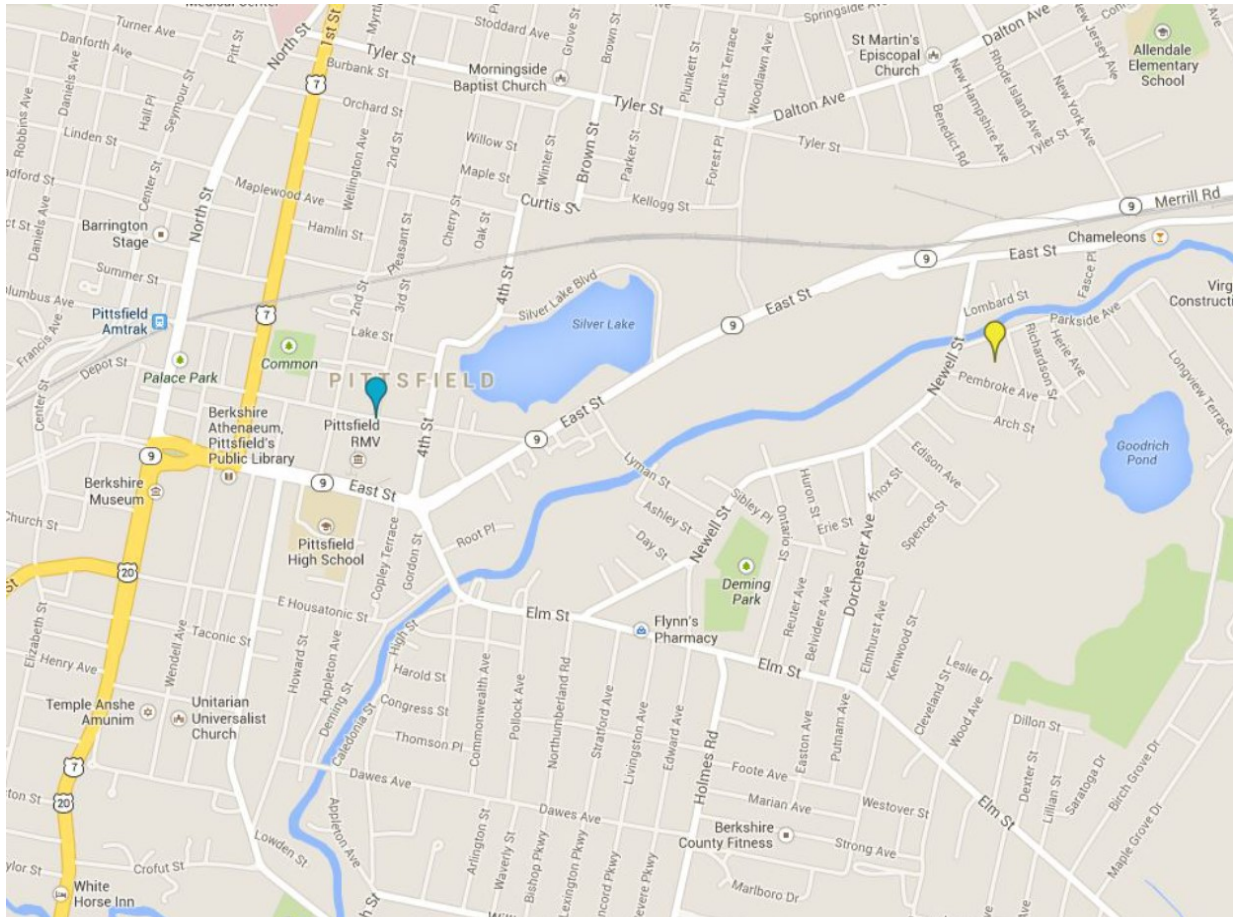


## CHAPTER FOUR: OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL and All Souls - Pittsfield, MA



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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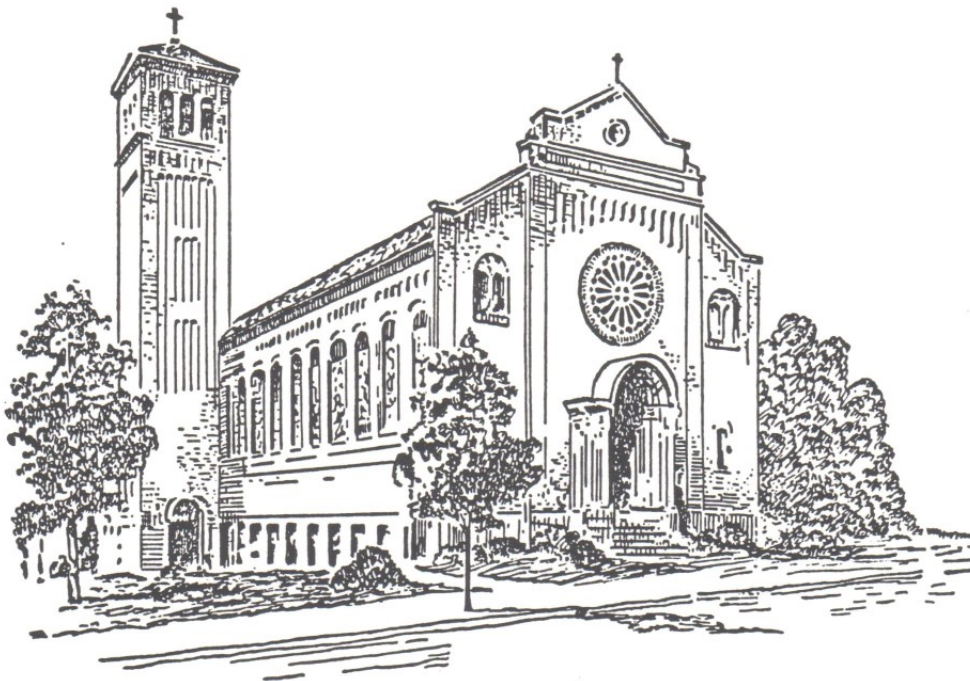
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**PART ONE****Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Pittsfield, MA**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
Pittsfield, MA  
Founder:  
Rev. Eugene Giavina, C.P.S.  
1903



*"March 5, 1903: In the history of the Catholic Church in Pittsfield, the origin of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church was set officially when the Most Rev. Eugene Giavina of Turin, Italy was appointed Pastor of the new parish, entrusting to him the spiritual care of the Italians in the area."*

## I. The Birth of a new Parish [1903]

Italians settling in Pittsfield at the turn of the century were mostly poor laborers, speaking little or no English.

Later on parish history, Joseph Ruscetta [96 y-o in 1978], recalled, "We stepped off the train, carrying few possessions. Most worked on the railroad tracks, dug ditches, and later laid out sewer and water pipes. We had little money. Our average pay was \$5 a week. We were all Catholics but ashamed to go to Mass at St. Joseph's Church because we did not speak English".



Rev. Eugene Giavina  
1st Pastor  
[1903 – 1915]

As more Italians arrived, Bishop Thomas Beaven, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, recognized the plight of the spiritually-starved Italians and appointed the Reverend Eugene Giavina of Turin, Italy as pastor of a newly-created parish, entrusting to him the spiritual care of Italians in the Pittsfield area.

Father Giavina's appointment was March 3, 1903; thus the birth of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish was officially set that year.

## II. Early Times [1903 – 1914]

In those days, Italians were small in numbers, and their residences scattered throughout the county: many lived in an area of the City called the "Junction".

For 13 years, the struggling parish had no church to call its own. Father Giavina would gather his flock, Sunday after Sunday, to the north chapel of St. Joseph's Church to worship. As they entered the rear door, parishioners would offer a dime, a quarter or a 50-cent piece - and sometimes even a whole dollar. Remember: the average weekly pay was only \$5! But ahead was not only the dream, but the realization of a Church of their very own!

On July 15, 1912 a major step was taken to have a church of "their own" – a hope that dwelt in the hearts of every Italian in Father Giavina's parish. On that date, the Daniel Dodge estate on Fenn Street was purchased for \$8,000, with the house serving as both church and rectory. The tiny chapel was filled for services, as the small parish began to take root on its own.

### III. The beginning of the Stigmatine era [1915 – 1917]

As the parish grew, the need for a *bona fide* church became increasingly evident. Father Giavina received permission from Bishop Beaven to build a church but, before he could realize his dream, he was transferred to Hartford, Connecticut to serve yet another group of struggling Italian parishioners.

On July, 1915 the care of the struggling infant parish was entrusted to the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Stigmata by Bishop Beaven. Commonly known as the Stigmatine Fathers, they had come to this country from Italy at the invitation of the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, D. C. to assist U. S. Bishops in caring for the spiritual needs of Italian immigrants.

Rev. Anthony Toniolli, CPS was first Stigmatine Pastor of Mount Carmel. At 28, the young, zealous priest lost no time in launching efforts to erect a church. A public meeting was held August 25, 1915 at Notre Dame Church, where the then large kickoff sum of \$600 was raised!

September, 1915 - Rectory moved to the east side of Fenn Street and ground broken for the long-desired church, dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Much of the excavation labor contributed by men of the parish, spurred on by the sight of their young pastor, Father Toniolli working with pick and shovel in hand.



Fr. Anthony Toniolli, C.P.S.  
1<sup>st</sup> Stigmatine Pastor  
[1915 – 1925]

Christmas, 1916 - First Mass celebrated in lower church by Father Toniolli. A joyous day for the pastor and parishioners for the church was built with their pennies and the honest sweat of many a working man. Many of our parishioners recall how Father Toniolli went door-to-door collecting 25¢ monthly dues from his parishioners and friends to help raise funds. Completion of the lower church construction was delayed during World War I due to the difficulty in obtaining needed materials.

### IV. The Post-war period – good progress [1918 – 1924]

June 3, 1918 - Wartime difficulties let up and lower church completed - and its solemn dedication held. Officiating were Bishop Beaven; the Rev. Emilio Lona, CPS, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Milford; Rev. W. J. Dower, Pastor of St. Charles; and the Rev. Thomas A. Bolan, of St. Mark's Church. The Rev. Bernard S. Conaty, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church and the Rev. William F. Grace of Lenox attended Bishop Beaven as he presided at Mass.



Sacrament of Confirmation administered that afternoon to 135 children - a joyous day for parishioners and friends of Mount Carmel Church.



1922

July 16, 1922 - Cornerstone laid and construction begun on upper church on Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Newly-consecrated Bishop Thomas O'Leary of Springfield Diocese officiated. Again, a dual occasion to celebrate for the parish, as 250 were confirmed by Bishop O'Leary.

October 19, 1923 - Church bells arrive and installed in imposing campanile. Bells pealed for the first time on Feast of All Saints, November 1, 1923 - calling the faithful to worship. Two of the bells donated by parishioners and the third bell by the Principe brothers (Joseph, Matteo and Anthony). Work continued on upper church.



1923

April 20, 1924 - Easter Sunday – Mass was said for the first time on the upper Church by Rev. John P. Zaupa, C.P.S., D.D., Superior General, who was in the United States making his canonical visitation. At long last the Italians of Pittsfield had their own beautiful church which could equal any other in the city.

What joy must have surged within Father Toniolli as he beheld the dream of years fulfilled. It was an edifice worthy of his heroic actions and a suitable dwelling for the King of kings.

The new church, with its Northern Italian Renaissance design, cost about \$125,000. Architect: George E. Haynes.



1924

October 26, 1924 – Dedication of the Church - The day was beautiful and the church was filled long before the dedication ceremonies began. Outside, the Mount Carmel Society, composed of men, formed a guard of honor along the pathway leading from the rectory to the church. Through this double line of men, the Most Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, with his attendant clergy, marched to the entrance of the edifice, thence about the walls outside, sprinkling holy water and repeating the liturgical prayers prescribed for the dedication of a church.

Pontifical Mass was then celebrated by the Bishop. He was assisted by Very Rev. Bernard S. Conaty, V.G., as high priest; Rev. Paul Sozzi, C.P.S., as deacon, Rev. Joseph Rosa, C.P.S., as sub-deacon; Rev. William J. Dower and Rev. Levi J. Achim as assistants to the Bishop, and Rev. Anthony Toniolli, C.P.S., and Rev. Victor Formolo, C.P.S., as Masters of ceremonies.

After the chanting of the Gospel, the Bishop preached a truly pastoral sermon full of appreciation for the great work accomplished by the good parishioners of Mount Carmel. He praised their generosity and begged them to continue to cooperate with their zealous pastor in the labors still ahead. He reminded his audience of the great moral influence every Catholic Church exerts for the good of the community in which it is built. He said in part: "It is a bulwark of defense against lawlessness and anarchy; it is a protection to civil and moral rights; it is the strongest, surest, safest guardian of the nation; for its children will ever be taught loyalty to American principles and obedience to American laws. Take away the Catholic Church from our land, and a wave of anarchy

would sweep over it like a devastating sea, against which no other force would be able to stem its onrushing billows." In the afternoon the sacrament of Confirmation was administered to a class of 217.

**V. New pastor, Fr. Zanotti; coming of the Venerini Sisters [1925 – 1939]**



Rev. Charles Zanotti, CPS  
2nd Stigmatine Pastor  
1926 – 1940

September 1, 1925 - Father Toniolli, however, was not destined to enjoy the fruits of his labors. On August of 1925, exhausted by his tremendous work, he went to White Plains, N. Y., for some much needed rest and there it was that at the age of 39 God called his faithful servant to his eternal rest on September 1st.

His span of life was short but full of accomplishments. His body was returned to Pittsfield and after solemn funeral services was laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery in the Stigmatine plot. In grateful memory of their spiritual father, the members of the parish erected a beautiful granite monument over his grave.

January, 1926 - Rev. Charles J. Zanotti, CPS, appointed Pastor. Left with a debt of \$90,000 to pay off, Father Zanotti began a 10-year plan to pay off the mortgage, raising funds through innumerable suppers, plays, benefits and bazaars – and he converted the lower church into a parish hall to achieve his goal.

October 6, 1929 - Main Altar dedicated to Father Toniolli.

December 17, 1931 - Following Father Toniolli's plan to further the spiritual growth of the youth of the parish, Father Zanotti obtained the assistance of the *Maestre Pie Venerini* (commonly known as the Religious Order of Venerini Sisters) to provide catechetical instruction. First Communion, pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes conducted by the Venerini Sisters, with units formed in four sections of the city to impart Christian Doctrine to more than 500 parish youngsters.



The first Venerini Sisters sent to serve Mount Carmel



Later, the community of Sisters was to expand and form the teaching staff of Mount Carmel Parochial School (1954).

#### VI. Mortgage burned; new pastor, Fr. Gabos [1940 – 1946]



Rev. Henry Gabors, CPS  
3rd Stigmatine Pastor  
[1940 – 1946]

June 13, 1940 - Church mortgage burned on Feast of St. Anthony. At last the debt was paid - thanks to the administrative abilities and zeal of Father Zanotti. At that time, he ended his 15-year pastorate and was appointed the first Provincial of the new North American Province of the Stigmatine Congregation.

June, 1940 - Rev. Henry Gabos, CPS succeeded Father Zanotti as its third Stigmatine Pastor.

December, 1940 - Hammond organ purchased.

1941 - Church re-decorated - and Mount Carmel's share in new Conaty Catholic High School, \$32,000, paid in full June, 1945.

March 3, 1945 - Parish deeply saddened by news that Rev. William S. Contino, who had served at the parish prior to entering the Armed Services, was killed - the first Catholic chaplain in Massachusetts to die in action (War action on the Italian front; Father Contino exercising his sacred ministry; explosives discharge killing him instantly).



Rev. William Contino, CPS  
1912 - + 1945

November 17, 1946 - Father Gabos - called Father Henry by most - was one of the most beloved priests in the Diocese. Plagued by illness since February 1946, he succumbed in November. Known for his unfailing zeal in visiting the sick and needy of his parish - and never too proficient in the English language – he would unfailingly answer sick calls to nearby St. Luke's Hospital with "I come, I come"... and would dash across the hospital yard. Thousands paid tribute to him - and no doubt when the Lord called Father Henry in his last illness, he answered in his characteristic way, "I come, I come..."

**VII. New pastor, Fr. Torretta; building of All Souls' Chapel [1946 – 1952]**

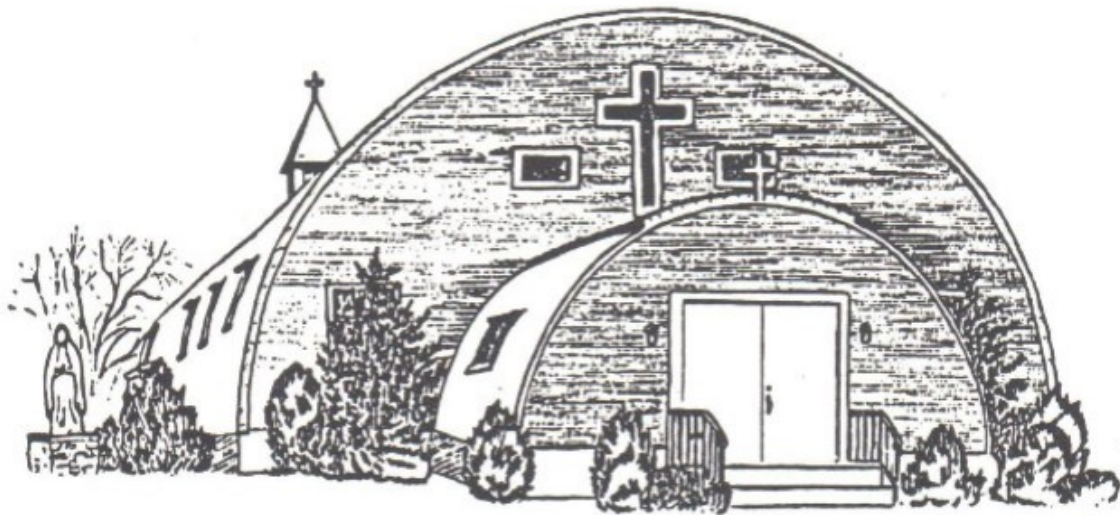
Rev. Peter Torretta, CPS  
4th Stigmatine Pastor  
[1946 – 1952]

**November 1946** - Rev. Peter V. Torretta, appointed fourth Stigmatine Pastor, directed the building of All Souls' Chapel for the convenience of the many Italians residing in the Lakewood section of the city. Original Chapel was constructed of a Quonset building with a 300 seat capacity and was blessed and dedicated on January 1, 1948.

Father Camillo L. Santini was appointed its first Rector. (He was later to serve a 15 year pastorate at Mount Carmel).

**July 1947** - Father Torretta launched fund drive for the erection of a school and recreation center, to meet the needs of a growing parish.

**January 1, 1948** – Dedication of All Souls Chapel. Press account is reproduced here on **Appendix 4.1**.



All Souls' Chapel  
51 Pembroke Avenue (Lakewood)

**1949** – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Dedication Jubilee – the souvenir booklet was dedicated to “Father William S. Contino, C.P.S. and to the Members of this Parish who died for our beloved Country in World War II, and is reproduced on **Appendix 4.2**.



### VIII. New pastor, Fr. Santini; the Golden Jubilee [1952 – 1953]



Rev. Camilo Santini, CPS  
5th Stigmatine Pastor  
[1952 – 1967]

October 1952 - Rev. Camillo L. Santini succeeds Father Torretta as Pastor.

July 19, 1953 - Pontifical Mass is offered, commemorating the Golden Jubilee.

The Golden Jubilee Booklet was dedicated to all the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers who labored in the parish, and is reproduced on **Appendix 4.3**.

