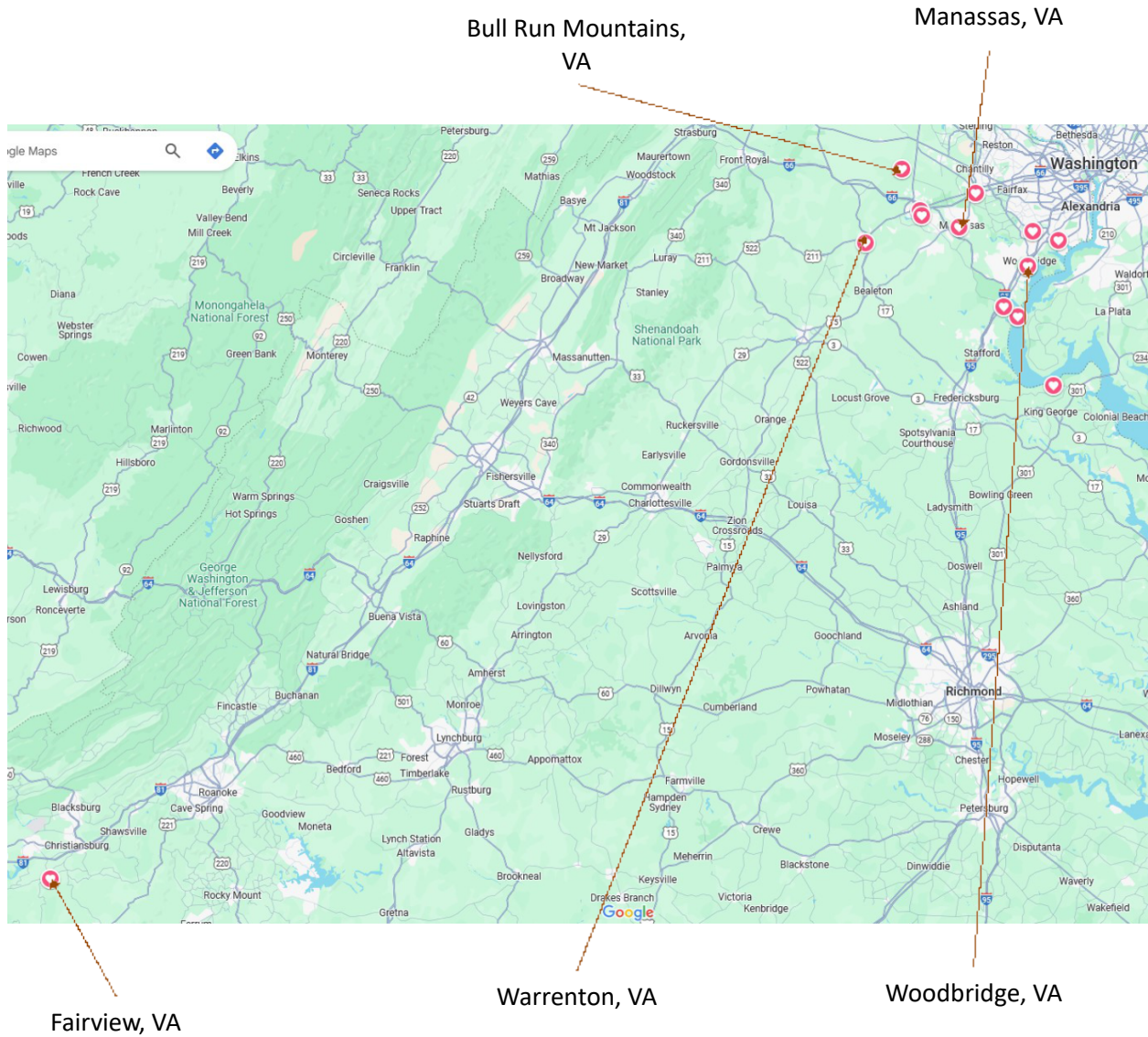
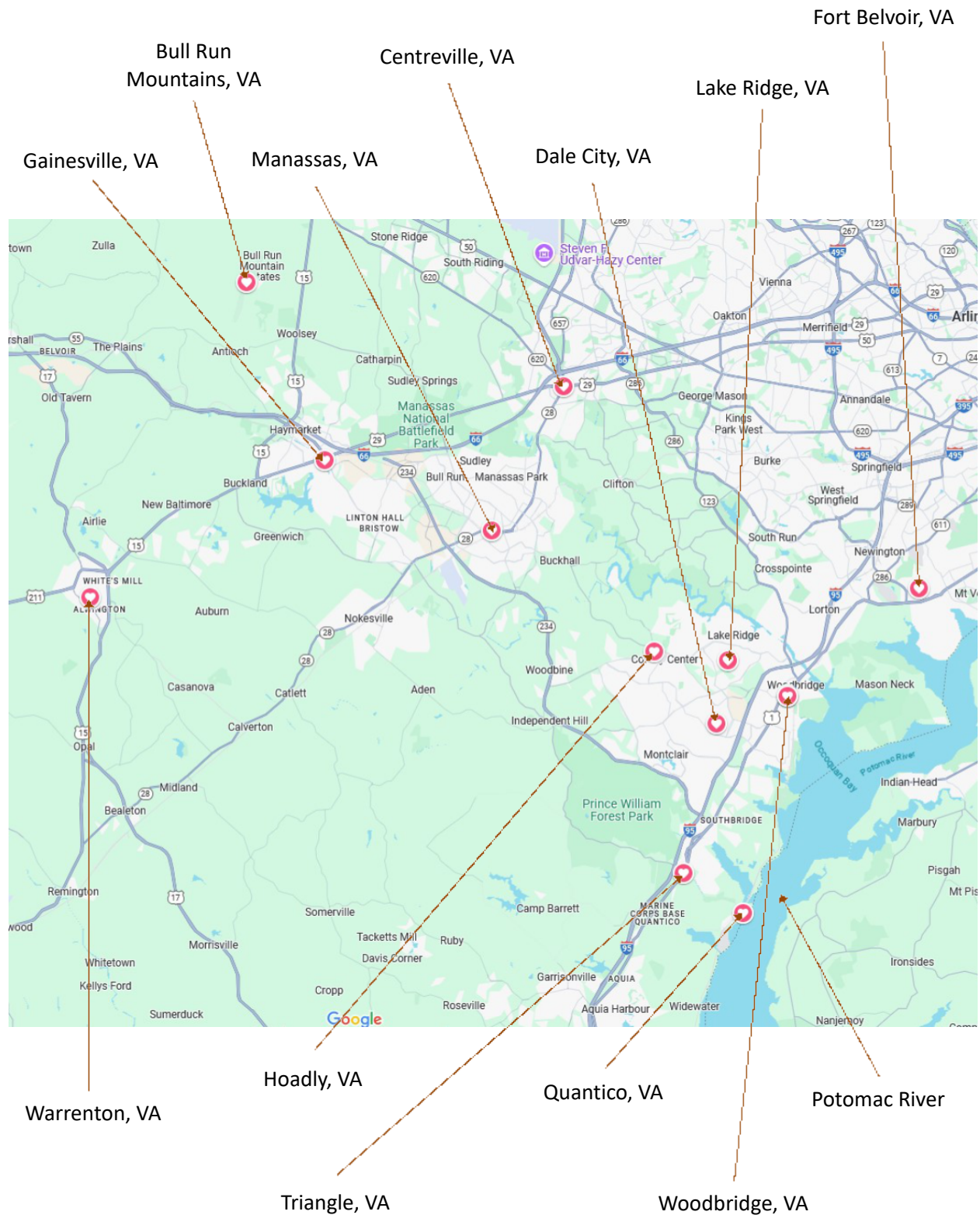


