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Memorare Chapel  
St. George's Parish  
West Falls, N. Y.



#### DEDICATION

In Loving Memory of Our Padre, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Joseph Snyder, and to the Priests, who served the needs of this Parish, and in grateful recognition of their generous kindness, and inspired leadership and loving sacrifices, and loyal perseverance in serving the needs of St. George's Parish, Jewettville, N.Y. We dedicate this booklet on this Seventieth Anniversary year of the Little Chapel of St. George's.

70th Anniversary

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Rt. Rev. William J Snyder.  
Local Pastor,  
Dies at St. George's

Monsignor William J Snyder, age 74, pastor of St. George's Catholic Church died suddenly, Wednesday, December 8th, 1981, at the Rectory, Jewettville, N.Y.

He was born in Buffalo, N.Y. son of the late William and Margaret Snyder, brother of the late Clarence, Norbert Snyder and Patrick Ronan, adopted brother of Rev, Andrew J Brady, S.J., Catherine Finnegan, John Clifford Brady, Mary Louise Brady and the late Vincent DePaul Brady; also survived by nieces and nephews.

A Parishioners Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated, Friday at 7:30 PM from St. George's Church, Jewettville. The Rev. James Campbell, the celebrant.

Bishop Edward D Head, was the principal concelebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial for Msgr. Snyder, on December 12th at the church in Jewettville, assisted by Rev. James Campbell and Rev, Andrew Brady, S.J., Head of Jesuit Scholastics, Priests and Brothers of Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. Father Snyder's classmates, also were in the sanctuary, at the celebration of the Mass. Approximately one hundred

and fifty priests celebrated the Mass with the Bishop. Nuns from the parish and many Nuns, friends of Father Snyder also attended the mass.

Father Snyder is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y. Rev Raymond A Kamler, led the prayers at the gravesite.

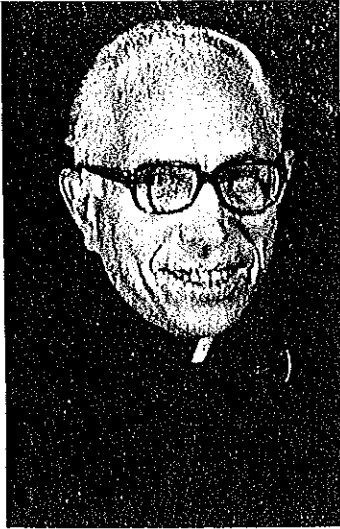
Msgr. William Snyder, graduated from St. Vincent de Paul Parochial School, Canisius High School, Canisius College. After a series of jobs, he attended Christ The King Seminary, at St. Bonaventure College and was ordained in 1933, by the late Bishop William Turner, Buffalo, N.Y. He was an assistant at several parishes, including St. Joseph's New Cathedral, and named pastor of St. George's in March 1954.

He was an advocate and synodal judge of the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal from 1939 to 1954. Moderator and Chaplain of the Downtown First Friday Club, from 1952 until his death, and the Diocesan Vocational Director from 1953 to 1965. Chairman of the Priests Retirement Board since it was founded in 1973. In 1957 he was made a Papal Chamberlain, and 1958 appointed dean of Southern Erie County.

Father Snyder's tremendous love and devotion for the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Blessed Lady, was deeply instilled into the hearts of his parishioners. His lived, and worked and prayed for his people, of his parish.

Father loved his little chapel, and how grateful we are to him and the parishioners, who gave us, a bit of heaven, here on earth. In the words of James Aloysius McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo, 1972, who expressed his sentiments, so beautifully, in these words.... I am now standing in front, of the most beautiful scenery in the world. It is the Shrine of Our Lady of Jewettville, and I come to visit Her, when in great need, and in great love.. I would not know a better place to come, than to my Mother and I think that the parishioners of St. George's must feel so privileged, that they can come to feast their eyes and fill their hearts, with a great love, for the Mother of God.

## A Warm Welcome to our New Pastor



Rev. Harold E. Huber, succeeded the late Rev. William Snyder, as Pastor of St. George's Parish Jewettville, N.Y., Saturday, February 27th, 1982. Parish Members held a welcoming reception in the church hall, after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and after all Sunday Masses.

Father Huber, a native of Buffalo, was educated in St. Francis DeSales parochial school and graduated from Lafayette High School. He is a graduate of Niagara University and Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Ordained to the priesthood on February 7th, 1949 in St. Joseph's New Cathedral, by the late Cardinal John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., D.D.

He was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Fredonia on October 23rd 1967 by the late Bishop James Aloysius McNulty, and served the parish for fourteen years.

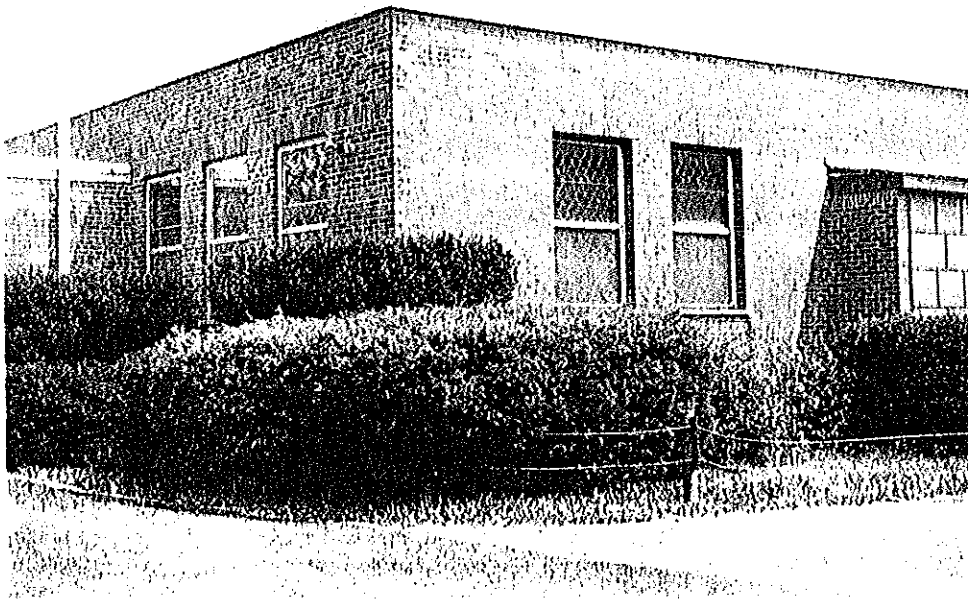
His appointment as Pastor of St. George's, was also a special day for Father Huber, who celebrated his 33rd anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood on that day.

Under Father Huber's leadership and in keeping with Vatican II, extraordinary ministers, now join Father Huber in giving Holy Communion to the parishioners at mass. He has also formed several special committees.

Robert Schwartz is chairman of the building and ground committee. The financial committee is headed by Nell Brach. Dennis Galucki, leads the Liturgy committee and Donna Lavalley chairs the youth committee.

Trustees named are; Arnold Karg and Robert Schneider. The C C D, coordinator is Robert Santuci.

