaid. Father DeRegge was Master of Ceremonies. Societies of children and young ladies and gentlemen came in singing after the Bishop. The ceremony of blessing the bells occupied nearly an hour. After having blessed the water with which the bells were to be washed, the Bishop made a large cross on the tongue of each bell with the Sacred Oils, saying: "Pax tibi" and "I bless thee and consecrate thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. After several prayers the Bishop made seven crosses on the exterior of each bell, with the oil of the sick, and four crosses on the interior of each bell in the same manner, with the oil of chrism; the bells were finally incensed, and the ceremony was concluded by the Bishop sounding one stroke on each of them.

Father Sinclair then ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent sermon in German. He explained the usage to which bells were put in Christian Churches and the significance that should be attached to their pealing; how their sounds were made to call the faithful to worship and lift up their voices in prayer; how in olden times they were regarded as a means of driving away evil, and warning people against danger. He explained the hatred that the Mohammedans had for the Christian Church bell; they were using instead the cry of the muezzin from the tops of the mosques. He complimented the congregation on their faithfulness to their religion, their Bishop, and their Pastor,

and concluded by giving some arguments in favor of fighting the good fight of a virtuous life and living in the fear of God, and bringing up their children to do likewise.

The Right Reverend Bishop from the steps of the altar addressed the audience in English. He said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to come among the good people of the Holy Redeemer Church. There he always found peace and good will; there he always found people obedient to their Pastor; willing to listen to his advice to give ear to what he had to say. The ceremony of blessing the bells had given him an opportunity of seeing that the congregation was still progressing in the ways and practices of faith; as they progressed what they had done they paid for, and their actions in this way gained respect among men and drew down the blessing of God. He expressed his gratitude and thanks from the bottom of his heart and in the name of the clergy present, he thanked them for the convincing proof they had given of possessing sound Catholic hearts.

The Papal Benediction was then imparted by the Bishop, the entire congregation kneeling, and the Knights of Saint Louis presenting their swords. The ceremony was brought to a close by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

One of the daily papers commenting on the ceremonies said that it was a great day for the congregation of the Holy Redeemer, and especially for its assiduous Pastor, Reverend Fidelis Oberholzer, who by his untiring efforts and noble work had succeeded in erecting a great monument for the German Catholics of the northwestern part of the city. His congregation was composed entirely of poor people, and those of moderate means. still Father Oberholzer had built for them one of the finest churches in the city, commodious school houses and a comfortable pastoral residence, and to his praise be it said that they are all paid for, and were so financially settled before the buildings were completed. This is what can be said of but few churches in this city and let it redound to the praise of these industrious people and their Pastor.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 16, 1880, there took place in this Church an unusual solemnity, the first of its kind for this parish. Reverend Francis Rippin, a boy of this parish, read his first Mass, having been ordained on Saturday, May 15. The solemnity was unusually beautiful. The young priest was escorted from his home on North Avenue to the priest's house by the

various societies headed by a band of music. At the Church the procession moved as follows: The cross-bearer and acolytes were followed by thirty-three altar boys, and by the little children who on May 1 had received their first Holy Communion; then there were six altar boys and twenty-four little girls in white carrying lilies. Then came his ten year old sister, Margaret, who as spiritual bride, was dressed in white, and bedecked with veil and wreath. She carried a wreath for her brother on a richly white silk pillow. At her side stood Mrs. August Bott who acted as spiritual mother. Immediately following were the two brothers of the young priest who served at his first Mass; and Father Rippin himself in surplice and stole, with Father Oberholzer at his side as spiritual Father. After them came the other priests, the young priest's parents and sister, Mary. The following donations were used at the first Mass: Costly gold chalice, an alb, cincture, humeral veil, purificator, pall and corporal. He received other donations, namely, a set of vestments, surplice, stole, stole for the sick, case with pyx, cross, and a silk pillow. His former teachers Sister Pancratia and Sister Pantaleona were present at the ceremony. The sermon was preached by Reverend Joseph Netzel of Webster. Father Rippin was shortly afterwards stationed at the Cathedral, and had charge of the parish at Naples. He died at Saint Michael's Church, February eleventh, 1883, at the age of twenty-five years and three months. He was an exemplary priest in every regard. On his death he gave his gold chalice to the Sisters with the request that they pray for him.

On October 5th, 1880, Mr. Wendelin Weber, the present organist of the Church was appointed to teach the upper grade of boys. About the middle of October, a clock of fine workmanship arranged for striking the hours and quarters was placed in the tower of the Church. On September 1st, the contract for supplying the clock was made with E. Emrich of 157 North Water Street. The cost of furnishing the clock amounted to about \$1,200, and consequently was one of the best that was made for that sum of money.

On October 17th, 1880, a Mission was opened and continued for ten days by the Fathers Keitz, Zinnen, and Kautz, C. S. S. R.

In May 1881 the Right Reverend Bishop made his second canonical visitation to this Church. On this occasion he wrote



Rev. Francis Rippin.



Rev. Matthew Hussmacher

the following: This eighteenth day of May, 1881, the canonical visitation of this parish of Holy Redeemer was held. Every thing connected with Divine Service, and the administration of the Sacraments was found in excellent order. The remarkably successful management of the temporalities of the parish as is evidenced by the rapid extinguishment of the Church debt, is cause of special satisfaction. The parish is under the paritoral care of the Reverend F. Oberholzer."

Rochester, May 18, 1881.

Bernard, Bishop of Rochester.

On the seventeenth day of July, Reverend Mathew Mussmacher, the second boy of this parish to be ordained to the holy Priesthood read his first Mass. He was escorted from the home of his parents by various Societies headed by a band of music. With him were his parents, his brother John, and Father Oberholzer. As spiritual bride was Maggie Wiesler, whose parents had donated a beautiful pillow and wreath. He was assisted by Doctor Sinclair as Deacon and Reverend Joseph Magin as sub-deacon. Father Froelich, C. S. S. R., Rector of Saint Joseph's Church, preached the sermon.

Father Mussmacher was born June 3d, 1858, attended Holy Redeemer School, and received his First Holy Communion from Father Oberholzer. After graduating from Saint Andrew's Seminary, he pursued his studies at Saint Francis, Wisconsin. Having completed his theology, he was ordained priest in Troy seminary. After his ordination he was professor of Greek and Latin at Saint Andrew's Seminary; then was promoted to the Pastorate of Geneseo, and lastly to that of Greece. After nine years of arduous labor in the ministry God called him to his eternal reward, on September 8th, 1890.

The following is taken from the "Union and Advertiser" of September 8th, 1890: "Reverend M. D. Mussmacher died about midnight, last night, at Saint Mary's Hospital. The deceased was one of the most highly esteemed Catholic clergymen in the diocese of Rochester, and was reared in Holy Redeemer parish. He was a young man only thirty-two years of age. He was the first student sent to Saint Andrew's Seminary by Father Oberholzer.

Father Mussmacher was educated at Saint Andrew's Seminary, Saint Francis College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at Saint Joseph's Provincial Seminary, Troy, New York. He was

raised to the sublime dignity of the Priesthood in the summer of 1881 by Bishop McQuaid, and remained one year at the Cathedral, where he taught part of the time in Saint Andrew's Seminary. He was then assigned to Saint Mary's Church, Geneseo. In connection with his charge at Geneseo, he officiated at Missions of Piffard, and Fowlerville, at each of which places he built churches during his pastorate. In the spring of 1888, his health having become so poor as to forbid his longer continuance in a Mission embracing so large a territory, he was assigned to the parish of Saint John's on the Ridge Road. At the latter place he built a handsome new parish hall and parochial school building into which the Sisters have just moved. Last fall his health became so poor that the Bishop relieved him from further labor and sent him to the South in hopes of recuperating his lost health. The change of air and climate proved unavailing and he returned to this city a few weeks ago and took up his residence at Saint Mary's Hospital, where he remained until the time of his death. He was an earnest and devoted priest and in his death, the diocese of Rochester loses one of its most estimable clergymen."

"His funeral took place Wednesday, September 10th, at 9:30 A. M., from the Cathedral, and was attended by a congregation that filled the spacious edifice. The assembled priests and students of Saint Andrew's Seminary chanted the office of the Dead, until about 10:20 o'clock, when the Solemn High Mass of Requiem was begun. The celebrant was Reverend Joseph Magin, of Spencerport, assisted by Reverend J. H. Day, of Dansville, as deacon, Reverend Charles Flaherty, sub-deacon, and Very Reverend Father De Regge, Master of ceremonies. At the close of the Mass the Bishop proceeded to the foot of the bier. After speaking a few words about the early death of the beloved priest, he continued: "So soon, and when the whole country is calling for laborers for God's own vineyard—so soon on the threshold of the life of usefulness God has taken him. It was but small compensation that the day he died another was ordained to help in the work, but the one that was taken and the one that was given were necessities in the work of the diocese. He was one of the first ten students sent to Saint Andrew's. In the very beginning of my administration as Bishop of this diocese, in that small and unpretending building, the work of educating priests for the holy Priesthood was begun,

a work that has since called forth large and munificent donations from wealthy citizens in other parts of the United States. Among the first students of Saint Andrew's Preparatory Seminary was the one who lies dead here. If he had not found the door of Saint Andrew's open, he might never have become a priest. Soon leaving the preparatory institution, he went, well prepared, to the Theological Seminary. He passed through the various stages, until he was ordained to the Priesthood, where he began his life's labors.

"It was not long before his health gave way and reluctantly he saw God slowly taking away the life He had given. A priest he wanted to become, a priest in good time he became. He was a true and loyal priest to his diocese, he never forgot what he owed to Saint Andrew's. In the last parish at which he ministered, he built a handsome parochial school, and Sisters residence, a costly and expensive undertaking for so small, and poor a parish. As a proof of the love he inspired among his people for ecclesiastical education, the last annual report of subscriptions to the diocesan Seminary, shows that the two small and struggling parishes of Greece and Coldwater, in proportion to their number, gave as largely as the largest and richest city parishes, not excepting the Cathedral Church. He was an early victim to the love he bore for the young of his diocese, for the arduous labors he endured when building the schoolhouse, hastened his death. Blessed, and thrice blessed are the people who have such useful priests. This young priest, as we fondly hope, has gone to his reward." The Bishop exhorted all priests not to forget to offer prayers for their departed brother and closed as follows: "We commend his soul to the love and mercy of Christ Jesus." About forty priests were in the sanctuary; the interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

On May 21, 1882, Father Oberholzer celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of his priesthood. At the morning service Father Oberholzer officiated at Solemn High Mass, assisted by Reverend M. D. Mussmacher, as deacon, and Reverend Francis Rippin as sub-deacon. (Spiritual bride, Catherine Herbst, a child of seven years dressed in white, who carried a silver wreath on a red pillow.) In the sanctuary were the Right Reverend Bishop and all the priests of the city. Doctor Zardetti of Saint Francis Church, Milwaukee, preached the sermon in German and was listened to attentively by a large audience composed

chiefly of German speaking people. At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon a vast audience gathered at the Church to witness the confirmation of two hundred candidates, chiefly children. The Bishop spoke chiefly as follows: "Dear Children: this is for you a happy day to be looked back to because it is the day of your confirmation, and memorable because it is the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Pastor's work for the cause of Christ. As his years run on so yours will glide by, and when you are old you will look back upon this day with pride and joy. God has been good to you thus far and He is good to you today, and if you do right He will be good to you throughout your lives. Well you know what Christ meant when He instituted this solemn ceremony. Your teachers have taught you the meaning of this solemn giving of yourselves to your Redeemer. When Christ or God was here upon this earth, He instituted this service because He loved the children. He took them in His arms and blessed them. He made this sacrament of Confirmation, because He loved us. It has only such value as Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity can give it. Of itself, with human power, it is nothing, but with His might He strengthens it to our salvation. So I, the Bishop of God's church, the successor of the apostles, bid you welcome to the sacred rite of the Holy Catholic Church."

At the morning service of Sunday, October 29, 1882, the new and beautiful altar was consecrated by Bishop McQuaid, with Fathers Sinclair and McGuire as Deacon and Subdeacon; Fathers Froelich and Licking, C. S. S. R., as Deacons of honor and Father De Regge as Master of Ceremonies. Father Sorg of Saint Louis Church, Buffalo, celebrated High Mass and preached the dedicatory sermon from the text, "God's Temple is holy." Fathers Oberholzer and Pascalar were in the sanctuary. The Knights of Saint James and Saint Louis participated in the services and the children of the parish made a very imposing appearance. The altar is 17 feet high, 16 feet long, and 7 feet deep and cost \$3,000.00. It was built by Nell Brothers and Keon.

In 1884, the two side altars were consecrated.

On May 20, 1884, the Bishop held his third Canonical Visitation in this Church.

The tenth anniversary of the dedication of the new Church was fittingly celebrated on Sunday, October 27, 1887. Solemn

High Mass was celebrated at 10 A. M. by Reverend J. Staub, now rector of the Church, assisted by Reverend J. Van Ness of the Cathedral as Deacon and Reverend Felix O'Hanlon as sub-deacon, and the Pastor, the late Reverend Fidelis Oberholzer as Master of Ceremonies. Very Reverend J. Wirth, C. S. S. R., of Saint Joseph's Church, preached the sermon. On Sunday morning, March 11, 1888, at 10:00 A. M., there took place the fourth Canonical Visitation of the Church. The Right Reverend Bishop was pleased with everything; there was nothing that he took exception to. A church, school, and parsonage free of debt and well provided speak eloquently of the zeal of the pastor and the hearty co-operation of a united congregation. In the afternoon, Monsignor De Regge closed the solemnity with Vespers and Benediction.

During twenty years Father Oberholzer labored alone in the interests of the rapidly growing parish, but on August 15, 1889, Father Staub, a boy of the parish was assigned as assistant pastor, and remained until the Spring of 1894, when he was transferred to the pastorate of Greece and Coldwater. He said his first Mass in the sisters chapel, August 15, 1889. He was born July 8, 1865, attended Holy Redeemer School, and received his first Holy Communion from Father Oberholzer. He spent four years at Saint Andrew's Seminary, was then sent to Rome, where he remained three years in the American College, and finished his studies at Innsbruck, Tyrol. After his ordination he returned to America, and said his first Solemn Mass on Sunday, August 25, 1889. A new Mass, composed by the organist, F. Seibold, was sung by the choir with orchestral accompaniment. The occasion took the nature of a reception to Father Staub, the Church Societies having escorted him from his home to the rectory.

In the month of June, 1889, work was begun on the new convent, and the edifice was completed and blessed by the late Bishop McQuaid, Sunday, January 19, 1890, the Feast of the Holy Name. At 4 P. M. Bishop McQuaid, assisted by Very Reverend H. De Regge and Reverend F. Oberholzer, rector of the Church, Reverend J. F. Staub, assistant rector, Reverend M. J. Hargather, of Saint Francis Xavier Church, and Reverend J. H. Stratten, assistant at Saint Michael's Church, marched in procession around the building, sprinkling holy water on the walls, and chanting appropriate hymns. The Bishop and his

attendants went to the pretty little chapel, where the tabernacle was blessed. Afterward the Bishop made a brief address, in the course of which he said: "Now I may say, your parish is complete; with Church, priests house, school and convent you have all you need. I am sure that God will bless the labors of zealous priests and sisters in this part of the city. May the blessing of God be upon you, your Pastor, his assistant, the sisters, upon yourselves and upon your children. God's blessing in this world and happiness with Him in the next, what more could be wished."