## CHAPTER TWELVE: MANASSAS & WOODBIDGE, VA

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**All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA**



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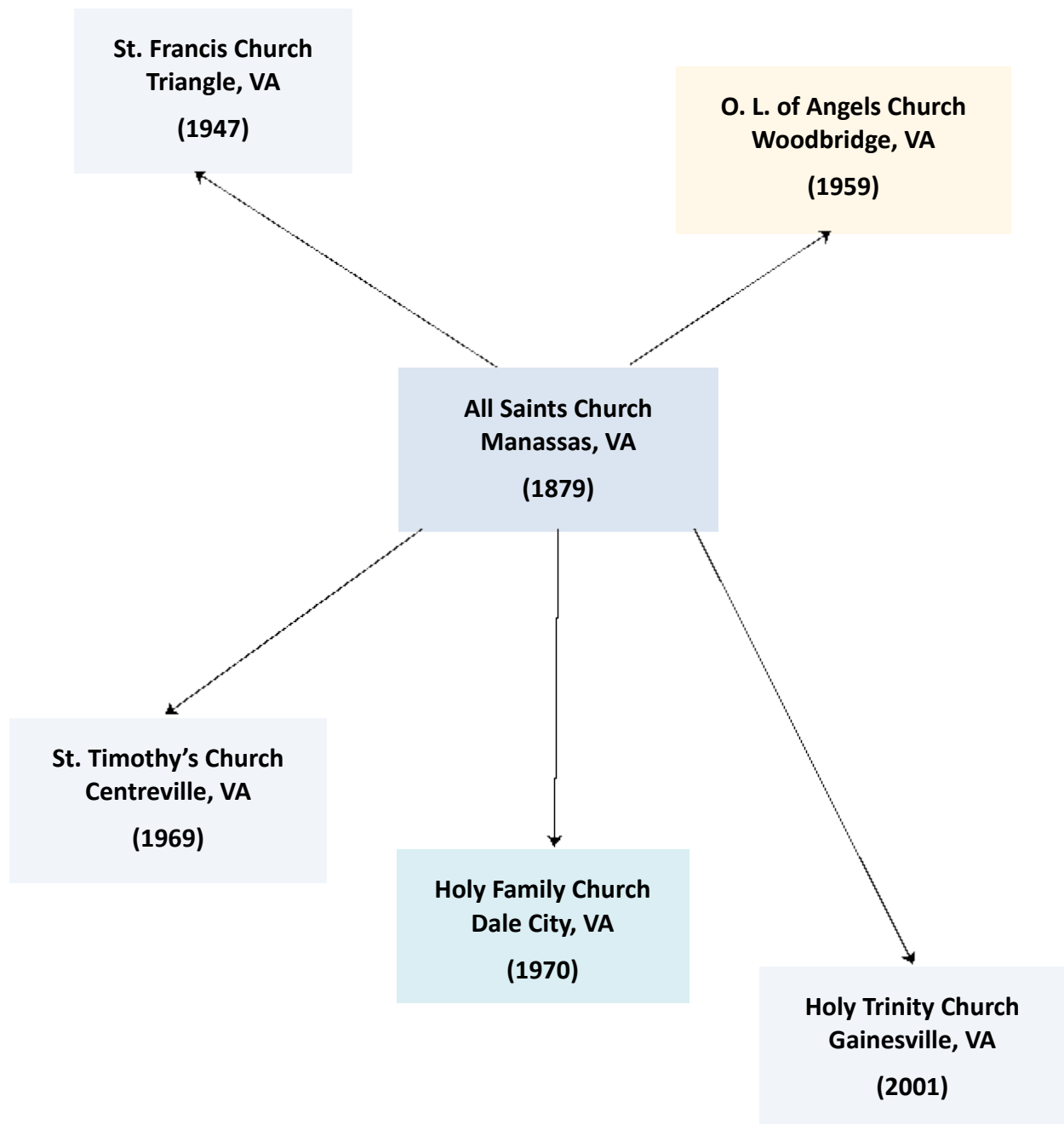
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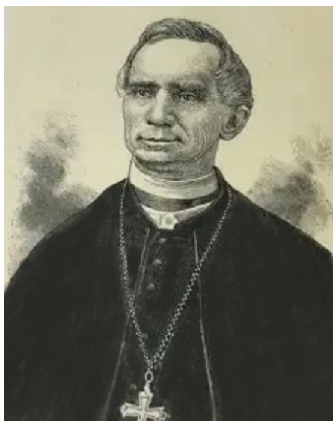
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## II. The building of a new Church [1878 - 1941]

The Bishop of Richmond, Most Rev. J. J. Keane, laid the cornerstone of a new church on November 29, 1878. A war relic in the shape of a piece of shell dug up from the foundation of the church" was one of the items placed in the cornerstone, along with other items: some silver coins, a copy of the Catholic Review, Catholic Mirror and Manassas Gazette. The Manassas Gazette called the new projected church as "the ornament to the Town".