A parish council is being planned in the Fall.



## WEST FALLS - JEWETTVILLE - GRIFFIN MILLS

The hamlet of Jewettville, Erie County, N.Y., is located on the west side of route 240, approximately two miles from West Falls, in a peaceful countryside of Western New York. It covers a mile and a half generally in all directions, and was called in the early days, "Pine Tree". It was so named because of the ancient pine tree at the Hayes Stage Coach Inn on the old Glenwood Road, which was then the main road leading to West Falls and Colden, N. Y.

Before railroads, stage coaches were the best means of travel. In 1849, the Buffalo-Cattaraugus Plank Road was built of four inch planks laid across logs from Ashford at Cattaraugus Creek going north to the Elk Street Market in Buffalo. This enabled the area farmers to move their produce, livestock, wood and lumber for trade in Buffalo. A toll was charged for each head of oxen or horse at the west side of Davis road, at the Pipe Creek bridge, and at a tavern owned by James Henshaw.

Abijah Paul lived on the east side of West Falls Road. He was a carpenter by trade and built the Pliny Hayes House on Old Glenwood Road, called the Pine Tree Inn. He also operated a coach line on the plank road, as well as working as a cobbler for West Falls Griffin Mills and Jewettville.

Between 1882 and 1883, the Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad Company built a branch line on the plank road right-of-way. Today we know it as the Baltimore and Ohio. The Jewettville Depot, was built in 1890, because of the necessity of Henry Jewett having a means of delivery and transport for the hundreds of horses coming to the south-west corner of his 700 acre farm. Here were trained young horses, which had been reared on the farm as well as those by other owners. Some of the best strains in the United States were bred here.

The Jewettville Post Office was also located at the Jewettville Depot in 1890. In 1925, it was transferred to West Falls.

At the forks of the Old Glenwood Road was a cider mill and to the north of the cider mill was the Snyder Pickle Factory, which was demolished in 1920.

Loveland Brickyard was the earliest factory and at one time was known as the Empire Clay Products Company. It produced many kinds of colored brick. There was also an Ellicott Brickyard, owned by Godfrey Loveland.

The Jewettville Brick Company, which was owned by John H. Black Company, made "pug" brick. John Black, riding on his bicycle carrying samples of brick made at the yards, would travel to Buffalo and Fort Erie, Canada, to drum up business. After the coming of the railroad, the company prospered. Many men from Jewettville, West Falls and Buffalo, worked at the brickyards. The Statler Hotel Chain ordered brick, to build what is now known as the Statler Hilton Hotel, from the Jewettville Yards.

In the 1930's, the brickyard started something new called "Haydite", which was made into blocks. Being lighter than cement, a nail could be driven into it. During the war years most of this product was sold to the government to use as lining in battleships. The brickyards are closed and are now the site of the Alpine Recreation Center

The three communities of West Falls, Jewettville and Griffin Mills jointly comprise the volunteer fire company. Before the company organized in 1919, people used a "bucket brigade". In 1922, a fire hall was built on route 240 in West Falls and today, ambulance service is provided to the three communities.

## THE HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, JEWETTVILLE, N.Y.

The Catholics of these small communities travelled to Orchard Park, N.Y. A distance of about six miles. Their means of travel, horse and carriage, through the winter months, horse and sleigh, to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays.

In the Spring Of 1912 Jacob Nuwer, approached Father George Crimmins, Pastor of, The Nativity of Our Lord Church, Orchard Park, regarding a church in Jewettville, after consulting the Catholics of the locality. Together they went to see, Bishop Charles Colton, head of the Diocese of western New York, who required a petition signed by fifty Catholics nearby. This was accomplished by Jacob Nuwer, and permission to build a church was granted.

Land on the Old Glenwood Road was chosen and generously donated by August Hager and Adrian Metz, for the building of the new church.

Many families were present when Harry Schichtel, came with a team of horses and a scoop, for the ground breaking, which took place in August 1912. The plans were drawn up, and the farmers came with horses, plows and scrapers and dug the excavation. Loads of stone for the foundation were hauled from stone piles, from Harry Schichtel and Michael Kendell farms, by the farmers, all willing to help.

Early in August, the cornerstone was laid. Henry Volk and George Ehmier laid the stone wall for the foundation of the church. Walter Volk and Mike Nuwer mixed the mortar.

Henry and George McDonald, who had worked on the brickyard construction in Jewettville, came back from Pennsylvania for the laying of the brick walls of the church. The bricks and cement were purchased from the Jewettville yards. Henry and George stayed at the Hager home (now the Rectory). Steve Pusztay, Winfield Sprague, Frank Wensell, John Dinger helped with the walls of the church.

With the walls and roof completed, the cement for the basement floor was poured. A furnace was installed by August Hager. The building was most complete.

Nine beautifully stained-glass windows, donated by Mr and Mrs Charles Seames, Adrian Metz, Michael Metz, Mathias Metz, Felix Bieger, Matthew Crimmins, Albert Kelly, James Judge, and Ellen Vigneron were installed.

There were sixteen pews, eight placed on each side of the center isle. Not having a choir loft, an old fashioned organ was placed at the end of the last pew on the right side of the center isle.

A wealthy lady from Buffalo, gave one hundred twenty-five dollars for an altar. The church bell was a gift from Robert Paxon.

The dedication took place on November 12, 1912, by Bishop Charles Colton, and was dedicated in honor of St. George, honoring Father George Crimmins's Patron Saint.

Rev. Michael Tobin was assigned to, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Colden. with residence there, and also St. George's in Jewettville. He commuted by train between the two mission churches. Mass was celebrated at each church each Sunday, a early Mass and a later Mass, services alternating between the churches.

The little church stands as a tribute to the friendship and good-will of a community working together, side by side, regardless of Faith.

The parish held a dance every two weeks in the winter months at Sporney's Tavern, (now Cookie's Tavern), located near the Jewettville Depot, for the benefit of the church. A picnic was held in July 1913, to help reduce the debt on the church. Father Tobin received many donations from his friends, totalling about forty-five hundred dollars, before the church was finished.

The little Church is fifty feet in length and twenty feet in width. Today, a new and much larger church has been built. The little church stands in all its beauty and reverence to the good people who gave of their time and effort working, side by side, for the glory of God.

Among the pioneers and workers were, the Hagers, Schichtels, Metz, Vignerons, Ryan, Kendells, Volks, Echmiers, Zdrojewski, Judge, Paxon, Pusztay, Karg, Ellis, Bieger, Spangle, Seams, Waltz, Lathrope, Sporney, Nuwers, and many other families.

These names are familiar to many parishioners. Many of their descendants are still active in the parish.

The first baptism recorded at St. George's, a baby girl, born February 18, 1913, baptised March 30, 1913 by Father Michael Tobin, given the name Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pusztay. Now Mrs. Howard Barton.

The first baby boy baptised, a son of Vincent Judge, grandson of James Judge, He was given the name George in honor of the new church.

The first marriage recorded was that of, Oliver Herbst to Julia Schmidt.

The first death was, Mrs. William Strauss, recorded by Rev. James Hawley.