During the services, the choir of the Church rendered several fine selections under the direction of Professor Seibold. "The new structure cost nearly \$15,000, the heating apparatus \$1,100 and the stained glass windows \$250. It is three stories high and covers a space of ground 50 x 100 feet. The building is of brick and a handsome entrance adorns the front. A large bay window and a side entrance also tend to enhance the beauty of the building. The reception room is 14 x 16 feet. Rear of the vestibule is the stair case and hall, beyond this is a passage five feet wide, to the right is a parlor and sitting room, each 18 x 20 feet. To the left is the dining room and kitchen, the latter supplied with a large pantry. All the rooms on the first floor have large fire places. At the rear of the first floor and back of each passage way are two school rooms each 24 x 32 feet, filled with a ventilating shaft and sanitary arrangements of the latest pattern. The entrance to the school room is from the rear through an entry about ten feet wide. In the front of the second floor are two rooms 12 x 15 feet. In the rear of the main part is a handsome chapel 24 x 37 feet with altar, vestry and all necessary appointments. The south side of the floor is entirely given up to the dormitory 24 x 67 feet. The plans of this edifice were prepared by Oscar Knebel. The sisters entered the new convent January 25, 1890, and Father Oberholzer said the first Mass in it two days later.

In September, 1891, a very succesful Mission was preached by Fathers Ginnen, Schnutzer and Grein. The renewal of the Mission took place during the last two weeks of Lent, 1892.

On Easter Sunday an eloquent sermon was preached by Reverend L. A. Ricklin, Secretary and Chancellor of Right Reverend Bishop Messmer of Green Bay, Wis. The richly wild flowers decorated altars, the beautiful singing of the choir under

the direction of Professor F. W. Seibold, everything combined helped to make the services very impressive. The Right Reverend Bishop together with many of the priests were present in the sanctuary.

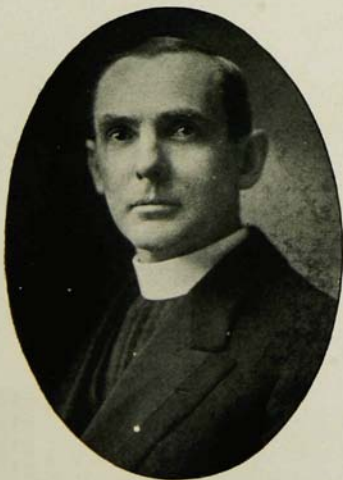
On Sunday, November 21, 1891, the members of the choir had their general Communion. On this occasion Father Oberholzer addressed them with friendly words. He thanked the members for their past services, for their zeal in giving the Church singing worthy of the House of God. In the evening the members of the choir gave a social in connection with Father Oberholzer's return from the dedication ceremonies of the newly built Capuchin convent in Yonkers, N. Y. At the end of the joyous gathering, the Reverend Pastor went on the stage and repeated his thanks to the choir, and announced that to show his great satisfaction with the organist, Professor Seibold, he would increase his salary. Remarks full of wit and humor were also made by Reverend J. F. Staub, the assistant rector.

On February 5, 1893, there took place in this Church a very unusual ceremony. By request the Bishop consented to ordain Reverend John Boppel in the Church of which the young priest's family had long been members. He was born in Rochester, December 16, 1869, was baptized by Father Oberholzer and attended the parish school. His father died when he was but a child of a little over two years, leaving the mother a poor widow. After his first Communion it was his only desire to become a priest. According to his wish he was admitted to Saint Andrew's Seminary. Leaving this institution, the Bishop sent him to the Theological Seminary at Troy for two years, and from there to Innsbruck, Tyrol, where he remained in the College of the Jesuit Fathers for a little over two years and a half. He was raised to the dignity of a deacon in Europe. It was certainly a great joy to his mother to see her son at the altar of God, for his first solemn High Mass on Sunday, February 12, 1893. It filled the heart of Father Oberholzer with happiness because the young priest was the first out of the five of the congregation who was baptized by himself. The sermon was preached by Reverend H. Regenboggen. Father Boppel became assistant to Doctor Sinclair at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

On May 14, 1894, Reverend J. F. Staub, who had been assistant rector since his ordination, was appointed by the Bishop to take charge of the congregation of Saint John's, Greece, and



Rev. John Boppel.



Rev. Joseph Miller.

the Holy Ghost at Coldwater. One of the Catholic papers of the time said: "Father Oberholzer as well as the congregation regrets the departure of such an exemplary priest; Father Oberholzer, because he was for five years a true friend and a zealous co-operator in the vineyard of the Lord; the congregation, because he was a good counsellor to every needy one in the congregation. The school children especially will miss him. He always was and has been the best friend of the youth and a spiritual father to them in the full sense of the word."

His vacancy was filled by the appointment of Reverend Joseph Miller, who was transferred May 21, 1894, from Holy Family Church, where he had been assistant pastor since his ordination. As he was not unknown to the new congregation, and as he had made a favorable impression while he delivered the Lenten Sermons in Holy Redeemer Church, he was cordially welcomed by Father Oberholzer, to whom he had always been an intimate friend. He was instrumental in having the Young Ladies Sodality canonically erected and aggregated to the Prima Primaria, in Rome, March 19, 1898.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1894, Father Oberholzer celebrated his Silver Jubilee as Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish. It was indeed an enthusiastic and grand celebration, an evidence of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the congregation and by his many friends through the city. On Tuesday evening, October 30, 1894, the Jubilee celebration began. The Pastor was at home saying his Divine Office, unconscious of the approaching celebration. After the Angelus had ceased ringing, each of the five bells of the church tolled twenty-five, and then for one-half hour all the bells were rung together. The loud ringing of the bells was intermingled by a louder report of twenty-five bombs; the report was heard for seven miles distant. Twenty-two priests from the city and surrounding towns had come to congratulate their brother priest, and join in the celebration. When they had arrived there was no sign of a celebration to be seen; one hour later, and the parsonage, church, and every building in the vicinity were decorated and illumined for the occasion; the garden was ablaze with colored lights. At seven o'clock the members of the different societies of the parish assembled in the school hall. When the band arrived, a committee was sent to meet the two societies from Saint Stanislaus Church. One-half hour later, the two trustees and two small girls arrived

in a carriage and entered the parsonage to invite the pastor and clergy to Germania Hall, where a reception was to be held. About 250 children from the Parochial school were taken to the hall in chartered electric cars. A few minutes before eight o'clock the various societies were lined up in front of the Parochial residence on Hudson Avenue. Father Oberholzer was escorted to a carriage, which he occupied with his two trustees. All the bells were ringing, hundreds of pieces of fireworks were discharged, and the procession began to move towards the hall. The procession was headed by Minges' Band and a battalion of police officers. Then came the members of the staff of the Roman Catholic Uniformed Knights. They were followed by St. Jacob's Society, St. Fidelis Society, Branch 57, C. M. B. A., Knights of St. Stanislaus and Knights of St. Joseph; the last two societies are connected with the Polish Church. Acting as the guard of honor were the Knights of St. Louis, under the command of Commander G. Christ. The carriage which Father Oberholzer occupied was lighted by electricity, and drawn by four white horses. Following this carriage were five other fine carriages which were occupied by the visiting clergy. The procession attracted universal attention along the line of march. Hudson Avenue, Kelly and Clinton Streets, through which the procession moved, were thronged with people. Nearly every house was decorated, and there was a fine display of fireworks. The procession will long be remembered, as it was one of the grandest affairs ever witnessed in the city; it was the best evidence of the esteem in which Rev. F. Oberholzer was held by the people of his own parish, and by his many friends in the Flower City.

One hour before the program was begun, Germania Hall was thronged with people; it is estimated that at least three thousand were present, and five hundred were not able to gain admittance. One hundred small boys and girls, with flowers and flags, formed ranks, through which the Rev. pastor and clergy had to pass; each child wore a badge appropriate to the occasion. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and American flags. Over the stage was suspended a Jubilee bell, beneath which was a large crayon of the pastor, beautifully decorated. There were several other inscriptions appropriate to the occasion. The stage was decorated with potted plants and palms, and presented a very fine appearance.

After the procession arrived at the hall, there was a fine display of fireworks. Upon entering, an universal welcome and cheering were tendered to Father Oberholzer; both young and old manifested their cheerful feeling. The following program was then rendered:

PART I.

1. Chorus "Fairy Bowers"
Pupils of Parochial School.
2. Congratulatory Address.
Master Fred Bogner.
3. Welcome "Peek-a-Boo"
Junior Girls.
4. Chorus "Was die Kleinen"
Junior Class.
5. Congratulations In Verse
Junior Boys.
6. Comic Song "In New York, sagt er"
Master Richard Streb.
7. Tableaux "Adoration of the Cross"
Young Ladies of Sodality.
8. Concert Recitation "The Charcoal Man"
Senior Boys.
9. Solo "Kissing Papa Through the Telephone"
Agnes Witzigman.
10. Comic Duet—(By request) "How us Germans"
Thomas Hogan, William Streb.
11. Tableaux "Festive Preparations"
Young Ladies of Sodality.
12. Operetta "Floral Crowns"
Pupils of Parochial School.
13. Quartette Selected
Brothers and Cousins.
14. Address "Congratulations from Parishoners"
Master Lewis Edelman.
15. Tableaux "Jubilee Crowning"
Young Ladies of Sodality.

PART II.

16. Chorus "Sonntag auf der Alme"
Most Holy Redeemer Choir.
17. Comic Sketch "Dot Madrimonial Adverdishment"
Members of the Choir.

18. Address "Congratulations from Societies"
Joseph Ribstein.
19. Baritone Solo "Sancta Maria"
Charles Dill.
20. Vocal Duet "Go where the mists are sleeping"
Charles Ditmar, Miss Emma Walz.
21. Fest Chorus F. M. Seibold
Most Holy Redeemer Choir.
Director and Accompanist, F. M. Seibold.
Music furnished by Minges' Band.

ADDRESS

From the children by Master Bogner.

Dear and Esteemed Reverend Father:

On me devolves the pleasant task to express our joyous, grateful emotions on this glorious day, the 25th anniversary of your pastorate.

But how shall I presume to give utterance to all, that the warm hearts of your loving children feel on this exultant day of your Jubilee.

Too well do we appreciate all the advantages, that our dear parents and with them we children have enjoyed in the past twenty-five years, under your paternal guidance; too deeply do we feel all that we owe you, for your tender solicitude, your wise instructions and counsels, the untiring, self-sacrificing zeal with which you have for five and twenty years labored among us for our spiritual and temporal welfare.

Never can we adequately thank you, Reverend Father,—never becomingly testify our sincere sentiments of filial love and veneration.

All that lies within our feeble efforts we have resolved to do—and long has the celebration of this grand and jubilant day, so dear to our hearts, been the subject of consideration and discussion—for we have all been trying to outvie one another in contriving means to surprise our dear Reverend Father, and to prove how sincerely we desire to reciprocate the paternal love and kindness bestowed upon us in the past twenty-five years.

How happy would we be, to make you rich presents, to collect around you many treasures. But, as poor children our pretensions are very limited, and we can only make our wishes expressive of the simple gift we present, and the floral wreath we offer, as emblematic of the graces and blessings, joys and

pleasures, that we so fervently beseech our Heavenly Father to shower down upon you, our good and kind pastor.

We also hope, that this hour of entertaining pleasure will be a source of recreation to you.

With these sentiments we are, esteemed and dear Reverend Father,

Your grateful

Loving Children of Holy Redeemer School.

The children of the Parochial School rendered every number of the program perfectly. The Sisters are deserving of much praise for this perfect rendition. Notwithstanding that they had so brief a time for preparation, they had the children very well drilled. The singing was excellent, and it could be seen that the children rendered their part with heart and soul; they were full of courage and cheerfulness. Much credit is due to the members of the choir, who under the able direction of Prof. F. Seibold rendered their part very well. Beautiful, impressive and very appropriate were the three Tableaux, which were given by members of the Young Ladies' Sodality. The addresses were concise and expressive, and could be understood throughout the hall. It was after eleven o'clock when the program came to a close; notwithstanding the late hour, the societies headed by the band escorted Father Oberholzer and the clergy to the Parochial residence, where they arrived at midnight. The bells were again rung, and when the pastor stepped from the carriage, there was an universal greeting and cheering.

Following is a list of the clergy present at the celebration: Revs. Jas. P. Kiernan, C. F. O'Loughlin, John Van Ness and Arthur Hughes from the Cathedral; E. Hanna, D. D., and J. J. Hartley from St. Bernard's Seminary; Edward Jones from Yankton, S. Dakota; F. Dupuy, of Cazenovia; Thomas Hendricks, M. J. Hargather, W. Gleeson, F. O'Hanlon, A. Smelz, H. Regenbogen, J. A. Miller, A. Notebaert, J. F. Boppel and Th. Szadinski, all of the city; Revs. J. Netzel, of Auburn; J. F. Staub, of Greece; J. Fitzgerald, of Charlotte; T. O'Brien, of Canandaigua.

Telegrams and letters of congratulations were received from the following, who were prevented from coming: Revs. A. E. Breen, D. D., A. Meehan, D. D., and P. Libert, from St. Bernard's Seminary; Revs. J. P. Stewart, W. Harrington, T. Murphy, J. J. Leary and F. Wayrich, C. S. S. R., from the city;

Revs. G. J. Eisler, of Caledonia; D. English, of Canandaigua; J. J. Ruby, of Cato; D. Curran, Churchville; P. Lee, of Clifton Springs; J. L. Codrye, of Fairport; J. Maurice, of Lady Hill; Thomas Hickey, of Moravia; James H. Day, of Mt. Morris; James E. Hartley, of Palmyra; Angelo Lugero, of Penn Yan.

During the evening a telegram of congratulations was received from the trustees in the name of the members of St. Januarius' Parish at Naples.

On the eve of All Saints, the sanctuary, altar and in fact the whole interior of the church was decorated and adorned for the occasion. A new carpet, a Jubilee gift from the societies connected with the parish, was laid. Two new statutes, gifts from the ladies and young ladies were placed in position. A throne was erected for the Rt. Rev. Bishop, who was to participate in the festivities. The altar was beautifully trimmed and decorated with palms, potted plants and most fragrant cut flowers. American flags in profusion were displayed throughout the church, and a large crayon of the pastor was suspended from the gallery; on both sides were streamers bearing the inscriptions "Fidelis Servus," "Pastor Bonus." A long streamer suspended above the sanctuary bore the words: "Jubilate," "Glueck Heil, Segen," "Ad multos Annos." On the pillar at either side of the altar was the inscription "1869" and "1894." The sanctuary was decorated with papal flags, silver wreaths and garlands. Early in the morning of November 1st, the bells of the church announced the Jubilee day. At 9:30 A. M. the Rt. Rev. Bishop, accompanied by Rt. Rev. Mgr. DeRegge and Rev. E. Hanna, D. D., arrived at the parochial residence, which was decorated in welcome of His Lordship. The altar boys and school children stood in rank from the house to the church; when the Bishop and Clergy entered, the choir sang "Ecce Sacerdos." Upon arriving at the altar, which was ablaze with burning candles, the Bishop blessed the two new statues. Whereupon, Rev. F. Oberholzer began solemn Mass; he was assisted by two children of the parish—Father Staub, acting as deacon, and Father Boppel as subdeacon. The Bishop was assisted at his throne by Rt. Rev. Mgr. DeRegge, and Revs. M. Hargarther, E. Jones and H. Regenbogen. Father Miller acted as master of ceremonies. Because it was a holy day of obligation, only a few priests could be present for the services. After Mass the Bishop addressed the congregation as follows:



Interior of Church.

"On an honored occasion like this, there is no one who feels deeper joy than the Bishop of this diocese. And he has cause to rejoice on this festive occasion, when he sees the people rising up as one person to do honor to the pastor, who has had charge of this parish for twenty-five years. The business which during these long years has been done in this parish means, that hundreds of immortal souls have been taken care of and have been guided on the path to heaven. Here before me I see hundreds, whose spiritual welfare from the first moment of their life was entrusted to his care. And you utilize this opportunity to proclaim aloud that your pastor has done his work well; you invite the people of the whole city to come here and see the esteem in which your pastor is held by his own people. And you come here today, old and young, to render thanks to God the Almighty for all the benefits received through His minister.