### IX. Many improvements and school dedication [1954 – 1967]

During his 15 year pastorate, Father Santini directed some of the most progressive programs in the parish's history:

#### SCHOOL:

##### Building purchase – renovation – opening - dedication

- 1954 On March 30, our Parish, with the consent of Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, bought the Franklin F. Read School from the city for the sum of \$ 30,000.
- 1954 On June 1, the Stonecraft Construction Company, headed by Mr. Joseph Francese, began the work of renovation on the building.
- 1954 On September 8, feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, school opened with 60 pupils in pre-primary and first-grade classes.
- 1954 On November 28, at 11:00 a.m., a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving was presided by our pastor, Rev. Camilo Santini. And, at 1:00 p.m., a ceremony of Dedication was presided by the Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, D.D., Bishop of Springfield.

The School Souvenir Dedication Program is reproduced here on **Appendix 4.4.**

**CHURCH:**

**New rectory – Convent dedication – Church remodeling**

- 1954 More than 3,000 parishioners and friends tour the new \$145,000 rectory... another step in the long-range improvement and expansion program which got underway in 1953 when the upper church was re-decorated and new lighting installed.
- 1962 The 28 room convent was dedicated. Father Anthony DeCesare, CPS, directed the "brick n" mortar campaign for convent funds. The spacious, simple but utilitarian brick edifice had its own chapel with marble from the Holy Land. Cost was \$190,000. Prentice Bradley, Architect, and Joseph Francese were general contractors (They also built the rectory).
- 1967 Upper and lower churches extensively remodeled to adapt the church architecturally to the revised liturgy of the church. The 11 foot mural of the Risen Christ was painted by James McCurl of Boston - and it dominates the curved coiling over the main altar with its third dimensional effect — the eyes seem to follow you as you move about the church.

**X. New pastor, Fr. Fellin; parish debit reduction and consolidation of the Diocesan schools [1967 – 1973]**

August 1967 - Rev. Joseph Fellin succeeds Father Santini as Pastor.

During his 6 year pastorate, he reduced the parish debt by some \$ 65,000. He established the Parish Advisory Council in 1970 and co-authored the first Constitution of the Council, setting important guidelines for the Council to follow in its work in sharing the administrative responsibilities of the parish community.

September 1971 - Father Fellin was instrumental in consolidation of the first Diocesan Schools (St. Joseph—Notre Dame-Mount Carmel), which resulted in the formation of the Catholic Central Elementary School and Catholic Central Middle School, staffed by members of three religious communities (Sisters of St. Joseph, Venerini Sisters and Daughters of the Holy Spirit). Members of three communities now reside at the Mount Carmel Convent.

The former Mount Carmel School was to serve as the parish center for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine programs until 1977, when the education center was moved to the convent building, and the school building closed. Due to spiraling costs and diminishing enrollments, it had become necessary to further merge the parochial schools of Pittsfield, with students attending Sacred Heart and St. Mark's Schools, and tuitions established to offset costs.



Father Joseph Fellin, CSS  
6th Stigmatine Pastor  
[1967 – 1973]



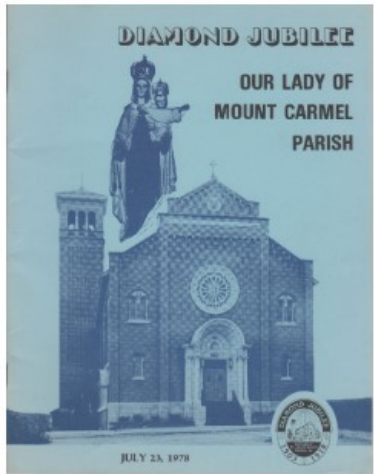
Rev. Joseph Massaro, CSS  
7th Stigmatine Pastor  
[1973 – 1981]

**XI. New pastor, Fr. Massaro; new debit reduction and preparation for the Diamond Jubilee [1973 – 1978]**

August 1973 - Rev. Joseph Massaro, a native of Pittsfield, succeeds Father Fellin as Pastor, becoming the seventh Stigmatine Pastor to serve in the 60 year history of the administration of the Parish by the Stigmatine congregation.

Once an altar boy at Mt. Carmel, he was the first member of the parish to return

as the church's leader.



Diamond Jubilee booklet

During his five-year pastorate, he converted the lower church into a much-needed parish center and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Center, housed in the parish convent.

He was a leader in the fight to save our beleaguered Catholic schools.

The parish debt has been reduced from \$160,000 to \$105,000 and with the Sacrificial Giving Program initiated by him during this Diamond Jubilee Year, it should be further reduced by year's end.

Father Massaro directed the re-furbishing of the church in preparation for the Diamond Jubilee Day on July 23, 1978, when the parish officially observes its 75th-Year anniversary. Extensive repairs and remodeling were completed through the generosity of parishioners and friends who donated untold hours of time, goods and hard work to improve our parish facilities.

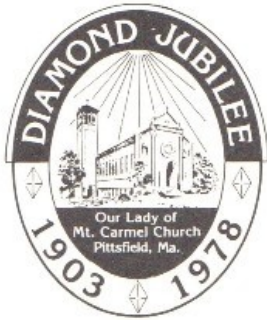
## **XII. The Diamond Jubilee [July 23, 1978]**

July 23, 1978 – The parish celebrated its 75th Diamond Jubilee, with Humberto Cardinal Medeiros and Bishop Joseph F. McGuire leading the joyous liturgical celebration, which was followed by a Gala at ITAM Lodge No. 564 OSIA. The church, convent and rectory were refurbished as part of the observance of the 75th anniversary of the parish.

These are some excerpts of the Diamond Jubilee booklet:

“This booklet is presented as a tribute to all parishioners, past and present, for persevering efforts to make our church a worthy place of worship of God and the promulgation of God’s teaching’s throughout this part of His vineyard. ... Your Pastor, Rev. Joseph P. Massaro, C.S.S.”.

“For over 75 years, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church has well-served the spiritual needs of the Pittsfield area’s Italian-American Catholic community. And, on March 3, 1978 parishioners and clergy alike filed into the familiar red brick Italian Renaissance-design church on Fenn Street to give prayerful thanks to the early pioneer



Diamond Jubilee: logo and photo of the Church

Italians who settled here at the turn of the century and helped found our parish, lovingly dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Our beautiful, devotional church stands as a tribute to their love of God, and their zealous efforts to build a parish that would serve the spiritual needs of its people for many years to come. We look upon Mount Carmel's history and past achievements as the solid foundation for our present efforts and future goals.

As Mount Carmel heralds its Diamond Jubilee Year, we reflect upon its glorious 75-year history and give thanks to God for the wonderful legacy of faith and love of God our predecessors left to each of us."

The souvenir booklet is partially reproduced on **Appendix 4.7**.

### **XIII. The first Diamond Years: new projects; mortgage burning; Venerini Sisters complete 50 years of service [1978 - 1981]**

**1979** — After the consolidation of the Catholic elementary schools that came to be accomplished in 1976, the parish decided to raze the school building to create a parking lot for the church.





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Rev. Carlo Bevilacqua, CSS  
8th Stigmatine Pastor  
[1981 – 1987]

Housing Authority under Father Massaro's guidance, providing a site for the proposed new Parish Center.

**October 7, 1981** — The "Burning of the Mortgage" celebration was held, with a debt of \$159,679 fully paid through the generous support of the parish under Father Massaro's leadership.

**October, 1981** - With the further consolidation of Diocesan Schools, the Venerini Sisters complete their 50 years of service to the parish and Pittsfield's Catholic Schools. It was a poignant time of change, for the devoted Venerini Sisters were always a central part of Mount Carmel's parish community. "Venerini Day" was observed in May of 1981, recognizing the important contributions they made to the spiritual life of the parish. They followed the footsteps of their foundress, Rosa Venerini, who was beatified on May 4, 1952 by Pope Pius XII at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Rosa said, "As long as it gives glory to God, everything is dear to me." The Venerini Sisters give glory to God in all the many ways they have — and continue to do — touched our lives.

#### XIV. **New Pastor, Fr. Bevilacqua: construction of a new parish center** **[1981 - 1987]**

**June 14, 1981** — Rev. Carlo J. Bevilacqua becomes the 8th Stigmatine Pastor, serving the parish to 1987. During his pastorate, he spearheaded the drive to raise \$300,000 to develop a new Parish Center in the former St. Luke's Building, kicking off the parish-wide effort in 1982.

**April 14, 1985** - The beautiful, 7400 square foot Parish Center was dedicated, with Bishop Leo O'Neil and Father Carlo heading the liturgical celebration. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception followed at the new Parish Center. Parishioners "tipped their hats" to Father Carlo for his leadership in making a long-time dream come true! He is now Parochial Vicar of Mount Carmel.

Father Carlo's pastorate was also marked by the expansion of programs for adults and the youth of the parish, the development of Parish Center activities promoting community life, and special outreach programs for the elders of the parish.

**January, 1986** — The 25th annual "Twelfth Night Festival" continues the parish tradition, bringing parishioners and friends together to celebrate the Christmas season as one family.

**XV. New pastor, Fr. Deeker: development of new programs [1987 - 1993]**

**June, 1987** — Rev. Geoffrey J. Deeker becomes the 9th Stigmatine Pastor. During his pastorate, Father Deeker continues to encourage the ministry of the Baptized, working in concert with the ministry of the Ordained, thus responding to the challenges of Vatican II as well as the new challenges facing Mount Carmel and all Catholic Churches as we approach the uncertainties of the 21st century.

Father Deeker developed strong formational and educational programs for adults and our parish youth, including the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Advent and Lenten programs, outreach and community life programs. He has encouraged a strong Parish Advisory Council, with parishioners giving input at the periodic "Town Meetings" held during the year. The parish is active, creative and visionary under his leadership. The needs of handicapped parishioners are under study, to assure access to Mount Carmel Church is available to ALL PARISHIONERS.

Father Deeker provides the strong continuity of pastoral care the Stigmatine Fathers have given Mount Carmel since 1915 — some 78 years of dedicated devotion and service. The Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers rejoiced when their Founder, Gaspar Bertoni, was Canonized and declared a Saint of the Church by Pope John Paul II in ceremonies at St. Peter's Church in Rome in November, 1989. As they follow in the blessed footsteps of their Founder, the Stigmatines have provided guidance, love and devotion in the formation of the parish community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and in parishes, missions and schools around the world.



Rev. Geoffrey Deeker, CSS  
9th Stigmatine Pastor  
[1987 – 2008]

**XVI. The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration [1993]**

**July 18, 1993 - The 90th anniversary** of Mount Carmel parish was celebrated with a Mass of Thanksgiving, led by Bishop John A. Marshall, and assisted by many Stigmatine priests who served the parish over the years. A 90th Year Jubilee reception and dinner followed at ITAM Lodge No. 564, OSIA.

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**XVII. Towards the new millennium, with Church's renovation [1993 – 2003]**

The parish highlight in this period was the Church renovation, from Lent 1997 to Easter Vigil 1998. This is a summary of that project:

"A major renovation of the Mt. Carmel Church building will take place between February 1997 and April 1998. This project will clean, repair, modify and renew the interior of the church. It will reflect developments in the church's liturgy, since the renovations of 1967 and 1978.

The parishioners of Mt. Carmel will provide the volunteer effort to lead and carry out this project. Training and documentation will be provided as necessary.

The funds needed for this project will be collected from parishioners. All funds needed must be collected prior to the start of major financial commitments, by diocesan mandate.

The project will be monitored throughout by a Steering Committee and Sub-Committees as needed.

The prayers and support of Mt. Carmel and All Souls are needed in order to assure the successful completion of this important project."



The list of improvements is extensive. The project enhanced nearly every aspect of the church's interior. The altar area is almost completely new. It's been restructured to be closer to the congregation – a trend in Catholic churches which enhances parishioners' sense of participation.

The furnishings, including the altar itself, are new. The striking mural of an ascending Jesus has been restored. The project also included new carpeting, lighting and repair of stained glass windows.

A room to the right of the altar that was once used for storage has been transformed into a chapel of the blessed sacrament. The chapel includes a "donor wall", listing contributors, memorials and tributes.

In addition to the overall renewal, officials hope the church will be more welcoming to worshipers. The new chapel, for instance, is handicap accessible.

And a newly installed sound system includes an electronic device.

The parish renovation project booklet is reproduced here on **Appendix 4.11**; a press-account on the renovation in progress is on **Appendix 4.12**, and on renovation completion on **Appendix 4.13**.

#### **XVIII. The Centennial celebration [2003]**

Mt. Carmel parish began a series of monthly centennial events on the feast of Mt. Carmel, on July, 2002, with a Mass and dinner.

A family picnic took place at Camp St. Michael on August 18, 2002.



Other events focused on the heritage of Italian-Americans, including a wine tasting night, a genealogy talk and a trip to Ellis Island on September 21, 2002. In that nostalgia night, photos, newspaper articles, religious mementos, passports, Italian newspapers were brought out from the archives.

Other events followed, as a Bocce Tournament on October 13; a *Festa Italiana* with parish bazaar, on October 18-19; a *polenta* and game dinner on November 14; a twelfth night festival on January 4, 2003; a pizza and nostalgia night on February 14; a special liturgy on the anniversary of parish founding, on March 3.

On April 26, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m., a “Caffè Dolce”, featured coffee and Italian desert with musical entertainment.

A Bronx Zoo trip was held on June 7, and a Independence day parade with a parish centennial float on 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The anniversary series were concluded on July 13 with a noon festival liturgy, followed by a gala luncheon at Cranwell.

The centennial book is partially reproduced here on **Appendix 4.14**, and press-accounts on the centennial on **Appendix 4.15**.

#### **XIX. The final years; Mt. Carmel closed along with All Souls and other 4 Churches in Pittsfield [2003 - 2008]**

Sunday, February 10, 2008 was a very sad day for all the parishioners of Mt. Carmel, All Souls and four other churches in Pittsfield. By the time Sunday morning Masses started, just about everyone knew about the closing, but it was a different story at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, when parishioners were read a letter from Bishop Timothy McDonnell.

The churches are All Souls’ Mission, Holy Family, Mount Carmel, St. Francis’, St. Mary’s and St. Teresa’s at 290 South Street. The closure left only four Catholic churches in Pittsfield: Sacred Heart, St. Charles’, St. Joseph’s and St. Mark’s.

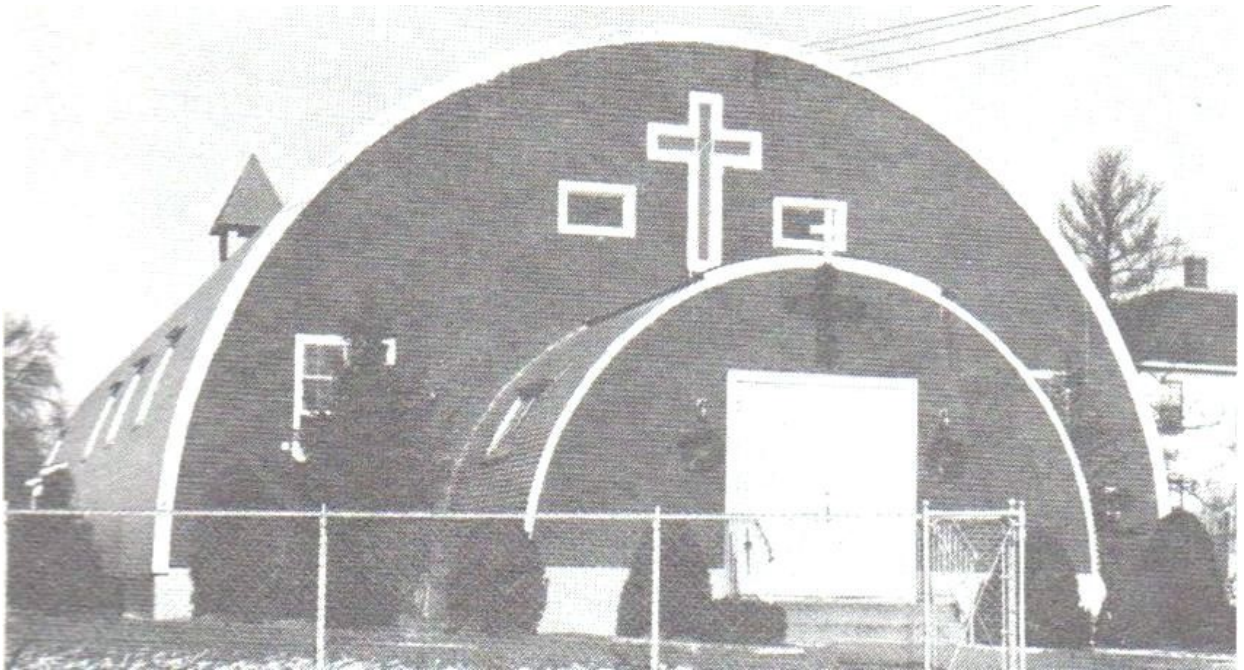
The final bulletin is reproduced here on Appendix 4.16.

Press accounts on All Souls’ closing can be found on **Appendix 4.17**.

And later implications on this closing can be found on **Appendix 4.18**.

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All Souls Chapel  
Pittsfield, MA  
Founder:  
Rev. Peter Torretta,  
C.P.S. - 1948



Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
51 Pembroke Avenue (Lakewood)

*"On January 1, 1948, All Soul's Chapel was blessed by Father Torretta and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the first time. "*

## I. Historical Background [1947 – 1948]



Rev. Peter Torretta, C.P.S.

It was **January of 1947**: Father Torretta, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, and Father Santini, assistant, were in conference with the Most Reverend Thomas M. O’Leary, D.D., Bishop of Springfield at his Elliott Street office in Springfield. The Stigmatine Fathers had pointed out to His Excellency the urgent need for a mission church in the Lakewood section of Mount Carmel Parish in Pittsfield. The Bishop had listened very intently and then with his usual winning smile said: “If a church in this section of your Parish will bring these people to the Sacraments and to the practice of their Faith, we must build it as soon as possible.” A few weeks later, plans and estimates for a Quonset building to serve as a temporary church were returned from the Bishop’s Office bearing the following inscription in his handwriting:

“Approved and accepted.  
February 28, 1947.  
THOMAS M. O’LEARY,  
R.C. Bishop of Springfield.”

In the **summer of 1947** actual construction began on All Soul’s Chapel on Pembroke Avenue. This project had always been a fond hope of Father Henry Gabos, but failing health prevented him from making it a reality. He died on November 16, 1946, and was succeeded by Father Peter Torretta. Due to the fact that funds were lacking and the need for a church was immediate it was decided to erect a Quonset building at the cost of \$ 15,000.00 capable of seating 230 people and of lasting for 10 years.



Rev. Henry Gabos, C.P.S.

On **January 1, 1948**, All Soul’s Chapel was blessed by Father Torretta and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the first time. At the solemn Mass, Father Torretta was assisted by Rev. John P. Donahue, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Pittsfield, as deacon, and Rev. Joseph P. Massaro, C.P.S., as sub-deacon. Father Santini was master of ceremonies and the Senior Choir of Mount Carmel Church sang the Mass with Mrs. Augustine Mazzeo at the organ.



The All Souls' temporary chapel

Situated in the Lakewood section of Pittsfield, near the East Gate of the General Electric plant, this temporary church served 300 families, i.e., about 1,000 people (adults and children).

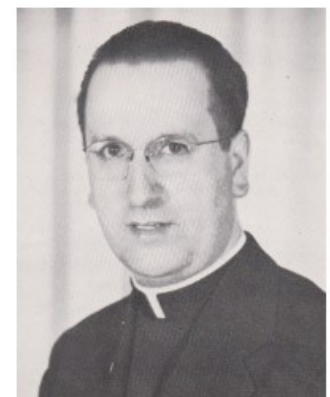
It did not take long for the people to appreciate their good fortune in having a church in their very midst. Their zeal in wanting to make their little chapel a worthy dwelling place for Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar was heart-warming and most consoling.

Press account on the All Souls' chapel dedication can be found on **Appendix 4.1**.