The first Confirmation Class of Jewettville and Colden was presided over by Bishop Dennis Dougherty on October 24, 1919. This being the Bishop's first visit to the new parishes.

The first altar boy was Michael A Nuwer, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Nuwer.

The first lay trustees, Harry Schichtel and Floyd Sporney.

The first organist, Miss Frances Vigneron followed by Miss Dora Anstett and Miss Helen Gonter, sister of Father Harold Gonter.

Parishioners - Jan. 1929 to 1930 Statements  
St. George's Church, Jewettville, N.Y.

Anstett, Bernard M	Gavel, Joseph	Schmidt, Joseph
Anstett, Roman	Haas, Oliver	Schmidt, Clement
Baker, Arthur	Hockreiter, John	Schmidt, Joseph, Sr.
Baker, William	Jaworski, Thaddeus	Sleinger, George
Brennan, John	Karg, John	Snyder, Mrs. George
Barilec, Steve	Marx, William	Tuttle, William
Borger, Michael	Olynuczak, Ignatz	Vigneron, Alfons
Burzynaski Edward	Penzes, Martin	Vigneron, Frank
Burzynaski Michael	Pfeiffer, Mrs. J.	Vigneron, Mrs. J.A.
Dublenski, Joseph	Pokorney, Felix	Zdrojewski, Brones
Edington, Mrs. C	Pokorney, John	Lazac, Anthony
Ellis, Herman	Schichtel, Allen	Walters, Mrs. M
Fiele Nichols	Schichtel, Harry	

Rev. Eugene Airey, Pastor

Lay Trustees - - Harry Schichtel  
Floyd Sporney

Receipts - 1912 - Jewettville

Altar	200.00
Statue of St. George	50.00
Statue of St. Augustine	31.00
Statue of Sacred Heart	48.00
Statue of Virgin Mary	55.00
Crucifix over Tabnacle	2.50
Pedestals	24.00
Stations of the Cross	105.00
Sanctuary lamp	25.00
Candsticks (12)	48.00
Candelabra	16.00
Eastern State Co.	394.00
Jewettville Brick Co.(brick&cement)	390.70
Marble work	166.00
Printing Dedication invitations	5.00
Gas fittings	25.83
Whissel Lumber Co.(lumber)	736.00
Insterest to July 1st.1913	132.50
Insurance	45.00
Connecting furnace	24.00
Rubber rug	19.68
Silk, etc. for Tabernacle	4.90
Globe Plaster Co.	332.00
Organ	20.00
Pews	175.00
Fox & Halloway (coloring)	18.00
Iron braces	6.25
Iron beams	4.45
Seneca Manufacturing Co.(iron)	4.00
Plans & Specifcations	35.00
Ciborium	16.00
Altar stone	6.50
Corner stone & Dedication	38.67
Altar Linens,etc.	26.50
Monstrance	18.00
Plastering, etc.	259.56
J.G. Waltz, Hardware, etc.	24.35
Weed Co. Hardware	18.50
Lime	20.00
Windows	232.00
M.A. Paul - cement,etc.	82.24
Paint& Oil	22.00
Painter	550.00
Land - donated	1.25
Ash door & thimble for furnace	48.00

Incidentals in building 6,280.29

Expenditure while in charge 6,280.29  
 Paid during my administration 1,580.29

Indebtedness at my leaving parish

Note- George Brendel, Hamburg 3,700.00  
 Note- Miss Benoit, Oakland, Cal 1,000.00  
4700.00

Sanctuary Lamp donated, value	25.00
Land valued at	550.00
donated by August Hager& Metz Adrian	
Cash donations	300.00
Bell donated by Bert Paxson	
Holy water font. A.Metz	
Pastor's salary donated	
Window Mr Judge	20.00
Miss Lathrope	20.00
Fred Kelly	72.50
Socials	26.33
Two collections	466.46
Altar, Statues, etc.	<u>1,580.29</u>

Expenditures - 1912 - Jewettville

Litholite stone	325.00
Freight- litholite- lime- pews- cement- plaster, coloring, windows, brick, statues, stations, pedestals, lumber, organ, etc.	132.00
Labor	
August Hager	29.00
Gutekunst	62.77
J. Solemn	24.00
John Driger - rider	29.50
Long & Sprague	20.10
Chas. Seams	90.00
Bert Paxson - Mechanic	219.60
H. Volk - Mason	238.50
M.A.Nuwer	25.00
Brick layers	625.00
Lawyer's fees	18.00
Other men	12.60
	<u>1,394.07</u>

Arch McConnel - Bricklayer.

PRIESTS of ST. GEORGE CHURCH. JEWETTVILLE, N.Y.

Rev. George Crimmins from Orchard Park, N.Y., started a mission at Colden, in 1912, and dedicated the mission church to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

He also started the little chapel at Jewettville the same year and had it dedicated in honor of St. George, his patron saint.

Rev. Michael Tobin was appointed pastor at Colden, with Jewettville as the mission church. When on retreat in 1915, he lost his life in the Niagara Gorge. He is remembered by all who knew him. He did so much for the two mission churches.

Father James Hawley was then appointed in August of that same year and remained until 1917, when he entered the Army as Chaplain.

Rev. Eugene Airey succeeded Father Hawley on January, 1917, and for twenty years served as spiritual advisor and friend. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was succeeded by;

Father John McNamara who served from 1937 until September, 1938, and was followed by Rev. Harold Gonter as pastor of Colden and Jewettville until the separation of the two parishes.

Father Gonter was appointed pastor of St. George Church, Jewettville, by Bishop John A. Duffy and installed by the Dean of Southern Erie County, Msgr. James T. Sullivan, of the Immaculate Conception Church, East Aurora, on June 19, 1942.

In July of 1942, while Father Gonter was pastor, two acres of land in Jewettville were purchased for \$10,000 from Fred H. Sherman, including a house (now the Rectory), barn and several small buildings adjacent to the church. At this time the growing parish numbered 400 souls.

The barn was converted into a small parish hall. In succeeding years many improvements were made to the parish buildings. Meanwhile a New Church Fund was established and the parish debt was liquidated due, in no small measure, to the Rosary Altar Society. In 1947 the choir loft was built adding substantially to the capacity of the little church. In 1949 the church tower was removed because deterioration made it a serious hazard.

The two mission churches, of Colden and Jewettville, became separate parishes in the year 1942 when Father Gonter was appointed pastor.

The first baby baptised in 1942, after St. George's became a parish was Father Daniel Walsh, now head of St. Vincent De Paul Society, Diocese of Buffalo.

Father Gonter was transferred, St. Aloysius Church on Cleveland Drive, Buffalo. It was a sad day for the parishioners of St. George's when he left, for his new assignment.

Father Mahoney's brief pastorate was marked by a number of successful fund raising activities. After only six months in Jewettville, he became pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in the City of Buffalo.