Before local architect and contractor, John A. Cannon built the church, Mass had been celebrated in Hixson's Hall, at the corner of Main and Quarry Streets.

In 1879, Bishop William Elder dedicated the first All Saints Church, on a hot August day. His words: "Here we are, assembled on the very fields which not many years ago was the scene of the most battles of the war. When not only man fought against man, but religions against religions, whose blood still, we may say, rests upon this earth" became remarkable.

That small mission church sat fewer than 100 parishioners, served hundreds of square miles with its jurisdiction extending north to the Potomac River, east to Woodbridge and Triangle, and west to the Bull Run Mountains. However, that small church was the largest religious structure in the town.

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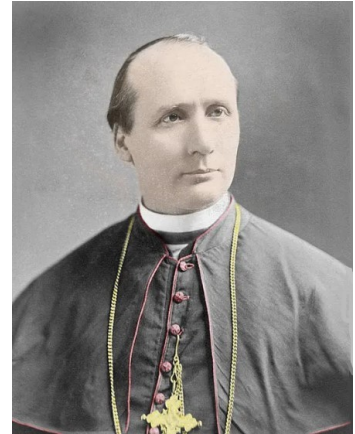
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In 1931, Rev. T. C. Healey was assigned as pastor.

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**Most Rev. John J. Keane**  
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**Bishop of Richmond, VA**

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During the next 20 years (up to 1949), the Catholic population grew very slowly.

### III. The Stigmatine Era [1942 - 1993]



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In 1942, Bishop Ireton of Richmond invited the Stigmatine Fathers to administer the parish.

In 1943, Rev. John A. Stanton, CSS<sup>1</sup> was assigned as the first Stigmatine pastor.

Rev. Samuel Chameal, CSS served at All Saints as pastor from 1944 to 1946.

In 1946, Rev. Charles Zanotti, CSS was assigned as pastor.

In 1947, the parish of St. Francis in Triangle was formed, as a subdivision of All Saints.

In the 1950's, Prince William County, about 30 miles from Washington D.C., began to expand its population, and so did All Saints.

In 1952, Rev. George Ecker, CSS substituted Father Zanotti as pastor.

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### **The building of a new Church:**

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In 1972, the violence and destruction brought sorrow and hardship to the Manassas area again, but not as it did in war, more than one hundred years earlier. The devastation was wrought by tropical storm “Agnes”, a hurricane spawned in the Gulf of Mexico. Families were driven from their homes by the mid-June 1972 floods. Damage was wide spread, and some people lost homes and businesses. Some areas were without electric power for days. The storm even knocked out water systems. Affects of the torrential rains and floods are still visible in 1974 in some areas of All Saints parish. Fortunately, the area and the parish survived to live and work together.

Father David Martin, C.S.S.<sup>2</sup> was assigned in 1973.

A groundbreaking for the new Church was officiated on May 5, 1973 by Bishop Walter I. Sullivan, Apostolic Administrator.

Father William Collins, CSS was replaced by Father Edwin Kelley, CSS in 1974.

In 1974, with the dedication of the new church building, the original church and rectory at Center Street and Fairview Avenue was sold to the Reformed Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Edwin Kelley, CSS

In 1993, the Stigmatines requested that the Arlington Diocese take over the parish staffing.

#### **IV. Towards the new Millennium [1994 - 2025]**

Through the history of the parish, the number of parishioners has out-sized its facilities. The church building, seating only 860 parishioners, became small for the number of parishioners.

In 1995, All Saints launched a Building Fund Campaign to raise funds toward the day when a larger church could be built.

In 2001, Holy Trinity in Gainesville was formed.

In 2002, a second building fund, “Rooted in Faith - Forward in Hope”, was conducted, and six million dollars were pledged toward the new church and Diocesan Capital Campaign.

Afterwards, a New Church Completion Campaign raised five million dollar in pledges. The annual 5 Car Raffle and Parish Festival were instrumental sources of

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revenue for the building fund.

On November 1, 2008, Solemnity of All Saints, 800 parishioners and guests gathered for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Church, opened by the pastor, Rev. Robert C. Cilinski, having at his side: the Honorable Harry J. Parrish II, Mayor of Manassas; the Virginia State Senator, Charles Colgan; the Delegate Robert G. Marshall, from the Virginia House of Delegates; Dr. John Sparks, Chairperson of the All Saints Finance Council. The Eucharistic Ceremony was presided by the Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington. Parishioners were encouraged to bring a bag of earth from their homes and, at the conclusion of the ceremony, were invited to place it in the altar area of the new church.