## II. The Early Times [1948 - 1955]

During the first few months, pastor and curates at Mount Carmel Church took turns in caring for All Souls Church. However, it did not take long for those in authority to realize that this mission chapel needed the full services of a priest, and on **August 7, 1948 Father Santini** was appointed first Rector of the new Chapel.

Under the guidance of the new Rector, many "firsts" were noticed: the "first" Christmas Crib; the "first" Holy Week services; the "first" wedding, funeral and baptism. The year 1949 saw the property landscaped; stained-glass windows donated; the belfry erected and a sacristy built and equipped with beautiful vestments donated by the parishioners. During



Rev. Camillo Santini, C.P.S.  
1st Rector [1948 – 1950]





Rev. Carlo Bevilacqua, C.P.S.  
2nd Rector [1950 – 1954]

that same year, the present pews were obtained from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Worcester. Thus, in a very short time the little Quonset building became a truly devotional church which attracted many even from afar. It is interesting to note that most of the work was done by the men of the parish – done with a willing and loving heart.

Since this chapel was to be a mission of Mount Carmel it was decided to name it All Souls, in memory of the suffering souls in Purgatory and especially in memory of all the departed members of the Parish.

In **August of 1950**, Father Santini was appointed to his first pastorate in Vancouver, B. C., Canada, and Father **Carlo Bevilacqua** succeeded him. During his term as Rector, the outdoor shrine was erected, the Hammond organ installed and the choir loft built.

In 1954, additional property fronting on Parkside Avenue was acquired. It did not take long for this zealous young priest to win the affection of his people and his transfer in **1954** was felt by all.

**Father Humbert Zampieri** replaced Father Bevilacqua and soon his gentle personality won him the love of his people. His devotion to his priestly work was outstanding. But his health could not stand the strain and he was succeeded by Father Paul A. Zanini in 1955.



Rev. Humbert Zampieri, C.P.S.  
3rd Rector [1954 -1955]

### III. New progresses; the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration [1955 - 1958]

With the coming of Father Paul, as he is known to the people, stress was laid on the fact that the Chapel was only a temporary structure and that soon a permanent building would be needed. In fact, the Quonset already showed signs of wear and tear and the practical eye of Father Paul saw at once that a replacement would be due in the very near future.

A Building Fund was begun in 1956 and, to the amazement of all, the income doubled that year and tripled in 1957.



Rev. Paul Zanini, C.P.S.  
4th Rector  
[1955 – 1965]

However, the providing of a Building Fund was only a side issue with Father Paul and his success with it was due to his zeal for the spiritual betterment of his people. In Sept. of 1956, a third Mass (at 10:30) had to be added to accommodate all of the people. Christian Doctrine classes and study clubs were organized.

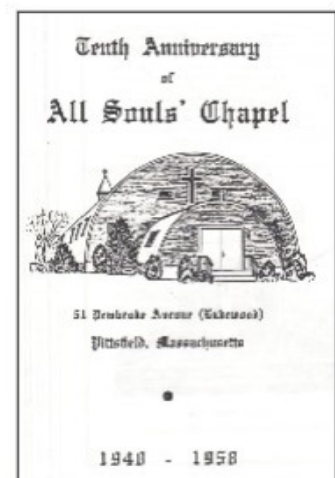
In 1957, All Souls' could rightfully boast that even child belonging to the Chapel was attending religious instruction classes. For the first time societies were organized, thanks to the Italian-American Club for the use of its Hall for these meetings. The year 1957 saw the birth of a Ladies' Society, Holy Name and C.Y.O. With these societies as the backbone of his mission, a glorious future is foreseen.

**January 1, 1958** marked the Tenth Anniversary of the opening of the Chapel. The people, greatly encouraged by their first Rector and Pastor, Reverend Father Camillo L. Santini, C.P.S., decided to commemorate the event with solemn ceremonies in church, with a banquet, and with the publication of a Program Book.

The religious services were climaxed with a Solemn Mass, celebrated by Father Santini, who also delivered the sermon. Father Peter Torretta, C.P.S., former pastor of Mr. Carmel Church, Pittsfield and, at present, pastor at Mt. Carmel Church, Springfield, was deacon; Father Carlo Bevilacqua, C.P.S., former rector of All Souls' and now rector of St. Francis Church in Lynn, was sub-deacon.

At 6:30 p.m. the ballroom of the Wendell Hotel was crowded with parishioners and friends. An enthusiastic ovation greeted the entrance of our beloved Bishop, Christopher J. Weldon, who was escorted by members of the Holy Name Society. State Senator Silvio O. Conte, one of our parishioners, acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Bishop happily praised the parishioners of All Souls' for the impressive progress made in the short span of ten years.

The Program Book is partially reproduced here on **Appendix 4.5.**





#### IV. The construction, inauguration and dedication of the permanent Church [1958 - 1961]

##### 1958:

The Tenth Anniversary celebration started the ball rolling for a much needed new church.

On **August 13, 1958**, His Excellency, **Bishop Weldon**, visited our Quonset and property for the first time.

In November, our parishioners had good reason to become a little excited. Honorable Silvio O. Conte, a very faithful and active member of our parish, was elected to Congress in Washington, D.C.

##### 1959:

The year 1959 opened with a full schedule of religious and social activities. All the societies, including the Junior C.Y.O. of recent formation, and particularly the CCD classes, were in full swing. An increase in the attendance at Mass and a larger number of parishioners at the altar rail were noticed. On Palm Sunday the Holy Name Society organized a Communion breakfast for the men of the parish. The response was more than gratifying. Almost 100 men participated; in 1961 there were more than 150.

In May we had another surprise. This church was assessed for \$ 1,673 in the first drive for the Catholic Charities of the Diocese. The Reverend Rector was convinced that the goal could not be met. Instead, \$ 2,301 were collected – an evident sign of the spirit which animated his parishioners.

At last, on **August 4** we could say “the time has come!”. Our Reverend Rector was called to Springfield for an appointment with the Most Reverend Bishop. Much information was requested and many questions were asked. His Excellency concluded:

- a) we may start to think of a new building;
- b) the new church should seat 350 people and have facilities for the CCD;
- c) a Diocesan Commission will be sent to Pittsfield to look over the property and to make suggestions.

On **August 19**, the Commission came for an inspection, talked things over with the Reverend Rector, inquired about the financial status of the parish, the ground condition, the census, the present needs and the possibility of future development.

On **October 2**, our Reverend Rector had another appointment with the Bishop concerning the program of the new building.

On **October 26**, another meeting was held with the Bishop who introduced the Reverend Rector to the Diocesan Building Consultant, Mr. Thomas Honan, who from then on will prove to be a first class helper. During the entire period of the projecting and building, Mr. Honan never failed to give his full and experienced support.

The Bishop also introduced Edward B. Bushka of Hartford, the architect he had chosen for the new construction. He asked him to prepare three rough sketches from which one would be selected. He also directed that a contract be signed immediately by the Rector – entrusting the project to Architect Bushka – and that an official announcement of this be made in the Catholic Observer. On the same day, the order was also given to have the land surveyed. On the following morning the local radio stations announced the building of a new All Souls' Church and the great excitement that this caused in the parish was hard to believe.

The first surveying and underground drilling of the property excluded any possibility of building a church which would face Parkside Avenue.

On **December 10** there was another meeting in Springfield for the purpose of inspecting the sketches prepared by the architect. These sketches had already been carefully and repeatedly examined and discussed by the Reverend Rector. One sketch included a full basement beneath the church to be used for social activities; the other had no basement whatsoever and all facilities – storage room and boiler room included – were to be above ground. The architect was asked to develop the two sketches and to make same slight changes.

On **December 17** another meeting took place with the Bishop to further discuss the two enlarged and detailed sketches. After a long discussion, the architect was told to develop the plan that would incorporate everything above ground, any excavation to be excluded.

On **December 22** – the last meeting – a partial basement was granted for the purpose of the heating system and for storage. A small apartment for the Rector was also added on the ground floor. On the day before, leaving for Rome on his “ad limina” visit, His Excellency gave orders to proceed with the blueprints and detail work. Opening of bids was set for May [1960]; ground-breaking ceremony for June. His Excellency expressed his desire and hope to be in Pittsfield for the opening of the bids, for the ground-breaking and for the solemn dedication of the church.

### **1960:**

The new year 1960 was greeted with the certainty that our efforts would be

finally rewarded and our prayers answered. In **January**, a list of memorials for the new church which could be offered by the parishioners was distributed. The response was immediately enthusiastic, particularly after the Reverend Rector had explained the blueprints of the new building, had discussed the financial budget and the procedure of the parish. He revealed that the entire project, furnishing included, would cost about \$ 265,000. With \$ 106,000 in the bank as of January 1 and relying on the offerings for memorials and on pledges, the Rector expected that a mortgage of about \$ 100,000 would be necessary. He revealed that the Bishop, very wisely indeed, would allow a mortgage of only \$ 85,000. So the Reverend Rector concluded: "It will be necessary to dig into our pockets and to make sacrifices if we want to reach our goal without endangering our financial situation".

During the winter months the religious activities continued at a normal pace and new progress had been made in other fields.

After several meetings with the architect and engineers in Hartford, with the Bishop and Mr. Honan in Springfield and with agents of the companies in New York, Boston and New Jersey, who were anxious to offer bids for the furnishings of the new church, finally, in **May** everything was ready and the green light was given.



L-R: Rev. Camillo L. Santini, C.P.S., pastor of Mt. Carmel; Rev. Paul A. Zanini, C.P.S.; Most Rev. Bishop Christopher J. Weldon; Mr. Joseph Francese, the general contractor; Congressman Silvio O. Conte, member of All Souls'; the Architect, Edward B. Bushka of Hartford, Conn.

The initial step in the construction of the new church was taken on May 28<sup>th</sup>, with

the opening of the bids and the awarding of the contract to Joseph Francese, Inc.

On **May 28, at 3:30 p.m.**, bids from the general contractors were opened in the presence of the Bishop, of the officers of our parish societies and of the interest building firms. The bidders were: Carrol & Verge with \$ 218,481; Joseph Francese, Inc. with \$ 205,535; Peter Paladino Company with \$ 214,793; E. Tierney Company with \$ 217,880. Joseph Francese was proclaimed the successful bidder and was entrusted with the construction which was to be completed in 230 calendar days. It was evident that “Joe” Francese made a personal sacrifice in bidding some \$ 9,000 lower than his nearest competitor.

At the same time the Bishop approved four alternatives plastering of the church walls, the use of vinyl tiles throughout the entire building, the substitution of granite steps for the front of the church, the installation of the Gamwell Fire Detection system, all of which would increase the cost of construction to \$ 211,535. The fee due the architect was set at \$ 14,760. It was clear that great efforts had to be made to keep the general cost – furnishings included – around the budgeted amount of \$ 265,000.

On **June 8** at 7:00 p.m., His Excellency returned to break ground. Several priests, the Mayor and civil authorities were in attendance. The Bishop, escorted by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, by the Reverend Carmen T. Russo, C.P.S., Provincial Superior of the Stigmatine Fathers and by Reverend Camillo Santini, walked to the exact place where the main altar was to be erected. The choir sang the “*Ecce Sacerdos Magnus*” while a large crowd of parishioners gathered around enthusiastically. After the presentation of the permit by the City Building Inspector, **the contract was signed by Joseph Francese for his Company, by the Rector for the parish, and by the Bishop in the name of the Diocese.**

The fourth official step in the construction: the ground-breaking by His Excellency Bishop Christopher J. Weldon, D.D.



L-R: Father Paul; Very Rev. Carmen Russo, Provincial of the Stigmatine Fathers for North America; Hon. Raymond L. Haughey, Mayor of Pittsfield; Mr. Joseph Francese; Mr. Thomas Honan, Diocesan Building Consultant; and Mr. Del Virgilio, sub-contractor.

Daniel Cianfarinias, representative of the first class which would receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new church addressed the Bishop.

Then, a 6 year old girl, Karen Del Gallo, with a clear, loud, firm voice presented a purse to the Bishop which contained the nickels and pennies - \$ 138.25 in all – offered by the children of All Souls' for their little friends at Brightside. There were tears in many eyes.

The Bishop, evidently impressed by the generosity of the children, praised their spirit, thanked all the parishioners and very gladly imparted his paternal blessing. He also had words of praise for Del Virgilio who was the lowest bidder of all sub-contractors. For one dollar he offered to do the entire excavation needed for the building.

In fact, on the following day, **June 9**, Virgilio's bulldozers were at work. We were finally ready to go. The construction proceeded almost on schedule under the daily and conscientious supervision of our very fine contractor, Mr. Francese. By Christmas the roof was up and the entire building was almost entirely closed in.





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### 1961:

The new year, 1961, saw an important innovation in our church. The Reverend Rector proposed the following to his parishioners:

- a. to stop all second collections for the church;
- b. to discontinue seat or door offerings and consequently changing of money at the door;
- c. in substitution of these, to increase the personal offerings of each working person to \$ 2.00 per Sunday.

82% of those who expressed their opinion about the proposal favored it enthusiastically. Therefore, since **February 1, 1961** there has been no seat offering, no money changing at the door, no second collections for the church.

At the **end of April** we were ready for the installation of the marble work. It was followed by the installation of the pews in May. In **May**, also, men of the parish were busy doing the grading and landscaping while Del Virgilio Company was taking care of the blacktopping of the driveways and the parking lot. Many women of the parish were busy making all the drapes while our carpenters' team devoted days and days to building confessionals, vestment cases, closets, counters, pews, etc.



June 3, 1961. The last Sunday Mass and the last sermon [by Father Paul] in the old Quonset Church.

On **Friday, June 9** we received all the wood-carved work from Italy – main altar, crucifix, statues, stations of the cross. Important alterations were necessary and they were taken care of immediately by expert members of the parish. At midnight the automatic Chronobell (electronic nine bells) arrived and by 6:00 a.m. it was also installed.

**Saturday, June 10** was our big day. His Excellency, the **Most Reverend Bishop**, came again and spent almost one entire day with us. At 8:30 a.m. **he consecrated the main altar and the side altar which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He blessed and laid the corner-stone; he blessed the church, the hall and annex rooms; he celebrated the first Mass in the new church.** The children of the Confirmation Class and other parishioners actively participated in the dialogue Mass. At the Gospel, the Bishop explained the meaning of the ceremonies and congratulated the parishioners for their superb achievements.



June 10, 1961: His Excellency Bishop Christopher J. Weldon at the consecration of the main altar. He has anointed the *mensa* and sealed the relics of the martyrs St. Clement and St. Julian within a special opening of the *mensa*.

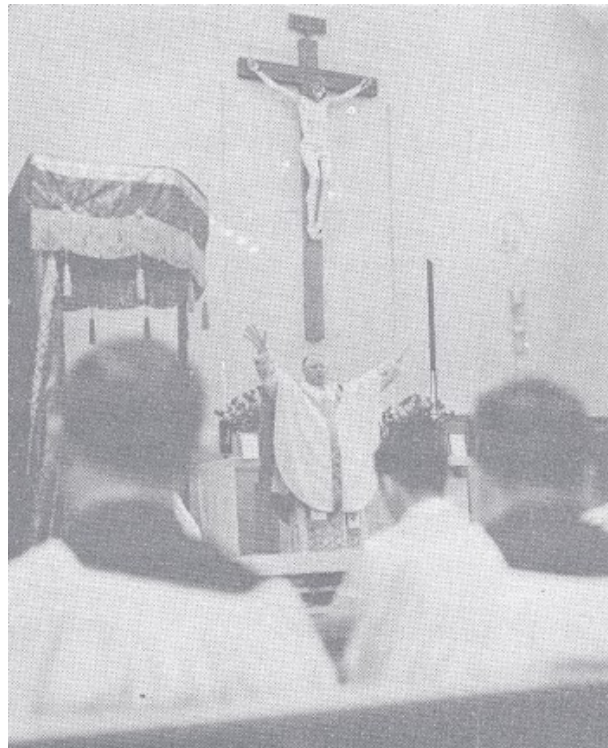
At 3:00 p.m., the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered for the first time in this church. The sun finally shone during the afternoon – a providential change from the heavy rain which spoiled the program of the morning ceremonies. Seventy—two children and six converts were confirmed. The Bishop again gave an inspiring sermon and administered the pledge to the children whereby they promised to be faithful members of the CCD. The Bishop also expressed his pleasure and surprise at the orderly manner in which the children receive the sacrament, their responses to the Latin prayers, their singing of the “*Veni Creator*”, alternately, with the choir.

The choir, too, received its share of compliments. Its members, composed of men and women, had donned their new, home-made robes for the first time. We must mention that the organist, Mrs. Harry Garlin, has always been extremely interested and very busy in preparing the two choirs for these and other liturgical ceremonies throughout the year.

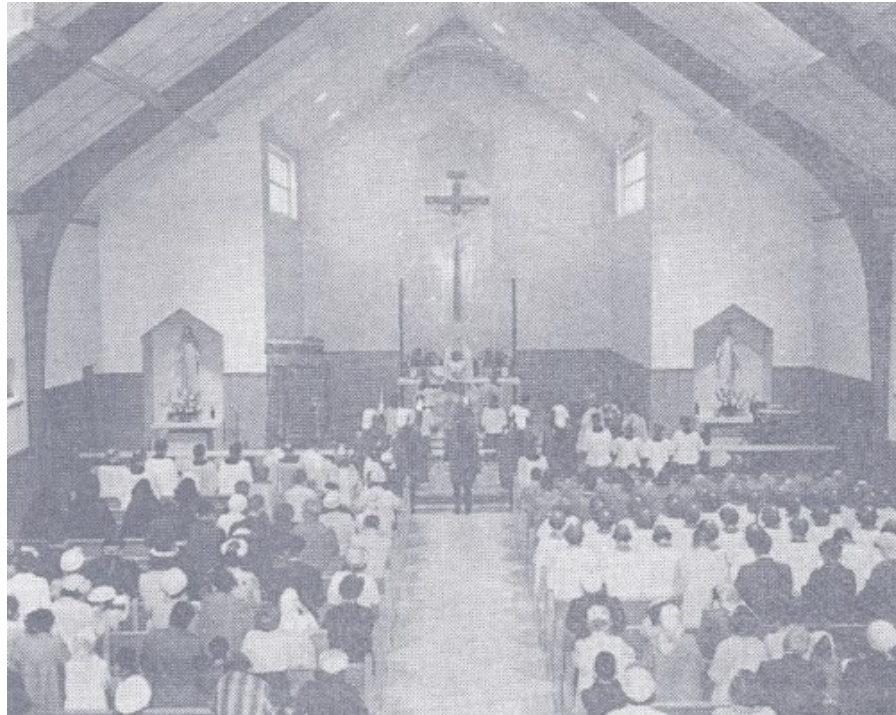




June 10, 1961: His Excellency Bishop Christopher J. Weldon has just enclosed within the cornerstone a metal box containing documents related to the Church. He is now sealing the opening with cement.



June 10, 1961: The first sermon in the new church. His Excellency Bishop Christopher J. Weldon gives a powerful and inspiring talk at the gospel of the first Mass.



June 10, 1961: The first Mass in the new church, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Christopher J. Weldon. Photo taken at the consecration by Joseph Contenta.

**On June 11 we had our first Sunday Masses in the new church.** The excitement was great. During “open house” which was held from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m., a stream of people visited every corner of the new building and expressed admiration at its simplicity and beauty. The same expression was manifested after viewing the hall and other rooms.

Another “open house” had to be granted on the following **Sunday, June 18.**

The Bishop has often returned for a private visit to the church. He also came back to hold a special meeting with the Executive Board of the CCD on June 16. His encouragement, directives and inspiring talk will long be remembered.