Due to the steady increase of parishioners, in 1954 numbering some 180 families, Father Mahoney's successor, Rev. William Snyder was forced to build three parking lots, one of which was donated to the parish by Joseph Fago of Buffalo. Under the direction of Clem Schmidt, a trustee, the entire church property was illuminated by 20 electric lampposts constructed by fellow parishioners. A large conduit was installed to carry surface water below the parking area. The tiny church was completely refurbished by parishioners who worked evenings and Saturdays to point, and paint, and to upholster the aging pews.

A new tower was constructed and electronic chimes were installed so that their melody, being heard throughout the valley, would call all the people to prayer.

The building was surrounded by evergreens which, in years to come, would almost conceal it from view. This work was directed by Joseph Gray of Buffalo, who severed St. George's without recompense until his death in 1966.

#### Beautifying Ye Olde Barn

January 22, 1955. Under the direction of Floyd Ellis, the men of St. George's made plans to renovate the, Ye Olde Barn. Their first attempt, to finish the first floor interior, of the Barn. The material was available.

Painting of the Ye Olde Barn, called for workers. Many hands make light work, and the Barn is taking on a new look. Texture paint covers about half the interior. In order to accommodate any kind of decoration, it was finished in a neutral color.

A new floor was installed by Floyd Ellis and his crew of workman, thus completeing the last major improvement.

The ladies made and hung the curtains and draped. The plumbing was completed by Clem Schmidt, as well as the lighting. The Altar Rosary Society, painted the basement. Bill Boyce covered the bar and counter tops, and Bill Kleinsmith decorated the bar and counter panels.

Barney Wittman and his son, (especially Al) have done extensive rewiring in the Church Chapel, Rectory and the Ye Olde Barn.

Three sets of vestments, were replaced by Rita Haderer.

A beautiful Credence Table in the sanctuary of our new church, is the work of Henry Roberts, and matches perfectly, with our new communion rail.

The organ in the Chapel was donated by Steven Kwiatkowski, in memory of his wife, Florence, who died, July 11, 1969.

Rev. Timothy Ring, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Kenmore. Gave valuable articles of church furniture, especially a beautiful sanctuary lamp, for the new church of St. George's.

Al and Millie Puff, designed and erected the book cases for the Rectory.

## The Redecoration of St. George's Chapel

April 25, 1954. Weather permitting, we would like to begin repairs on the Church, Monday night after supper. Volunteers, equipped with hammer and chisel, are needed to prepare the walls for pointing. Brief conference after work in Ye Old Barn.

Harley Moden has donated considerable time, repairing the broken plaster which is now in top shape.

Church painting will begin Monday evening. All statues and side altars will be removed. Scaffolding has been rented and the Holy Name Society will take over the Lord's House for the next few weeks. We need craftsmen of many trades.

Until further notice, all church services will be held in Ye Olde Barn. We hope the church will be ready for use in a month. Please pray that God will bless His faithful servants who give so generously of their time and talent. No pastor could ever ask for finer men.

Ceiling of the church is now completed. Color scheme is ivory trim, against a field of Our Lady's blue. The painters gather about 7:30 P.M., and work till 10:30 P.M.

Refinishing of the 16 pews is being done at Kleinsmith's garage, on Davis Road. They will have a natural finish. Each one must be sanded down by hand between coats of Fabulon.

A red carpet for the entire church has been donated and will be laid as soon as the painting is completed. A few more weeks and we will have attained success, Our workers have been busy, God Bless them.

A parishioner, unable to give his time, has donated two and one-half dollars for every hour he wished he could have spent on the renovation of the church.

Our church is to be a beautiful thanksgiving to Our Lady for the Motherly care she has always showered upon us. Every mass, every service, every sermon, and we hope, a part of every prayer shall express our gratitude.

September 5th, 1954. Our church, is now in the last stages of redecoration. The painters under the direction of Edward Regin, will be through this week.

The carpet, department, according to Bill Kleinsmith, has completed the Sanctuary and will finish the nave, of the church in time to install the pews on Tuesday night, according to Jack McDonald, and the pews are ready now.

The Communion rail needs a few minor adjustments, according to Gene Woycik, and should be in place early in the week. Russ Vacanti, has executed a very pleasing painting upon the Tabernacle Door, which is now in place.

Joe Fisher has built a new platform for the Altar, and is now restoring several window sills.

Clem Schmidt reports that the electrical work is completed except the Confessional light, which must wait upon the completion of the Confessional alteration being done by Jack Kleinsmith, Jr.

We are deeply indebted to John Kleinsmith, Sr., for his generous and artistic work on the main Altar. The gold leaf decorations will restore the Sacred Heart medallion and the flowers beneath the altar table. Mr. Kleinsmith is an expert in this line and for many years has done gold leaf work, in the city of Buffalo.

The new statues arrived and are most beautiful. God bless the those who donated them. The statue of Our Blessed Lady, will be installed over the Main Altar, as soon as the throne, to be placed there, is completed.

Dave Rieman has been busy transporting pews. One more load will be moved Monday night. All carpet, pew, electrical, and refinishing work has been completed. The Communion Rail has been set in place.

The major project ahead is the special art work under the direction of Joseph Gray, assisted by our own Russell Vacanti and several parishioners. All measurements and sketches of the Church are being made by Henry Roberts, who is also responsible for the special metal covers for the electrical fixtures.

Jerry and Jim Murray of Murray Nurseries have begun the landscaping around the Memorare Chapel " of Our Blessed Lady.

Joseph Peplin and Charles Hanlon are working to complete the pointing of the exterior brick work.

If you like the decorations, pray for the men who did the job and don't be afraid to tell them what a great work they have accomplished!

Our People have been most generous in giving to OUR LADY. Among the gifts already contributed are:- The Fourteen Stations of the Cross, Three Statues of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Two Holy Water Fonts, Two pair of small gold vases, The Communion Rail.

Again we offer thanks for generous contributions to the Church redecoration program. A number of parishioners have been kind enough to offer cash donations which, of course, are always welcome. Others have given special gifts; among them a beautiful set of Altar cards, a sacristy bell, and a most beautiful cope and benediction veil. May God and His Blessed Lady be more than merciful to those good Catholics who are so interested in beautifying the house of the Lord.

Thanks to Henry Roberts for making up the new light for our beautiful tabernacle door. It will, soon to be installed by Clem Schmidt when plans are completed.

The MEMORARE, has been enthroned in letters of gold high upon the walls of our little Church. This project, under the direction of our good friend, artist Joseph Gray, is among the last of the Church decorations, begun a year ago this month.

The masonite panels were prepared by Henry Roberts and Harold Schintzius, The entire letter layout and the inscribing of each of the words was executed by Mr. Gray, and all the gold leaf art work was performed by John Kleinsmith, Sr. The completed panels were put in place, by Russel Vacanti, who assisted Mr. Gray by perforating the letter layout, and Daniel Wagner, Howard Schintzius, Floyd and George Ellis. and Lennie Farrell.

Parish Traditions, are often dear to the hearts of good Catholics, especially when they concern Our Blessed Mother. Your pastor hopes that every member of his little flock will recite the " Memorare" every time a visit to the Church is made. The first glance of the eye, mind and heart must, of course, be directed toward the Tabernacle and Our Eucharistic Lord. Anytime, thereafter, before leaving the Church will be a proper occasion to recite the prayer which devoted sons of Mary have lovingly enshrined upon the walls of St. George's. When the new church is completed, God willing, the Memorare Chapel will be dedicated to the Mother of God.