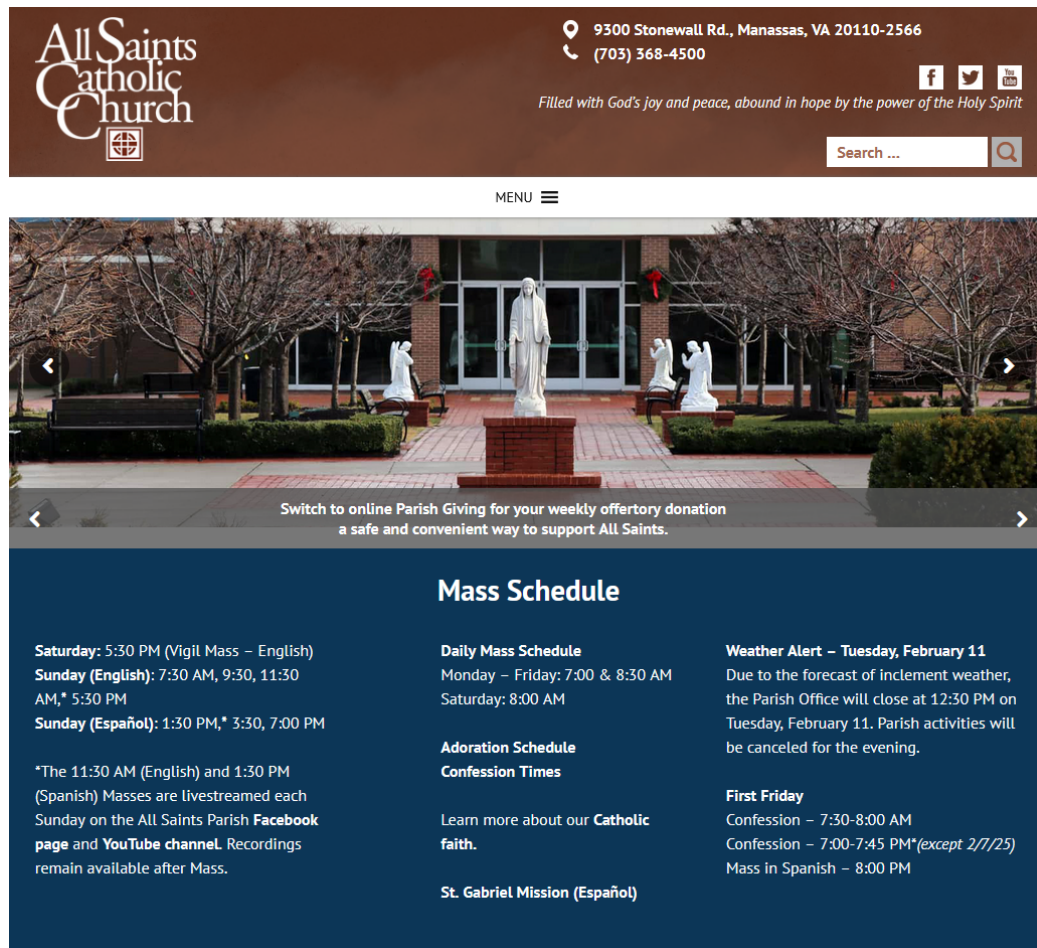
The present Church (2025) is staffed by four resident priests, and has more than 21,000 registered parishioners, and is illustrated below:

All Saints parish provides daily Mass and eight Lord's Day Masses, including Masses in English and Spanish. St. Gabriel Mission, the current Mission church of All Saints parish, also offers two Masses in Spanish on Sunday morning.

All Saints parish claims the distinction of being the largest Catholic parish in Virginia.



The Church holds a beautiful website at the web-address <https://allsaintsva.org>. This website is illustrated below:



The current All Saints website (2025)

*Deus det nobis plures annos venire!*

May God grant us many more years to come!



**PART TWO****Our Lady of Angels Church in Woodbridge, VA**

“The chapel for the Woodbridge Mission was dedicated on October 27, 1958. The name, Our Lady of Angels, was chosen by the John Cooney family, benefactors of the parish.”

## **I. Historical Background**

In the mid 1950's, Woodbridge was a small town between Belvoir and Quantico, fronting on the Potomac River. Catholics in the area were part of All Saints parish, Manassas.

Rev. George Ecker, CSS, pastor of All Saints, arranged for the use of Occoquan School auditorium for Sunday Mass. On May 22, 1956, the first Mass was celebrated there. The attendance was 66.

In 1956, there was purchased land for the church building. Most Reverend Peter L. Ireton, Bishop of Richmond, and Monsignor Justin Mc Clunn, diocesan chancellor, selected the site. Ground was broken in April, 1958, and the cornerstone was laid in May.

During construction of the chapel, Rev. James G. Shea, CSS, was assigned to the Woodbridge Mission. Rev. Richard Woodarek, CSS, who was studying at Catholic University, acted as his assistant, and two Sunday Masses were then offered at Occoquan school. Parishioners carried the portable altar in their car trunks from Sunday to Sunday. The priests lived in Manassas and commuted to Woodbridge during the construction.

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Father Shea and Rev. Richard Ahern, CSS moved to Woodbridge on February 9, 1959, to live in a bungalow renovated by the Woodbridge Catholic Men's Club, and furnished by the Woodbridge Catholic Women's Club. Father Ahern had replaced Father Woodarek, who was assigned to the foreign missions.

Daily Masses began the day after, February 10, 1959.

That same month, the first census counted 230 Catholics within the mission boundaries.

Several remodelings and expansions of the rectory have occurred since that bungalow was made liveable, but it wasn't until the early 1960's that the remains of an airplane were removed from a garage which eventually was made part of the present rectory.



Three weeks later, Saturday morning religious instruction began with two teachers - pastor and curate.



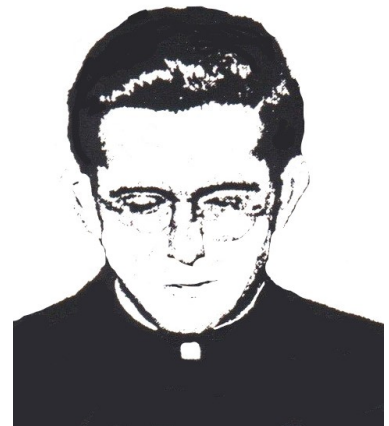
**Rev. James Shea, CSS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Pastor [1959]**

After several meetings with diocesan and Stigmatine officials, boundaries were drawn, and, on September 26, 1959, Our Lady of Angels was formally declared a parish. Father Shea was named the first pastor; Father Ahern the first assistant.

As Mass attendance increased, the Mass schedule expanded, and less than three months after the elevation to parish status, on December 21, 1959, negotiations were completed for the acquisition of the auditorium property. Groundbreaking occurred on June 25, 1961, and on Easter Sunday, 1962, the first Mass was celebrated in the auditorium.

With space came activity. Christmas styles were previewed at the first fashion show on October 9, 1962, and the first “Zingo” (“Bingo” was then illegal) nine days later netted less than fifty dollars! Since that inauspicious beginning, Zingo/Bingo (the name change occurred in November, 1974), has contributed over \$300,000 to the parish building fund.

The St. Cecilia Society (“Senior Choir”) dedicated its first Mass on November 24, 1963 to President Kennedy. The Junior Choir (the “Little Angels”) sang its first Mass on Christmas Day, 1964. Nearly six years later, in September, 1970, the Folk Choir sang for the first time, succeeding and “Intermediate Choir”, which had sung in the fold tradition in the late 60’s.