"No one has more right to rejoice with you today than the Bishop, who twenty-five years ago chose that pastor to preside over the destinies of this parish. His mission was a canonical one, bestowed by legitimate authority. And he has kept in good charge the souls confided to his care. His mission was divine, although the agent was human.

"What grander or nobler mission can be imagined than that of offering up daily on this holy altar the unbloody sacrifice of the Cross? What more divine mission than in the holy tribunal of penance to raise up the soul of the sinner from the uttermost depth of sin and misery to the joyful blessedness of a soul cleansed from sin? And so I might go on through all the agencies, by which the priest ministers to the souls of those confided to his care; what unspeakable joy does not, for example, the priest bring to the departing soul, when he administers the last Sacraments? At the bedside of hundreds, has your pastor stood, administering the sacraments and bringing consolation to the unfortunate. What he has done for your spiritual welfare, you know as well as I; in his career as pastor of your souls, he has done his work nobly.

"Your pastor was sent among you twenty-five years ago, unacquainted with the parish and the customs of the country. He hoped for the best and began his work. When he came to you, your Bishop was sailing on the deep ocean, worried in heart lest any mistake might have been made in the priest he had assigned for this part of the Lord's vineyard. Now how-

ever, we can all look back over the twenty-five years and see that no mistake was made in the priest sent to Holy Redeemer. Under all circumstances, even the most difficult and trying, he has shown his sacerdotal zeal and courage. He has not only done his own work for the salvation of souls, but he has also been anxious to bring levites into the Lord's vineyard. By his side sit two young priests whom he has nourished in their holy vocation until now they are priests like himself. Besides these there are two others, over whom he watched from their youth, and who are now in heaven, enjoying the eternal reward for their noble work in the ministry, to say nothing about the young men of Holy Redeemer, who under his paternal care are preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. Again I say that we can rejoice, that he was sent here among you twenty-five years ago.

"We are differently situated in this country than in the older countries of Europe. There, many of the churches were built years ago and endowed with funds to maintain them. Here we have to build our own churches and support our priests. We have no government, thank God, to go to, to beg a pittance for the support of our churches. You have built this grand church, you have built and furnished the priests' house in a princely style, you have built a beautiful convent, you have your Parochial school—all these buildings are free from debt. You have supported your pastor and the good sisters in a style befitting a parish like this, and unequalled anywhere. You know how hard you pastor has worked to bring all these improvements about, and you and he can feel that this school, this parsonage, this convent, are yours.

"Beloved children of Christ, when I see what you have done, may I not be permitted to share your pride, because I sent to you him whom we honor today, and who has done his work as pastor so nobly during the last quarter of a century? Here he has lived and worked since he came to this diocese. You all know him; you can all read him as an open book. His heart is too good, that he could conceal anything from you. You have seen him in your homes. You have seen him at the bedside of your dying relatives. He has always appeared among you as your pastor, caring for your temporal and spiritual welfare. He is not capable of making an enemy, except that enemy wishes to be made without his co-operation. So now let us thank

Almighty God for having spared your pastor to you so long, and pray that he may be spared to you many years longer."

Then benediction with the Blessed Sacrament was given, and services were closed with the "Te Deum," which was sung by the entire congregation. The ceremony was witnessed by a congregation which filled the large edifice to the doors. Special praise is due the good Sisters, who were untiring in their efforts to decorate the sanctuary and altar to tastefully; never had the church a more beautiful appearance. The choir, assisted by the choir from St. Francis Xavier's Church, under the direction of Professor F. Seibold, rendered Witt's Missa op. XII. and sang Stehle's "Domine Deus" in seven voices at the offertory. These choirs did their best and the singing was excellent and proper for the occasion.

After Mass, a dinner was served in the parochial residence, which was handsomely decorated; the Rt. Rev. Bishop and twenty-six priests were present. During the course of the dinner, the Rt. Rev. Bishop arose, and after praising at length the work so well and nobly done by the pastor of Holy Redeemer, he proposed the health of him "whom we honor to-day," which was cheerfully responded to by all present. Whereupon Father Oberholzer thanked the Bishop in an affectionate manner for all the acts of kindness shown him. As a token of gratitude he presented the Bishop with a Jubilee gift, which the Bishop then and there transferred to the use of St. Bernard's Seminary. Rt. Rev. Mgr. DeRegge arose and in the name of the faculty of the Seminary thanked the Bishop and generous donor for the noble gift.

As the dinner drew to a close, Very Rev. J. F. O'Hare, D. D., the vicar-general of the diocese arose and spoke of the merits of the pastor. He said "it certainly gives great joy to the Bishop and to the elder priests, when they see so much good will, kindness and love manifested by the young assistants towards their pastors, as was so nobly shown on this occasion;" he then proposed the health of all the young priests present. Father Miller the assistant at Holy Redeemer, was called upon to respond to the toast. He thanked the Bishop for his kindness in having sent him to Holy Redeemer. He said what he did for his Pastor was done with a grateful heart, feeling that he could not do too much in gratitude for the many and paternal acts of kindness on the part of his Pastor. He felt assured that every young

priest would act likewise, if occasion presented itself, and he hoped that all assistants in the diocese were treated with the same love and kindness by their Pastors.

Following is a list of the clergy present at the table: Right Reverend B. J. McQuaid, Right Reverend H. DeRegge, Very Reverend J. O'Hare, D. D., Very Reverend F. Oberholzer, M. R., Reverends J. P. Kiernan, Edward Jones, J. P. Stewart, J. A. Miller, J. Van Ness, C. F. O'Loughlin, J. F. Staub, J. E. Boppel, E. Hanna, D. D., M. Hargather, H. Rengenboggen, F. Rauber, F. O'Hanlon, A. Smelz, T. C. Murphy, W. Gleeson, F. Cook, C. S. S. R., A. Notebart, T. Hendricks, J. Fitzgerald, T. Rossiter, A. Hughes, T. Szadzinski.

Thus ended the celebration, which will long be remembered in the city of Rochester. It was without doubt the best evidence of the esteem and love, in which Reverend F. Oberholzer, M. R., is held by the Right Reverend Bishop, by the members of his Parish, by his brother-priests, and by his many friends and acquaintances.

On the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer parish, Father Oberholzer received the following gifts: A statue of the most adorable Heart of Jesus, presented by members of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart Society; a statue of the Sacred Heart of Mary from members of the Young Ladies' Sodality. Both these statues are beautifully and artistically carved in wood, and are the work of Mr. F. Pedevilla, the best artist in the city. A new carpet for the large sanctuary, which was presented by the various societies of men, belonging to the parish. A rich cope and silver wreath from the school children; many valuable presents from the Venerable Sisters of Notre Dame, who have charge of the parochial school. Two dalmatics from the trustees, Messrs. L. Edelman and August Bott. A beautiful vestment from a brother-priest, as a token of gratitude. A set of chairs from Mr. Joseph Hoff; a table from special friends. Many valuable presents in silver and floral offerings from various friends, who were too humble to give their names, but who are well known to the Pastor. As a token of esteem and gratitude for the hard work done by Father Oberholzer, Bishop McQuaid had added Holy Redeemer Parish to the list of Irremovable Rectorships a few years before.

During the early morning hours of October 7, 1896, thieves broke into the sacristy of the Church and stole many valuable

articles. The first that was known of the robbery was when the Sisters of Notre Dame, who had charge of the sacristy, entered the Church at seven o'clock in the morning. They found the rear window broken, the drawers which contained the vestments, thrown on the floor and the garments which had not been taken were strewn about in great confusion. The sisters at once informed Father Oberholzer, who made immediate investigation and found that far more valuable things had been stolen than was at first suspected. The sacristy is in the rear of the Church on the north side, it was through the north window that entrance was gained. A large heavy pair of steps which had been used to hold plants in Father Oberholzer's garden had been carried to the window and placed against the wall. The weight of these steps made the sisters think that there must have been two thieves at least, since no one man could have carried the steps as far. A small hole made by a hammer, admitted the burglar's hand, which probably held some sharp instrument as a chisel, since the zinc strips there on the inside which hold the window were torn out by removing the tacks. When the things had been cleared up it was found that two beautiful copes of costly workmanship, being ornamented with heavy gold and silver embroidery were stolen, besides two stoles of the same ornamentation; an old silver and gold chalice, very valuable on account of its age, and a gold censer of the same metals besides a heavy wrought brass cross broken from the top of the stick were also taken. After having stolen all these things the thieves went all through the Church as could be seen from the muddy tracks and even up to and behind the High Altar. As it happened the altar was bare of costly vessels, so that the thieves secured nothing. The Church was in process of repairs and the gilders and carpenters had many valuable tools there, none of which were taken. The police were notified and immediately investigated the affair. Mr. Lempert of New York had the contract for the renovation and decoration of the Church, and brought his work to a finish in the fall of this year, making the Church one of the most beautiful in the Diocese.

The occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Sisters of Notre Dame's coming to America was made a solemn one by Father Oberholzer. On Sunday evening, August 1, 1897, the bells were rung for one hour. The Church and the altars were beautifully decorated. The next morning at 8 o'clock a solemn high Mass

was celebrated by Father Oberholzer, assisted by Reverend Theophilus Szadzinski as deacon and Reverend John Bresnihan as subdeacon, and Louis Edelman, Master of Ceremonies, Father Miller being away at the time. On this occasion, the convent, and especially the chapel, was beautifully decorated. In the course of the year Father Oberholzer made several improvements in the convent; he built a washroom in the large cellar at the southwest of the building; the refectory and sleeping rooms were also freshly decorated.

On June 12, 1898, Reverend Joseph C. Straub celebrated his first Solemn High Mass in the Church. He was born in Burgstadt, Bavaria, November 5, 1873, and came to Rochester with his parents at the age of six years. After completing his studies in Holy Redeemer school, he went to Saint Andrew's Seminary and later to Saint Bernard's Seminary. He was ordained June 11, 1898, by Right Reverend B. J. McQuaid. After his ordination, he spent one year at Innsbruck, and on his return to America was adopted into the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, and was assigned as assistant pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Church of that city. In June 1905 he was appointed Director of Saint John's Hospital and its thirteen branch houses.

On December 1, 1898, Reverend Joseph Miller, who had been assistant to Father Oberholzer since May 21, 1894, was appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N. Y. He had worked incessantly for the welfare of the parish and was devoted in a particular manner to the children of the school. He was succeeded by Reverend Leopold Hofschneider, ordained to the Holy Priesthood a few months before. Father Hofschneider was born in Rochester, January 23, 1874, received his primary education at Holy Family School, and entered Saint Andrew's Seminary September, 1889. He was ordained by Bishop McQuaid, June 11, 1898, and made assistant pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, from 1898 to June 1, 1901, at which time Father Staub was transferred from Greece and Coldwater to become Father Oberholzer's co-adjutor. From 1901 to 1904 Father Hofschneider was assistant to Saint Boniface Church, and from 1904 to 1909 at Saint Michael's Church. He was appointed pastor of Saint Mary's Church, Dansville, N. Y., September 1, 1909, and during the last few years he has built a beautiful new church, school and parsonage.

Father Staub, the present Pastor is a son of Holy Redeemer



Rev. Joseph Straub.



Rev. Leopold Hofschneider

Parish. He was born in this city July 8, 1865, was baptized in Saint Joseph's Church, and received his early education in Holy Redeemer and Saint Patrick's Schools. His preparatory course was pursued at Saint Andrew's Seminary, while later he studied at the American College at Rome from 1884-1887.

Subsequently he pursued his theological course at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, 1887 to 1889, and was ordained at Innsbruck, July 28th, 1889. He was placed in charge of Holy Redeemer Parish November 25th, 1902; during the years that have followed, the work of the church under his guidance has been rapidly pushed along healthful and progressive lines. In the remaining pages of this chronicle we shall have occasion to tell of many works that he has undertaken and of the various activities in which he has been engaged.

The Reverend Charles Hoff, another boy of this parish, born July 12th, 1875, was ordained by Cardinal Gibbons at the Redemptorist College, Illchester, Md., December 6th, 1901. On the following Sunday he sang his first solemn High Mass in our Church assisted by Father Oberholzer as arch-priest. Rev. Joseph Schnorr, C. S. S. R., of St. Joseph's Church, as deacon, and Rev. Joseph Straub of Springfield, Ill., as subdeacon. Rev. Joseph Miller was master of ceremonies. On this occasion the young priest was escorted to the Church by the Knights of St. Louis and thirty little girls dressed in white carrying fresh lillies. Right in front of the celebrant walked little May Taylert, a niece of the young priest, with a silk white pillow and a very costly wreath. The church was exquisitely decorated, and was filled with relatives and friends of Father Hoff. Rev. William Kessel, C. S. S. R., Rector of St. Joseph's Church, preached the sermon, in which he spoke very forcibly on the dignity of the priesthood. After the Mass the banquet was served in the Rectory. The solemnity was brought to a close at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, when Father Hoff celebrated solemn Vespers in St. Joseph's Church, assisted by Rev. L. Schwabl, C. S. S. R., and Rev. J. Denges, C. S. S. R.

Six months later, June 15th, 1902, the Rev. Louis Edelman, who had been ordained in the Cathedral by the Right Rev. B. J. McQuaid, sang his first solemn High Mass in Holy Redeemer Church assisted by Rev. E. J. Hanna, D. D. (now the Archbishop of San Francisco) as deacon, Rev. John Boppel as subdeacon, and Rev. J. F. Staub master of ceremonies. The sermon was



Rev. Charles Hoff, C. W. R.



Rev. Louis Edelman.

preached by Father Oberholzer in the absence of Father Peter Raphael Fuhr, O. M., of San Francisco. Father Edelman was born June 9th, 1877, and received his early education in our Parochial School. He made his First Communion May 15th, 1889, went to St. Andrew's Seminary in 1893 and to St. Bernard's in 1897 and was ordained June 14th, 1902. After his ordination he assisted at the Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Bridget's and St. Mary's, and was professor at St. Andrew's Seminary for six years. Since 1911 he has been Pastor of St. Louis Church, Pittsford, N. Y.

Death of Father Oberholzer.

The parish was plunged into deep sorrow by the announcement on Monday evening November 24th 1902 that the beloved Pastor had died very suddenly. He had been ill only since the previous Thursday but a sudden attack of oedema of the lungs and heart failure, was the summons to a reward for the good and holy life spent by Father Oberholzer in the vineyard of the Lord. On the previous Monday he went to Buffalo to attend the funeral of a young priest. As the weather was very stormy, he caught a heavy cold in the cemetery and returned home the following Thursday quite sick. On Sunday he was recommended to the prayers of the faithful, with the assurance that in a few days, he would be among them again. Quite unexpectedly on Monday he showed a great change and became very weak. As his condition was very serious, Father Staub made him aware of his approaching death. Laughingly he said he wished first to make his peace with God. He seemed to know that his last hour had come. Late in the afternoon he made his Confession, but could not receive Viaticum, because his throat was fast filling up with phlegm and mucus. Extreme Unction was immediately administered to him, and within a short time his soul had departed this life. His death appeared to be as quiet as that of a child. Shortly after this the church bell was tolled and its dull sound from the church tower announced the unexpected sad news to the parish. On the following day, accompanied by the Knights of St. Louis and a large crowd of people his body was carried by six brother priests to the church, where it lay in state for the two following days. His remains were reviewed by hundreds, who came from far and

near to pay their last respects to him. Funeral services over the remains of Rev. Father Oberholzer were held in the church on Friday, November 28th, 1902. The church was crowded to the doors with members of the congregation, who stood in the aisles and completely filled the galleries. There were present members of St. Fidelis', St. Jacobs and St. Louis' Com. Knights of St. John and Branch No. 81 C. M. B. A., who also marched in the funeral procession. Delegations were also present from the Sacred Heart Society, Young Ladies' Sodality, Children of Mary, L. C. B. A., C. W. B. L., C. R. & B. A. and Women's Aux. of Knights of St. Louis. The Church was draped in an appropriate manner, black streamers hanging from the walls and ceiling, and black and white bunting, draping the galleries. Prior to the Requiem Mass the office of the dead was celebrated. About 75 priests of this and other dioceses were present in the Sanctuary. Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid occupied the Bishop's throne attended by Rev. Wm. Kessel, C. S. S. R., of St. Joseph's Church, and Rev. Peter Schwall, of La Salle, Ill. The Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. T. F. Hickey, V. G. (now our Right Reverend Bishop) assisted by Rev. John Boppel of Greece as deacon and Rev. Joseph Straub of Illinois as subdeacon. Rev. L. Edelman of this city was master of ceremonies. The choir of the church sang Oswald Joos' Requiem Mass under the direction of Professor George Messmer. The children's choir sang the Sanctus and the Benedictus. Father Oberholzer was Pastor of this parish for 33 years. It was so arranged that 33 little boys and girls in white stood near his casket. After the conclusion of the Mass Bishop McQuaid advanced to the altar rail and there pronounced an eulogy on the dead priest. He alluded to the time when Father Oberholzer began his work in the parish, which was then outside the city limits. He told of its growth under the direction of the dead pastor. He declared that he judged a pastor by the temporal and spiritual condition of his parish and alluded to the prosperous condition of Holy Redeemer Parish and the number of boys and girls who had entered upon the religious life. Among other things he said: "Father Oberholzer had his virtues and his shortcomings. In his heart there was no bitterness and his lips gave forth no angered feeling, for he did not have any. He had his trials, many and great ones, but in his heart he had no anger. His trials were great enough to stagger anyone and when any other men would have been aroused to anger and indignation, I never heard one

word of anger or bitterness against those who had caused them. He bore no animosity against anyone. He perhaps lacked that strength of character and courage which would have compelled his enemies to stand forth and battle in the open. He was a child in many respects. He knew every one in the parish and wanted to be friends with every one, he mistrusted no one. It never seemed to enter his mind that men had such feelings as did his enemies, for he had none himself."