Cooperation, Faith and Determination Build House  
of Worship at Jewettville, N.Y.

Due to the increase of the number of families, the need for a larger church became all too apparent. In 1956 a combination church and auditorium was planned to be constructed as to readily be converted, at the proper time, into an eight classroom school. Charles O'Donnell, a parishioner, had presented plans for a beautiful stone church, but the Bishop would not approve because it featured, he said, too much glass.

Edward Pauly, a prominent church architect, then volunteered his services, free of charge, and for the next twenty years, until his untimely death, served St. George's every need in construction.

The story of the building of this much needed edifice is a tale of parish generosity that rivals the building of churches in the Middle Ages.

Cooperation, coordination, Faith and Determination of the congregation have created a new house of worship for the Rev. William Snyder and his parishioners in Jewettville.

As was the custom of the medieval times when artisans and craftsmen of Europe pooled their talents to build their houses of worship, so too have the devoted parishioners of St. George's

The groundbreaking took place in March, 1958, on the Old Glenwood Road, directly behind the former church site. The architect was Edwin Pauley of Hamburg and the major construction work was done by Balling Bros. Co. of Tonawanda, N.Y. However, two parishioners took over and worked feverishly, welding all of the steel girders of the structure. These men kept a constant vigil on the progress, being made in the construction of the church, which was for the most part done voluntarily, by the congregation.

The hand-built church covers an area 120'X 40' and consists of a basement which was completely tiled (4800 sq.ft.) by volunteers, and a one story building which was completed under the supervision of another member of the parish.

The walls of the church were plastered by a parishioner, while a group of women sanded the interior, and others wielded brushes to paint them a rosy buff.

A complete vestment wardrobe case was constructed at a home workshop and brought piece by piece to the church sacristy, where it was assembled, sanded, finished, and reconstructed.

Another parishioner, and expert cabinet maker, Joseph Fisher, carved and erected the main altar and the confessional. The church pews were donated by St. Margaret's Church in Buffalo, one of Father Snyder's former assignments. They were from the old Buffalo structure, which since has been replaced with a new church.

The men of St. George's took over the laborious task of transporting the heavy pews to Jewettville via truck. Removing the old finish proved to be quite a chore. A huge tank of boiling caustic was used to dip each of the 80 pews. Sanding and removal of the old metal trimming was the next step undertaken by the men. The seemingly endless job of sanding between the application of the varnish coating took up many days and nights. The final results were far beyond their expectations, and the savings in thousands of dollars.

The old kneelers were repaired and recovered by parishioners who managed to find time from their own busy schedules to help in this worthy project. One woman, who cared for her family of five children as well as working a full time outside job, managed to make the draperies for the confessional and the backdrops for the altar, " in her spare time ".

The theme for the trimmings and art work on the communion rail exemplifies St. George as a soldier with the scriptural quotes, " Armor of God " and "Shield of Faith".

The major part of the artistic planning of the interior of the church was offered by a non-parishioner, who relinquished hours of his own precious time to accomplish a perfect "finished product".

A construction company donated heavy equipment and a crew to create, fill, level and grade a large parking area. Even the soil used as fill was donated by the congregation.

Financial assistance for the building was overwhelmingly donated by those parishioners who were not able to take part in the physical chores. Some donations were designated for certain specific needs and others were left up to the discretion of the pastor. Persons outside of the parish also have contributed in many ways.

The funds were accumulated through annual lawn fetes, baked good sales, turkey and chicken dinners, bazaars, and card parties. Some of the original parishioners recall cooking dinners for more than 100 persons on two hot plates, baking 2500 biscuits at home, then transporting them to the picnic grounds.

Several thousand bricks, for our new Church, has been donated by the Buffalo Brick Company, in memory of their superintendent, John Schmidt, Sr. Robert Hawkins, manager of the local plant, made the presentation.

Bricks were inscribed by members of the parish, who made small donations. Their names are enclosed in the inner wall of the church and remain an integral part of St. George's.

Landscaping under the direction of Robert Siedler and James Murray. These outdoor artists have done wonders in landscaping. A generous donation of evergreens by Charles O'Donnell was greatly appreciated.

Your Pastor has been busy thanking you all year long, for the endless successions of favors and benefits that you have so generously conferred upon him.

Now he wishes you to know, that of all places, where his Lord and his Bishop could place him, none are more attractive, than St. George's Parish and its delightful people. God grant that we spend whatever years of life remain, here in Jewettville and together happily work our way to Heaven.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### ST. GEORGE'S, A MISSIONARY PARISH

As it was announced in the Fall issue of Consolata Missions, the Centurions' Shield Award for the year 1972 was presented to St. George's parish in West Falls, N.Y. No better choice could have been made by the Centurions of the Consolata Fathers of Buffalo. St. George's is a small parish of about 320 families located in a rural area south of Buffalo. The people of the parish are not rich by any standard. The majority of them work in factories in the nearby towns of East Aurora, Hamburg, and in the city of Buffalo. And yet their generosity for the missions has been outstanding, and their cooperation for the missionary work of the Church throughout the whole world has been unique more than rare.

Preceded by the example of their pastor, Msgr. William Snyder, and motivated by his zeal and eloquent words, they have built over 20 chapels all over the world, from South American, Oceania, India and even Russia. In the Diocese of Marsabit, run by the Consolata Fathers, they have literally financed the building of a new mission named after St. George's with a school, hospital, houses for sisters, fathers and teachers, and a social hall. For years now, in the same diocese, they have supplied food to thousands of people who were starving because of lack of water and consequent lack of food.

And the most recent project sponsored by them is a College for Catechists. Though Msgr. Snyder has never been in the missions, nevertheless, he has a keen sense for missionary problems. He felt that, since independence in Kenya, a great stress should be placed on the formation of local leaders. And so when Bishop Charles Cavallera, the Ordinary of Marsabit, had suspended the construction of the college for catechists so that he could devote that money for the starving people of his diocese, the people of St. George's told him to go ahead with the project because they would have provided the money for it. And they did.

But what amazes any visitor even more is that the whole parish of St. George's is missionary oriented. Every evening the Rosary is said in the chapel for the Missions. Every Monday night a group of ladies gets together to sew uniforms for St. George's children, hospital gowns for its patients, vestments for its church and all the necessary clothes for its newborn babies. Every year, on the occasion of the summer festival, the first thousand dollars made goes to the missions. A young couple decided to cut down considerably in the expenses of their wedding reception in order to donate some money to the poor of St. George's in Africa, and thus make them part of their wedding joy. A lady gave up her vacation to Florida and sent the money to the starving people of St. George's. Every Sunday Msgr. Snyder himself says a Mass for his parishioners in West Falls and those of St. George's in Africa. Every year the Christmas card sent out by the parish reminds all the parishioners, friends, and benefactors, of the poor of Africa. All the money collected goes to them, as an act of sharing some of the parish goods with their poverty.