At the end of June, we said “good-bye” to something which for 12 years was very close to our hearts. The old Quonset, slowly and quietly, disappeared to make way for driveways, lawn, and parking space.

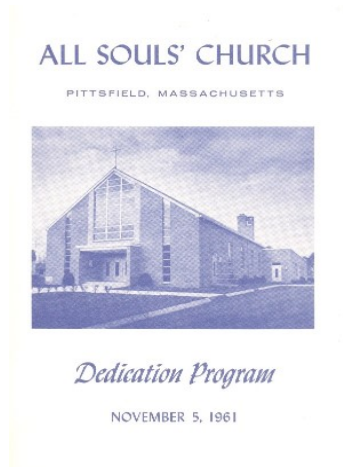
During the months of **September and October** the stained-glass windows were installed, a new and beautiful and inspiring addition, admired for their simplicity and good taste. The artist and manufacturer, Mr. Phillips, of Cleveland, Ohio, was highly complimented.



During 1961 our activities were not limited to building. The religious program was not neglected: on the contrary, it has been kept very much alive because, as the Reverend Rector has often repeated, what would it profit to have a new beautiful church if we should fail to make, in the first place, a better dwelling for God in our own hearts? Worthy of particular notice is the training of the CCD classes and people for the Dialogue Mass. In a very short time, to the amazement of many, our parishioners were reciting all the prayers, together with the priest, including the "Gloria", the "Credo", etc. This active participation has made our Masses more convincing, more consoling and more fruitful. An increase in the number of Holy Communions and a larger participation in other services have also been noted.

We cannot fail to mention that during 1961 our parish has made consoling progress with the CCD. In the Fall the new facilities will make our task much easier. For five years we had to split our CCD classes throughout the week and were forced to hold instructions even in private homes because of the lack of space.

The CCD has also become better organized for the adults under the active leadership of the Executive Board. There are now Bible classes on Monday evening and Mass-explanation classes on Friday. Instructions are also given on Thursday for the Italian-speaking people. The classes for the elementary and Junior High public school children are well conducted and splendid record of 100% attendance is still maintained. Another blessing has been bestowed on us with the volunteering of lay teachers who are helping the priest instruct the children of the elementary grades. At Dedication time, we had six ladies engaged in this providential work. The spiritual welfare of the parish is also fostered in a very tangible way by the League of the Sacred Heart or the Apostleship of Prayer under the leadership of active promoters. The closed week-end retreats for men, women and teen-agers have been very successful and we hope and expect even greater participation in the future.



All Souls is a small parish, if we can call it a parish. It counts only 298 families comprising a little more than 1,000 members, babies included. Yet this parish tries to improve constantly in all possible fields and is eager to comply with the desires and directives of our beloved Bishop, the Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon.

Finally, on **November 5, 1961** the new Church was dedicated. The Dedication Program booklet is partially reproduced here on **Appendix 4.6**.



The new Church, inaugurated and dedicated in 1961.

### V. Continuous prosperous times; new rectors [1961 – 1977]

In 1965, Father Louis Zuliani succeeded Father Paul Zanini and became the 5<sup>th</sup> rector at All Souls, after a 7 months period that Father Rinaldo Ribezzi served as interim rector.



Rev. Rinaldo Ribezzi, C.S.S.  
Interim Rector  
[1965]



Rev. Louis Zuliani, C.S.S.  
5<sup>th</sup> Rector  
[1965 - 1977]

### VI. New rector; remodeling for re-dedication and silver jubilee [1977 – 1986]



Rev. George Ecker, C.P.S.  
6<sup>th</sup> Rector  
[1977–1986]

In 1977, Father George Ecker was appointed rector, succeeding Father Zuliani.

Father Ecker conducted a \$ 48,500 year-long remodeling project for the re-dedication and silver jubilee ceremonies in 1986. The altar and sanctuary were renovated, as well as the bishop's chair and pulpit.

The silver jubilee observance began with a celebrated Mass at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Joseph F. Maguire of Springfield presiding.

Celebrants included Father George Ecker, rector; the Very Rev. Joseph C. Henchey, provincial of the North American Province of the Congregation of Stigmatine Fathers, based in Newton, MA; Monsignor Paul D. Riedl, pastor of St. Joseph's Church; the Rev. Carlo J. Bevilacqua, pastor of Mount Carmel Church; the Rev. Camillo L. Santini, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, in Waltham; the Rev. Adolph Ferrari, All Souls' Church; the Rev. Vernon Decoteau, Bishop Maguirre's secretary; the Rev. Raymond Lanoue, pastor, Sacred Heart Church; and the Rev. Gerard Goggins, treasurer of the Stigmatine Council, Waltham.

Press accounts on All Souls' re-dedication and silver jubilee ceremonies are reproduced here on **Appendix 4.8**.

## VII. New rector, Fr. Ferrari [1986 – 1994]

Father Adolph Ferrari was formally named rector of All Soul's mission Church on November 5, 1986.

During his tenure he oversaw the replacement of the roof on the church and parish hall in 1987. He attempted to form a Board of Education to direct the Religious Education Program, but it did not materialize.

In 1989, the entire parking lot was repaved, and in that same year his 50th anniversary of ordination was celebrated. In the fall of 1989, a trial run at merging the Religious Education program took place with all classes at Mount Carmel. After a year, it returned to All Souls, but eventually Mount Carmel absorbed the entire program.

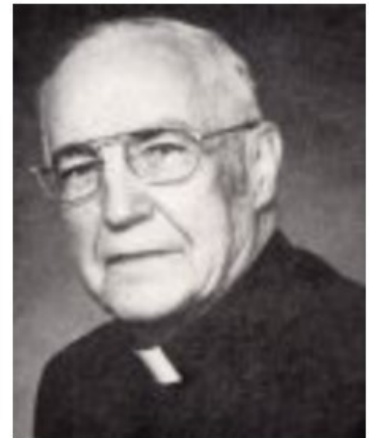
Father Ferrari kept the usual activities going at All Souls: Holy Name Society, Ladies Society and their *polenta* dinners, dances, bazaars, etc.

This was the last appointment for Father Adolph Ferrari, who, because of his health, finished his term as rector on July 11, 1994, and retired afterwards.

These paragraphs from his necrology can well illustrate his ministry:

"Father Adolph Ferrari's parochial ministry was characterised by a faithful and engaging work, especially because of the compassion and diligence towards all those he met. His faith was plain and decisive. His deep strength was rooted in a humble and determined faithfulness to the Lord.

His good humour and lively character made him pleasant in all communities."



Rev. Adolph Ferrari, C.S.S.  
7th Rector [1986 - 1994]



Father Adolph Ferrari died in Waltham, on Jan. 25, 1996, age 84.

#### VIII. Mount Carmel pastor serves All Souls until closing [1994 – 2008]

Follow an account by Fr. Geoffrey Deeker, who, as pastor of Mount Carmel, served also All Souls until closing, in 2008.

“Did you know All Souls was a mission of Mount Carmel - not a separate parish, as some of the rectors tried to make it?



Rev. Geoffrey Deeker, CSS,  
Mount Carmel's pastor,  
served also All Souls'  
[1994 – 2008]

After Fr. Ferrari retired I kept a Parish Council at All Souls, such as it was, and met with them almost every month. The Ladies Society kept going and held their fund raisers and other activities. Religious Ed. classes continued but with such a dwindling student population that we eventually combined it with Mount Carmel's.

As time went on, it became increasingly obvious that time was running out on All Souls. However, we tried to cement the relationship between the two communities, but it never really jelled. When we did a complete interior renovation of Mount Carmel, in 1998, we moved everything down to All Souls from Dec. 1 to Easter Vigil the following year. With the reopening of Mount Carmel, we kept the liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday at All Souls and the Vigil at OLMC every year after that.”

#### IX. All Souls closes along with Mt. Carmel and other 4 churches in Pittsfield [2008]

On Sunday, February 10, 2008, the announcement by the clergy and church officials of the Diocese of Springfield on the closing of six [out of ten] Catholic Churches in Pittsfield saddened the parishioners.

The churches are **All Souls' Mission**, Holy Family, **Mount Carmel**, St. Francis', St. Mary's and St. Teresa's at 290 South St.

Parishioners learned of the closings in a letter from Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell that was read during weekend Masses.

The four remaining churches are Sacred Heart, St. Charles', St. Joseph's and St.



Mark's.

The diocese outlines and presides over Catholic service regions in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties. It has struggled to support its 117 parishes amid a 26 percent drop in attendance between 1996 and 2006.

In Berkshire County, five churches have closed since 2004: St. Francis' (Mission) in Lee in September 2006, St. Matthew's Chapel in Becket in June 2006, Notre Dame Church in North Adams in July 2005, St. Raphael's in Williamstown in 2007 and Notre Dame Church in Pittsfield in October 2004.

Press accounts on All Souls' closing can be found on **Appendix 4.17**.

And later implications on this closing can be found on **Appendix 4.18**.

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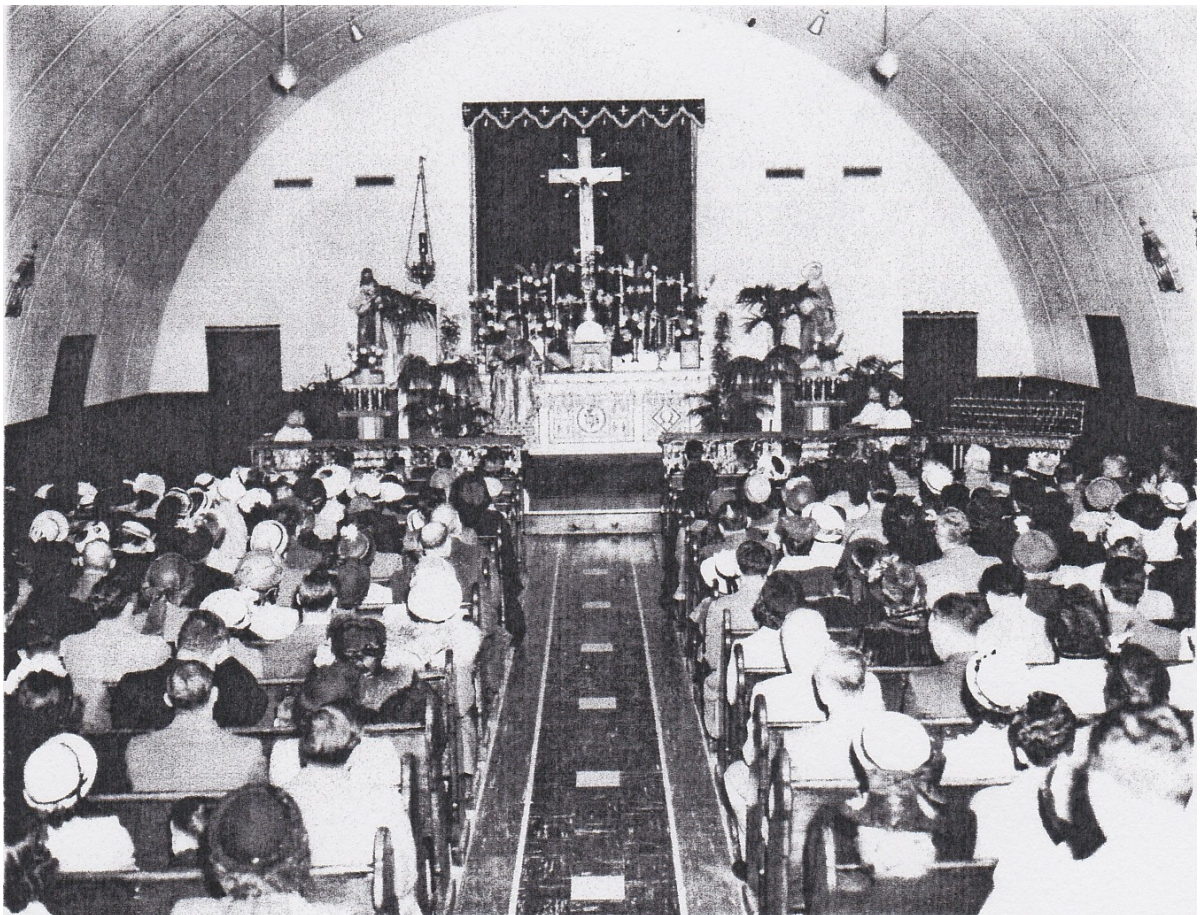
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## 500 Attend Dedication of New Chapel

### Mt. Carmel Pastor Blesses Lakewood Area Church Edifice



**ALL SOULS' CHAPEL DEDICATED:** Rev. Peter Torretta, C.P.S., pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, addresses Lakewood residents who attended yesterday's dedication and blessing of the new Quonset-chapel on Pembroke Avenue, with a solemn high mass. Fr. Torretta was assisted by Rev. Camillo J. Santini, C.P.S., standing at right, and Rev. John P. Donahue, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, and Rev. Joseph Massaro of the Stigmatine Major Seminary, Wellesley, seated at the right. Rev. Leo Geraci, C.P.S. was seated in the sanctuary.



About 500 people of the Lakewood area observed the Feast of the Circumcision in yesterday's dedication and blessing of the new All Souls' Chapel on Pembroke Avenue, by Rev. Peter V. Torretta, pastor of Mt. Carmel Church. The chapel is dedicated to the memory of all deceased parishioners of Mt. Carmel parish.

The Quonset-type chapel is a war surplus structure obtained for the use of more than 300 families in the Lakewood area. Because of the distance from Mt. Carmel Church, which is more than a mile away, many of the parishioners have been unable to attend mass in inclement weather. For their convenience, masses will be celebrated at 7:30 and 9:30 every Sunday and on holy days.

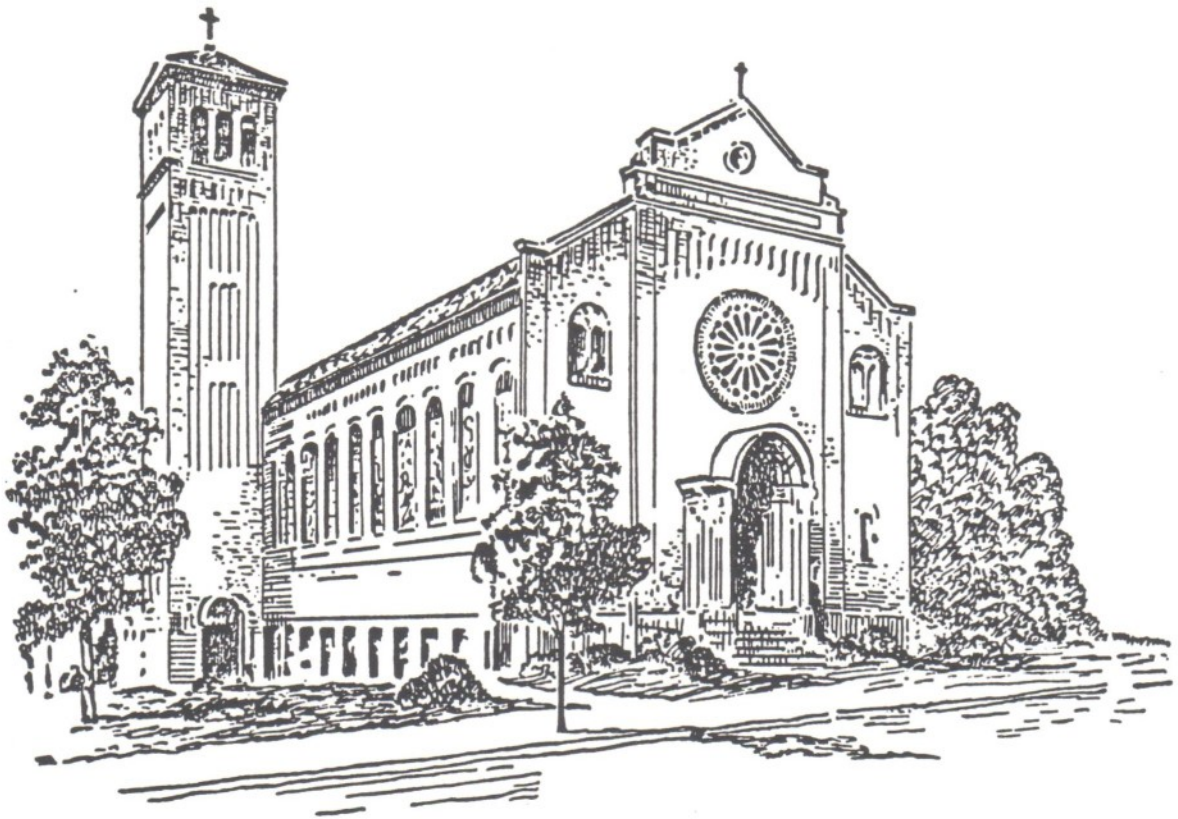
Fr. Torretta thanked all who took part in preparing the chapel, and especially Rev. John P. Donahue, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, in whose parish the chapel is located. Fr. Donahue also donated the altar for the chapel. The senior choir of Mt. Carmel sang Leonard's Mass in F with Mrs. Augustine Mazzeo at the organ.



**NEW CHAPEL FOR LAKEWOOD:** Parishioners leave All Souls' Chapel on Pembroke Avenue following the dedication service New Year's morning. The Quonset-type building was erected for the convenience of many Lakewood area families who normally attend Mt. Carmel Church.

# Dedication Jubilee

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church



Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
1924 - 1949



# Dedication

*We humbly dedicate this Souvenir Booklet to the memory of Father William S. Contino, C.P.S., and to the Members of this Parish who died for our beloved Country in World War II.*



REV. WILLIAM S. CONTINO, C.P.S.  
Chaplain 87<sup>th</sup> Mountain Infantry

CHARLES J. ALLESSIO	RALPH S. MAGRI
ORLANDO ANGELO	JULIO C. MAZZANO
JOSEPH A. BERNARDO	JOSEPH A. PADUANO
FRANK CARCHEDI	SALVATORE S. PROCOPIO
JAMES V. CARLINO	WILLIAM J. QUADROZZI
JAMES CARLO	FRANK S. RUSSO
LOUIS CASUCCI	MICHAEL SANGIOVANNI
ATTILIO CENTOFANTI	LOUIS A. SINICO
JEROME J. DIMISE	JOHN A. TALARICO
TERESIO GARRONE	LOUIS J. TEZZA
SAMUEL GASBARRONE	CHARLES V. VALENTE
JOSEPH F. LANDI	JOSEPH VALENTE

AUGUSTO ULTIMO



*Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem.*

**Curia Generalizia Padri Stimmatini**  
**Via Mazzarino No. 16 - Roma**

June 1, 1949

Dear Father Torretta,

I have learned that you will soon be celebrating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the dedication of the present Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Priests, the Societies and the Parishioners of Mount Camel who by working together with a true spirit of Christian zeal, mutual understanding and generosity, have contributed towards the realization of this beautiful temple of devotion, as well as in the remarkable achievement attained in paying off the relatively heavy church debt in so short a time. On the happy occasion of my visit to Pittsfield last year, I was greatly impressed and consoled, not only by the material progress I witnessed, but even more so by the truly apostolic zeal of the good priests of Mount Carmel and the splendid catholic cooperation on the part of the- parishioners. I was particularly pleased with the recently inaugurated and laudable effort to provide funds for the erection of your own parish school and recreational centre. My sincere prayer is that this latest objective will soon be a cherished dream coming true.

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

Very Rev. DIONYSIUS MARTINIS, C.P.S.

Superior General

# Stigmatine Fathers

## OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL

### WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

May 20, 1949

Rev. Peter V. Torretta, C.P.S., Pastor  
Our Lady of Mount Camel Church  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Father Torretta:

It has been called to my attention that the flourishing parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of its splendid church. Consequently, I hasten to send my word of congratulation and encouragement to the Stigmatine Priests and to the parishioners who have labored for the building and maintenance of the church the past twenty-five years.