**Rev. Joseph C. Henchey, CSS**  
**Pastoral Administrator**  
**[1963 - 1964]**



**Rev. Joseph J. Welch, CSS**  
**Pastor**  
**[1964 - 1976]**

From the beginning of the parish, the people of Our Lady of Angels have gathered together to play and party to raise money for the building fund. There was a 1-day "Bazaar" in September, 1961, which evolved into a 1962 3-day "Fall Fair". "This became a "Fall Festival" by 1964, and a "Summer Family Festival" in 1965, which netted a \$9,000 for the building fund. The Sewing Club followed the Family Festival with a "Sale" which by 1969 had become a 1-day activity called the "Mini Christmas Bazaar". In 1978, the Family Festival and Mini Christmas Bazaar were combined into the present 2-day Christmas Bazaar, which, last year again, netted about \$9,000 for the building fund.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was formed on March, 1966, and together with the addition of the Thrift Shop in September, 1971, has become a symbol of Christian caring and charity known throughout Northern Virginia.

Continued growth in the area strained the parish physical plant. The two teacher Saturday religious instruction program grew to three CCD grade school sessions on Saturday mornings - up to 14 classes each session, conducted simultaneously in the auditorium, divided from one another by mobile screens.

In June, 1967, diocesan approval was given for a three part building program: center, church, rectory. Two years later, Trinity Sunday, June 1, 1969, the 14 room Catholic Center was dedicated. The previous month, the First Communion Class became the first group to use the still not-quite-completed rooms (no doors, an occasional sawhorse or girder in the way), as they lined up in the rooms and formed the procession in the new halls. The first First Communion Class of 61 received certificates on May 9, 1960. By 1969, it took two separate Masses to administer the sacrament to the nine CCD First Communion Classes, totaling 311.

This unabated growth in the area finally had an opposite reaction. The numbers grew to be so large that Holy Family parish in Dale City was proclaimed in September, 1970, and, instead of continuing to increase, membership dropped by almost 400 families, to about 1250. This happened once again when, in 1976, Elizabeth Seton parish was formed from Our Lady of Angels. Since then, registration has stabilized at around 1,100 families.



**Rev. Edwin F. Kelley, CSS**  
**Pastor [1976 - 1981]**

In 1975, two more statements of faith were erected on parish property: the wooden cross overlooking Route 1 on February 12<sup>th</sup>, and the statue of Our Lady of Angels on July 13<sup>th</sup>. In November of the following year, the first three Eucharistic Ministers were commissioned; the beginning of a group that has included thirty parishioners.

In 1977, the diocese established Aquinas School in our parish center to serve Our Lady of Angels, and the two parishes (Our Lady of Angels and Holy Family) formed from it. The Aquinas addition was erected in 1980. The most recent groundbreaking on the property occurred on May 6, 1984, when 25 years of plans and dreams started to materialize, and construction of the church finally began in June.

Traditions unique to Our Lady of Angels abound. This year, three of them observed their twelfth anniversaries: 1972 was the first year for celebration of God Speed Sunday (May 12), to bid farewell to parishioners leaving the area; the first pre-school program (July 10); and the first Welcome Home Sunday (September 17), to introduce the parish family to new parishioners. The latter eventually evolved into the current Parish Open House, now held in October. A bit younger are the parish picnic (the first two were held in 1980), Twelfth Night party and Mardi Grass (both 1981), and Octoberfest (1982).



**Rev. Paul Burns, CSS  
Pastor [1981]**

In 1981, Rev. Paul Burns, CSS was named Pastor<sup>3</sup>.

## **II. Towards the New Millennium [1982 - 2025]**

Presently (2025), Our Lady of Angels in Woodbridge, VA continues a flourishing parish.

Follow a picture of the Church:

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# Dedication Booklet

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MANASSAS, VA

FOUNDED 1878

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED 1974





**Chancery Office**  
**Diocese of Arlington**  
Suite 704  
200 NORTH GLEBE ROAD  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22203

December 9, 1974

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Road  
Manassas, Virginia 20110

My dear Catholic people,

The dedication of a Church is always an event that manifests the Catholic faith. The physical building, set apart and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, is a sign and symbol of the Church, the people of God. It is your faith that has produced this structure and the building itself should always be an actual grace for the deepening of your faith, moving you to good works for the glory of God. It should be a house of prayer for all arriving to know and do the Will of God, and, hopefully, many vocations to the priesthood and religious life will result.

It is a great honor for me to dedicate the new All Saints Church for this will be the first dedication of a Church in our new Diocese of Arlington. Much has happened since the establishment of All Saints Parish in 1879; let us pray that the Faith will continue to flourish and grow.

Asking God's choicest blessings upon all of you, I am

Sincerely your in Our Lord,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Thomas J. Welsh".

Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh  
Bishop of Arlington

All Saints Rectory  
9300 STONEWALL ROAD  
MANASSAS VIRGINIA 11110

703 368-4500

December 28, 1974

During their wanderings in the desert, God directed the Israelites to build him a place of worship furnished with the finest materials. In response, those of willing heart offered what they could to the building of the tabernacles: gold, silver, brass, rare woods, craftsmanship. They carried this tabernacle with them wherever they wandered. God was with them.

When the Israelites finally reached the promised land, they were told to build a permanent structure for the worship of God. Solomon's temple was built of heavy stone, cedar and cypress; established with ivory and premium stones, and the panels overlaid with gold. It was a work that stunned the world with its beauty. The very best of earthly wealth was dedicated to the service of God. It was, after all, God's house!

Now we have built our parish church to house the God, who dwells among us in a way that is more intimate than of old. He is present to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Ours too is a fitting dwelling; it express our faith in God. It is a place we shall receive unmeasured the gifts and blessings of God. It is a place that will inspire us to be what God wants to be - him true children.

We undertook a tremendous task, and we have seen it through. You have had the unique privilege of sharing in a very personal way the construction of the church, your church. It is now and always shall be a memorial to your faith and dedication.

I am happy for you, for I know that the good Lord smiles on you and yours as he dwells among you in this new temple that you have prepared for him.

God love you and keep you in his care,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Anthony Pacheski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A'.

Rev. Anthony Pacheski, C.S.S., Pastor

STIGMATINE FATHERS  
(C.S.S.)  
Congregation of the Priests of  
The Sacred Stigmata of Our  
Lord Jesus Christ

The pastor and assistants at All Saints Church are members of a religious order which has the unique distinction of being named for the Five Wounds, or Sacred Stigmata, of Our Lord.