But what made St. George's a real "missionary" parish was a lay person who left last fall for the African Missions. Gene Ellis, a 25 year old young man, graduated from Catholic University of America, left his parish, family and friends to go to Africa, and spend a few years working for those poor he had learned about through the sermons of Msgr. Snyder, the contacts with the Consolata Fathers, and the love shown in practice by the whole parish.

## RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS, ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Sister Eugene Karg, SSJ. Chose the Order of, The Sisters of St. Joseph. She chose the name, Eugene in honor of Fr. Eugene Airey, the parish priest of St. George's Jewettville and of Colden. Sister Eugene took her vows Feb. 11th, 1927 and taught school for 45 years. She retired on January 15th, 1982. She is now living at the Motherhouse in Clarence, N.Y. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Karg of Cole Road, Orchard Park, N.Y.

Sister Jolene Ellis, FSSJ. Entered the Order of The Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, at Hamburg, N.Y., in August of 1966, and took her final vows at her home parish, St. George's Church, Jewettville. A reception followed the services. Her parents are Floyd and Loretta Ellis of Ellis Dr., Jewettville, N.Y.

Sister Jeanette Schregel, SSMN. Joined the Order of the Sisters of St. Mary Namur. She visited our parish, St. George's of Jewettville, accompanied by the Assistant Mother General, Sheila from Namur, Belgium, with 35 junior sisters from St. Mary's Kenmore, N.Y. They were delighted with the "Memorare Chapel" and sang one of their "Alleluia" hymns, which filled the chapel with Heavenly music.

Father Ronald Barton, OMI. Entered the Order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He attended the Diocesan Prep Seminary in Buffalo, N.Y., and completed his studies at the Oblate College, Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24th, 1975, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. He entered the order of the Oblates, as a member of their Midwestern Province. He was a former altar boy, of St. George's.

He celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, on June 1st at his home parish, St. George's, Jewettville, N.Y. A parish reception and dinner was given in his honor, following the mass. A Fr. Barton Tree, idea of Paul Wangler and Clarence Sypniewski, was planted on the church grounds, in his honor. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Howard Barton of West Falls, N.Y., and is now stationed at Monticello parish and the Madison parish, Florida.

Rev James Campbell, Diocese of Buffalo. Ordained in Belgium. Celebrated his First Mass at St. George's Church, Jewettville, N.Y., and for 16 years, he was always available and ready to serve the parish. Rev. James Campbell is Superintendent of the Schools of the Diocese. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs James Campbell of Cole Rd., O.P.

Seminarian Thomas Doyle is now studying theology at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y. He will be ordained September 17th, 1982 at St. Joseph Cathedral and Celebrate his First Mass at St George's Church, Jewettville. His parents, Mrs Evelyn Doyle and the late John Doyle of West Seneca, N.Y.

Father Mario Lacchin, IMC. Served on Sundays at St. George's parish from 1970 until 1975, when he was assigned to Africa. He is now Procurator in the Diocese of Marsabit there. He was born in Padua, Italy. He entered the seminary at an early age and ordained to the priesthood in 1961. Father Mario was assigned to the seminary in Buffalo, N.Y.

Father John Bonanomi, IMC., served on weekends at St. George's, Jewettville, from 1975 until 1982. He was born in Osnago, Italy, in 1931. He entered the Consolata Missionaries. at Certosa di Pesco in 1948. Ordained in March, 1958. He was assigned to Kenya, Africa, in 1961 and in 1972 Fr. John returned to the U.S.A. as superior of the Consolata House of Studies in Washington, D.C., from where he came to the Consolata Mission Center, Williamsville, N.Y.

Children of the parish attended classes at prochial schools, in Orchard Park, Springville and East Aurora. The Sisters of St. Joseph of the East Aurora convent for many years taught the children of the public schools. Later this work was taken up by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph from the Immaculata Convent in Hamburg, who are active until this present time. The Sisters were assisted in their work by many volunteers from St. George's parish. Mrs Loretta Ellis offered to take charge of all transportation problems of the First Communion Class, assisted by several mothers of First Communion Communicants, She has, each year served well in this capacity.

## ASSISTANTS of THE CLERGY

For many years the priests from the Passionists Monastery in Dunkirk assisted at Mass. In recent years, priests have come from the Consolata Seminary in Williamsville. One of these Missionaries, Father Mario Lacchin, is now working in the diocese of Marsabit in Kenya, East Africa, where the parish of St. George's is located. We owe a great debt of gratitude to these priests, who make possible the parish schedule of Sunday Masses. Father James Campbell, whose family has resided in our parish, has served since his ordination. The present rector of the Consolata Seminary in Williamsville, Father John Bonanomi, IMC, has served as celebrant for the late Masses on Sunday.

## Knights of the Blessed Sacrament

Under the direction of Charles Hanlon for 25 years, the altar boys of Saint George's parish were trained for service in the sanctuary. In later years he has been assisted by Raymond Diebel and Donald Klocke. The first religious vocation from among the boys was Father Ronald Barton.

## Senior Knights of the Blessed Sacrament

The first regular among the Senior Servers was Anthony Hammer, who died in 1967 at the age of 79 after thirteen years of service. Serving at the present time are: George Arnold, Raymond Deibel, Francis Fahle, Anthony Kuench, Charles Hanlon, Joseph Ainiasz, George Weinfurtner, Daniel Wagner, Robert Schneider, Francis Rotterman, Henry Lewandowski.

## Lectors

With the coming of the new liturgy, a number of parishioners volunteered to act as readers of Sacred Scripture and to lead the parish through the liturgy of the Mass. Presently serving under the direction of Frank Scarcello are: Dennis Galucki, Don Klocke, Jean Murray, Jim Nemeck, Mike and Jane Obrochta, Bob O'Connor, Mary Raiff, Charlie Schwendler, and Marge Jacobucci, and Frank Scarcello.

## Special Ministers

John Furey, Dennis Galucki, Richard Hebert, Henry Roberts, Robert Schneider.

## St. Martha's Guild

Ever since St. George's was regarded as a mission, women of the parish have donated endless hours to the maintenance of the house of the Lord and to the care of the Sanctuary. For the past quarter of a century, Mrs. Tillie Wagner has acted as Sacristan, assisted by Loretta Ellis and a group of Rosary Altar Society members, who weekly clean the church and chapel.

## Ushers

Men of the parish have long been active as ushers at St. George's. Serving at the present time are: Joseph Fisher, Vincent Pokorny, Alfred Berkewitz, Benjamin Rybinski, Daniel Wagner, Raymond Diebel, Arnold Karg, Anthony Zappia, Thomas Hunt, Sr. & Jr. Kenneth Kleinsmith, and Norman Bartz.