After the sermon, Bishop McQuaid gave the last absolution. The casket was then borne from the church and the funeral procession started, the societies marching as a guard of honor about the hearse. Interment was made at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Oberholzer was born, March 26, 1833, at Goldingen, a small village in the Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland, the youngest of 16 children. His parents died when he was 12 years of age and he was cared for by an uncle. He attended the parochial school in his native village, and later was sent to the normal school. He made his course of philosophy in Eichstedt and studied theology in the University of Munich. He was ordained priest on April 11, 1857, by Bishop Kreidt of St. Gall. For three years he was curate, then pastor in his native diocese near Rohrsdachs. (He celebrated his first Mass at St. Nicholas Church in St. Gall, on May 21, 1857.) After 12 years of arduous labor in his native land, his zeal brought him to the distant shores of America. He was foremost in the work of many parish societies and by them he was highly honored many times. Two occasions that he remembered with pleasure were the celebration of his Silver Jubilee as a priest in 1882 and the celebration of his Silver Jubilee as pastor in 1894. Few priests were so well known as Father Oberholzer. He was prominent not only in the affairs of his own large parish but in many other movements that had for their object the bettering of the conditions of men.

He was practically alone in the world, two nephews both in the priesthood being his only relatives, and this isolation from family added to his isolation from his home, made him warm-hearted in his dealings with the people of his adopted country.

Pastorate of Father Staub.

In the Fall of 1902, while Father Oberholzer was still alive, it was found necessary to make better provision for the comfort of the people during Divine Service, especially in the Winter months. Up till that time the Church had been heated by furnaces, but it was seen that they would have to be replaced by something better. Father Staub, accordingly, conceived the idea of having a central heating plant, which would heat not only the Church, but also the future school, the hall, the convent and rectory. The boiler house was immediately begun and finished in February, 1903. Three marine boilers were then installed and as a result the parishioners ever since have enjoyed the benefits of steamheating in all the parochial buildings.

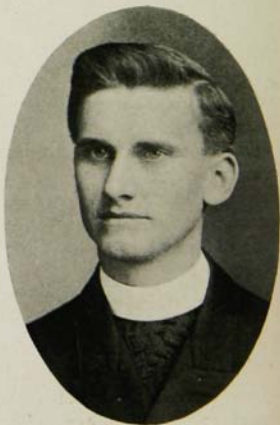
After the death of Father Oberholzer, professors from St. Bernard's Seminary assisted Father Staub on Sundays until February 1903, when he secured the assistance of Reverend Boniface Hund, a newly ordained Carmelite Father. This young priest made many friends among the people, especially among the younger generation and did excellent work both in church and in school. His presence always brought cheer and happiness wherever he went. His stay in this parish was very short, for in the following September the Right Reverend Bishop appointed Reverend William Gruenauer as assistant Pastor to Father Staub. The people were pleased with this appointment, because they felt that in Father Gruenauer, they had one who would devote all his energies to the work of the parish, and that nothing would be left undone in the interests of religion. On September 19, 1905, he was transferred to Saint Boniface Church, whence a few years later he was promoted to the newly formed parish of Saint Joseph, Penfield, N. Y. He had received his early education in St. Peter's School and was ordained from St. Bernard's Seminary in June, 1903.

Fathers Zilles, Scholly and Schonhard, C. S. S. R., preached a very successful two weeks mission in April, 1904.

June 12th of this year was an occasion of great rejoicing for two more young men of the parish had been raised to the dignity of the holy Priesthood, and sang their first Solemn High Masses. Reverend Ferdinand Bogner sang the High Mass at 8:30 assisted by Reverend J. F. Staub as arch-priest, and Reverend Leopold Hofschneider and Father Feldhaus as Deacon



Rev. Boniface Hund, O. C. C.



Rev. William Gruenauer.

and Sub-deacon of the Mass. The sermon was preached by Reverend Father Miller of Webster. Father Bogner was born April 9th, 1881, graduated from Holy Redeemer School in 1894 and ordained priest by Bishop McQuaid, June 11, 1904. With the consent of the Right Reverend Bishop he was incardinated into the diocese of Newark, N. J., and was appointed assistant pastor at St. Boniface Church, Jersey City. Here he labored most zealously for the good of religion for ten and one-half years, so much so that on December 16, 1914, the Right Reverend Bishop of Newark saw fit to promote him to the pastorate of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Hoboken, N. J.

His bosom friend, Reverend Frederick J. Zwierlein, sang his first Solemn High Mass the same morning at 10:30 o'clock, assisted by Reverend E. J. Hanna, as arch priest, Reverend J. F. Staub and Reverend William Gruenauer as Deacon and Sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Father Lapham, one of the professors of St. Bernard's Seminary and for several years a very dear friend of the young priest. Father Zwierlein was born November 16th, 1881, at Rochester, N. Y., went to Holy Redeemer School from 1889 to 1894. Later he made his classical course at St. Andrew's Seminary, and his theological course in St. Bernard's Seminary. He was ordained June 11th, 1904. After his ordination he was appointed professor of Church History at the Seminary. In 1905 the degree S. T. L. was conferred on him maxima cum laude. During the scholastic year 1905 and 1906 he made further studies in Church History at the University of Louvain, Belgium. The following year he spent in Rome in the study of Christian Archeology. On his return from Europe he taught Church History in the Seminary, and prepared a doctoral dissertation, "Religion in New Netherland." This was published at Louvain, June 1910. He returned to Louvain, and after a public examination, received the degree of Doctor of Moral and Historical Sciences.

He is at present engaged in preparing a book entitled "Catholic Rochester and its First Bishop, Right Reverend B. J. McQuaid," to be published in the coming year, the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese; also a book on "Bishop McQuaid and Ecclesiastical Education" and a memorial volume of the Silver Jubilee of the foundation of St. Bernard's Seminary. Since his return from Europe he has assisted in clerical work at Corpus Christi Church, Immaculate Conception Church, and St. Monica's Church.



Rev. Ferdinand Begner



Rev. Frederick Zwierlein, D. Sc. M. A.

In order to give the people of the parish an opportunity to become better acquainted with one another, and to provide for their social entertainment, Father Staub decided to erect a very commodious parochial hall, to be begun in the spring of 1905. The contract was awarded to George Kircher, a member of this parish. The name Concordia was to be given to the new hall just as it had been given to the old hall many years ago. The word Concordia means harmony, and therefore it was the intention of the pastor in erecting this hall, to make it the means of uniting the people, so that thereby harmony might always prevail between the priests and the people, and among the people themselves. This hall was to be one of the finest in the city and one of which the people would never need be ashamed.

An account of the corner stone laying of this new hall is taken from one of the daily papers of the time: "On Sunday afternoon, September 17th, 1905, Bishop McQuaid laid the corner stone of the new parish hall, the ceremony being participated in by a large number of the clergy of the city, and attended by hundreds of people of the parish. The exercises began with a procession from the rectory to the Church. Children of the congregation led the procession, and then followed the Knights of St. John, the Bishop and the clergy. Members of the various Church Societies followed the clergy.

It had been intended to hold the ceremony outside upon a platform, erected for the purpose, but in opening his address Bishop McQuaid said: "As there is a high wind blowing outside, and your old Bishop is not so strong as he once was, we have decided that the address can be more conveniently given within the Church." The procession then returned to the Church. "I have very little to say," he continued. "I believe you all realize the blessing which the new building will be to us, and the important part it will play in the life of the parish from now on; important to us all, but to the young men and women especially. We all know the great changes which have taken place during a comparatively short time in the city; changes which make it easier and easier for our young to go astray; and these changes are the reason for this building. We must keep pace with them lest we lose our younger generation. We must make the life of goodness and purity as attractive to them as that of sin looks, and this is one of the ways of doing this. We must keep the young men together where they may be under proper supervision, until their conceit is abated, and they are



Concordia Hall.

able and willing to conduct themselves as befits a Christian and a good Catholic.

"Even more important than the new parish hall is the erection of the new school which is to begin next spring. Here, too, we must keep pace with the times, even though we are laboring under a great disadvantage. Our friends who are not Catholics are putting their hands deep down into the city treasury and lavishing money on numerous ward schools and beautiful high schools. It is so easy to spend other people's money. In spite of their schools and their teachers with big salaries, they are afraid to enter into competition with us. They never tell the results of their Regents' Examinations, but we are not ashamed to. We are not behind them in education, but they are spending our money on their schools and we must meet them with ours."

"I know that it is a hardship for the poor Catholics to pay for the public schools and our own, too, but we have done well so far and we must not stop. Yet even this hardship is not so hard as we may imagine. Stop and think; if we were to break up all our parochial schools next year it would mean that the city of Rochester would be compelled to build fifteen new public schools and we should pay our share of the cost. Think of the increased taxes. Besides this, teachers would have to be provided, and for these, too, we would be taxed.

"Let us not complain of the meanness and injustice done in taking our money and giving us nothing in return. We want no man's money but our own for what we do in our churches and our schools. What we have is our own and is paid for with our own money, which is honest. It is not for us to grumble or complain or retaliate. We don't care; we can afford to suffer today in order that we may build up our schools and our religion. We are willing to pay in order to keep our young men and young women where they will have not only the care of our priests, but that care which no money can buy—the care of our devoted sisters. They are the real martyrs; you may give a little money but they give their lives. Our registration for this year will be over 10,000. I am told it costs \$40.00 a year to educate a child; so we are giving the city of Rochester \$400,000 a year. We are all anxious to see the new school building next year. You have been waiting patiently for it during many years, and now Holy Redeemer Church is to have a parochial school which will compare favorably with any in the city, and one of which the members need never be ashamed. And now that

your hopes are about to be fulfilled, do not forget that good old Pastor of yours, to whom their fulfillment is due. Father Oberholzer was not in the habit of talking about what he had saved for you, but when he died, and only then did you know what he had done for you. This church and the school which is to be built are is monuments and should serve to make you forget his faults, which were few and remember only his virtues."

The service following the actual laying of the corner stone was participated in by Reverends M. J. Hargather, celebrant, J. P. Schellhorn, deacon, L. G. Hofschneider, subdeacon, A. B. Meehan, master of ceremonies, E. J. Hanna, Angelo Lugero, E. J. Wirth, J. A. Hickey, William Gleason, Alphonse Notebaert, William Kessel, William Gruenauer, Francis X. Kunz, and J. F. Staub, the rector of the church.

The new hall is 118 feet long and 60 feet wide; the auditorium will accommodate over 800 persons, and has a stage second to none of the parochial halls in the city. There are meeting rooms, a parish library and rooms for the use of the young men of the parish. The estimated cost of the building was about \$78,000, including the stage, and all its furnishings.

About this time, or to be more exact, on September 19, 1905, the Right Reverend Bishop appointed the Reverend Francis X. Kunz to succeed Father Gruenauer as assistant Pastor. In the month of July he had returned from Rome, Italy, where he had spent the greater part of the year in studying Italian in order to fit himself for some Italian Mission on his return. In the meantime, however, the Italians sent a delegation to the Right Reverend Bishop insisting upon having a priest of their own instead of an American. As a result Father Kunz remained for some time at the Cathedral until his appointment to Holy Redeemer Church. He was born April 5, 1878, in this city, received his early education in Holy Family school and afterwards went to Saint Andrew's and Saint Bernard's Seminaries to prepare for the Holy Priesthood. He was ordained in Saint Patrick's Cathedral June 11, 1904 by the Right Rev. B. J. McQuaid, and was subsequently stationed there for several months previous to his departure for Italy.

A parish library was started in January, 1907 by the Young Ladies' Sodality, and has had a continuous growth so that today there are over 1,200 volumes to be found on the shelves. The children of the school in particular have taken advantage of the opportunity offered them, thus laying a good foundation for their

future. The children pay two cents a volume and are allowed to keep the book two weeks. Adults pay five cents. In the immediate future it is planned to increase the number of books considerably and the people will be requested to patronize the library as much as possible.

On Sunday, February 3, 1907, a meeting of the men and young men was called to formulate plans for a Catholic Men's Association. Its success as well as its future history will be found in its proper place.

The first entertainment given by the children in the new Concordia Hall, was held April 15 and 16, 1907, the proceeds of which amounted to \$543.35, a great success indeed. Since then the children of our school have shown a wonderful theatrical ability in the various performances in which they have taken part. Our parish Dramatic Club has presented on our stage some of the very finest plays under the direction of Mr. Don C. Manning. From a financial as well as a theatrical standpoint, the drama, Joan of Arc, which was given in our hall in November, 1913, was the greatest success. The receipts on this occasion were \$844.55 and the expenses \$268.18, leaving a net balance of \$576.37.

From the beginning the church had been illuminated by gas, but on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1909, the new electric lights were thrown on for the first time to the great satisfaction of the parishioners.

The time had now come for the erection of a new school building. Hence in July, 1910, the old school, which had been the original church was razed to the ground to make room for the magnificent new school which now adorns our property. Placed in a wooden box and found in the corner stone were a chronicle of the Orphan Asylum Society, various coins, stamps, picnic tickets, badges, a booklet entitled "Hudson Street Cottage Association for the Benefit of Saint Joseph's Orphan Asylum," The New York Freeman's Journal, September 1, 1866, Rochester Daily Union and Advertiser, September 17, 1866, Katholische Kirchen Zeitung, New York, September 6, 1866, Taegliches Rochester Volksblatt, September 17, 1866, Katholisches Volkszeitung, Baltimore, September 8, 1866, Wahrheits Freund, Cincinnati, July 4, 1866, and Frei-Brief des St. Joseph's Deutschen Roemischen Katholischen Waisenhaus Vereins. The Cross, which had stood sentinel-like on that building for forty-three years, was cut up in little pieces and sold as souvenirs at a festival held for the benefit of the new school.



Rev. Peter Fisher, O. S. B.



Rev. Edward Chapnis.