The Order grew out of the needs of the youth of the City of Verona, Italy, at the dawning of the Nineteenth Century. Standards of virtue and morality were virtually unknown to the youth of that time, and Father Gaspar Bertoni, noting the neglect of the city's youth, began to form Oratories of youth centers as they would be called today.

To help him carry out his work with youth, Father Bertoni founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord Jesus Christ in 1816. The founder of the Stigmatine Fathers died in 1853, after leading an exemplary life. Holy Mother the Church attested to his virtuous life, when, in 1906, she declared him to be Venerable Gaspar Bertoni.

The Stigmatines are a religious family, composed of priests and coadjutor brothers, who are bound together by their desire to save souls, fulfill the works of the Church and follow the footsteps, ideals, and objectives of their venerable founder. Since the death of Father Bertoni, the order has spread from Italy to the United States, Canada, South Africa, Ivory Coast, and Thailand.

The primary works of the Stigmatine Order are the education of youth, and mission band work - preaching novenas, missions and retreats. In addition, Stigmatine priests are engaged in parish work, as chaplains in the service and in the care of hospitals and penal institutions.

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## HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS

The Wounds of war were healing in 1879. Probably, blood was spilled by some of those listening to the dedication remarks of Bishop William Elder. He stood in the August heat before the first All Saints Church in Manassas expressing faith, hope and love.

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When Rev. Patrick Donohue purchased the site of the original railroad station for the first church at Centreville and Fairview in 1877, thus began the recorded history of All Saints Church and parish. Before then the records are incomplete and vague. A Rev. Farrell, from Fredericksburg "may or may not have attended Manassas" when he went to Warrenton in late 1866. The first recorded Manassas baptism was administered in 1873 by Fr. Donohue, although Fr. John Doherty did serve Manassas Catholics between 1872 and 1877 from Warrenton.

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The area and the parish survived to live and work together.

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This new “ornament to the Town” is now calling parishioners to worship God, after an appropriate groundbreaking on May 5 of the Manassas centennial year of 1973.

Bishop Walter I. Sullivan, Apostolic Administrator, officiated at the groundbreaking event.

Our new church is the result of the love, labor and personal sacrifice of our clergy, the parishioners and some wonderful neighbors not of our faith, who appreciated what we were trying to do for our community and wanted to help. Each of us acknowledges this debt of gratitude to one another and pledges renewed efforts to be worthy of the trust that has been placed in us.

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Former pastors were:

1929	M. J. Cannon
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# Silver Jubilee Booklet



## Historical Marks:

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Oct. 9, 1959	Priests move in
Feb. 10, 1959	Daily Mass begins
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April 22, 1962	First Mass in auditorium
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Mar. 2, 1966	St. Vincent dePaul Society begins
June 26, 1967	Diocesan approval of 3-part building program
June 1, 1969	Catholic Center dedicated
Sept. 1, 1970	Holy Family parish formed
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Sept. 17, 1972	First Welcome Home Sunday
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July 13, 1975	Statue of Our Lady of Angels blessed
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Sept. 6, 1977	Aquinas School opens
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October 26, 1984

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It is indeed a sincere honor for me to extend to you, and the parish of Our Lady of Angels, congratulations on the occasion of your twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Woodbridge area has grown dramatically since 1959, and the challenges to the parish have likewise increased. In the years you recall and celebrate today, the Church has experienced the renewal of the Second Vatican Council. The Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers, who served at Our Lady of Angels, have led the parish well in responding to the tensions between the reign of God and its concrete realization in history. There have been years of struggle and promise, but always days filled with God's grace and blessings and strength.

As the parish rejoices in a quarter of a century of service, we see the new church beginning to take shape. It seems so very fitting that the church is being built at this time. Our Lady of Angels church will be the center for the parish's life in so many wonderful ways. Its construction and dedication will set a tone indicating that the parish is maturing and growing in the Lord's love.

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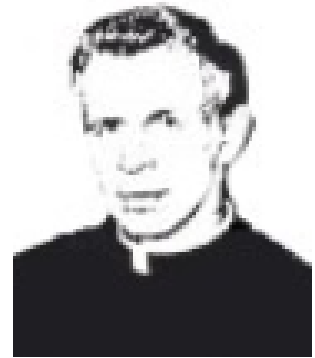
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Dear Parishioners:

Happy anniversary! Three years have passed since I came to Woodbridge as your Pastor. Truthfully, it means more like the passage of three months, and it has been a fulfilling, inspiring time for me.

An event such as this is like a mile-marker on one of our busy highways. It serves two purposes, telling you not only how far you have traveled up to that point, but also how far there is yet to go.

Many of you have been here from the very beginning of the parish, and have vivid memories of the struggle and sacrifice which always accompany the early years of any worthwhile venture. Others have joined our parish family at various points along the way, perhaps even this year. But the present time is ours, all together, to thank God for what has been, to cherish what we share now, and to look forward, with much hope and trust, to an exciting future.

As the latest in an admirable succession of priests who have worked here, I am constantly amazed and encouraged by the willingness of so many people to be deeply involved in the life of the parish. Your commitment to helping the poor and unfortunate is, I think, unparalleled by any other parish of this size. The various parish organizations seem to thrive and grow, despite the many demands placed on everyone's time and energies in our fast, modern way of life.

A brief look at the history of our parish, recently updated for this occasion, will show that we have much to celebrate. We will not rest on past accomplishments, though, will we? There is much to be done, in passing on our faith to others, in solidifying our own faith community, in finishing our parish plant, and so on, endlessly. I'm happy and excited to be with you, as we step out briskly into our second quarter-century together.