## St. George's Choir

As previously noted, the first organist was Mrs. Frances Vigneron, who succeeded in later years by Miss Dora Anstett, Helen Gonter, Mary McDonald, Donald Schmitt, Donna Davis, Kathy Nuwer, Kathy Karg and John O'Brien. The present organist and director of the choir is Stanley Mills, assisted by Kathy Nuwer, Kathy Karg and John O'Brien. St. George's has always been fortunate in the parish choir, which has been directed by the organist. In the past few years, so many parishioners have given their time and talent to the divine services. It is impossible to enumerate them all. The present choir is composed of: Shirley Bartz, Cathy Carr, Ann Caufield, Ed Grucza, Louis Huebbers, Betty Lewandowski, Frank Lewandowski, Stan Mills, Patricia and Robert Santuci, Sr. Wayne Spencer, and Henry Syczpiewski.

## Rosary Altar Society

It would be difficult to exaggerate the work of the Rosary Altar Society in St. George's parish. Organized by Father Harold Gonter in 1942, it has always been the most active and influential group in the parish. It has provided an abundance of workers for every parish activity and over the years it has raised an incredible amount of money for parish purposes. The present officers are: Mrs June Shimburski, president, Mrs Rose Schwartz, vice-president, Mrs Stella Nowak, secretary and Mrs Evelyn Arnold, treasurer. At the present time, the Society numbers 135 members. ( 75 are active, 60 are inactive).

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society was founded in the year of 1955 under the able leadership of our first spiritual advisor Rev. Father William Snyder and consisted of six members. In October of 1956 we were formally accepted as a bonafide confrerie into the Buffalo District.

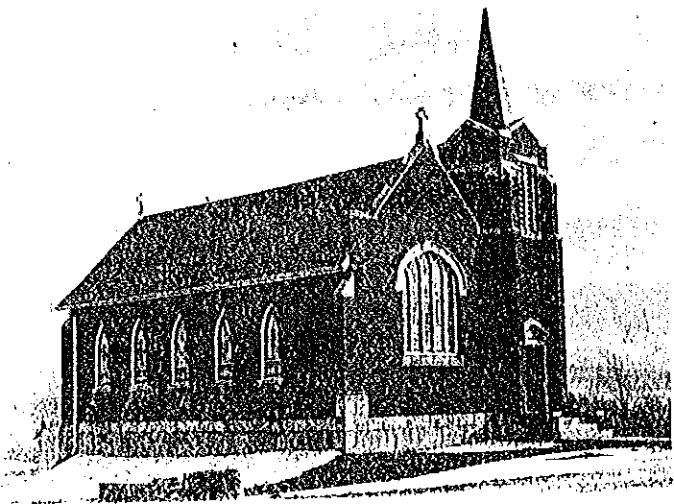
During this time until the present, the society has been visiting the sick and shutins, assisting the needy of all concerned, by collecting can goods, foods, etc., providing baskets for the needy. We have also provided cash donations and medical assistance, to those in need, who otherwise would not have been able to afford such assistance.

The Society on many occasions, have provided clothing and appliances, etc. who had the misfortune of losing their homes by fire, leaving them with little or nothing. Among the Corporal Works of Mercy, we have over the last twelve or more years provided the patients of the Orchard Park Nursing Home and Facilities many enjoyable hours with Christmas and Easter parties, with gifts for all.

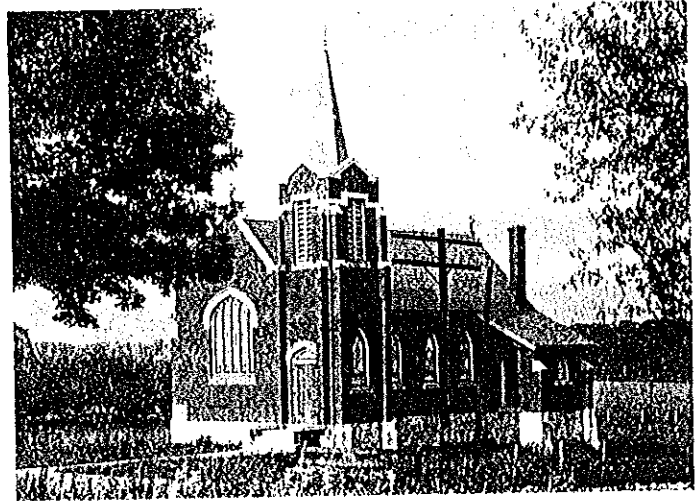
At the present time, we have six members and a very enjoyable spiritual Advisor in Father Harold Huber. Our president Floyd Ellis has undertaken a most worthy project providing a Chapel, plus remodeling the home of the Sisters of Social Services. Work to be completed with no cost to the Sisters, most of the cost being covered by generous donations of St. George's parishioners and our Society in time and labor.

Men Who Served Their Country

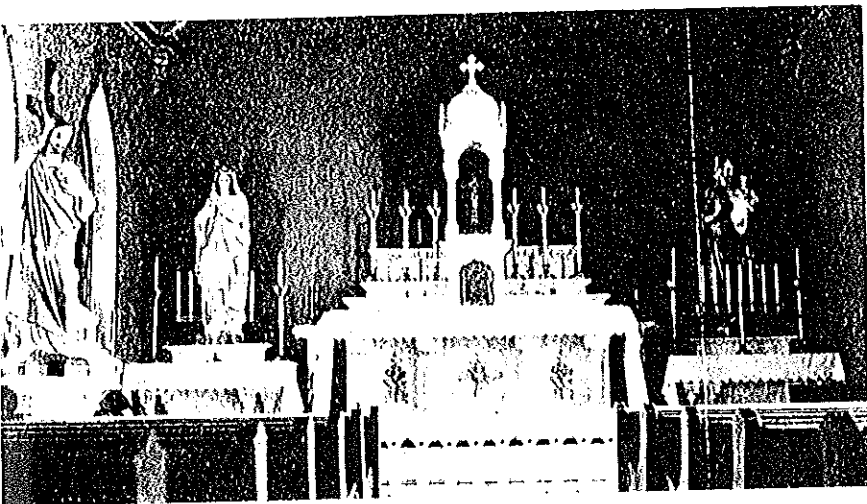
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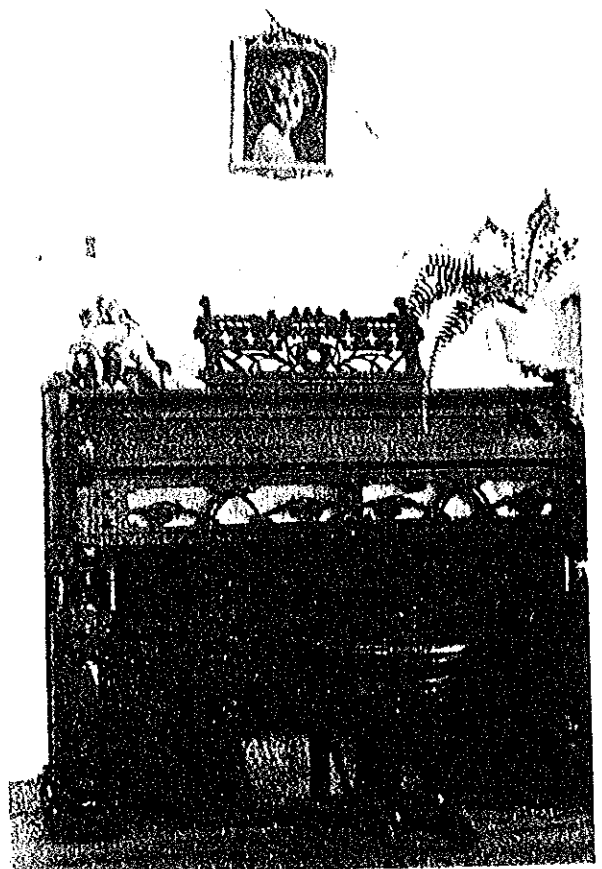
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Early Chapel Altar