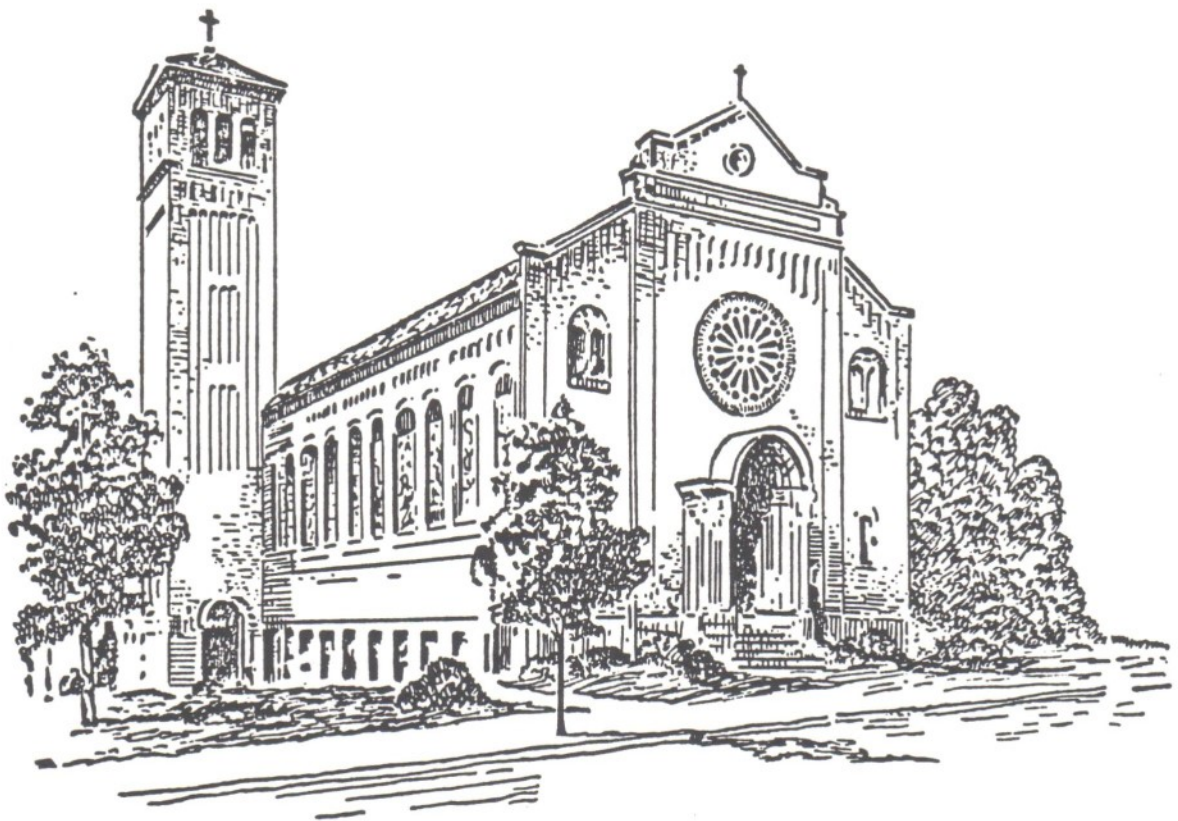
May God, Who has blessed the past endeavors in your parish, continue to grant all aid necessary in the years to come.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Very Rev. PAUL V. DALY, C.P.S.

Provincial

# Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish



Pittsfield, Massachusetts

1903 - 1953



## Highlights of Parish History

1. March 3, 1903 – Birth of Parish
2. July 15, 1912 – Purchase of Church property
3. July, 1915 – Arrival of Stigmatine Fathers
4. December 25, 1916 – First Mass in Lower Church
5. June 3, 1918 – Dedication of Lower Church
6. July 16, 1922 – Laying of cornerstone
7. October 28, 1923 – Blessings of the bells
8. October 26, 1924 – Dedication of Church
9. September 1, 1925 – Death of Father Tonioli
10. October 6, 1929 – Dedication of High Altar
11. December 17, 1931 – Arrival of Venerini Sisters
12. June 13, 1940 – Burning of mortgage
13. March 3, 1945 – Death of Father Contino
14. November 17, 1946 – Death of Father Gabos
15. January 1, 1948 – Dedication of All Souls' Chapel
16. June 3, 1949 – Military funeral of Father Contino
17. July 19, 1953 – Pontifical Mass commemorating Golden Jubilee



We Dedicate This Golden Jubilee Booklet  
commemorating the  
**Fiftieth Anniversary**  
of the founding of  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
to all the  
**Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers**

who have labored here

REV. JOSEPH AMODIO	REV. LEO GERACI
REV. LOUIS ANTONELLI	REV. PASCHAL GRECO
REV. EMILO BARETELLA	REV. FRANCIS MACKIN
REV. CARLO BEVILACQUA	REV. HENRY MADERNA *
REV. LOUIS BONAN	REV. GUIDO MESPILLI
REV. MICHAEL CARIGLIA	REV. BARTOLOMEO PAOLAZZI
REV. SAMUEL CHAMEAL	REV. PAUL PISKEL
REV. LOUIS CELOZZI	BRO. CAMILLO RAMUS
REV. WILLIAM CONTINO *	REV. CAMILLO SANTINI
REV. JOSEPH COSTA	REV. LEO SELLA
REV. LEONARD DELLABADIA	REV. JAMES SHEA
REV. GEORGE ECKER	REV. JOHN STANTON
REV. LOUIS ECKER	REV. ANTHONY TONIOLLI *
REV. JOSEPH FELLIN	REV. PETER TORRETTA
REV. ADOLPH FERRARI	REV. DANTE TURRI
REV. VICTOR FORMOLO	REV. FRANCIS TRONCONI
REV. HENRY GABOS *	REV. REMIGIO ZADRA
REV. CHARLES ZANOTTI	

\*Deceased

## Segretaria di Stato di Sua Santità

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dal Vaticano: 25 giugno 1953

Reverend Camillo L. Santini, C.P.S.  
Pastor of Mount Carmel Church  
358 Fenn Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Founding of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Pittsfield Massachusetts, U.S.A., the Holy Father cordially imparts to the Pastor, Assistants and Parishioners his paternal Apostolic Blessing.

Monsignor GIOVANNI-BATISTA MONTINI,

Pro-Secretary of State

## Bishop's Residence

68 Elliott Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts

June 23, 1953

Dear Father Santini,

To you, your zealous co-workers among the Stigmatine Fathers, the self-sacrificing Venerini Sisters and your generous-hearted people I extend most cordial greetings on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

I pray Almighty God to bless all of you with an abundance of graces similar to those bestowed upon your predecessors during this past half century. Personally and officially I express my wholehearted appreciation and thanks to all for the grand work that you have been doing in that section of the vineyard of the Lord. Looking back no doubt the past fifty years seem to have gone by very rapidly. The multiplicity of important historical events and of notable scientific achievements throughout the world during this period would seem to overshadow the simple, quiet life of a parish such as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Yet we are sure that every moment of the past fifty years in the life of the parish and in the lives of each individual person associated with the parish was very precious in the eyes of God. As you look with satisfaction and gratitude at the record of these years may your hearts draw from that study tremendous warmth, inspiration and courage to breast the future and to make every minute of your lives pleasing and precious to the heart of our Heavenly Father.

In my Masses and other prayers I beseech Our Divine Lord and Our Blessed Lady to continue gloriously the history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish so magnificently begun. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON.  
Bishop of Springfield

Reverend Camillo L. Santini, C.P.S., Pastor  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory  
358 Fenn Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts



## Curia Generalizia Padri Stimmatini

Via Mazzarino, 16 – Roma, Italia

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June 4, 1953

Rev. Camillo L. Santini, C.P.S., Pastor  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory  
358 Fenn Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Father Santini,

I have learned with great satisfaction that the flourishing Italian Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, entrusted to our care, is preparing to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of its founding.

I wish to assure you that I shall be united with you all, in heart and in spirit, during the coming festivities, which I hope and pray will be a grand success, as well as a salutary occasion for a renewed spirit of piety and fraternal solidarity among all those who comprise the great family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of Pittsfield. God willing, may this signal event be crowned by the long desired acquisition of a Parochial School so direly needed for the children of the Parish.

I extend to you, to your worthy Assistants, to the good Venerini Sisters, and to the Committees who are working unselfishly to make this Golden Jubilee of the Parish the great success that it is bound to be, my sincere paternal congratulations.

My sincere felicitations and sentiments of gratitude go also to all those who have in any way contributed to the founding and development of this wonderful spiritual family. May the good Lord reward you all as He knows how and sees best.

Devotedly in Our Lord,

Very Rev. DENNIS MARTINIS, C.P.S.,  
Superior General

## Stigmatine Fathers Provincial Headquarters

302 Maple Street  
Springfield 5, Massachusetts

Rev. Camillo L. Santini, C.P.S., Pastor  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory  
358 Fenn Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Father Santini,

I take great pleasure in expressing sincerest greetings to you, your Curates and your Parishioners on the Golden Jubilee of the Foundation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Pittsfield.

An occasion such as this recalls to mind the devoted Stigmatine Fathers who labored so tirelessly for the spiritual welfare of the Parish.

We all cherish the memory of Father Toniolli's inspiration, Father Zanotti's kindness, Father Gabos's jovial spirit and Father Torretta's enthusiasm.

I extend my greetings to the many Stigmatine Priests who have served the Parish so well. May God in His mercy grant eternal rest to those valiant Priests whose span of life is spent.

In the name of all the Stigmatines I beg God's continued assistance for ever-increased blessings upon all the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Sincerely in the Sacred Stigmata,

Very Rev. JOHN F. GOLDEN, C.P.S.,  
Provincial

**Golden Jubilee Church Program**  
1903 - 1953

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(Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

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Sub-deacon: Rev. Carlo J. Bevilacqua, C.P.S.

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Louis c. Antonelli, C.P.S.

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Bishop of Springfield

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Deacon of Mass: Rev. Charles J. Zanotti, C.P.S.

Sub-deacon of the Mass: Rev. Peter V. Torretta, C.P.S.

Deacons of Honor: Rev. John P. Saracco, C.P.S. and  
Rev. Carmen T. Russo, C.P.S.

Acolytes: Rev. Joseph P. Massaro, C.P.S. and  
Rev. Ettore D. Canzano, C.P.S..

Thurifer: Rev. Louis C. Antonelli, C.P.S.

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## Our Golden Honor Roll

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is indeed proud of its sons and daughters who hearing the call of the Divine Master dedicated their lives as Religious to His holy service.**

### *Stigmatine Congregation*

Rev. Dominick A. Ruscetta, C.P.S.  
Rev. John C. Saracco, C.P.S.  
Rev. Carmen T. Russo, C.P.S.  
Rev. Ettore D. Canzano, C.P.S.  
Rev. Joseph P. Massaro, C.P.S.  
Rev. Bro. Joseph Barra, C.P.S.  
Rev. Mr. Anthony Russo, C.P.S.  
Lawrence Liparl, C.P.S.

### *Benedictine Order*

Rev. Salvatore de Angelis, O.S.B.

### *Society of Jesus*

Rev. Mr. John V. Borgo, S.J.

### *Franciscan Order*

Rev. Bro. Joseph Principe, O.F.M.

### *Venerini Sisters*

Sister Angela Panetti, M.P.V.  
Sister Inez Ferrari, M.P.V.  
Sister Lucy Brasioli, M.P.V.

### *Sisters of Saint Joseph*

Sister Mary Tarcisius **(Rose Voci)**

### *Sisters of Providence*

Sister Marie Carmel **(Theresa Poggio)**

# Souvenir Dedication Program



*Contenta*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School  
Pittsfield, Mass.

Sunday, November 28, 1954



MOST REVEREND  
CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON, D.D.  
Our Bishop



REVEREND  
CAMILLO L. SANTINI, C.P. S.  
Our Pastor

# P – R – O – G – R – A – M

Sunday, November 28, 1954

11:00 A.M.

## Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: REV. CAMILLO L. SANTINI, C.P.S., Pastor

Deacon: REV. EDWIN F. KELLEY, C.P.S., Assistant

Sub-deacon: REV. DINO GIAMPAOLO, C.P.S., Assistant

Master of Ceremonies: REV. HUMBERT S. ZAMPIERI, C.P.S.

Rector of All Souls' Mission Church

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1:00 P.M.

## Solemn Blessing and Dedication of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

### AT THE SCHOOL

Blessing of the School by His Excellency, THE MOST REVEREND  
CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON, D.D., Bishop of Springfield

Presentation of Bouquet and Hymn by School Children

### AT THE CHURCH

Sermon by MOST REVEREND CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON, D.D.

## Solemn Pontifical Benediction of Most Blessed Sacrament

Celebrant: MOST REV. CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON, D.D.

Deacon: REV. CHARLES J. ZANOTTI, C.P.S.

Sub-deacon: REV. PETER V. TORRETTA, C.P.S.

Deacon of Exposition: REV. DINO GIAMPAOLO, C.P.S.

All Music by Senior Choir

Under direction of Mrs. Augustine Mazzeo.

# P – R – O – G – R – A – M

Sunday, November 28, 1954

6:30 P.M.

Parish Dedication Banquet at Wendel-Sherwood Hotel

## DINNER

	Toast	Soup	
Baked Potato			Broccoli
	Baked Virginia Ham		
	Mixed Green Salad		
Sherbet			Coffee

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Ave Maria ..... MARTIN J. SINISI  
 In a Garden of Tomorrow ..... ANGELO CORADESCHI  
 and MRS. RALPH FURLONG

Accompanied at piano by MRS. AUGUSTINE MAZZEO

## SPEAKERS

HONORABLE ROBERT T. CAPELESS, Mayor of Pittsfield  
 RT. REV. MSGR. EUGENE F. MARSHALL, D.D.  
 Pastor of St. Mary's, Pittsfield  
 MR. JOSEPH FRANCESE, Contractor and Builder  
 REV. PETER V. TORRETTA, C.P.S., Pastor of O. L. of Mt. Carmel  
 Church, Springfield, Mass.  
 DR. EDWARD J. RUSSELL, Superintendent of Schools  
 VERY REV. JOHN F. GOLDEN, C.P.S., Stigmatine Provincial of  
 the North American Province  
 REV. CHARLES J. ZANOTTI, C.P.S., Rector of St. Anthony's Church  
 North Agawam, Mass.  
 REV. CAMILLO L. SANTINI, C.P.S., Our Pastor

## TOASTMASTER

HONORABLE SILVIO O. CONTE, State Senator

## FINALE

God Bless America ..... Entire Assembly



## Brief History of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Today we dedicate our long-awaited School and with grateful hearts we offer it to our Heavenly Mother as the gift of our Parish to her in this her Marian Year. The history of the School begins with the year 1883, when authorization for the building of the Franklin F. Read School was given to the town officials. The building was constructed the next year and first opened its doors to pupils in the first four grades in 1885. The School was named after Franklin F. Read, a school committeeman and well-known merchant of the times. The new, brick, three-story building originally contained twelve classrooms. It was started as a four-grade school and students went on to the Plunkett School to finish the elementary grades there.

Scheduled to be an elementary school, Read has twice been used for High School classes and once for Junior High School classes.

In 1912, the entire commercial section of Pittsfield High School was transferred to Read because of crowding and the same thing occurred in the late 1920's. In 1931, Read School became an adjunct of Central Junior High School and regular junior high grade classes were conducted there for some time. In 1934, it became an elementary school again and remained one until it was declared surplus and closed in June 1953.

The only physical change in the building occurred in the 1940's, when the entire third floor was removed from the building, thus removing four classrooms, and a flat roof was installed in its place.

On March 30, 1954 our Parish, with the consent of Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, bought the Franklin F. Read School from the city for the sum of \$30,000.

On June 1, 1954, the Stonecraft Construction Company, headed by Mr. Joseph Francese, began the work of renovation on the building and on September 8, feast of the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, school opened with 60 pupils in pre-primary and first grade classes. On November 3rd the work of renovation was completed at the cost of \$137,000. This sum includes School Hall, Modern Cafeteria, and blacktop play-ground which will be used as an outdoor gym. The entire building has been completely renovated and only the shell of the former school remains. Plans call for the addition of a class a year until all eight grades in the grammar division will be taught by the Venerini Sisters, who have been working in our midst for almost a quarter of a century.



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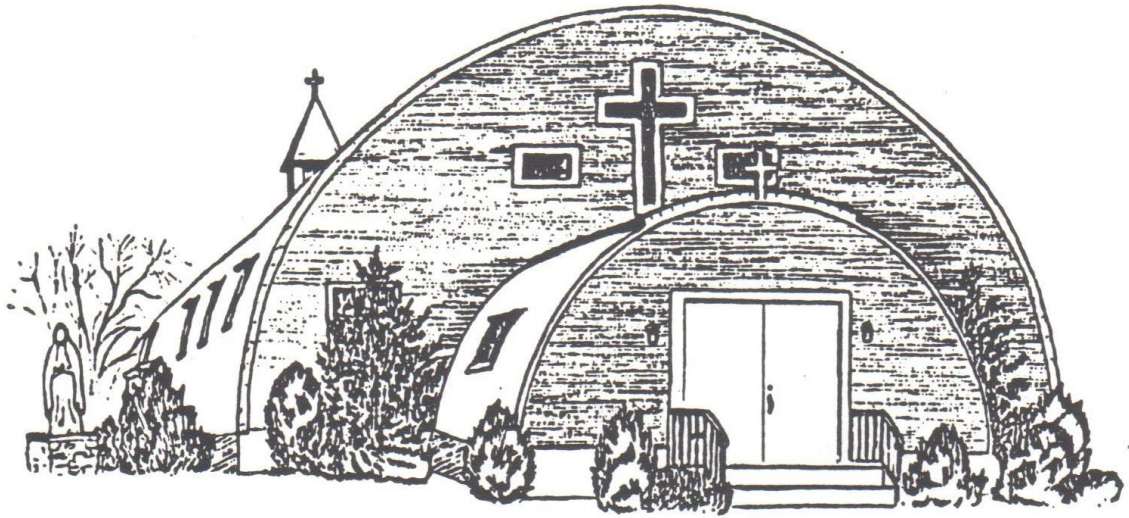
FRONT LOBBY OF  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

## God Bless America

*God bless America,  
Land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above;  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the ocean, white with foam,  
God bless America  
My home sweet home.*

*Dedication Banquet and Souvenir Program  
sponsored by Parish Societies.*

# Tenth Anniversary of All Souls' Chapel



Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
51 Pembroke Avenue (Lakewood)

1948 - 1958



SEGRETERIA DI STATO DI SUA SANTITÀ

*T E L E G R A M*

REV. PAUL A. ZANINI

ALL SOULS CHAPEL PITTSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

OCCASION COMMEMORATION TENTH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDING ALL SOULS  
CHAPEL HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS TO YOU TO THE STIGMATINE  
FATHERS TO THE SISTERS AND PARISHIONERS AS WELL AS TO THE  
CLERGY AND FAITHFUL PRESENT HIS PATERNAL BLESSING IMploRED  
IN PLEDGE OF COPIOUS DIVINE GRACES AND FAVORS

DELLACQUA SUBSTITUTE



## STIGMATINE FATHERS

*Provincial Headquarters*

302 Maple Street – Springfield 5, Mass.

December 12, 1957

Reverend Paul A. Zanini, C.P.S.  
All Souls' Mission Church  
51 Pembroke Avenue  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Reverend and Dear Father Paul:

It is with great pleasure that I come to know of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of All Souls' Mission Church.

The history of the Chapel reveals its humble beginnings and the devoted ministries of its pastors and their assistants, and, at the same time, the sacrifice and support of the good parishioners, for God's glory and the beauty of the sanctuary and the salvation of the souls.