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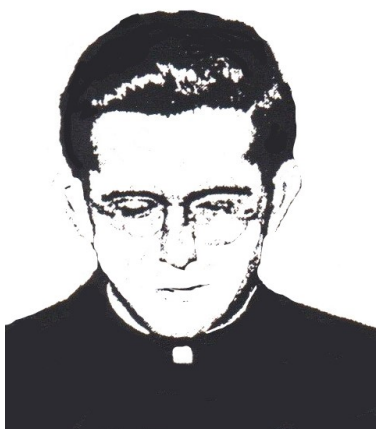
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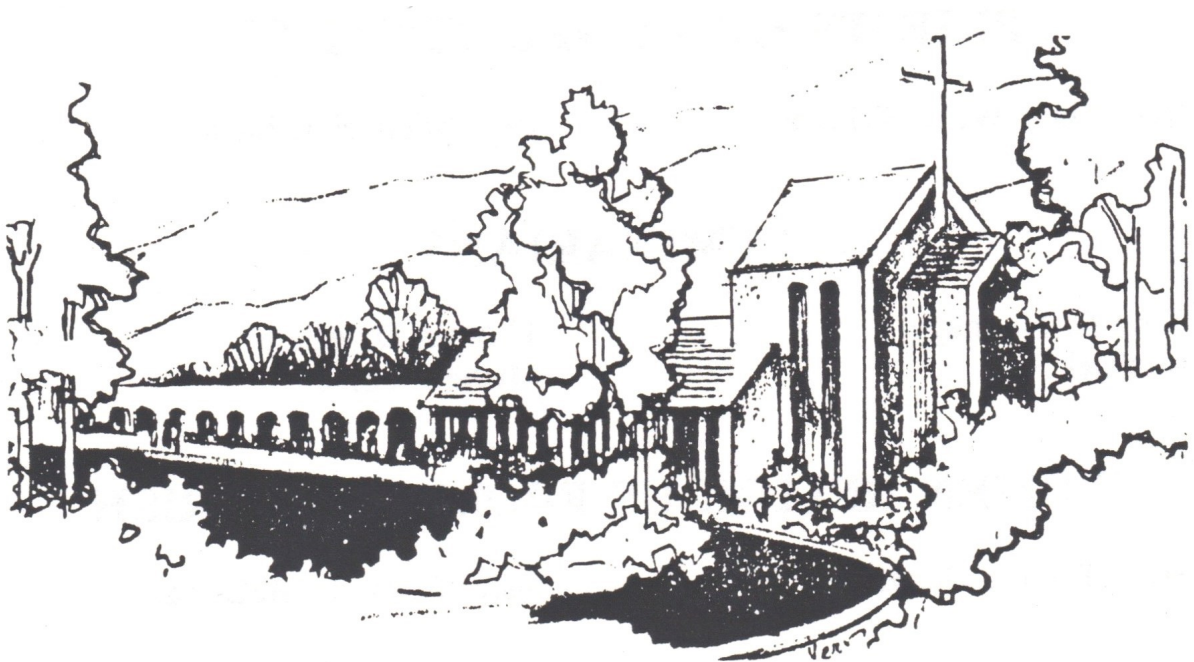
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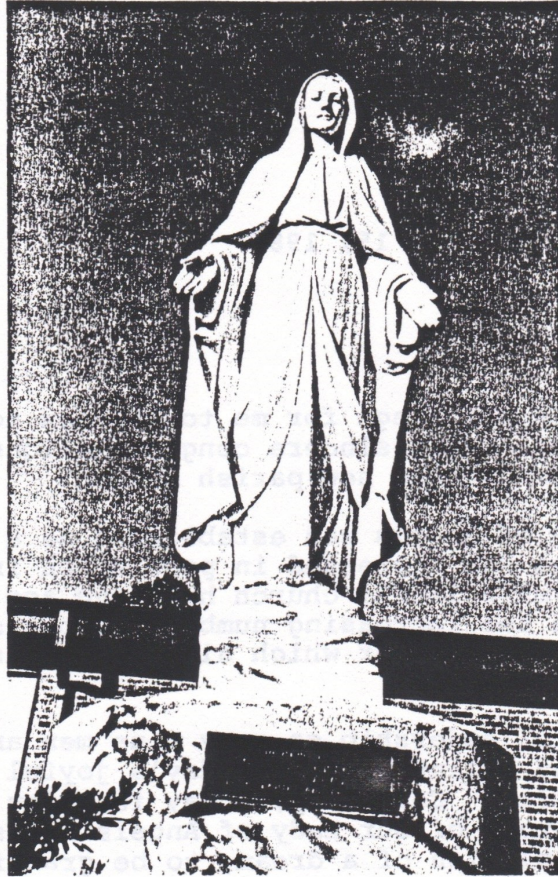
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# **Our Lady of Angels Dedication**

**December 15, 1985**





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Dear Father Burns:

It is a genuine privilege for me to express to you and to the people of Our Lady of Angels sincere congratulations on the occasion of the dedication of the new parish church.

Since Our Lady of Angels was established as a parish in 1959, the Woodbridge area has increased in population in a dramatic fashion. The charming little church has long ago become far too small to accommodate the increasing numbers of parishioners. And the desire to build a church of which all can be justly proud has now been realized.

Under your able leadership so many fine men and women have given their time and talent so that today's joyful celebration might become a reality. Certainly, today is a day to be marked in the memory and history of Our Lady of Angels Parish. It is a day to celebrate the completion of a dream, to be grateful for the sacrifices of so many who have allowed today's sense of accomplishment and it is a pledge to future generations that they will have this beautiful church on the hill in which to celebrate the mystery of God's love for each of us.

On this very memorable day in your parish history, I gladly renew my pledge of prayers for you and ask a remembrance in yours.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

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## STIGMATINE FATHERS and BROTHERS

Office of the Provincial

October 7, 1985  
Feast of the Holy Rosary

Rev. Paul D. Burns, C.S.S.  
Our Lady of Angels  
13752 Mary's Way  
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Dear Father Burns,

The invitation to be present at the dedication of Our Lady of the Angels new church building is one that fills me with much happiness. The parish there has always been a very special place in the memories of my own early priesthood.

Following ordination in 1956, my first summer I was assigned to Manassas. Part of my summer ministry that year was also to cover the growing parish needs in the Woodbridge area. I remember a number of early Sunday mornings in August driving over the miles to the Occoquan School for the Masses and confessions. It was my good fortune also to be assigned there for nearly two years as an assistant in the early 1960's.