The Rectory



First Church Organ



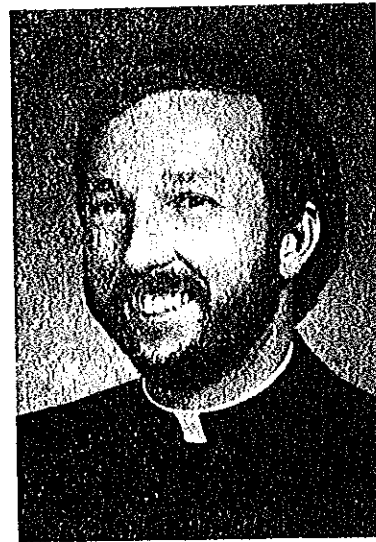
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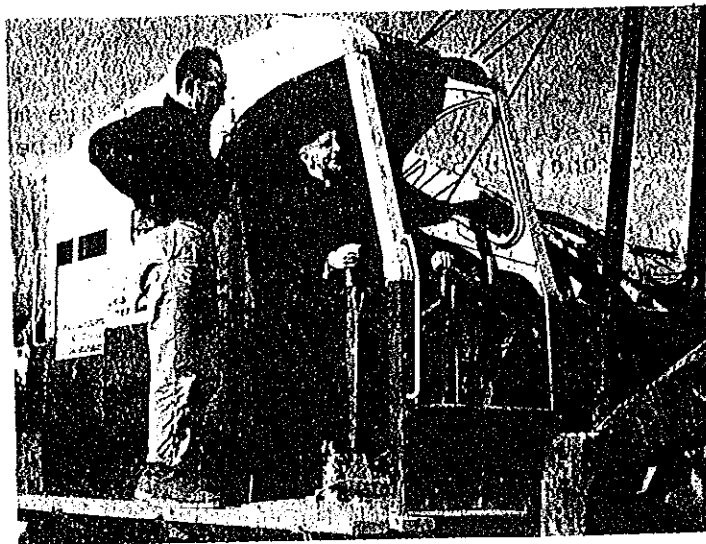
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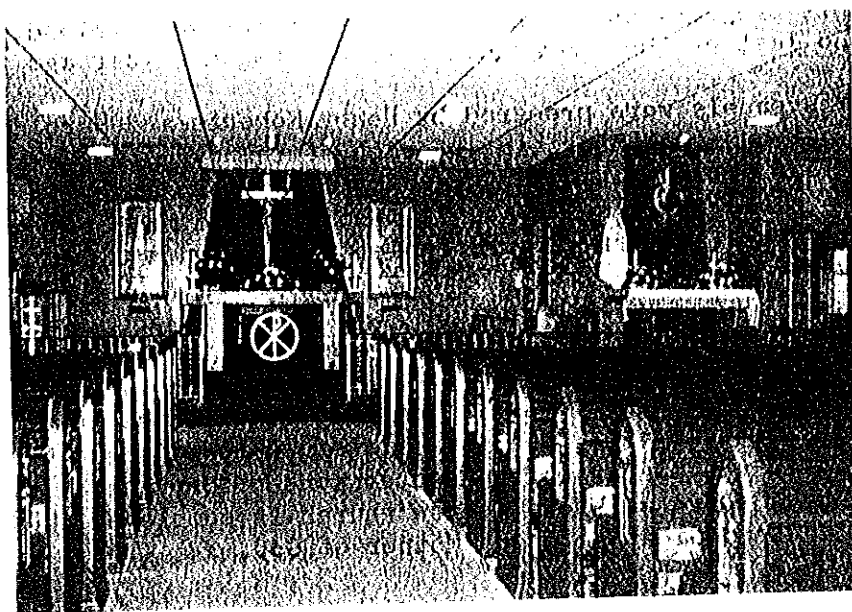
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Adding a Brick



Parish members at ground breaking



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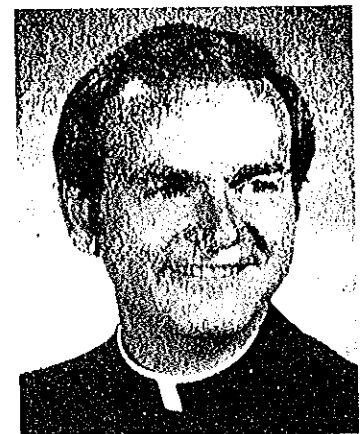
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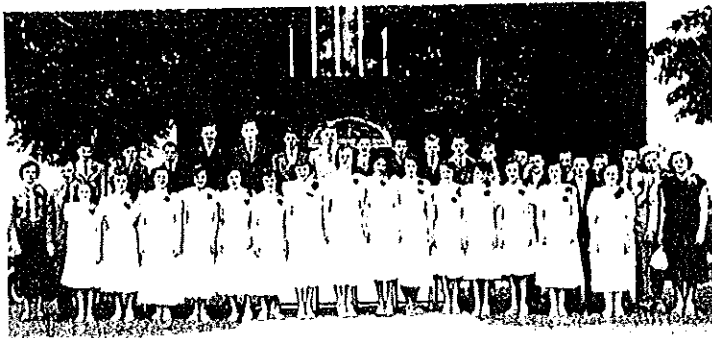
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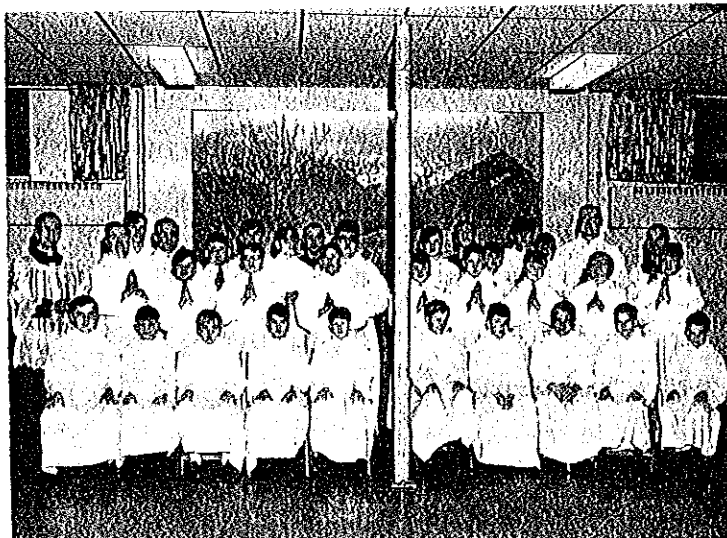
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St. George's Choir, 19 54



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