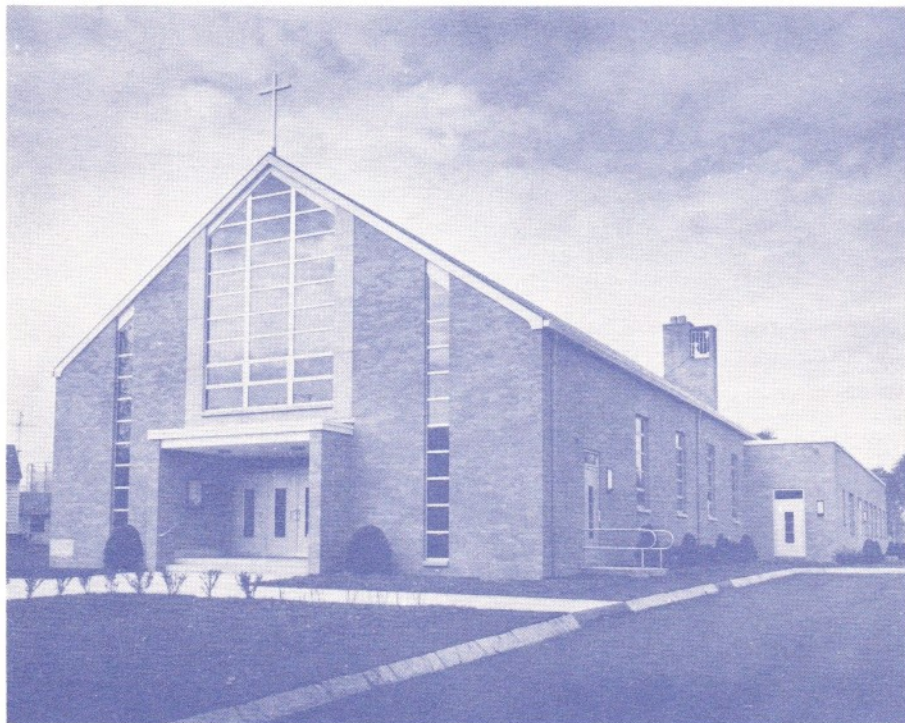
On this occasion I wish to extend to you my sincere congratulations, and to all the families and to the parish organizations, and to join with them in the projected manifestation of their gratitude to Almighty God for all the graces and blessings accorded them since the foundation of the Chapel.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

(Very Rev.) GILBERT G. FINI, C. P. S.  
Provincial Superior

# ALL SOULS' CHURCH

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS



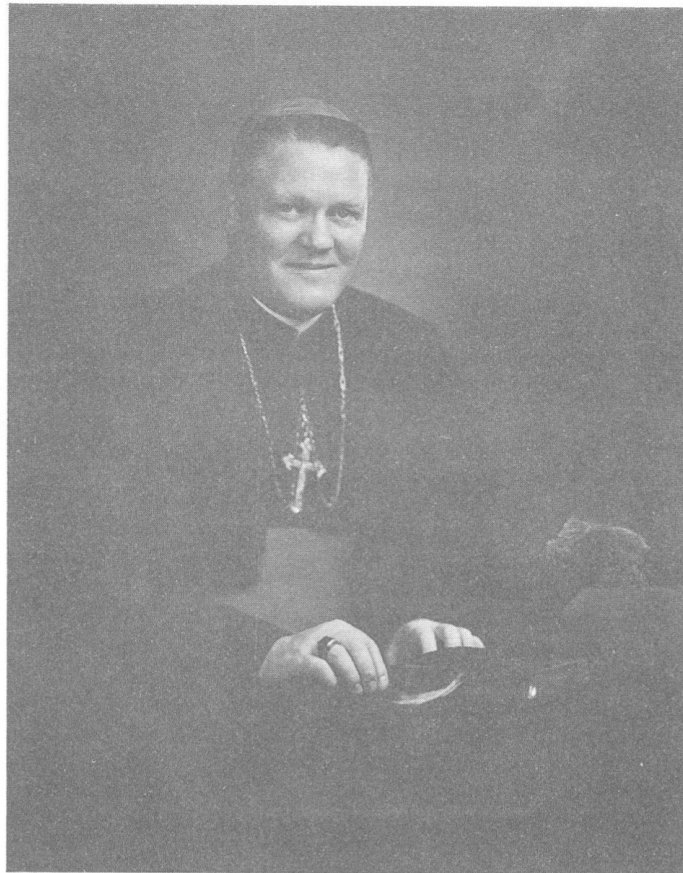
## *Dedication Program*

NOVEMBER 5, 1961



*Joanney F.F. XXIII*

TO HIS HOLINESS JOHN XXIII  
THE "VICAR OF CHRIST ON EARTH"  
THE "POPE OF THE PEOPLE"  
WE PLEDGE OUR FILIAL DEVOTION  
AND OUR GRATEFUL PRAYERS  
ON THE OCCASION  
OF HIS  
80TH BIRTHDAY



MAY ALMIGHTY GOD  
BLESS, LOVE AND REWARD  
OUR MOST REVEREND BISHOP  
CHRISTOPHER J. WELDON, D.D.  
FOR HIS SELF-SACRIFICING  
LEADERSHIP AND  
HIS GREAT INTEREST  
IN OUR LITTLE CHURCH

GRATEFULLY  
§ ALL SOULS' PARISHIONERS §  
AND FATHER PAUL





CURIA GENERALIZIA  
PADRI STIMATINI



Roma, October 4, 1961

Via Mazzerino, 16

Tel. 41994

Dear Father Paul,

The forthcoming dedication of All Souls' Church is indeed a remarkable event and I am happy to associate myself with it.

The occasion, dear Father, bespeaks your tireless effort and zeal, as well as those of your predecessors, to give your parishioners a new House in which to worship fittingly the Lord of heaven and earth, our first Beginning and our last End.

But it is also true, dear Father, that without the help and cooperation, the sacrifices and generosity of your faithful and courageous parishioners, this day would still be only a dream. They, under God and under your direction, have made it a reality. I believe you gave them the greatest praise when you wrote me: "The work done by these parishioners in a very short time has been outstanding and above all expectations. They deserve a lot of credit."

Blessing you, dear Father, and all your parishioners, and all those who have had a hand in the erection of this new church, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Gilbert G. Fini, C.P.S.*

(Very Rev.) Gilbert G. Fini, C.P.S.  
Superior General



STIGMATINE FATHERS  
*Provincial Headquarters*  
302 Maple Street - Springfield 5, Mass.



OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL

September 23, 1961

Reverend Paul A. Zanini, C.P.S.  
All Souls' Mission Church  
51 Pembroke Avenue  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Father Zanini:

I recently learned that the dedication of the new All Souls' Mission Church will take place on November 5 and that the ceremonies will be conducted by our beloved Bishop, the Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon.

On this occasion I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, to the Societies of the church and to all the good parishioners who, by working together with a true spirit of christian zeal, mutual understanding and generosity, have contributed towards the realization of this beautiful temple of devotion.

I encourage you to continue your usual untiring zealous efforts for the spiritual welfare of your good people. Indeed, the magnificent church of All Souls stands as a monument to the tireless efforts of its good people. It is primarily a monument raised to the honor and glory of God and it is this that I encourage your people, under your guidance, to always seek.

With every personal good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Very Rev. Carmen T. Russo, C.P.S.*  
(Very Rev.) Carmen T. Russo, C.P.S.  
Provincial Superior



October 10, 1961

My dear Parishioners:

The dedication of the new All Souls' Mission Church indeed calls for jubilation and gratitude. This is a day of triumph and of accomplishment! The humble quonset Chapel has given way to a beautiful and functional building housing church, hall and offices. You have reason to be proud of your progress during the past thirteen years and I commend and extol your zeal, prayers and sacrifices.

May the Communion prayer of today's Mass of Dedication echo and re-echo throughout the years to come: "My house shall be called a house of prayer," says the Lord; "in it everyone who asks receives: and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened." (Matt. 21, 13)

It is a grateful pastor who congratulates you and joins you and your zealous rector, Father Paul, in thanking Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother for the countless spiritual and material blessings showered upon this section of our parish. That you may ever respond to His continual graces is the fondest wish of

Your devoted pastor,

*Father Santini*

## ALL SOULS' CHURCH

51 PEMBROKE AVENUE

TEL.: HILLCREST 2-5090  
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PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 4, 1961

My dear Parishioners:

I would feel guilty should I let this blessed occasion pass by without expressing my feelings.

We have to go back about 14 years ago when the late Fr. Henry Gabos, C.P.S., and after him Fr. Peter Torretta, C.P.S., had considered to take a "gamble" in opening a new church in Lakewood. It is a well-known story how few of you used to be good church-goers. But those good pastors together with your first rector dear Fr. Camillo P. Santini, C.P.S., had decided to "gamble". In opening the new church expenses were kept down to the minimum. It was a gamble, wasn't it? But the results were splendid. Your co-operation has been magnificent and you have enjoyed glorious days under the leadership of Fr. Santini and Fr. Bevilacqua.

When the time came to decide upon a most needed new church, again doubts and fears sprang up all around. "You, people, will never make it." and "It will take years before you will be able to start a new church." These and similar sayings were heard only yesterday, in 1959 to be exact. Personally, knowing you well, I was positive that you were ready, willing and able to build a new church. But when the project grew up from \$150,000 cost to \$200,000, and again to \$235,000 and \$265,000 ... then I started to feel quite "shakey". Immediately I found comfort and courage in your heartfelt and generous co-operation. From the \$12,208 in the bank as of January 1st, 1956, we went up to \$105,881 on January 1st, 1960. During 1960 the gross income from collections, dues, donations, pledges and particularly from memorials has been raised to the unexpected amount of \$66,000. You have been able to start a splendid new church plant without over-straining our financial conditions and without going above the approved budget. How was this possible? Because you have given your enthusiasm to our project. You have co-operated with a splendid spirit of sacrifice. You are not a rich people. You are only very ordinary people. Yet you have done what certainly only a few years back would have appeared to be an impossible dream.

Now you have a beautiful church, hall, etc. The credit for these superb achievements goes of course first to God, then to you, to our good Bishop, to our many friends. There is, though, another program to be carried on: to live worthy of your new church. May the beauty of it be a symbol of the greater beauty of your souls. May the strong and solid construction be a symbol of your strong christian character, of your determination to know your God better and better, to love Him more and more, to serve Him always faithfully and generously.

May God bless, reward and love you.

Sincerely yours in Christ

*Father Paul*

**SOLEMN DEDICATION**  
**OF**  
**ALL SOULS' CHURCH -- PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Sunday, November 5, A.D., 1961**

**P R O G R A M**

PONTIFICAL MASS by His Excellency the Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, D.D.,  
Bishop of Springfield, Massachusetts

FAMILY BANQUET at the Wendell-Sherwood Hotel

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*May God reward our Committee  
members for the many hours  
spent in putting into effect our  
dedication Program.*  
*Jack Paul*

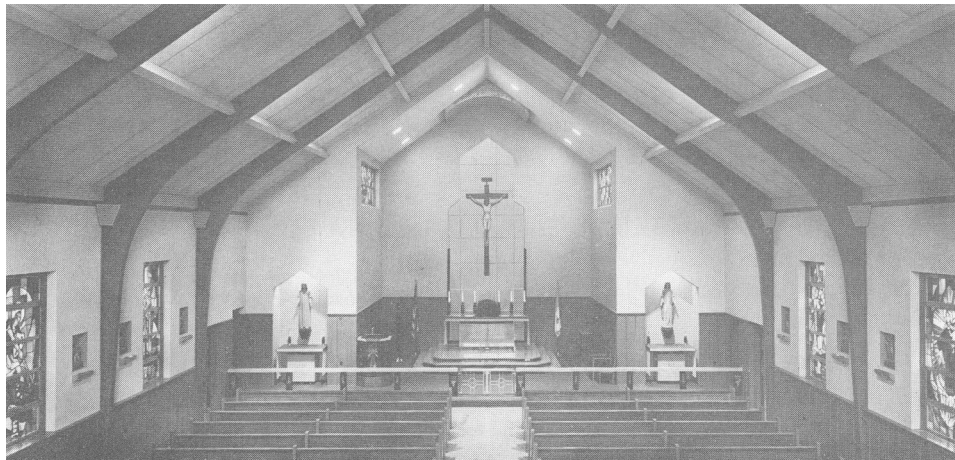


### ALL SOULS' CHURCH... A Description

The contemporary design of All Souls' Church is the work of Mr. Edward B. Bushka, A.I.A., of Hartford.

The yellow brick and way-lite block exterior of the 181 foot long construction presents a graceful, simple appearance. Two granite steps lead into the church. These are covered by a masonry canopy which, in time, will be graced by a statue of Christ, Our Redeemer.

Entrance is gained through the satin finish aluminum doors, paneled with clear tempered glass. The focal point of the baptistery, opening off the vestibule to the left, is the beautiful baptismal font in Carrara marble and bronze. To the right of the vestibule is a utility room.



The interior of the new All Souls' Church

The interior of the church measures 82 feet from this vestibule to the rear wall of the sanctuary. Its wall-to-wall width is 44 feet.

The light silver-green tone of the Tennessee oak pews blends with the misty green of the walls and the light green tinted oak panels to create an air of serenity and quiet. This is crowned by the arches of the beamed ceiling, under which are concealed the lightning fixtures. Vinyl tile in soft beige and brown is used on the floors throughout the church except for the sanctuary, which is carpeted in green.

Seating capacity of the church is 414; 350 being seated in the two rows of pews in the nave. The choir loft accommodates 36 and the mother's room, to the right of the sanctuary, has seating space for 28 adults.

The Stations of the Cross are wood, hand-carved in the famous Gardena Valley, the Tyrol, Italy, close to the Australian border. A system of individual indirect lights on the stations allows them to be lighted independently of the other church lights and provides a striking three dimensional effect.

A candle, symbolic of Christ, the Light of the world, adorns the oak, wrought iron and marble (*Botticino*) pulpit, showing that the priest, the people and Jesus are one, in His message announced from the pulpit. Strong moral character which must form every follower of Christ is portrayed in the wrought iron supports.

The Communion rail of a church is the extension of the altar. At the altar the priest celebrated the Mass, the Banquet of Love. The congregation comes to the Communion rail to partake of the Feast; to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus, it is fitting that the Communion rail be of the same material and coloring as the altar. The Verdi Alpi (Green Alps) Carrara marble posts carry Venetian Mosaics of the elements of the Sacrifice: wheat and grapes... the bread and the wine. The clear *Botticino* railing matches the *mensa* (table) of the altar. The construction of the bronze gate incorporates the monogram HIS; the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus.

The main altar combines in a simple modern design the idea of a table and the stone stars upon which the sacrifices of the Old Testament were offered. The relics encased in the consecrated *mensa* are from the bodies of Saints Clement and Julian who suffered martyrdom in Rome. The candlesticks, in marble and bronze, bear the Chi-Rho monogram in Venetian mosaic, and their design and materials are repeated in the 250 pound sanctuary lamp stand.

The tabernacle, a strong steel safe, is revested in *Verdi Alpi* marble and fronted with a bronze door.

A two foot space separates the altar from the rear wall of the sanctuary, thus granting a clearer view of the altar to the worshipers in the mother's room. The center of this rear wall supports the reredos, a 25 foot high and 10 foot wide display of Spanish *Brignole* marble. The five and one-half foot Corpus on the great crucifix is the work of the wood-carvers of Val Gardena. The face of Our Lord shows the evident strain and suffering of the agony, together with a peaceful expression of love and mercy.

Identical to the main altar in design and composition are the two side altars, dedicated to the Sacred Heart and Our Blessed Lady.

Near these side altars, in the left and right vestibules respectively, shrines have been erected to honor St. Joseph and St. Anthony.

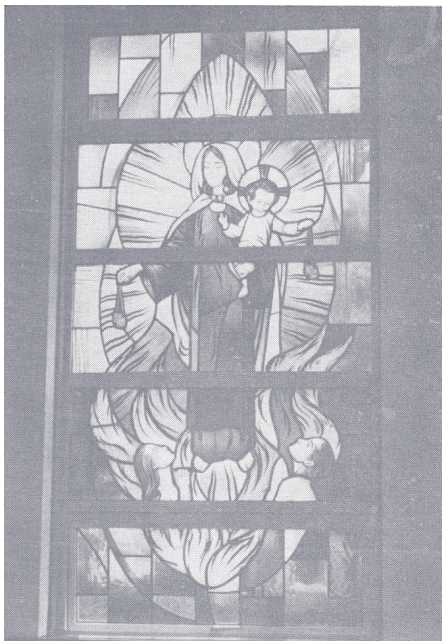
The sacristy opens off the left vestibule, and its most prominent furnishing is the wall-size vestment case. It contains all the appointments necessary for the celebration of the ceremonies of the liturgy. To the right of the vestment case, in the corner, the Moos-Rowe electronic bell system controls the automatic ringing of the church bells for calls to worship, the *Angelus* (at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.) and the *De Profundis*, the prayer for the Souls in Purgatory, at 8:00 p.m.

The sanctuary, pulpit and altar microphones are controlled by the amplifier which is also in the sacristy. The loud-speakers of this system are located throughout the nave and in the mothers' room.

On the opposite side of the sanctuary, behind three fixed panes of glass, for soundproofing, is the mothers' room, sometimes called the crying babies' room. This room doubles as a winter chapel for weekday Masses from November to Ash Wednesday. Its large outside window will soon have stained glass.

The triple-paned window on the mothers' room and the sliding, single-paned window of the sacristy provide a full view of the sanctuary but are cleverly concealed behind oak louvers, thus obviating the possibility of distractions for the main congregation because of the movements of people in these other rooms.

The stained glass windows, the work of the Cleveland firm of Douglas Philips, lend a tone of beauty and warmth to the church.



The stained glass window of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

The first window on the right, near the entrance, represents the saint of miracles, Anthony of Padua. It depicts the apparition of the Infant Jesus while the saint was in prayer. The lilies at the base of the window symbolize the great purity of the saint.

St. Joseph is portrayed in the carpenter shop of Nazareth, being assisted in his chores by the Christ Child. Joseph is invoked as the patron saint of workingmen, as well as the saint of a happy death and the patron of the universal Church. The lily of purity appears again in this window, along with the tools representative of the carpenter's trade.



The Last Supper is recalled in one of the stained glass windows

Our Lady of Mount Carmel appears in the third window, holding the Child Jesus and displaying the scapular. The Souls in Purgatory are seen beseeching her clemency to obtain for them a speedy entry into heaven, vividly recalling Mary's consoling promise that those who wear her scapular will have their time in Purgatory mercifully shortened. This window honors the titles of our mother church, Mount Carmel and our own, All Souls.

The fourth window represents Jesus appearing to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealing the veil known Twelve Promises. The symbol depicts the Sacred Heart of Christ aflame with love for men; yet surrounded with thorns to signify, as He revealed, the ingratitude of so many Christians. The Infinite Love is not loved.

The sanctuary contains two windows, the subjects of which are intimately connected with the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. The multiplication of the loaves and fishes appears at the left of the altar. This is bordered above by representations of Holy Communion and below by two symbols of the self sacrificing Love that is Christ's the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) and the Pelican feeding its little ones with its own blood. The latter is the traditional symbol of Jesus giving His own flesh and blood for the salvation of our souls.

On the other side of the altar the Last Supper appears, surrounded by the elevations of the Host and Chalice, above, and the monstrance containing the Sacred Host for the solemn benediction and the wheat and grapes from which the bread and wine used in the Mass are made.