While the memories are pleasant and happy ones of the many people who were so willing to help in the growth of Our Lady of the Angels, their good example continued on into the present time. The wonderful availability and cooperation of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels have long served to those of us of the Stigmatine Community who have had the good fortune to work there, as an example and as an inspiration. The people of Woodbridge have been to many of us as a gospel sign and encouragement to live our own Stigmatine life even better.

However, when one speaks of parish life, one cannot only think of the past, not remain in the present. Time moves on - and Our Lady of the Angels Parish augurs well for the future.

We ask Our Lady of the Angels to intercede for us all. She who loyally persevered in her dedication to Jesus Christ, remains "our life, our sweetness and our hope." We pray to her that she might intercede before her Son for His blessing on all parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels - on all who have worked there and contributed to making that community such a dynamic example of Christian life.

Thank you very much for the invitation to come for the dedication ceremony.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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The completion of a church building is, of course, just its beginning. Only now can it become what we all hope it will be - an accurate reflection of our strong ties as a community and a stimulus to deeper faith in God and the power of His love. In a sense, a church is made holy by the holiness of the people who worship within its walls. Although an impressive and worthy structure in its own right, it is WE who will add the final touch and make this building live and resound with our song, our prayer and the strength of our belief.

For me, one of the nicest features of this new edifice is that, by a happy coincidence, it faces almost due east. In ages gone by, Christians often went to a great deal of trouble and much extra expense to see that their churches were built to face the sunrise. This custom was a reminder of how they were to look toward Christ as the Son of Justice, the Unconquerable One, the warmth and brightness of their lives. He is the glowing center of our community and our lives as well, and our church will be a constant teacher of this to us and a testimony to others.

It would have been my personal good fortune to be your pastor at any time, but especially so in these wonderful years. I have seen your commitment as a people, your cooperative ways, your self-sacrifice, all in the midst of a quite exceptional dedication to helping the poor of our area. In fact, this will always be my most vivid memory of you: that while saving for a badly needed new facility, you never, not even for one week, forgot Christ's poor.

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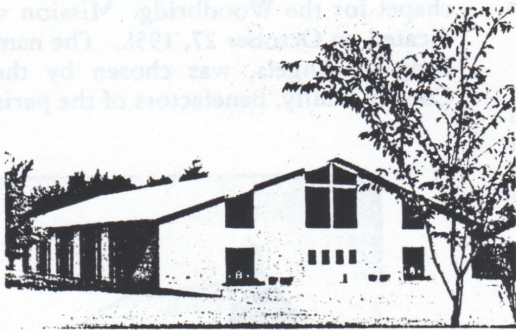


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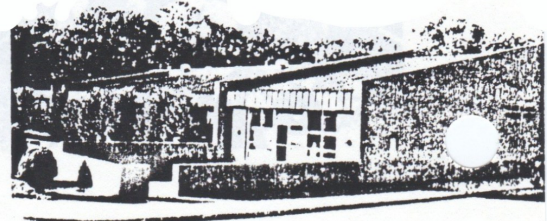
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Rev. Charles P. Armour, CSS	Rev. Guido Mespilli, CSS
Rev. James E. Flanagan, CSS	Rev. Thomas Henry, CSS
Rev. John Dickinson, CSS	Rev. Joseph Morgan, CSS
Rev. Edwin F. Kelley, CSS	Rev. J. Peter Walker, CSS

## PRIESTS ORDAINED FROM OLA

Rev. Klaus W. J. Sirianni

Rev. Michael J. Bazan

## SEMINARIANS

John E. Hadnagy  
 Michael Foss

Michael Volker  
 Ronald Shields

Wilhelm Ettner

## WOMEN RELIGIOUS FROM THE PARISH

Sister Brenda Gonzales

Sister Rosanne McDonald



## CHRONOLOGY

May	22, 1956	First Mass in Woodbridge	Mar.	2, 1966	St. Vincent dePaul Society begins
April	13, 1958	Chapel groundbreaking	June	26, 1967	Diocesan approval of 3-part building program
*Oct.	8, 1958	First Baptism	June	1, 1969	Catholic Center dedicated
Oct.	27, 1958	Chapel Dedication	Sept.	1, 1970	Holy Family parish formed
Feb.	9, 1959	Priests move in	Sept.	12, 1970	Folk Choir sings first mass
Feb.	10, 1959	Daily Mass begins	Sept.	14, 1971	Thrift Shop opens
*Feb.	21, 1959	First Funeral	May	12, 1972	First God-speed Sunday
*May	3, 1959	First Confirmation Class (58)	July	10, 1972	First pre-school program
*May	10, 1959	First Communion Class (24)	Sept.	17, 1972	First Welcome Home Sunday
*May	23, 1959	First Wedding	Feb.	12, 1975	Wooden Cross erected
Sept.	26, 1959	Our Lady of Angels declared a parish, Rev. James G. Shea, Pastor	July	13, 1975	Statue of Our Lady of Angels blessed
†Sept.	27, 1959	First Baptisms	July	14, 1976	Rev. Edwin F. Kelley, pastor
Dec.	21, 1959	Auditorium property negotiations completed	Oct.	26, 1976	St. Elizabeth Seton parish formed
†April	17, 1960	First Communion	Nov.	26, 1976	First Eucharistic Ministers commissioned
†April	26, 1960	First Funeral	Sept.	6, 1977	Aquinas School opens
†May	8, 1960	First Communion Class (61)	July	6, 1980	First parish picnic
†Oct.	15, 1960	First Wedding	Sept.	2, 1980	Aquinas addition opens
†May	28, 1961	First Confirmation Class (87)	Jan.	10, 1981	First Twelfth Night celebration
April	22, 1962	First Mass in Auditorium	Feb.	28, 1981	First Mardi Gras
Oct.	9, 1962	First fashion show	Aug.	30, 1981	Rev. Paul D. Burns, pastor
Oct.	18, 1962	First Zingo	Oct.	2, 1982	First Octoberfest
Aug.	8, 1963	Rev. Joseph C. Henchey, pastoral administrator	May	6, 1984	Church groundbreaking
Nov.	24, 1963	St. Cecilia Society sings first mass	Dec.	15, 1985	Dedication of church
Jan.	10, 1964	Rev. Joeseeph J. Welch, pastor			
Dec.	25, 1964	Little Angels sing first mass			

†First services as a parish

\* Services in chapel prior to declaration of parish status