On January 21, 1911, the assistant Pastor was requested by the Right Reverend Bishop to assist Father Dwyer in Seneca Falls. He remained there until June 23, when he once more returned to Holy Redeemer Church. During those five intervening months Reverend Peter Fisher, O. S. B., assisted Father Staub in the work of the parish. He remained until August 6, 1911. In October Reverend Edward Chapuis, who was born in Switzerland March 6, 1848, was sent here temporarily to help along until another regular assistant was appointed. Father Chapuis was with us from October, 1911 to June, 1912, when Reverend John B. Baier, who had been assistant at Saint Francis Xavier Church, was transferred to Holy Redeemer.

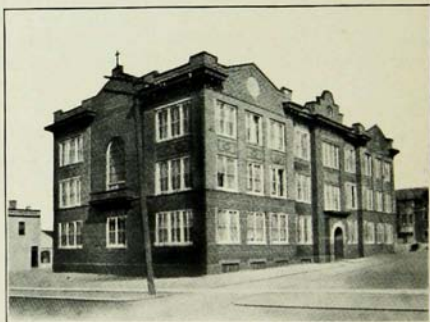
He was born in Waldau, Bavaria, July 17, 1880, and when four years old his parents came to America. He was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Holy Family school, made his preparation for the priesthood in Saint Andrew's and Saint Bernard's Seminaries, and was ordained in the Cathedral June 8, 1907. For one year he was assistant at Saint Mary's Church, Canandaigua, and for the four following years at Saint Francis Xavier's Church.

For several years the Lithuanians of this city held services in our parochial hall, and from time to time a Lithuanian priest came to hear their confessions. It was indeed a great joy for them when the Right Reverend Bishop ordained Reverend Joseph Kasakaitis to be their pastor. While they were with us, they showed signs of lively faith and tender devotion to Holy Mother Church. They have cooperated very nobly with their pastor and now have a Church of their own.

The Ruthenians also were made welcome and held divine service in our Church for several months, until they were able to build for themselves. They erected a church on Remington Street, which was blessed by their own Bishop, Right Reverend Stephen Ortynski, who has since then passed to his eternal reward. Father Slyvinski, their pastor stayed at the rectory for at least a half year. About three years ago they bought a protestant Church on Hudson Avenue and remodeled it into a very practical Catholic edifice. They contribute largely for their Church, and are a class of hard working people.

In September, 1911, the new school was opened and the people were invited to inspect it. From all sides came words of praise and deservedly so; for it is one of the very finest schools in the western part of the State. It cost about \$80,000 to build, with an additional \$2,000 for the fire-escape. The

interior furnishings cost about \$2,000. It has twelve large class rooms, each being decorated after a different pattern. It has also a large assembly hall on the third floor, as well as a music room and a visitor's room on the first floor. The children take a pride in their school for they are very careful not to mar anything connected with the building.



The New School.

One month later a very successful mission, lasting three weeks, was preached by Fathers Godfrey, George and Vigilius, C. P. P. S. People came from different parishes of the city, attracted partly by the large illuminated cross which hung between the church towers, but mainly by the very interesting sermons preached by the Reverend Fathers. Many came back to the church who had been away for several years. The people were very grateful to the good Fathers for all that they did for them, and were very loath to part with them.

In November of this year a number of women met and organized the Saint Cecilia's Extension Auxiliary, the object of which would be to help the poor missions in the South and West. That their work has been deeply appreciated is evidenced by the different accounts that have appeared from time to time in the Extension Magazine published in Chicago.

One month later, at the instigation of Father Staub and Dr. Nicholas Kiefer, the Windthorst Study Circle was organized, to combat the evils of Socialism. Louis Ammering was chosen President and Leo Marchlewicz, Secretary and Treasurer. The aim of the Study Circle has been from the beginning to bring to the minds of its audience, the principles laid down by men, emin-

ent in the study of the social question such as Pope Leo XIII, Bishop Von Ketteler and Ludwig Windthorst.

The Circle is not a purely local parish society, but includes members from several parishes throughout the city. Its lecturers are clergymen and laymen who have devoted special attention to the study of the social question and to current topics as they effect the interest of the Catholic Church.

The Circle was represented at the great national convention of Catholic Societies, held in New York City during the last week in August, 1916. The character and extent of the work accomplished by the Circle was the subject of much praise on the part of the delegates. Surprise was expressed at the large weekly attendance and the compact organization of the Circle, one delegate going so far as to say that our society should be called a social study school, and not merely a study circle.

Meetings are held every Friday evening from November to April; non-Catholics as well as Catholics are invited. The present officers, 1916-17, are the following: President, Stanley J. Lane; First Vice President, Cyril F. Marx; Second Vice President, Francis Wolfe; Secretary, Margaret A. Gardner, and Treasurer, Agnes A. Mulligan.

In June, 1912, Reverend Adolph Edelman, a brother of Reverend Louis Edelman was raised to the priesthood, and being a boy of the parish would have sung his first Solemn High Mass in Holy Redeemer Church had it not been that his good mother was too infirm to come such a distance. Hence he celebrated this occasion with his parents in Saint Bridget's Church, in the immediate neighborhood. He was born July 15th, 1885, graduated from Holy Redeemer School and studied at Saint Andrew's and Saint Bernard's Seminaries. After his ordination he was appointed assistant pastor at Saint Francis Xavier's Church, and later at Saint Michael's, a position that he has now enjoyed for several years.

The renewal of our mission was conducted by Father George, C. P. P. S., from March 30 to April 13, 1913 with wonderful success as he did the work all alone. Some time later the parish received a shock when news came that good Father George was no more. He will long be remembered for his great zeal in bringing back souls to God.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1913 Right Reverend Thomas F. Hickey announced to the people of Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N. Y., that Holy Redeemer parish would be divided and a

new parish formed on Portland Avenue, afterwards called the Saint Andrew's parish. Father Miller was appointed pastor, but later, on account of ill health, he was forced to resign. In his stead, Reverend George Eckl of Greece, N. Y., became pastor and with the very willing co-operation of the people of that vicinity began one of the most flourishing parishes of the diocese. Holy Redeemer as the mother church contributed one hundred and fifty families as a nucleus, as she had done several years before at the formation of Saint Michael's, Saint Francis Xaviers and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches.

One of the most impressive sights ever seen in this Church was the solemn confirmation ceremony on Sunday afternoon, November 2, 1913, when our Right Reverend Bishop confirmed four hundred eighty-two boys and girls and adults. Down the centre aisles to the doors on both sides were the boys and girls, with their sponsors in the bench opposite to them in the side aisles. Likewise under both galleries were the adults to be confirmed and their sponsors. The only available room for friends and relatives was upstairs in the galleries.

The reason for this large number of persons confirmed was due to the early communion of our little children, and to the mission preached one year before by the Precious Blood Fathers. On different occasions since then our Right Reverend Bishop has recalled with pleasure that beautiful sight of future soldiers in the great army of Christ.

For several years, dating back to July 17, 1914, we have had a public novena in our church in honor of Saint Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin. People, not having the opportunity to visit the shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre in Canada, welcomed this novena as a means of paying tribute to good Saint Anne as well as to ask of her some favor or grace. The attendance at this novena has been excellent, many people coming from different parts of the city. In the course of time we propose to erect a very beautiful shrine of Saint Anne, where the faithful will come time and again and plead for blessings through the intercession of this great saint.

Father Staub's Silver Jubilee.

In the beginning of Lent, or to be more exact, on the 6th day of March, 1914, the first work for the coming Silver Jubilee celebration of our Reverend Pastor was begun. It was planned that

the children should raise \$1,000.00 to be presented to the Reverend Jubilarian on the day of his Jubilee. To this end they received punch cards, and by the end of Lent, they had to their account almost \$700.00. About a month later they held a raffle and a rubber and paper shower, and thus succeeded in realizing the amount aimed at from the beginning. The children worked hard and most willingly, and were generously assisted by the encouraging words of their respective teachers.

About the first of April, the various societies of men of this parish were asked to take under their auspices the drama "Vengeance is Mine, saith the Lord." The men showed a very fine spirit of good will and co-operation, and as a result the net proceeds of the play amounted to \$352.55.

During the month of May, the women's societies of our parish decided to raise sufficient funds for a new sanctuary carpet. For this purpose the Sacred Heart Society held a very successful Pedro Party; both the upstairs and downstairs of the hall were used; about six hundred people were present. The amount realized was something like \$200. The L. C. B. A. donated \$75.00; the Ladies' Auxiliary, \$75.00; the C. W. B. L., \$50.00, and the C. R. & B. A., \$25.00. There were also a few donations from private individuals. Thus the women could feel proud in having laid the new beautiful green carpet, amounting to \$470.00.

On Sunday, July 19, a special Jubilee collection was taken by the priests in order to afford an opportunity to all who did not belong to the Church Societies to manifest their good will towards the Jubilarian. The collection amounted to \$763.35, a handsome sum indeed, considering that so many were out of work at the time.

On Monday, July 20, the old carpet was taken up, and the sanctuary floor cleaned. On Thursday of the same week the new carpet was laid. The following day saw the Church beautifully decorated with Papal and American flags and cedar festooning. High up in the sanctuary was placed an illuminated sign with the following words: "Jubilate Deo" printed on large silver bells; also the date of the Reverend Jubilarian's ordination as well as the date of the Jubilee.

Following is the program of the various celebrations on this occasion:

Saturday, July 25, the Reverend Pastor, assisted by Reverend Francis X. Kunz as Deacon and Reverend John B. Baier

as Subdeacon, sang a Solemn High Mass at 6 o'clock in honor of his patron, Saint James.

Sunday, July 26, the Jubilarian again sang a Solemn High Mass for the people, assisted by Reverend G. Emil Gefell as Deacon, and Reverend Francis X. Kunz as Subdeacon. The sermon on this occasion was preached by Father Gefell.

In the evening after services, the members of the Young Ladies' Sodality and the Saint Cecilia's Extension Auxiliary, now the Order of Martha, tendered the Reverend Jubilarian a reception and presented to him a beautiful gold chalice and ciborium. Confetti was showered upon him in great abundance. There were several vocal and instrumental numbers, after which refreshments were served. The reception was brought to a close by the singing of the "Holy God."

Monday, July 27, at 9 o'clock, the children had their Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Reverend Pastor and his two assistants. The church was practically filled with children, who thereby greatly rejoiced the heart of their Pastor. After the Mass they had their entertainment in the hall.

In the evening Father Staub was serenaded in his home by the church choir, which rendered several melodious and soul-stirring strains. In the meantime all the bells of the church were rung for about twenty-five minutes, thus testifying by their peals the gratitude of the people for the blessings received by the Jubilarian during the twenty-five years of his priesthood.

Tuesday, July 28 was set aside for the solemn celebration of the Jubilee. Members of the congregation, as well as many friends from outside the parish filled the church to show their esteem for the Reverend Jubilarian. The services began with a procession from the rectory to the church, headed by the Saint Louis Commandry of the Knights of Saint John, the altar boys and visiting priests in cassock and surplice. Reverend Emil Gefell acted as Master of Ceremonies, Reverend John B. Baier, cross bearer, Arthur Florack and William Brien of Saint Bernard's Seminary as acolytes, Frank Lane and Norbert Scheuring, censer and boat bearers. Joseph Koch, Joseph O'Heron, Henry Zimmerman, William Schneider, and Herbert Sturmer of Saint Andrew's Seminary assisted in the sanctuary.

The second part of the procession consisted of the second Master of Ceremonies, Reverend Francis X. Kunz, followed by the six nephews of the Jubilarian, vested in white cassocks with purple collars and sash, and five nieces dressed in white and

wearing white veils, two of whom carried baskets of flowers, two others carried the beautiful gold chalice and ciborium and the fifth carried a silk pillow on which reposed a silver wreath prepared for the occasion by Sister M. Vincenz of Pittsburg, a former teacher of Father Staub at Holy Redeemer School.

A very touching note of the celebration was the fact that Father Staub's father, who on that day was celebrating his ninety-first birthday was to be seen in the front of the first pew, escorted there by two of his grandsons.

Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated by Father Staub, assisted by Reverend Ferdinand Bogner of Jersey City as Deacon and Reverend John Quinn of Mount Reid as Subdeacon. In the sanctuary was Very Reverend D. Curran, V. G., the representative of our Right Reverend Bishop, who at that time was in Europe, paying his ad limina visit to the Pope. The combined men and boys' choirs sang a special Mass composed for the occasion by Professor Gabroth, of the Catholic University at Washington.

The Jubilee Sermon was preached by Very Reverend Anastasius Kreidt, O. C. C., of Pittsburg. He dwelt on the duties and responsibilities of the priesthood, and congratulated the Jubilarian upon his successful work during the past twenty-five years, most of which had been spent in this parish, and wished him in his own name and in the name of all present God's blessings, and expressed the hope that Father Staub might see his Golden Jubilee as a priest in 1939.

The following priests attended the services: Reverends M. J. Hargather, F. J. O'Hanlon, A. M. O'Neill, J. J. Hartley, P. M. Wartinger, C. S. S. R., J. C. Bubenheim, W. Payne, J. Donnelly, J. T. Dougherty, J. F. Boppel, G. J. Eisler, J. J. Nash, A. J. Maeckle, S. J., J. F. Hogan, M. H. Harrington, B. Merenkow, F. Hoefen, J. F. Gefell, W. Gruenauer, J. J. Baierl, E. Ziegan, S. Fitzsimons, F. G. Straub, J. A. Miller, J. E. Hartley, J. McGrath, H. Regenbogen, B. J. Gefell, L. Hofschneider, I. Klejna, J. L. Codyre, J. Kasakaitis, J. P. Sullivan, D. Van der Moulen, J. P. Schellhorn, M. J. Krieg, J. McMann, F. W. Stauder, J. B. Keenan, A. F. Edelman, J. E. Bayer, P. A. Erras, J. H. O'Brien, M. Krischel, J. Robotti, J. H. Gefell, M. Dwyer, B. Gommenginer, J. Winters, J. Gibbons, E. J. Eschrich, J. B. Brophy, S. S. Englert, J. J. Baier, A. J. McCabe, J. J. Bresnihan, T. Connors, Geo. T. Jones, S. McPadden.

At one o'clock in the afternoon a banquet was served to the

visiting priests. The dinner was served by Oscar Hoffman, assisted by the ladies of the parish. The toastmaster of the occasion was Reverend M. J. Hargather of Saint Michael's Church. The following toasts were given: Our Right Rev. Bishop by Very Reverend D. Curran. The Day We Celebrate by Rev. James Dougherty. Here and There by Rev. J. P. Quinn. The Class of '84 by Rev. M. J. Cluney. Some Reminiscences by Rev. William Payne.

During the banquet the following cablegram was received from Right Rev. T. F. Hickey in Rome, "The Holy Father sends his blessing; my prayers and congratulations."

BISHOP HICKEY.

Towards the end of the banquet Father Staub's father was brought into the dining room and recited one of his own compositions in German.

In the evening there was held in the hall a parochial reception in honor of the Jubilarian. The program consisted of several numbers by the children and several vocal and instrumental numbers by the choir, and the Young Ladies of the parish. The following checks were then presented to Father Staub:

Check for \$352.55 from the Men.

Check for \$440.80 from the Women.

Check for \$763.35 from the Parish.

Check for \$1,000.00 from the Children.

One of the features of the evening was the presentation of the children's illuminated check, a facsimile of which can be seen in our new school. A large audience greeted the pastor and made him very happy. In the course of his remarks he expressed his gratitude to one and all who had been instrumental in making his Jubilee so successful, and to all who had helped him during the twenty-five years of his priesthood.

On Wednesday evening another parochial reception was held similar to the one on Tuesday evening with the exception that there were no checks presented.

Thursday evening about two hundred of our alumni gathered in the hall for a reception, rendered a musical program and presented a check of \$162.00. On Saturday night the German Federation of Catholic Societies, of which Father Staub has been for many years the Spiritual Moderator, held their festivities in honor of the occasion, and presented checks amounting to \$250. There were two hundred people present, and everyone wished the Reverend Jubilarian many more years in the ministry and

amongst them, so that he might celebrate with them his Golden Jubilee in 1939.