Proceeding down the gospel side of the church, the first window near the altar depicts the Prince of the Apostles and the Apostle of the Gentiles: St. Peter and St. Paul. St. Peter holds a set of keys, representative of the great trust given him by Christ when He made Peter the ruler of the Church (Mt. 15:19). The upturned cross recalls his martyrdom by being crucified, head down. St. Paul holds a sword which is the traditional symbol of his martyrdom by beheading as well as his extraordinary zeal and power in preaching the Gospel of Christ. He has been truly the "Gladius Spiritus", the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). The coat of arms of Pope John XXIII appears at the base of the window. Strength is shown by the tower and lion of St. Mark recalls Venice, where Cardinal Roncalli was Patriarch until his election to the Chair of Peter.

The next window shows an episode which is well known in Christian tradition the battle of heaven; St. Michael vanquishing Lucifer, once a mighty archangel, now the Prince of Darkness, the Father of Devils. Lucifer, or Satan, appears as a serpent as he showed himself to Eve. St. Michael has been chosen as the subject of this window because he is the heavenly patron of the Diocese of Springfield. He is also connected with the title of our church. This powerful archangel is credited with the special mission of conducting the souls of the just from Purgatory into Heaven. The Church prays in the Mass for the Dead: "Let the holy standard-bearer Michael bring them into the light which You have promised".

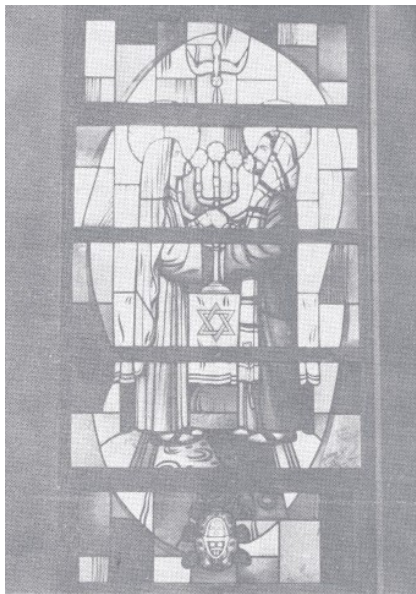


The coat of arms at the base of this window is that of our beloved Bishop, the Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon. The motto, "Ut Christum Feram" ("That I may bear Christ"), gives the meaning of his name, the Christ-bearer, as well as the synthesis of his very zealous pastoral program.

Finally, the popular St. Christopher. No need to explain the episode so forcefully recalled here. He being the protector of travelers, the four common means of transportation are depicted beneath his picture: airplane, train, automobile (with a Massachusetts license plate) and boat. This window also pays a tribute of gratitude, to our Most Reverend Bishop, named after the great Christopher.

The window above the front entrance rises 17 feet at its center and is some 12 feet wide. It contains 220 square feet of glass and is almost as large as the eight windows of the nave combined. This window, the crowning point of the nave, illustrate the title of the church by means of the Crucifixion, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Souls in Purgatory. The beauty of conception, the richness of color forcefully carry the message of this work of art to the viewer.

The two oblong windows to the side bear the roots of arms of His Holiness Pope John XXIII and the Congregation of the Stigmatine Fathers on one side, and of Bishop



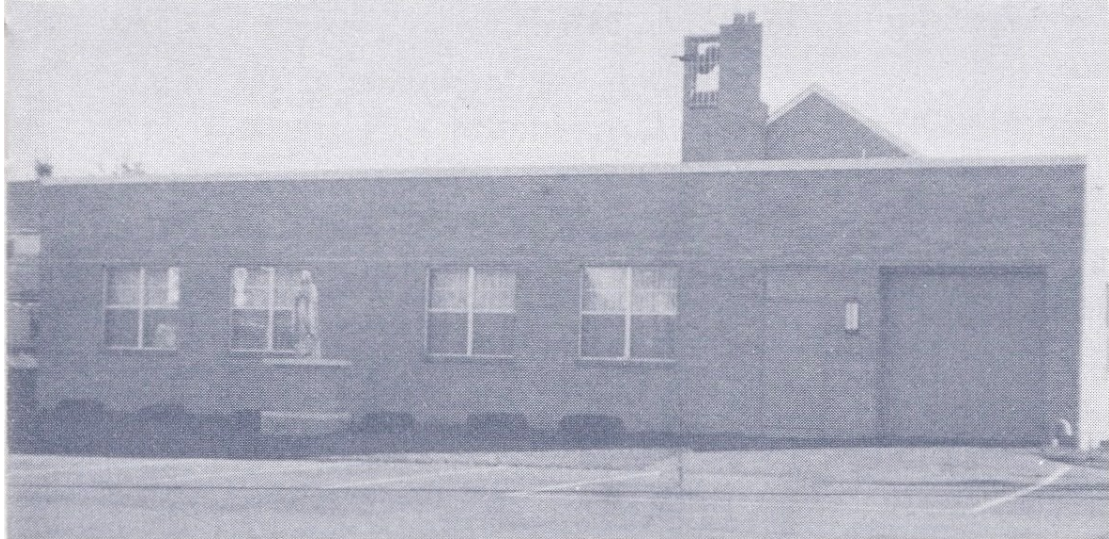
The Espousals of St. Joseph with the Virgin Mary in one of the stained glass windows

The next window depicts the marriage of Our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph. Their dress, the Star of David and the seven branch candlestick give the scene the Jewish ritual atmosphere. Mary and Joseph, under the title of the Holy Spouses, are the patrons of the Stigmatine Fathers, whose coat of arms appears under the scene.

The five stars represent the Five Wounds of Our Lord, from which their name has derived "Stigmatine" from stigmata or wounds. The two lilies are symbols of Joseph and Mary. The motto reads "*Euntes Docete*" namely "Go and Teach", which is the program of the Stigmatine Fathers. The holy couple are also to be invoked by married people as a source of strength and as moving examples of sacred conjugal love.

Weldon and the City of Pittsfield on the other. As far as can be ascertained, this is the lonely window in Berkshire County to carry the coat of arms of the city. It is meant to pay tribute to the bicentennial of Pittsfield and Berkshire. It would be rash to omit the

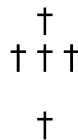
city in which most of our parishioners have found a new life for themselves and for their families.



Back of the Meeting Hall with the shrine of Our Lady, facing Parkside Ave.



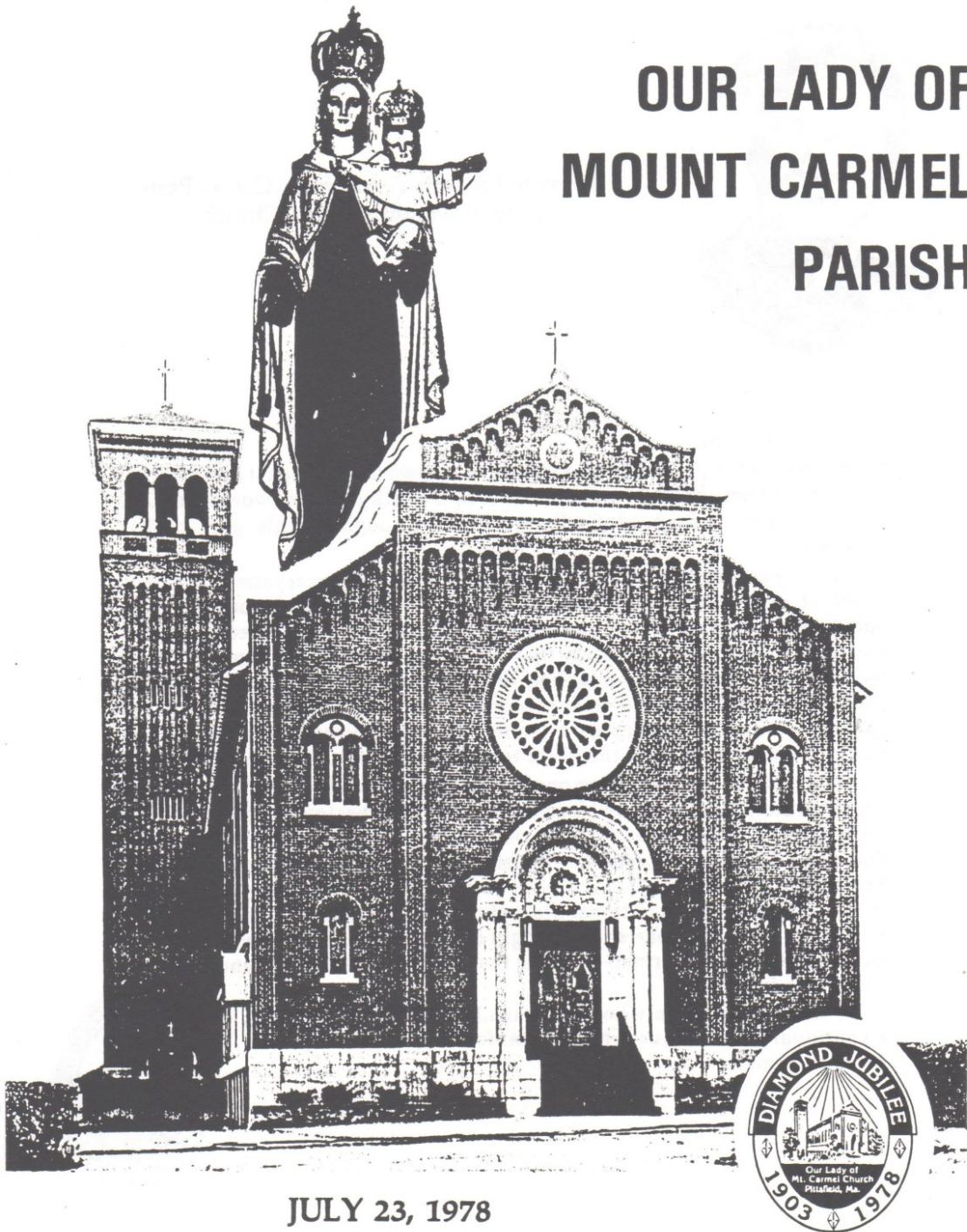
The new Meeting Hall during one of the afternoon CCD (catechism) classes. The Hall can be subdivided in three sections by folding partitions, which have been drawn back to take this picture.





# DIAMOND JUBILEE

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH



JULY 23, 1978



Massaro, C.S.S., Pastor  
Mount Carmel Church

Dear Parishioners:

This booklet is presented as a tribute to all parishioners, past and present, for persevering efforts to make our church a worthy place of worship of God and the promulgation of God's teachings throughout this part of His vineyard.

The 75 year history of our parish is one that each and everyone of us can be proud of — in truth, it is one of difficulties, sacrifices, hard-work and even non-acceptance. and yet our forebears persevered and manifested their trust and faith by leaving us a heritage that leads us to our heavenly home. We must feel a certain pride and obligation in carrying on where they left off. We cannot let them down; we must continue in accomplishing our share in the spiritual formation of our parish family. It is my fervent prayer that we can put into practice and live the basic teaching of Jesus ..."Love one another".

Let us make this Jubilee Year one of thanksgiving and praise. We should be deeply grateful for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us during these past 75 years; grateful that our Bishop, Joseph F. Maguire and His Eminence Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with us; that many priests and sisters who have served our spiritual needs will be with us. Most of all let us be grateful to our Heavenly Mother to whom our parish is lovingly dedicated under her glorious title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, knowing that under her protection and guidance our future is secure.

Eternal rest **JULY 23, 1978** the battle and are no  
more; a continual u n, for "a more glorious  
Mount Carmel".

Your Pastor,  
Reverend Joseph P. Massaro, C.S.S.



*our 8 pastors*

Rev. Eugene Giavina  
1903-1915



Rev. Joseph P. Massaro,  
C.S.S.  
1973-Present



Rev. Anthony Tonioli,  
C.P.S.  
1915-1925



Rev. Joseph H. Fellin,  
C.S.S.  
1967-1973



Rev. Charles J.  
Zanotti, C.P.S.  
1926-1940



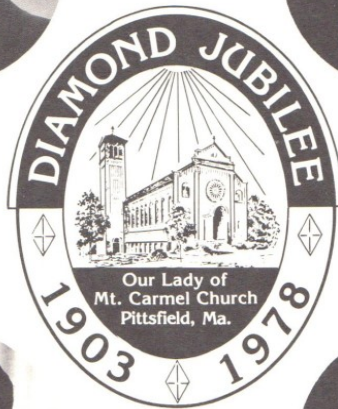
Rev. Camillo L. Santini,  
C.S.S.  
1952-1967



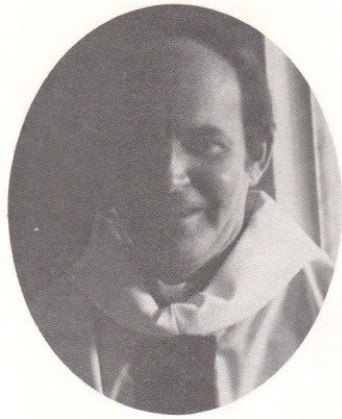
Rev. Henry Gabos,  
C.P.S.  
1940-1946



Rev. Peter V. Torretta,  
C.P.S.  
1946-1952







**Very Rev. James B. Flynn, C.S.S.**  
*Provincial of Stigmatine Fathers,  
North American Province*

My dear Friends,

In the name of the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers of the Province of the Holy Spouses, I greet you, our friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Pittsfield as you celebrate your seventy-fifth anniversary. The relationship between you and the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers has been long and affectionate. Your generosity and kindness to our Province will never be forgotten.

Our anniversary prayer for you is that you will accept the challenge of the Constitution of the Church in the Modern World issued by Vatican Council II and give affective witness to the values of the Gospel so that all people will see in your life together the peace, joy and love of Christ for the world.

Sincerely,

(Very Rev.) James B. Flynn, C.S.S., Ph. D.



## Our Venerini Sisters



Former principals of OLMC School

During this Diamond Jubilee of our parish, recognition must be given to the Venerini Sisters, who for the past 47 years have served its parishioners. In 1931, when the parish was still in its prime, Rev. Charles Zanotti begged these Sisters to come to the parish and assume the very important task of catechizing the youth. The first band of sisters, Superior Elisa Annesi, Mary Anne Posco, Anna Ricci and Theresa Pellegrino arrived on December 17.

They opened 'missions' for the purpose of imparting catechetical instructions to the children of the Parish who lived at a considerable distance from the church. The first of these took place in DeVirgilio's garage on Lombard Street. In the winter, the classes were held in the basement of the East Side Cafe. Later, these classes were moved to Wine A.C. Club on Newell Street near the Hibbard School.

The second and third missions were held at St. Mary's School and St. Mark's Church. Instructions were given twice a week.

They assumed the direction of the Blessed Virgin Sodality, establishing units for each of various groups of boys and girls. Under their guidance, the Blessed Virgin Sodality conducted an astounding program. Their social activities included teas, buffets, Mother-Daughter breakfasts, annual outings, parties honoring members who became brides, picnics, mid-autumn balls at the Wendell-Sheraton Hotel, holiday parties, showers for those about to be married. Our Venerini's also aided in publishing "T Sodality Speaks" and the Senior Sodality with "T Queen's Voice".



First Sisters sent to serve Mt. Carmel



Our present Venerini Sisters

These young women, by their example and good work were the main stay of the parish. The priests knew that help was needed in any of the apostolic work; they could count on members of the Sodality.

Our Sisters also conducted a summer school where instruction included art, Embroidery, knitting, English Composition, Italian and rehearsals for plays and operettas which were performed at the end of the summer season. But the culminating event was an outing or picnic which meant bus ride, sometimes for quite a distance. For many youngsters this was a real treat since going on vacation was not very common in those days.

In 1954, with the opening of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, came the added responsibility of imparting a full Christian education on our youth. An average day for arts teaching Sister comprised of teaching till mid-afternoon catechism lessons in the late afternoon, and attending classes at B.C.C. in the evening.

How happy were our Sisters when they entered their new convent. The old one had its problems: leaky roof, fault plumbing and electricity.

With the merging of Catholic Schools in Pittsfield, came the need for a full-time Religious Coordinator. Sister Constance Ursillo undertook this apostolate and the parish today is still fulfilling its obligation towards Christian education of its youth.

The Venerini Sisters will mark their 50th year in Pittsfield, working within our parish, on December 17, 1981.



Former parishioners now Venerinis



## Lilies of our Field...

### Venerini's Who Have Served Us...

Sr. Elisa Annesi  
Sr. Giuseppina Antoniazzi  
Sr. Pauline Badagliacca  
Sr. Carmelina Bianco  
Sr. Angela Bisol  
Sr. Joanne Bisol  
Sr. Mary Louise Bisol  
Sr. Teresa Rose Carchedi  
Sr. Adele Ceccarelli  
Sr. Loretta Cicarelli  
Sr. Dorothy Consiglio  
Sr. Maria Cravedi  
Sr. Rosemary DiBenedetto  
Sr. Mary Livia Feuti  
Sr. Maria Giannini (deceased)  
Sr. Frances Julian  
Sr. Norena Mastro  
Sr. Mary Ellen McLaughlin  
Sr. Margaret Otrando  
Sr. Geraldine Parlengas  
Sr. Teresa Pellegrini  
Sr. Mary Grace Pennisi (deceased)  
Sr. Hilda Ponte  
Sr. Dolores Puglis  
Sr. Anna Ricci  
Sr. Mary Theresa Salafia  
Sr. Carol Skehan  
Sr. Constance Ursillo  
Sr. Rosina Vagni (deceased)  
Sr. Mary Vendetti

### Venerini's from our Parish . . .

Sr. Lucia Blasioli  
Sr. Elena Ferrari  
Sr. Inez Ferrari  
Sr. Angelina Panetti  
Sr. Mary Rose Zaccari

### Parishioners in Religious Orders . . .

Sr. Mary Camilla, D.M.  
Sr. Silvia Marie Gamberoni  
Sr. Louise M. Principe, C.S.J.  
Sr. Marie Carmel Poggio

### Shepards Sent to Serve...

Rev. Richard Ahern  
 Rev. Joseph Amodio  
 Rev. Carlo Bevilacqua  
 Rev. Louis Bonan  
 Rev. Ettore Canzano  
 Rev. William Contino (deceased)  
 Rev. Anthony Corigliano  
 Rev. Joseph Costa (deceased)  
 Rev. Stephen Dalla Via  
 Rev. Angelo DaPrai  
 Rev. Anthony DeCesare  
 Rev. Geoffrey Deeker  
 Rev. Leonard Della Badia  
 Rev. George Ecker  
 Rev. Joseph Fellin  
 Rev. Adolph Ferrari  
 Rev. James Flanagan  
 Rev. Victor Formolo (deceased)  
 Rev. Henry Gabos (deceased)  
 Rev. Leo Geraci (deceased)  
 Rev. Dino Giampaolo (deceased)  
 Rev. Charles Gonet  
 Rev. Gregory Hoppough  
 Rev. Edwin Kelley  
 Rev. Henry Linse  
 Rev. William Ludessi (deceased)  
 Rev. Francis Mackin  
 Rev. Joseph Massaro  
 Rev. Guido Mespilli  
 Rev. Joseph Morgan  
 Rev. Anthony Parcheski  
 Rev. Paul Piskel (deceased)  
 Rev. Rinaldo Ribezzi  
 Rev. Camillo Santini

Rev. Donald Saulnier  
 Rev. Leo Sella (deceased)  
 Rev. James Shea  
 Rev. John Stanton (deceased)  
 Rev. Anthony Toniolli (deceased)  
 Rev. Peter Torretta (deceased)  
 Rev. Dante Turri  
 Rev. Paul Zanini (deceased)  
 Rev. Charles Zanotti (deceased)  
 Rev. Louis Zuliani

### **Stigmatines from our Parish . . .**

Rev. Ettore Canzano  
 Rev. Joseph Massaro  
 Rev. Anthony Penna  
 Rev. Dominick Ruscetta  
 Rev. Carmen Russo  
 Rev. John Saracco

### **Parishioners in the Priesthood . . .**

Rev. Richard Bondi  
 Rev. William DeAngelis OSB



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**  
**DIAMOND JUBILEE**

**1903**

PITTSFIELD

**1978**

JULY 23



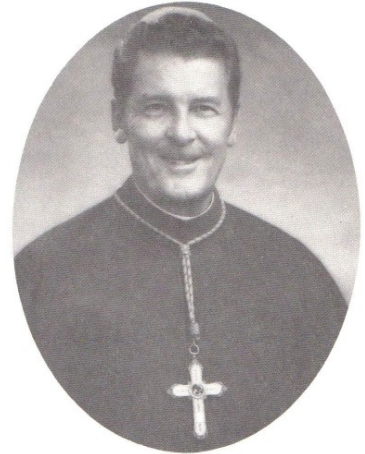


Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, D.D.