The new lights which are found in front of the church and at the side entrance were donated on this occasion by the following parties:

Louis Edelman	\$35.00	August Bott	\$25.00
Anthony Schneider	10.00	Joseph Hoff	10.00
George Kircher	10.00	Frank Vetter	10.00
John Frederick	5.00	Leo Scheid	5.00
Mary Warth	5.00	Frank Meyer	5.00
Andrew Mattle	5.00	Jacob Le Frois	5.00
Charles Widenmann ...	5.00	Richard Straub	3.00
George Kress	5.00	Frank Aman	3.00
Louis Meisenzahl	5.00	Joseph Laurer	2.00
Roman Rosenbauer	5.00	Mary Mosher	2.00
George Vogt	5.00	Mrs. L. Meisenzahl	2.00
Matthew Kinnen	5.00		

Twenty-five years in the holy priesthood is always an occasion to rejoice, not only for the priest himself, but also for the parishioners to whom he has dedicated his life. For Father Staub it has meant a time of great activity, spending himself as it were day and night in order to give the people his very best. In addition to his parochial work, he has been very much interested in the German Catholic Federation, and the Catholic Women's Federation of New York State. He is as it were the mainspring of both these organizations which are doing so much good for the cause of humanity. For the last three years he has been the head of the Catholic Charity Guild, an organization of Catholic Women of the city who give their time and assistance to the poor and the needy, as well as help in the education of those who have not been given the opportunity of a Catholic bringing up. At present he is engaged in arranging a Day Nursery for children of poor and dependent mothers, a work which must appeal to all classes, irrespective of their religious beliefs. He is highly respected by Catholics and non-Catholics throughout the city and is always requested to furnish "vaudeville numbers," as some one has naively put it, whenever the opportunity presents itself.

June 13, 1915, was another occasion for the people of Holy Redeemer parish to rejoice, because on that day Reverend George Schneider, C. S. S. R., celebrated his first Solmn High Mass assisted by Reverend J. F. Staub as arch-priest, Reverend

F. Reichert as deacon and Reverend T. Roche, C. S. S. R., as sub-deacon. Reverend F. X. Kunz, Master of Ceremonies, Reverend J. B. Baier, cross bearer, Reverend A. Florack and Reverend W. Brien, acolytes, and William Schneider, brother of the celebrant, censer bearer. In the sanctuary were Reverend William Kessel, C. S. S. R., Reverend J. Lowenkamp, C. S. S. R., Reverend E. Eschrich, and Reverend A. Edelman. Father Reichert preached the sermon, in which he dwelt at length on the exalted dignity which had been conferred on the young priest. He explained from the Roman Pontifical what are the duties of a priest. "I read there," he continued, "that it is the duty of the priest to offer sacrifice, to bless, to preach, and to baptize; four simple words, but words that describe the life-work of every priest on earth." After explaining in detail these four duties, he brought home to the young priest, how he must be ready to suffer for the sake of his holy calling. He concluded thus: "Before you go on with the Holy Sacrifice, we beg you to raise those hands still moist with the sacred Unction in blessing over us all. Bless us that we who are gathered together before the altar may one day be gathered together before the throne of God, in that land the good and the grand beyond the grave. Amen."

Father Schneider was escorted from his home to the Church by the various church societies. A beautiful large triumphal arch had been especially erected for the occasion, surmounted by an illuminated cross. On the cross beam of the arch was a missal, maniple, and chalice with paten. He was born in Auburn, N. Y., July 1, 1885. His parents moved to Rochester when he was quite young. He graduated from Holy Redeemer's Church in 1901, attended the East High School for the next three years and then left for Canisius College, Buffalo, 1904 to 1908. At this time he decided to join the Redemptorists. He spent one year at Ilchester and six years at Esopus, N. Y., where he was ordained by Cardinal Farley on June 10, 1915.

Three weeks later, July 3, 1915, the Right Reverend Bishop sent Rev. William Doran one of the newly ordained priests, to assist in the work of the parish. He remained here until the following September when he was transferred to Holy Family Church, Auburn, N. Y., where he did excellent work especially in the hospitals and the prison. On July 1, 1916, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Bath, N. Y.

He was a graduate from the Immaculate Conception



Rev. Adolph Edelman.



Rev. George Schneider, C. G. R.



Rev. W. A. Doran.

Church, this city. During his short stay with us he was given charge of St. Salome's Church, Sea Breeze, N. Y., where he made many friends among the people. We were sorry to lose him, but he was quite resigned to make the sacrifice. It may be remarked here that for several years the priests from Holy Redeemer Church have looked after the spiritual welfare of the people of St. Salome's Church, a Mass being celebrated for them every Sunday and Holy day of obligation.

About the middle of June, 1916, the Young Ladies Sodality had a three days retreat conducted by the Reverend Edward F. Garesche, S. J., editor of the *Queen's Work*, at the end of which a Sodality Union of various Sodalities of the city was formed to promote greater devotion to our Blessed Mother, and to encourage greater union and co-operation among the sodalities.

On June 24th, 1916, the Right Reverend Bishop appointed Reverend William W. Heisel, just ordained two weeks before, to assist at Holy Redeemer Church. In the Fall he was given charge of the Holy Redeemer Athletic Association and has succeeded most creditably in keeping the young men from dangerous places and in affording them various kinds of lawful recreation. During the year the club members enjoyed basket ball, bowling, billiards, etc., to their utmost satisfaction, and all look forward with great earnestness to the opening of the new season when it is expected that the membership will be more than doubled. Father Heisel was born February 22, 1891, graduated from Saint Peter's School in 1905 and made his philosophical and theological courses in Saint Bernard's Seminary. In 1912 he took the degree of Ph. B. and Ph. L. and in October 1915, S. T. D.

From May 6 to 20, 1917, Fathers Vigilius and Cyril, C. P. P. S., gave us a mission, which was productive of much good, especially among our men. The Precious Blood Fathers have made an impression in this parish which will not be effaced for many years to come.

As our beloved country had now entered into the Great War which for the past three years has brought ruin to the peoples of Europe, it was thought well that the women of Holy Redeemer parish should join the Catholic Women's League of Rochester which had been instrumental in collecting thousands of dollars for the Red Cross Fund. Hence an invitation was extended to all the ladies of the parish to come to a meeting

called for this purpose for Friday evening, June 29th. Mrs. D. B. Murphy, Mrs. Dr. Culkin and Miss Mary Jennings who were present on this occasion explained the work of the Catholic Women's League, and suggested that a War Relief Circle be started immediately. Mrs. L. Kastner was made chairman, and Miss Margaret Swartele Secretary-Treasurer; thirteen sub-chairmen were selected each one promising to form a little circle of her own. In order to raise funds for the work of the circle, a very successful pedro party was held two weeks later. Since the circle was organized, the ladies have met in the parochial hall every Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the work that has been accomplished by them has received great praise from those who are in authority at the Red Cross House, on East Avenue. Miss Jennings, the organizer of the Catholic Women's League, has informed us that our War Relief Circle was the first among the Catholic parishes of the City to make hospital supplies for our soldier and sailor boys.

The time had now come to make preparations for the proper celebration of our Golden Jubilee. A Jubilee Committee consisting of five members from each of our thirteen societies, was appointed, and requested to attend a meeting on Friday evening, August 10th. Mr. Frank X. Fischer was made Chairman of the Committee, and he in turn appointed an executive committee, a press committee, and a decorating committee. It was decided that a Jubilee Festival be held in our hall on September 25-26-27, to raise sufficient funds to have the exterior of the Church painted in time for the Jubilee. Mr. William Warth was appointed general chairman of the festival, and a chairman from each society was selected to carry on this work and to bring it to a successful conclusion.

On Sunday, August 19th, a special Jubilee collection was taken up in the Church, amounting to \$1,253.47.

On Friday, September 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, it was just fifty years since the School Sisters of Notre Dame took charge of this mission. On the previous evening, the members of our choir, and a number of ladies from the Sacred Heart Sodality and the L. C. B. A., serenaded the Sisters while they were reciting their night prayers in the chapel. The Church bells pealed forth their song of praise and thanksgiving, in honor of the good Sisters who had labored so zealously in this part of the Lord's vineyard. The next morning a Solemn High Mass



The Convent.

of thanksgiving was sung by Rev. J. F. Staub, assisted by Rev. F. X. Kunz as deacon, and Rev. J. B. Baier as sub-deacon, and in the evening the Vespers of the Blessed Virginia were sung and a sermon appropriate for the occasion was preached by Rev. John Boppel, one of the boys of the parish, and now pastor of St. Boniface Church. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given after which all joined in singing the Te Deum, to give thanks to Almighty God for all the benefits received through the good Sisters in their work of the education of the young. The Sisters were highly pleased with this manifestation of good will and were greatly encouraged to continue the noble work in which they are engaged in helping to build up character, and lead souls nearer to God. May God reward them abundantly for all their sacrifices, and for all that they have done, and it will ever be the earnest prayer of those who had the good fortune to be taught by the Sisters, that when this life is over a reward exceedingly great may be in store for them.

Our Jubilee Festival was held September 25-26-27-29; it was an occasion long to be remembered not only on account of its financial success, the proceeds being over \$1,500.00, but also on account of the good will and harmony that was seen on the part of all engaged in making it such a great success. It can indeed be said that "Concordia reigned supreme," during the entire festival. There were seventeen beautiful booths put up and tastefully decorated, each one in charge of a particular society as follows:

- C. M. B. A., ham and chicken booth.
- St. Louis, blanket and suit case booth.
- C. R. & B. A., fern and umbrella booth.
- Sacred Heart, variety booth.
- Order of Martha, Parcels Post booth.
- Sodality, candy booth.
- Alumni, hots and soft drinks booth.
- C. W. B. L., ice cream and fritters.
- St. Jacob's, grocery booth.
- L. C. B. A., ice cream and candy booth.
- Ladies' Auxiliary, fish pond.

Five different concessions in charge of the Holy Redeemer Athletic Association.

Curiosity Shop in care of Sodality.

The "Moor Garden" in charge of the St. Fidelis Society proved a very attractive feature of the festival.

The finance committee, from whom all moneys were received and to whom all moneys were returned each evening, had a very artistic booth of its own.

The choir succeeded in getting the services of two bands from the vicinity to march in procession with little lanterns on two nights of the festival and otherwise gave entertainment that amused and pleased the people. All seemed to vie with one another, in a very friendly spirit and at the end it was the firm conviction of the Jubilee Committee that this was one of the most successful events ever held in Concordia Hall.

We have now come to the end of our labor which indeed has been a labor of love, and we ask the kind reader to join us in giving thanks to our Blessed Redeemer in whose honor this chronicle has been written for all the benefits He has bestowed upon us during these fifty years of manifold blessing.

In preparing this chronicle our one ambition has been simply to give a faithful historical record of events that have transpired during these years. We have been anxious that as much as possible of things historical and of local interest should be preserved for future reference. If our ambitions have been realized, we are very grateful indeed, to the Giver of all gifts; on the other hand, if in the course of its compilation any errors have crept in, we would ask the kind reader to gently overlook them, and to offer up a silent prayer for the one that has tried his best to please God, and the people of Holy Redeemer Parish, with whom it has been his pleasure to spend the last twelve years, and from whom he has received continual encouragement, good will and hearty co-operation. He takes this occasion to express to one and all his deep appreciation for the many kindnesses shown to him in the past, and begs God to shower down His choicest blessing upon every man, woman and child of Holy Redeemer Parish.





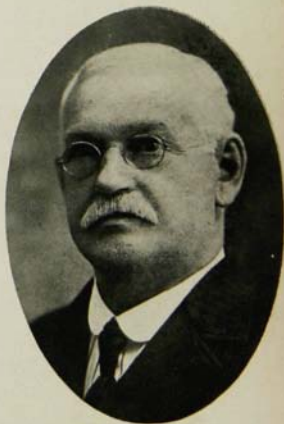
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Our Trustees.



Mr. Louis Edelman.



Mr. Frank N. Fischer.

"Our Choir".

The first organist of this church was Mr. George Blesser. Under his direction, reform of Church music became a fact, with the introduction of the so-called Caecilian music. He was followed by Mr. Wendelin Weber in 1881 who resigned in 1884 to take charge of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir in Buffalo, N. Y. Whilst Mr. Meber was organist Mr. Richard Streb was considered the "foster father" of the Church choir; his untimely death on May 9th, 1885, was mourned most deeply by all its members. Mr. Weber was succeeded by Prof. Seibold, who during the next ten years brought the choir to a high degree of perfection. Then there followed Mr. Van Hutten, Mr. Miller, Mr. Messmer, Mr. Glick, Mr. Giens with Mr. Jacob Hettel as director, and Prof. Dousek.

The present incumbent, Professor Wendelin Weber, returned and took charge of our choir as organist and director in 1907. The choir had always been a choir of mixed voices, but in accordance with the famous *Motu Proprio* of Pope Pius X on Church Music, Professor Weber formed a male choir and some time later a boy choir. At present there are sixteen men and twenty boys in the choir and they are easily second to none in the city in the rendition of ecclesiastical music. It was Father Oberholzer's intention from the beginning that only what is strictly liturgical—the Gregorian Chant, or the classic strains of Palestrina—should be heard in the Church. That same spirit has been characteristic of the music that has been rendered by our choir during the last fifty years, and today is fully carried out in all the liturgical services of the church.



Mrs. Frank Walz, Pres.



Mrs. George Vogt, Vice-Pres.



Mrs. Frank Meyer, Past Pres.



Mrs. John Cullen, Sec'y.



Miss Teresa Bauer, Treas.

Sacred Heart Sodality.

The honor of being the first to organize a society in this parish belongs to the women, and doubly so because theirs was to be an altar society devoted to the up-keep of the sanctuary. On December 8th, 1867, a meeting was held for the members of the Sacred Heart Society of St. Joseph's Church, to see if they wished to form a new society with the same privileges and obligations for the new church; thirty-five of these women were prepared to do so. In January the other women of the parish were invited to interest themselves in this matter, and as a result sixty-five new members reported. On the roll book for the year 1867-68 we find one hundred thirteen names, eighty-three of whom were entitled to the full benefits of the Society. On March 25, 1868, there took place the first general Communion and the following were elected officers: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Leckinger; Vice President, Mrs. Jacob Hoehm; Secretary, Mrs. Anna Stumpf; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gadrell. In the month of May, 1868, the constitution of the new society was read and adopted.

During all these years the Sacred Heart Society has had a steady growth with a membership at present of three hundred and fifty. The members contribute \$1.20 annually, have a monthly conference and social and receive Holy Communion in a body on the First Friday. When a member dies she is entitled to a solemn Funeral High Mass or one Requiem High Mass and six low Masses. The Rosary and other appropriate prayers are recited for her and all the members are requested to attend the Funeral Mass.

The officers for the current year are the following: President, Mrs. Frank Walz; Vice President, Mrs. George Vogt; Secretary, Mrs. John Cullen; Treasurer, Mrs. Teresa Laurer.



Otto Merkel, Vice-Pres.



William D. Staub, Rec. Sec'y



Frank A. Klechhammer, Pres.



Frank A. Mayer, Fin. Sec'y



Henry Klechhammer, Treas.

St. Jacobs' Benevolent Society.

The St. Jacob's Benevolent Society was organized on July 17th, 1870, one month after the Concordia Verein had been started. The object of this Society has always been to aid its members during sickness and disability and to foster religious and moral training in conformity with Christian Doctrine.

The first officers were the following: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Fidelis Oberholzer; President, Henry Neidinger; Vice President, Jacob Wehle; Secretary, Casper Guck; Treasurer, George Herman; Guard, Peter Theis.

On July 28th, 1895, the society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a High Mass: on this occasion the new banner was blessed by Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid who made a short speech wishing for the success of the organization, and bestowed his blessing upon the society. On the next evening the society marched in full uniform escorted by the St. Fidelis, and the Knights of St. Louis, to Germania Hall, where a musical program was presented.

During the forty-seven years of its existence, the society had the following gentlemen as presidents: Henry Neidinger, Casimir Kalmbacher, William Diringer, John Leicht, George Aman, Val Lochner, William Rosenbauer, Max Scherer, Melchior Kastner, Otto Merkel, Frank Gardner, Joseph Weier, and Frank Kleehammer.

Conrad Kalmbacher acted as recording secretary for a term of twenty years. Death benefits for members have amounted to \$8,457.00; of members' wives \$3,489.50; for the sick and disabled \$31,344, making a total of \$43,290.50.

The following members have belonged to the society for the past forty-five years and are still active: Caspar Roesser, (charter member), Eusebius Reiter, Conrad Kalmbacher, John Scherer, Joseph Lochner, Mich. Kleehammer, Amandus Fink, Edward Huck, and Nicholas Warth.

The membership at present is 270 with the following as officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. F. Staub; President, Frank A. Kleehammer; Vice President, Otto Merkel; Recording Secretary, William D. Staub; Financial Secretary, Frank J. Mayer; Treasurer, Henry Kleehammer; Guard, August Adolph; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. C. Flynn.



Miss Amelia Welter, 1st Ass't Prefect.



Miss Josephine Heinze, 2d Ass't Prefect.



Miss Phoebe Scheuring, Prefect.



Miss Agnes Bopp, Secretary.



Miss Sophie Albrecht, Treasurer.

Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In May 1871 the Sodality of the Heart of Mary was organized by Father Oberholzer for young ladies of the parish. The following were its first officers: President, Miss Catherine Langknecht; Vice President, Miss Mary Elam; Secretary, Miss Barbara Wiesner; Treasurer, Miss Genevieve Streb. At the end of the first year it had a membership of 139; in 1877 it numbered 156. Fifteen years later there were only 64 active members, showing that interest in it was lagging. It received a new impetus however when, on March 19, 1898, Father Miller had it canonically erected and affiliated with the Prima Primaria in Rome. Henceforth it was called the Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Cecilia.

From 1901 to 1911 Father Staub was its spiritual director. On November 19, 1911, Rev. Francis X. Kunz was placed in charge. The young ladies have taken great interest in the Sodality and hence it has had a continuous and steady growth until today it numbers 215. The present officers are the following: Prefect, Miss Phoebe Scheuring; First Assistant Prefect, Miss Amelia Weltzer; Second Assistant Prefect, Miss Josephine Heinze; Secretary, Miss Agnes Bopp, and Treasurer, Miss Sophie Albrecht.

The members receive Holy Communion in a body on the third Sunday of the month and on the following Wednesday have a conference, followed by a business meeting and social. Their annual dues are \$1.00.

There is a council of twelve members called Consultors, who meet the week before the regular meeting, and discuss matters which are to be brought before the Sodality at large and also to make plans for all social activities.

Once a year, during the month of May, a reception is held in the Church for new members. When a member marries before the altar, she receives a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the death of a member the Sodalists recite the Rosary and the Office of the dead in the Church, and a letter of sympathy is sent to the mourners.

Our Sodality was instrumental in having a Sodality Union formed in the city of Rochester by Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S. J., Editor of the *Queen's Work*, who gave a retreat to the ladies, June 15-18, 1916, at the end of which the Union was organized. At present there are eleven affiliated Sodalities; semi-annually they hold a city wide religious demonstration.



Frank Herold, President



William Warth, Captain.



John E. Schnorr, 2nd Vice-Pres.



Rich. F. Storandt, Rec. Sec'y



John M. Schicher, Fin. Sec'y



Gustave Knapp, Treasurer

Knights of St. Louis, Commandery No. 17.

The Knights of St. Louis Commandery, 17, Knights of St. John, was organized March 10, 1878, with thirty charter members, three of whom are still active, namely, George Heckner, Frank X. Foery and Jacob Kuhn.

The first officers of this Commandery were: President, Louis Bogner; Vice President, Michael Kitzel; Recording Secretary, George Heckner; Financial Secretary, Pius Dreyer; Treasurer, Theodore Koppenhagen; Commander, Louis Bogner; First Lieutenant, Joseph Hattersheid.

During the last thirty-nine years the following have held the office of President: Louis Bogner, William Rosenbauer, George Englert, George Schicker, Frank J. Gardner, John L. Schnorr and Frank F. Herold.

Commanders: Louis Bogner, John C. Martin, Frank J. Gardner, Gottlieb Christ and William Warth.

Mr. George Schicker was elected twenty consecutive times as president and fifteen times as a delegate to National conventions. On his fiftieth anniversary he was presented with gifts by members of the Commandery.

Commander Gottlieb Christ was elected his own successor twenty times and was presented with a gold badge on his fiftieth anniversary.

Gustave Knapp has been Treasurer for thirty years and still holds office.

The Commandery celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary August 23, 1903 with a solemn High Mass and expects to celebrate its fortieth anniversary this coming year.

During the thirty-nine years of its existence the Society has paid in sick and death claims the sum of \$5,794.00, and has in the treasury at present \$3,600.00. The present membership is forty-four members and one honorary member.

Present officers: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. J. F. Staub; President, Frank F. Herold; First Vice President, Frank H. Schmitt; Second Vice President, John L. Schnorr; Recording Secretary, Michael F. Storandt; Financial Secretary, John M. Schicker; Treasurer, Gustave Knapp; Trustees, August Zeitvogel, John Laurer, William Gardner, Frank H. Schmidt, John L. Schnorr; Medical Examiner, Dr. I. C. Schuhart; Captain, William Warth; First Lieutenant, John L. Schnorr; Second Lieutenant, Gustave Knapp; First Sergeant, Michael F. Storandt; Second Sergeant, August Zeitvogel.



Edmund Heinze, President.



Harry Blechhammer, 1st Vice-Pres



Anthony Bastner, 2nd Vice-Pres.



Cornelius Zwierlein, Fin. Sec'y



Henry Blechhammer, Fin. Sec'y



Frank Aman, Treasurer

Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

Holy Redeemer Branch, 58, C. M. B. A., was organized April 18th, 1882, by District Deputy James Fee, assisted by several members of Branch 12. It began with only fourteen members, and met with more than its share of up-hill work for the first two years of its existence, but by the zeal of its members and earnest work on the part of its officers it has prospered wonderfully.

The first officers were the following: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fridolin Pascalar; President, George Thein; First Vice President, Jacob Mattern; Second Vice President, Joseph Renner; Recording Secretary, John Doerschel; Assistant Secretary, Jacob Wahl; Financial Secretary, Fred Zink; Treasurer, Anthony Bayer; Marshal, John Treyer; Guard, Michael Schöpp.

Some twenty-one years ago a relief benefit society was organized among some of the members and at present this Branch is in a very flourishing condition. The dues are fifty cents per month, and during sickness the society pays \$6.00 per week.

Eighty-five thousand dollars have been paid out in death claims as follows: 38, \$2,000; 8, \$1,000, and 2, \$500 on policies. At present there are 191 members. Jacob Wahl is the only charter member alive and still very active.

The officers of Branch 58 are the following: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. J. F. Staub; President, Edmund Heinze; First Vice President, Harry Kleehammer; Second Vice President, Anthony Kastner; Recording Secretary, Henry Kleehammer, Sr.; Financial Secretary, Cornelius Zwierlein; Treasurer, Frank J. Aman; Marshal, Frank Pfeiffer; Guard, Joseph Weber.

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Matthias Finnen, Vice-Pres.



Max Heinze, Rec. Sec'y.



Geo. Magin, President.



Frank Walz, Fin. Sec'y



Louis Williams, Treas.

St. Fidelis Benevolent Society.

To provide for the hardships that frequently result from weeks and months of illness, plans of insurance were devised by a number of men of this congregation, who on the 12th day of July, 1886, organized the St. Fidelis Benevolent Society in honor of their pastor, Rev. Fidelis Oberholzer. There were twenty-seven charter members, of whom ten are still living and are active.

During the past thirty-one years the following gentlemen have been presidents of this society: Valentine Lochner, Frank X. Fischer, John E. Maier, Charles Dill, Benedict Kastner, Frank Walz and George M. Magin.

Admittance to membership is granted to those who are between the ages of eighteen and forty years, are practical Catholics, and have undergone a physical examination by the society's medical examiner. Dues of members are seventy-five cents per month; in case of sickness or accident a member is entitled to \$1.00 per day, to the amount of \$400.00; at the death of a member, a sum equal to \$1.00 for each member, is paid to the family or heirs of the deceased; at the death of a wife of a member, a sum equal to fifty cents from each member of the society is given the heirs. A delegation of members attends the funeral of a deceased brother.

The regular meetings occur on the second Wednesday of the month at Concordia Hall; the annual meeting and election of officers takes place on the second Wednesday in January.

During the thirty-one years of its existence, it has paid out to members suffering from illness \$15,327.00; beneficiaries of deceased members amounted to \$5,617.00, and payments to members at the death of a wife, \$2,453.00. The total sum paid out in benefits amounts to \$23,397.00. The number of members who have died is thirty-three; its present membership is 207, with the following as its officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. F. Staub; President, George M. Magin; Vice President, Mathias Kinnen; Recording Secretary, Max Heinze; Financial Secretary, Frank Walz; Treasurer, Louis Williams; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. C. Flynn; Board of Trustees, Benedict Kastner, William G. Streb, Marcellus Gysel, Raymond Brauch; Auditing Committee, Frank X. Fischer, William Warth, Frank Kleehammer.

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Earl F. Alnbacher, Vice-Pres.



Miss Francis Streb, Rec. Sec'y.



John E. Maier, President.



Mrs. Michael Wendel, Fin. Sec'y.



Miss Mary Braun, Treas.

Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association, Council, 59.

The C. R. & B. A. was organized in Auburn, N. Y., on or about June 15, 1889, for the purpose of uniting and associating together fraternally, all acceptable Roman Catholics of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 50, of different professions and occupations; its object also is to give aid, morally, spiritually and financially to members and to their families, in case a member remains in good standing until death. Thomas O'Neill was the first Supreme President.

The subordinate Council, 59, of the C. R. & B. A., of Holy Redeemer Church, was organized by Mr. John Keenan, Attorney, and Doctor Charles T. Loritz, on December 20, 1895. At a second meeting held at the home of Doctor Loritz, January 8, 1896, 25 charter members were present. A committee of two was appointed to make arrangements with Father Oberholzer, to rent a room in the school for meetings.

The following were elected officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Fidelis Oberholzer; President, Mrs. Genevieve Loritz; First Vice President, Miss Minnie LeFrois; Second Vice President, Miss Anna Selb; Treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Bock; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. Mussmacher; Financial Secretary, Miss Barbara M. Sehm; Guard, Mrs. Mary Schneider; Marshal, Mrs. Mary Schmitt; Trustees, Mary A. Kitzel, Theodolinda Schmidt, Barbara Sehm; Physician, Dr. Charles T. Loritz.

The first name on the roll book is Barbara Meisenzahl, and the last Louis Cook. Council 59 has now a membership of 75, having lost 58 members through suspensions, resignations, transfers and deaths. Regular meetings of the Council are held every third Thursday of each month.

The last Thursday in November is known as "C. R. & B. A. Memorial Day." On that day all councils have a Requiem High Mass offered up for the repose of the souls of deceased members, at which members and their friends are requested to be present.

The respective officers of the Council at present are the following: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. F. Staub; President, John E. Maier, Jr.; First Vice President, Karl Kalmbacher; Second Vice President, Mrs. Agnes Schlueter; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mary Hendel; Recording Secretary, Miss Frankie Streb; Treasurer, Miss Mary Braun; Marshall, Mr. Louis Cook; Guard, Mr. Thomas Rogowski; Trustees, Karl Kalmbacher, Jacob Stoecklein, John Kleehammer; Physician, Dr. George Growney.

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Miss Sophie Schmidt, Pres.



Mrs. Julia Webber, 1st Vice-Pres.



Mrs. Phillip Neueroni, 2nd Vice-Pres



Mrs. Emma O'Neill, Rec. Sec'y



Miss Mary Unger, Fin. Sec.



Miss Mary Roesser, Treas.

Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association.

The L. C. B. A. is a national fraternal insurance society composed of Catholic women, numbering more than 160,000 members. During the twenty-seven years it has been in existence it has paid to beneficiaries nearly \$4,000,000 and its reserve fund at present is \$3,500,000. In numbers and resources it is without doubt the greatest Catholic women's fraternal insurance society in the country. At the recent national convention held in Atlantic City, July 17th, an unanimous vote was carried to have each member give five cents every three months for the next four years to the poor missions of the South and West; the result would be about \$128,000.

On April 9th, 1896, Supreme Deputy Louise Meyers organized Branch 249 of Holy Redeemer Church, with twenty-seven chartered members. Mrs. Mary Weber Krieg was chosen first president of the organization.

The healthy growth and popularity of Branch 249 bespeaks its sterling worth and influence and proves that its members are held in highest esteem by those who appreciate the true worth of Catholic Womanhood. This branch not only protects its members but is also interested in all works of charity. It is affiliated with the Catholic Women's Federation. It has at present a membership of 225; it has lost twenty members through death.

Present officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. F. Staub; President, Sophia Schmitt; First Vice President, Julia Webber; Second Vice President, Laura Veneroni; Recorder, Emma O'Neill; Assistant Recorder, Mary Gysel; Financial Secretary, Mary Unger; Treasurer, Mary Roesser; Marshal, Anna Gysel; Guard, Anna Heier; Trustees, Mary Fink, Julia Marchlewicz, Catherine Williams, Mary Heinze; Finance Committee, Agnes Schlueter, Minnie Minkau, Anna Streb.

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Mrs. Joseph Soehner, Pres.



Mrs. Minnie Dipfert, Chancellor.



Mrs. Frank Till, Vice-Pres.



Miss Mary Englett, Sec'y



Miss Rose Doerr, Collector.



Mrs. Wm. Bunde, Treas.

Catholic Women's Benevolent Legion.

The C. W. B. L. Council, 114, of Holy Redeemer Church was organized by Mrs. W. Mayer, March 2nd, 1898, with twenty-nine charter members. The following ladies were chosen as its first officers: Chancellor, Mrs. Lucy Zwierlein; President, Mrs. Susanna Ribstein; Vice President, Miss Anna Schicker; Orator, Miss Catherine Lies; Secretary, Mrs. Emily Schirmer; Collector, Mrs. Elizabeth Stuermer; Treasurer, Miss Madeline Albersdorfer; Marshal, Miss Addie Lochner; Guard, Miss Martha Englert; Trustees, Mrs. Margaret Soehner, Mrs. Catherine Bayer and Mrs. Mary Schultes.

There are four grades of insurance, viz.: \$250.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00. Council 114 has 8 \$1,000.00, 56 \$500.00, and 23 \$250.00 members. Insurance members must be between the ages of 18 and 50 at the time of admission.

The Supreme Council of the C. W. B. L. has paid over \$2,000,000 in death claims, of which 15 claims were paid to the beneficiaries of the Holy Redeemer Council.

Its present officers are: Chancelor, Minnie Kipferl; President, Mary Soehner; Vice President, Libbie M. Lill; Orator, Martha Fien; Secretary, Mary Englert; Collector, Rose Doerrerr; Treasurer, Florence Bunde; Marshal, Clara Brust; Guard, Anna Dietz; Trustees, Madeline Albersdorfer, Anna Storandt, Mary Brauch.



Herbert Janick, 2nd Vice-Pres.



Hazel Bettner, Rec. Sec'y



John Mattle, Fin. Sec'y



Cyril Marz, Pres.



Mary Schlueter, 1st Vice-Pres.



Harry Eilechhammer, Membership Sec'y



Geo. Lorenz, Treas.



Oswald Bopp, Sec'y at-Arms.