D.D. Presiding and Homilist

**Concelebrated Mass of  
Thanksgiving  
Offered for all parishioners,  
living and deceased**

**July 23, 1978**



Bishop Joseph F. Maguire

**Concelebrants**

Bishop Joseph F. Maguire

Most Reverend James B. Flynn, C.S.S.

Reverend Joseph P. Massaro, C.S.S.

Reverend Francis P. Lavelle

Reverend Geoffrey Deeker, C.S.S.

Reverend Gregory Hoppough, C.S.S.

Reverend William Helmick

Clyde W. Decorie

Sarah Nuciforo

Judge Andrea Fr. Nuciforo

Master of Ceremonies

Assistant to Master of Ceremonies

Assistant to Master of Ceremonies

Secretary to the Cardinal

Lector

Lector

Commentator

**Sacred Music**

Mrs. Elizabeth Mazzeo

Mr. Robert Blafield

John F. Downing, Jr.

Susan Wojtkowiak

Peter Culp &amp; Ginger Jenks

Andrew Scelsi

Organist

Choir Director

Assistant Choir Director

Folk Music Director / guitarist

Trumpet Prelude

Guitarist

Prayer to the Faithful

Written by Loritta Decorie

**Presentation of Gifts:**

Sr. Mary Louise Bisol, MPV

Esther Fresia

Mary Miraglia

Vito Salatino

Gregory Voci, Sr.

Michael DiCenzo

Theresa Giardina

Cara Petricca

Paul Torra

## Events of the Day

<b>Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving</b>	1:00 P.M. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
<b>Cornerstone Ceremonies</b>	2:30 P.M. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
<b>Reception Line</b>	2:45 P.M. Grotto – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
<b>Lakeside Social Hour</b>	4.00 P.M. Sons of Italy # 564 ITAM Lodge
<b>Diamond Jubilee Banquet</b>	5:00 P.M. Sons of Italy # 564 ITAM Lodge

## Menu

Hot d'Oeuvres  
Asti Spumanti Toast  
Melon and Prosciutto  
Crossini (bread sticks)  
Boneless Stuffed Breast of Chicken  
Manicotti  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots – Broccoli Hollandaise  
Tossed Garden Salad  
Strawberry Cheesecake Tart

<b>Invocation</b>	Reverend Joseph Morgan, C.S.S.
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Vito Salatino
<b>Speaker of the Day</b>	Bishop Joseph F. Maguire
<b>Honored Guests</b>	Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, D.D. Very Rev. James B. Flynn, C.S.S. Congressman Silvio O. Conti Reverend Camillo L. Santini, C.S.S. Reverend Joseph H. Fellin, C.S.S. Judge Francis J. Quirico
<b>Pastoral Message</b>	Mayor Paul Brindle
<b>Benediction</b>	Reverend Joseph P. Massaro, C.S.S.
<b>Jubilee Dinner Music</b>	Reverend George Ecker, C.S.S. Joseph DelGallo, Jr.

## **APPENDIX 4.8 – All Souls' Re-dedication and Silver Jubilee**

**1986**

### **All Souls' Church will unveil renovated altar and sanctuary**

The newly renovated altar and sanctuary at All Souls' Church will be unveiled for the first time Saturday during a re-dedication and silver jubilee ceremony.

The parish is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building as well as a year-long \$ 48,500 remodeling project conducted under the direction of the Rev. George Ecker, rector of All Souls'.

The silver jubilee observance will begin with a celebrated mass at 4 p.m. with Bishop Joseph F. Maguire of Springfield presiding.

Celebrants will include Ecker; the Very Rev. Joseph C. Henchey, provincial of the Congregation of the Stigmatine Fathers, based in Newton; Monsignor Paul D. Riedl, pastor of St. Joseph' Church; the Rev. Carlo J. Bevilacqua, pastor of Mount Carmel Church; the Rev. Camillo L. Santini, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills; the Rev. Geoffrey Decker, Sacred Heart Church, Waltham; the Rev. Adolph Ferrari, All Souls' Church; the Rev. Vernon Decoteau, Bishop Maguire's secretary; the Rev. Raymond Lanoue, pastor, Sacred Heart and the Rev. Gerald Goggins, treasurer of the Stigmatine Council, Waltham.

### **Confirmation scheduled**

During the mass Bishop Maguire will confirm 17 parishioners.

Participating in the unveiling ceremonies will be U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte and Mrs. Conte, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Pedrotti and Angelo Valle and his daughter, Miss Ann Marie Valle.

The All Souls' choir, directed by Evelyn Garlin, will provide music. Harry Argentino, Paul DiVirgilio and Joseph Polidoro will give the mass readings, while confirmands Brian Hessler, John Launt, Christine Litano and Michelle McCullough will present the offertory gifts. Garlin will play the parish's new \$ 11,000 organ, imported from Italy.

A dinner and dance will be held at Itam Lodge, Order Sons of Italy, immediately following the liturgical services. Dinner at 7 p.m. will be preceded by a social hour starting at 6. Remo Dell Gallo, general chairman of the jubilee observance, will be master of ceremonies at the gala. Speakers will include Maguire, Conte and Judge Francis J. Quirico. Corporation Plus will play for dancing.

The original contemporary design of All Souls' Church was the work of architect Edward B. Bushka of Hartford, Conn. The yellow brick exterior of the 181-foot-long building includes a statue of Christ made of white Carrara marble. Joseph Francese Inc. was general contractor. The building's cost was \$ 265,000.

The church interior, which measures 82 feet from vestibule to sanctuary, has been refurbished with light yellow and gold tones blending the walls with the light silver-green tone of the Tennessee oak pews.

New England Church Interiors, headed by Leroy F. Jarrett, revised the church interiors under Ecker's direction. Jarrett was general architect and designer.

Flooring in the sanctuary is of newly installed Botticino marble railing at the entry. Verdi Alpi (Green Alps) Carrara marble posts carry Venetian mosaics of the elements of the mass sacrifice, wheat and grapes.

### **Side Altars**

Two side altars are to be newly dedicated, one to the espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a three-quarters relief carving executed from Italian lindenwood, and the second is a mosaic sunburst panel designed by Leroy Jarret and executed out of Venetian glass mosaic pieces in colors of gold, yellow, blue. This panel is over the tabernacle, which is revested in Verdi Alpi marble and fronted with a bronze door.

All Souls' Church, situated at 51 Pembroke Ave. in the Lakewood section of Pittsfield, serves some 350 families and more than 1,000 persons. It was established as a mission church of Mount Carmel parish in 1947. A temporary church, a Quonset hut, was built to serve the needs of parishioners, with its first mass celebrated Jan. 1, 1948, by the late Rev. Peter Torretta, then pastor of Mount Carmel.

The Rev. Camillo Santini served as its All Souls' first rector from 1948 to 1950. He was succeeded by the Rev. Carlo J. Bevilacqua, who served from 1950 to 1954. The Rev. Humbert Zampieri was rector from 1954 to 1955, when ill health forced him to retire. The Rev. Paul A. Zanini headed the parish from 1955 to 1965 and spearheaded the drive to raise funds for a new, permanent church. On June 10, 1961, the first mass in the new church was celebrated by the late Bishop Christopher J. Weldon.

The Rev. Louis J. Zuliani served as rector from 1965 to 1977, when Ecker was named to succeed him. During Ecker's pastorate, the parish has made major building improvements, including new lighting and replacement of glass windows with Lexan.

The Rev. Rinaldo A. Ribezzi served as interim rector for seven months in 1965 until Zuliani was appointed rector.



### A Bishop's chair, new pulpit are dedicated at All Souls'



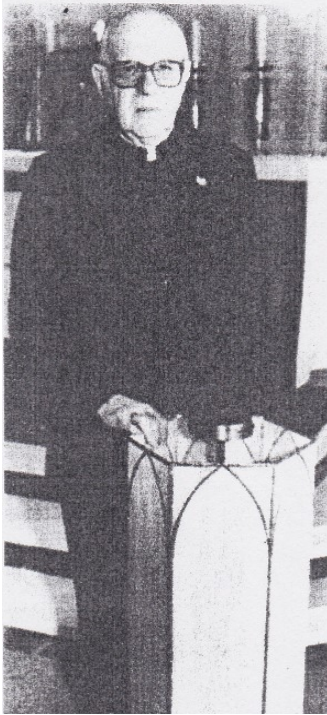
**BISHOP** Joseph F. Maguire of Springfield sits in his new chair at All Souls' Church during dedication service Saturday. Made of marble from Italy, the chair is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Rod J. Pedrotti.

A new bishop's chair and new pulpit were dedicated and a refurbished baptismal font was rededicated as All Souls' Church celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Saturday.

The unveiling of the bishop's chair and pulpit, both made of Botticino marble from Italy, and the font were features of a special service, which included a mass presided over by Bishop Joseph F. Maguire of Springfield and the unveiling of the renovated altar and sanctuary.

The interior renovations were the result of a year-long \$ 48,500 project.

The bishop's chair was dedicated to Bishop Maguire. It is carved from Italian Botticino marble from Pietrasanta, Italy. Side panels of dark green Isorie marble-beige marbeling. The chair bears Bishop Maguire's seal with his motto, "Nothing is impossible with God", done in Venetian glass mosaic pieces. The chair is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Rod J. Pedrotti to the parish on the occasion of the jubilee.

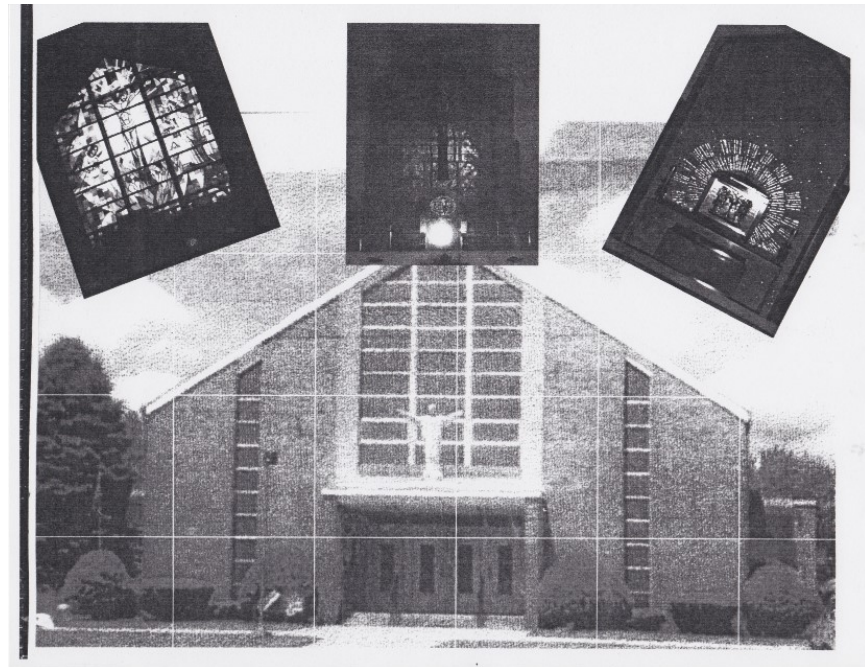


Fr. George Ecker C.S.S.,  
Rector of All Souls who  
designed handmade  
Italian alabaster lamps.

The Botticino marble pulpit is of a white-beige marble design accented by dark green Isorie marble side panels. Gold leafing on the pulpit was done by artisan Richard Marchetto of Pittsfield. The pulpit is dedicated to the memory of Jean Marby Valle, and was unveiled by her husband, Angelo Valle, and daughter, Ann Marie Valle. The Valle family donated it to the parish.

The baptismal font, carved of white Carrara marble, was unveiled by Congressman Silvio O. Conte and his wife, Corinne, who originally donated it to the parish.

The Rev. George Ecker, rector, presented Bishop Maguire with a check for \$ 10,000 on Saturday, to be used for missions.



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**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL****90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday, July 18, 1993

Celebration Mass 2:00 p.m.

Reception Following Mass

Anniversary Dinner 5:00 p.m.

ITAM Lodge 564

Order Sons of Italy

Waubeek Road, Pittsfield, Mass.

**MOUNT CARMEL — A FIRE OF FAITH**

OUR NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY BANNER makes a visual statement about our parish: it represents our location within the geography of the Berkshire Hills, with references to ancient Mount Cannel in the Holy Land. It depicts Our Lady, the God-bearer, as the model of our Christian vocation.

For several thousand years, Mount Carmel has been regarded as a singularly holy place. Its lush foliage was a symbol to ancient Israel of God's rich blessings. Our Berkshire Hills, including Massachusetts' highest peak, Mt. Greylock, are rich with nature's beauty. Forest and stream, mountain and field provide the rich setting we call "home".

Reaching a height of about 1800 feet above the sea, Mount Carmel commands the approach to the Port of Haifa. In ancient times, beacon fires were often set on its heights to guide ships to their safe anchorage.

In Chapter 18 of the First Book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah and his dealings first with King Ahab and then with the prophets of Baal. In both confrontations, fire comes from heaven at Elijah's bidding to destroy the enemies of God and to bear witness to God's power and presence. So, on our banner a flame lights the sky above the mountains and behind the image of the Virgin Mother and her child.

From very early times, holy hermits made their dwellings on Mount Carmel. In the Christian tradition, they claimed a particular devotion to Mary, Mother of the Lord. These marked the beginnings of the Carmelite order and of Mary's title, "Our Lady of Mount Cannel".

This banner recalls the origins of our patron's title, places us in the natural surroundings of our neighborhood with its similarities to ancient Carmel and calls us to be bearers of Christ in this setting in which God has placed us. As His church, the building on Fenn Street's hill — but especially the people who occupy it — can light a

new beacon Fire of Faith, reflecting God's presence and power as we approach the new millennium and our own centennial.

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving, offered for all parishioners,  
living and deceased.*

MOST. REV. BISHOP JOHN A. MARSHALL ..... *Principal Celebrant*

#### CONCELEBRANTS:

VERY REV. ROBERT S. WHITE ..... *Superior Provincial,  
Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers Congregation*

REV. HOWARD W. MCCORMICK ..... *Episcopal Vicar, Berkshire Vicariate,  
St. Mary's Church, Lee, MA*

REV. CARMEN T. RUSSO, CSS ..... *Stigmatine General Council, Rome*

REV. GEOFFREY J. DEEKER, CSS ..... *Pastor, Mount Carmel Church*

REV. CARLO J. BEVILACQUA, CSS ..... *Parochial Vicar, Mount Carmel Church*

REV. RINALDO A. RIBEZZI, CSS ..... *Assistant Pastor, Mount Carmel Church*

REV. ADOLPH A. FERRARI, CSS ..... *Rector, All Souls' Church*

REV. CAMILLO L. SANTINI, CSS ..... *Assistant Pastor,  
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REV. JOSEPH H. FELLIN, CSS ..... *Pastor, Holy Family Church, Lynn, MA*

REV. JOSEPH P. MASSARO, CSS ..... *Assistant Pastor, St. Ann's Church,  
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REV. JAMES E. FLANAGAN, CSS ..... *Pastor  
Emeritus,*

*Sacred Heart Church, Waltham, MA*

REV. ANTHONY F. PENNA, CSS ..... *Campus Minister, Boston College*

REV. RICHARD A. BONDI ..... *Campus Minister,  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA*



REV. DAVID M. FARLAND ..... *Pastor, St. Joseph's Church*

REV. GABRIEL HARD ..... *Assistant, St. Joseph's Church*

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NARRATOR ..... *Felix Alfano*

FIRST READING ..... *Sister Mary Rose Zaccari, MPV*

SECOND READING ..... *Edna  
Alfano*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS ..... *Geraldine  
Dahrouge*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS ..... *Sister Adele Ceccarelli, MPV  
Sister Norina Mastro, MPV  
Sister Dolores Puglis, MPV*

SACRED MUSIC ..... *Mount Carmel Church Family  
Choir*

*Judith King, Director  
Joseph Del Gallo, Jr., Organist  
Andrew Scelsi, Guitarist*

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL BANNER BEARER ..... *Stephen Laverda*



**THE STIGMATINE SEAL**



**90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE PROGRAM — EVENTS OF THE DAY**

- 2:00 P.M.      Procession and Concelebrated Mass
- 4:00 P.M.      Champagne Reception, ITAM Lodge No. 564
- 5:00 P.M.      90<sup>TH</sup> Jubilee Banquet, ITAM Lodge No. 564

**BANQUET PROGRAM**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... *Guy A. Pellegrinelli, Jr.*

INVOCATION ..... *Rev. Anthony F. Penna,*  
*CSS*

GOD BLESS AMERICA ..... *Josephine Scalise*

90TH ANNIVERSARY TOAST ..... *Judge Andrea F. Nuciforo*

DOWN MEMORY LANE ..... *90 Years of Mount Carmel History*

**HONORED GUESTS:**

MOST REV. BISHOP JOHN A. MARSHALL..... *Bishop of Springfield*

VERY REV. ROBERT S. WHITE ..... *Stigmatine*  
*Provincial*

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*Rev. Joseph P. Massaro, CSS*  
*Rev. Carlo J. Bevilacqua, CSS*

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*Berkshire Vicariate, St. Mary's Church, Lee*

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*Pastor, St. Agnes Church, Dalton*

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*Mary Vendetti, MPV*  
*Mary Rose Zaccari, MPV*  
*Adele Ceccarelli, MPV*  
*Norina Mastro, MPV*

*Dolores Puglis, MPV*

PASTORAL MESSAGE ..... *Rev. Geoffrey J. Deeker, CSS*

JUBILEE CHAIRMEN ..... *Carolyn Rousseau, Judy Bellora*

BENEDICTION ..... *Rev. Richard A.  
Bondi*

JUBILEE DINNER MUSIC ..... *Tom Leonisio, Aldo Sartori*



### **90<sup>TH</sup> Jubilee Reception and Banquet**

Champagne Fountain — Fruits — Cheeses — Antipasto

Fruit Cup with Sherbet

Boneless Stuffed Breast of Chicken

Florentine Vegetables — Oven Roasted Potatoes

Pasta Supreme — Garden Tossed Salad — Breads

Jubilee Cake — Strawberries on Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee — Tea

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY****JUBILEE COMMITTEE**

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DECORATIONS .....	<i>Diane Panneseo and Yvonne Panneseo</i>
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PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY .....	<i>Ella and Mary DiCenzo</i>
PARISH BULLETINS .....	<i>Elaine Guristante</i>
LITURGY .....	<i>Geraldine Dahrouge</i>
FAMILY CHOIR MUSIC .....	<i>Judith King, Director</i>
	<i>Joseph Del Gallo, Jr., Organist</i>
	<i>Andrew Scelsi, Guitarist</i>
MEMORIAL PRESENTATIONS .....	<i>Diane Fields</i>
BANNER DESIGN .....	<i>Stephanie Anderson</i>
BANNER CREATION .....	<i>Sister Miriam Gardner,</i>
	<i>Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Springfield, MA</i>

BANNER BEARER ..... *Stephen LaVerda*

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