Holy Redeemer Graduate Alumni Association

To promote the social, intellectual and moral welfare of the graduates of our school, Rev. Joseph Miller organized the Alumni Association during the latter part of September, 1897, with the following graduates as its first offices: President, Mary Glantschnigg; Vice President, Richard Streb; Secretary, Minnie LeFrois; Treasurer, Arthur Streb. The charter members were the classes of 1892 to 1897. Meetings were held every two months, and the association became quite active, especially in the first years of Father Staub's pastorate.

On the occasion of his Silver Jubilee in 1914 the Alumni presented him with a check for \$162.00. On New Year's night 1916 the Dixie Minstrel Show was played in Concordia Hall by the Alumni, and proved a great success.

The association receives Holy Communion in a body every two months, and has a Requiem High Mass offered each year in the month of November for deceased members.

In July a reception is held for the new graduates, and a gold medal is presented to the boy or girl who has attained the highest average in United States History.

From 1892 to 1917 there have been 489 graduates from our school.

The officers for the year 1916-17 are the following: President, Cyril Marx; First Vice President, Mary Schlueter; Second Vice President, Herbert Janick; Recording Secretary, Hazel Bettner; Financial Secretary, John Mattle; Membership Secretary, Harry Kleehammer; Treasurer, George Lorenz; Sergeant-at-Arms, Oswald Bopp.



Miss Sophie Schmidt, Pres.



Mrs. Magd. Kuhn, 1st Vice-Pres.



Mrs. John Schnorr, 2nd Vice-Pres.



Mrs. Mary Damer, Fin. Sec'y



Mrs. Emma O'Neill, Treas.



Miss Mary Streif, Messenger

Ladies Auxiliary No. 52, Knights of St. John.

On November 17, 1898, a meeting was called by Mr. George Schicker, the President of the Knights of St. Louis, No. 17, for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John. John P. Smith, State Organizer, read the constitution and by-laws and explained the purpose of the Order.

On account of the small attendance and the novelty of the Order, this gathering, having been one of the first of its kind in the city, seemed to arouse a feeling of uncertainty as to its future prosperity. But the first regular meeting dispelled all doubts and fears on that point; that little band had brought 30 new applicants, and from that day to this, Auxiliary No. 52 has been a flourishing society, because of its steady and healthy growth of membership, a genial and sociable spirit among its members, a disposition to obey cheerfully and promptly all directions of the Supreme Officers, and the rules and regulations of the Order.

During the 19 years of its existence \$4,000.00 have been received into the treasury and \$1,000.00 paid out for sick benefits and other praiseworthy disbursements. At present there is a membership of 95 with the following officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. H. F. Staub; President, Miss Sophia Schmidt; First Vice President, Mrs. Magd. Kuhn; Second Vice President, Mrs. Ella Schnorr; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary Dumer; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Emma O'Neill; Treasurer, Miss May Streif; Messenger, Miss Cecilia Gutman; Sentinel, Miss Bertha Donsbach; Guard, Miss Sophia Albrecht; Trustees, Miss Mary Schmidt, Mrs. Anna Streb, Miss Anna Donsbach.

One of the features of Auxiliary 52 is that its members take part in all charitable doings of the parish, and is the only Auxiliary in the city that has the honor of having Brother Knights in full uniform as bearers of a deceased member. A cordial invitation is extended to all Catholic ladies between the ages of 16 and 50 to become members of this grand and noble order. Auxiliary 52 is affiliated with The Catholic Women's Federation.



Edwin Hilzinger, Pres.



Robert Dembs, Vice-Pres.



F. L. Hockeborn, Sec'y



Cyril F. Marx, Treas.

C. M. A. and H. R. A. A.

A meeting of the men and young men of the parish was held in the month of February, 1907, to formulate plans for a Catholic Men's Association. As a result, a certificate of incorporation was filed a month later on, March 18th, with the Secretary of State, and approved by him, November 23. The newly organized C. M. A. had for its particular objects to promote Catholic interests, and to provide for the religious, social and physical welfare of its members. The following gentlemen were elected as officers: President, Frank X. Fischer; Vice President, Frank Schneider; Recording Secretary, Arthur Streb; Financial Secretary, Leo Scheid; Membership Secretary, Eugene F. Bopp; Treasurer, William Warth. Under the auspices of the C. M. A., several very fine stage productions, such as "The Land of the Midnight Sun," "The Silver King," "The Northern Lights," etc., were presented in Concordia Hall through the able assistance of Mr. Don C. Manning. The annual report of the organization for 1909 shows that the receipts for the preceeding year were \$1,640.50, an evidence of the healthy condition of the newly formed club. For several years the C. M. A. was engaged in various social activities but interest in it gradually diminished so that it was found necessary to disband.

However in the Fall of 1916 the young men of the parish re-organized, and started the Holy Redeemer Athletic Association. During the past year athletics have played a very prominent part among the club members. A basket ball court has been erected, provision made for bowling, boxing, pool, a punch bag and shower baths. The following gentlemen were elected as officers for the year 1916-17: Spiritual Moderator, Rev. Wm. W. Heisel; President, Edwin Hilzinger; Vice President, Robert Dembs; Secretary, F. L. Hockeborn; Treasurer, Cyril F. Marx.

A picked team of the bowling league captained by Eugene Flick carried away several valuable prizes. At the close of the season the H. R. A. A. had a membership of sixty with a bright outlook for the coming year. The crowning event of the year was the banquet held on May 2, 1917.

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Mrs. Louis Kastner, Pres.



Miss Emma Gott, Sec'y.-Treas.



Mrs. Otto Staub, Director



Mrs. Henry Erbland, Director.



Miss Josephine Eschiderer, Director.

Order of Martha.

An Auxiliary to the Catholic Church Extension Society was organized by the ladies of Holy Redeemer Parish on November 14th, 1911. Twenty-eight ladies volunteered to work for the poor missions of the South and West, and chose St. Cecilia as their special patron with the following as officers: President, Frida Wendelgass; Secretary, Madeline Albersdorfer; Treasurer, Frances LeFrois.

In February, 1915, the name of the Auxiliary was changed to Household 118, Order of Martha, now to be found in every State in the Union. Meetings are held every Monday evening from September to July, and many valuable articles are made for the missions.

An exhibition of all the work done during the year is held in July, after which it is sent to Church Extension for distribution.

During the last six years 2,830 articles were made for the missions; from October, 1916, to July, 1917, the following articles were made: 18 sets of vestments, one cope, one veil, two preaching stoles, thirteen benedictions burses, seven albs, two surplices, eleven small altar cloths, three large altar cloths, two amices, eight cinctures, five ciborium covers, seven pyx burses, six oil stock cases, six corporals, twenty-five palls, 150 finger towels, and 129 purificators.

From time to time socials are held, the proceeds of which go towards the purchase of materials for altar linens and vestments. Individual donations are also made by the members.

Household 118 has deposited with Church Extension \$500.00 for a Mission Chapel to be built at Circle, Montana, in honor of St. Francis Xavier. Its membership at present is 290 and includes ladies from different parishes of the city. The officers for the year 1916-17 are the following: President, Mrs. L. Kastner; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Emma Bott; Directors, Mrs. Otto Staub, Mrs. Henry Erbland and Miss Josephine Tschiderer.

The members pay fifty cents dues annually and in return receive the official magazine of the Order, *The Madonna*, published by the Extension Society.

A Requiem High Mass is offered for a deceased member and also for a deceased parent or husband of an officer. A low mass is offered for a member's deceased parent or husband.

Priests Ordained from the Parish.

- Rev. Francis Rippin, May 15, 1880.
Rev. Mathew Mussmacher, July 16, 1881.
Rev. Jacob Staub, July 28, 1889.
Rev. John F. Boppel, Feb. 5, 1893.
Rev. Jos. Straub, June 11, 1898.
Rev. Charles Hoff, C. S. S. R., Dec. 6, 1901.
Rev. Louis Edelman, June 14, 1902.
Rev. Frederick Zwierlein, June 11, 1904.
Rev. Ferdinand Bogner, June 11, 1904.
Rev. Adolph Edelman, June 8, 1912.
Rev. George Schneider, C. S. S. R., June 10, 1915.

Assistant Pastors.

- Rev. Joseph A. Miller, June 7, 1891.
Rev. Leopold Hofschneider, June 11, 1898.
Rev. Boniface Hund, O. C. C., June 11, 1903.
Rev. William Gruenauer, June 6, 1903.
Rev. Francis X. Kunz, June 11, 1904.
Rev. Peter Fisher, O. S. B.
Rev. Edward Chapuis, June 29, 1873.
Rev. John B. Baier, June 8, 1907.
Rev. William A. Doran.—June 12, 1915.
Rev. William W. Heisel, June 10, 1916.

Sisters from Most Holy Redeemer Parish.

Sisters of Notre Dame.

- Sister M. Censuria Kerber* 1874
Sister M. Fidelis Haberbusch 1877
Sister M. Tobia Rebholz 1881
Sister M. Solana Helling* 1883
Sister M. Brigitta Streb* 1885
Sister M. Engratia Lochner 1888
Sister M. Bibiana Meisenzahl* 1888
Sister M. Hortulana Kolb 1888
Sister M. Irene Wittman 1889
Sister M. Barbara Wiesner 1890
Sister M. Solina Streb 1892
Sister M. Conrada Kalmbacher 1893
Sister M. Josetta Bintz 1893
Sister M. Cyrina Dorschel* 1894
Sister M. Angela Bott* 1895
Sister M. Redempta Kalmbacher 1896
Sister M. Redemptina Herbst 1904
Sister M. Cornelius Kavitch 1905
Sister M. Canice LeFrois 1908
Sister M. Charitina Haus 1909
Sister M. Veronica Zeitvogel 1910
Sister M. Secunda Zeitvogel 1913
Sister M. Jordana Frank 1913

Sisters of St. Joseph.

- Sister M. Alfrida LeFrois 1892
Sister M. Agnes Joseph Edelman 1897
Sister M. Rosina LeFrois 1897
Sister M. Carlotta Hoff 1900
Sister M. Madeline Sophia Reinhardt 1909
Sister M. Norbertine Kuchman 1914
Sister M. Mechtilde Becker 1915

Visitation Order.

- Sister M. Angela Edelman 1910

Third Order of St. Francis.

- Sister M. Berardus Schwan 1911

Sisters of St. Dominic.

- Sister M. Helen Pikunas 1916

Sisters of Mercy.

- Sister M. Stephen Zeitvogel 1916

Statistics.

Year	Bapt.	1st Com.	Conf.	Deaths	Marriages		Children in School
					Cath.	Mixed	
1867	10						176
1868	69	34	78		11	2	235
1869	77	32	35		10	1	260
1870	124				17	1	
1871	173		123	3	25		
1872	159		153	65	39	2	
1873	176			67	36	5	
1874	155		72	51	24	4	
1875	130			80	23	2	
1876	146		95	57	23	2	
1877	135			38	22	1	
1878	128	76	124	45	21	2	
1879	116	73		51	16	4	450
1880	139	74	156	79	32	2	
1881	139	72		79	28	2	
1882	149	100	181	70	35	4	
1883	169	74		74	45	6	
1884	166	75	167	54	39	4	
1885	164	82		63	36	2	
1886	173	94	184	65	33	2	
1887	197	101		135	39	4	
1888	203	106	221	93	38	7	
1889	205	106		84	32	6	
1890	178	83	190	83	33	6	
1891	199	93		68	42	5	
1892	151	83	199	86	23	5	
1893	175	83		64	32	9	
1894	143	96	189	58	30	3	
1895	156	75		59	31	3	610
1896	146	112	201	67	29	6	625
1897	144	91		54	21	8	
1898	120	86	171	37	26	5	615
1899	146	110		52	39	8	
1900	109	88	181	45	29	5	
1901	122	98		52	19	6	650
1902	106	93	253	40	24	10	630
1903	130	112		53	22	3	
1904	121	104	217	50	27	7	700
1905	124	81		89	39	5	
1906	114	106	201	59	44	9	
1907	162	118		95	33	2	790
1908	114	108	204	59	13	10	
1909	124	91		60	33	3	
1910	133	124		52	27	6	725
1911	116	258	267	56	30	9	730
1912	137	236		61	26	10	720
1913	111	143	482	62	25	7	730
1914	122	120		35	24	14	750
1915	107	90	157	52	9	10	650
1916	109	91		54	26	7	660
1917	60	90		40	22	6	685
6981	3982	4401	2895	1402	252		

Chronological Order of Events.

Sept.	16,	1866	Laying of corner stone of the old Church.
July	21,	1867	Dedication of Church.
Sept.	14,	1867	Coming of the Sisters.
Nov.	1,	1869	Arrival of Father Oberholzer.
May	10,	1876	New Church begun.
July	30,	1876	Laying of corner stone of new Church.
May	4,	1877	Serous accident.
Oct.	28,	1877	Dedication of Church.
June	23,	1878	First Canonical Visitation.
Nov.	9,	1879	Blessing of the three new bells.
May	15,	1880	First Mass of Father Rippin.
Oct.	7,	1880	New clock placed in tower.
Oct.	17,	1880	Mission preached by the Redemptorist Fathers.
May	18,	1881	Canonical Visitation.
July	17,	1881	First Mass of Father Mussmacher.
May	21,	1882	Silver Jubilee of Father Oberholzer as a priest.
Oct.	29,	1882	Consecration of the High Altar.
May	20,	1884	Canonical Visitation.
Oct.	27,	1887	Tenth anniversary celebration of new Church.
March	12,	1888	Canonical Visitation.
Aug.	15,	1889	First Mass of Father Staub.
Aug.	26,	1889	Father Staub appointed assistant pastor.
Jan.	19,	1890	Blessing of new convent and chapel by Bishop McQuaid.
Aug.	30,	1891	Mission by the Redemptorists.
Feb.	5,	1893	Ordination of Father Boppel.
May	14,	1894	Father Staub transferred to Greece.
May	21,	1894	Father Miller appointed assistant pastor.
Oct.	30,	1894	Silver Jubilee of Father Oberholzer as pastor.
Oct.	6,	1896	Sacred vessels stolen from the Church.
Aug.	2,	1897	Golden Jubilee of Notre Dame Sisters in America.
June	12,	1898	First Mass of Father Straub.
Dec.	1,	1898	Transfer of Father Miller to Webster.
Dec.	4,	1898	Father Hofschneider appointed assistant pastor.
June	1,	1901	Father Staub returns as coadjutor to Father Oberholzer.
Dec.	8,	1901	First Mass of Father Hoff, C. S. S. R.
June	15,	1902	First Mass of Father Louis Edelman.
Nov.	24,	1902	Death of Father Oberholzer.
Feb.		1903	Coming of Father Boniface.
Sept.		1903	Father Gruenauer appointed assistant pastor.
April	11,	1904	Mission by Redemptorist Fathers.
June	12,	1904	First Masses of Fathers Bogner and Zwierlein.
Sept.	17,	1905	Corner Stone laying of Concordia Hall.
Sept.	19,	1905	Father Kunz appointed assistant pastor.
May	29,	1907	Grand Bazaar in Concordia Hall.
April		1907	Children's first entertainment in new hall.
June		1910	The old Church and School razed to the ground.
Jan.		1911	Coming of Father Fisher.
Oct.		1911	Coming of Father Chapuis.
Dec.		1911	Windthorst Study Circle organized.
June	20,	1912	Father Baier appointed assistant pastor.
Oct.	8,	1913	St. Andrew's parish organized.
July	28,	1914	Father Staub's Silver Jubilee as a priest.
July	13,	1915	First Mass of Rev. George Schneider, C. S. S. R.
July	3,	1915	Father Doran appointed assistant pastor.
June	18,	1916	Sodality Union formed.
June	24,	1916	Father Heisel appointed assistant pastor.
Sept.	14,	1917	Golden Jubilee of the sisters.
Sept.	25,	1917	Golden Jubilee Festival.
Oct.	28,	1917	Celebration of Golden Jubilee.

Golden Jubilee Collection.

Sunday, August 19, 1917.

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Kinnen, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias and Family.

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