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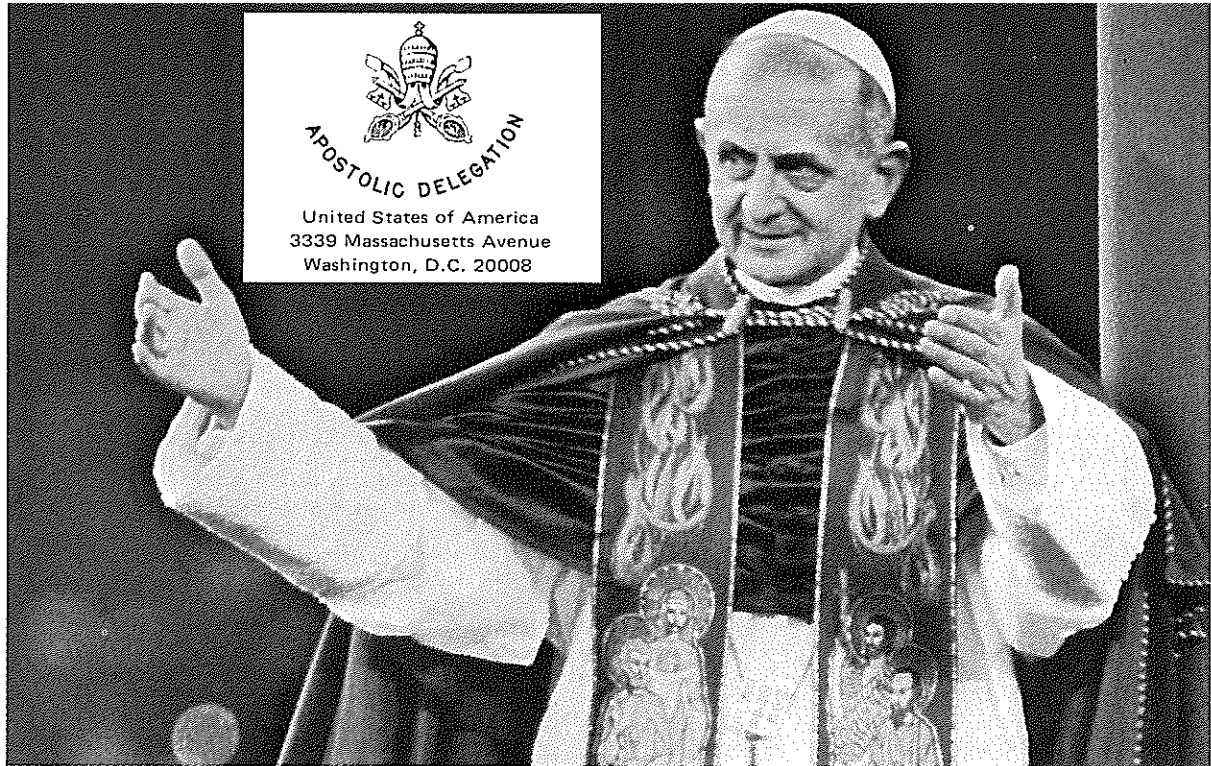
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Dear Father Murphy:

On the joyous occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Holy Name Parish, West Roxbury, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that our most Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, graciously bestows his Apostolic Benediction upon you and those who staff the Church and parish School, upon the present parishioners and those who formerly belonged to the parish, and upon all who join in celebrating this Golden Jubilee with you.

Much has been accomplished for the honor and glory of God during these past fifty years; for this reason there is joy and deep gratitude in the hearts of all who have been associated with Holy Name parish.

In the years to come may the priests and the people of the parish continue to grow as a faith community, centered in Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. To this Blessing of the Holy Father I wish to add my personal greetings and prayerful good wishes.

With sentiments of esteem and renewed felicitations, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jean Jadot

Apostolic Delegate



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Dear Father Murphy:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Holy Name Parish to offer you and your associates, and through you to the Religious and Faithful, my heartfelt congratulations.

Fifty years of parish life is a significant milestone indeed. It represents, not only a considerable amount of time, but outstanding devotion, dedication and generosity as well. In addition, the progress of Holy Name Parish from its humble beginnings in the old Bellevue Theatre to the magnificent Cathedral-like structure, which now serves as its focal point, is a singular tribute to the faith of the community.

It will be my privilege to remember all who have made this day possible, both living and deceased, in a special way in my Masses and prayers. May Our Divine Lord, through the intercession of His Immaculate Mother, reward each of them as only He can.

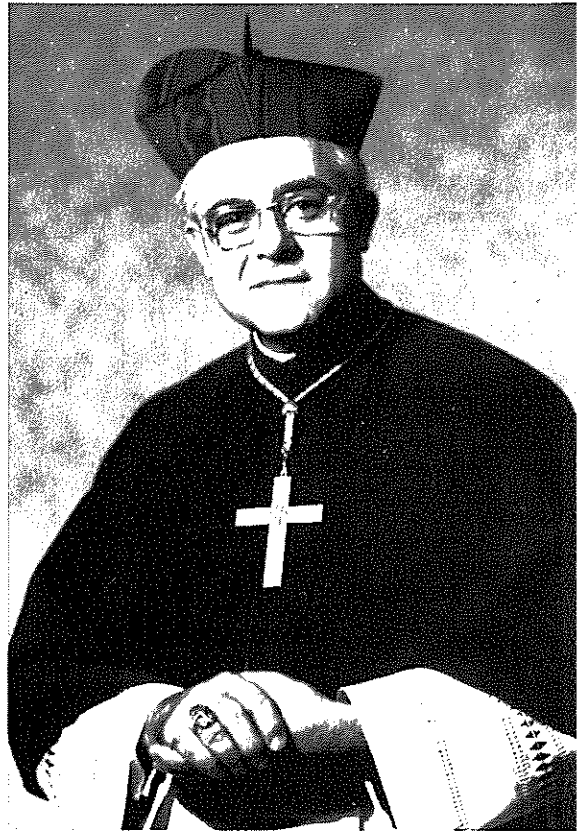
With renewed congratulations, my best personal wishes and a hearty blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

+ Humberto Cardinal Medeiros

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Archbishop of Boston

Rev. Kenneth B. Murphy
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*His Eminence
Humberto Cardinal Medeiros
Archbishop of Boston*



*Most Reverend
Lawrence J. Riley
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In one sense the true history of this parish can never be written because the important events are spiritual ones and are engraved only in the hearts of priests and people, such as the reception of the sacraments and the spiritual consolations resulting, attendance at Mass, visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, our daily prayers, especially in sickness and in death and the many worries and cares of daily life. We see now "the passing of the torch" from the builders to the new generation. The "new" understand and respect the contributions of the past and hope to build upon it with new dimensions and directions in the next fifty years of faith.

We look forward for new ways for the ministerial priesthood to meet the sacramental needs of the people operating in collegial structures, proclaiming the Good News, building community with shared ministries and responsibilities and utilizing lay initiatives. We must reach out to the alienated and unchurched, act for justice, celebrate the Eucharist, do the Eucharist, and live the Eucharist. Through affirmative action we must make our faith-community a credible witness to the Gospel.

Holy Name Parish has a unique personality. It is a parish of tremendous spirit and justifiable pride with a wonderful mixture of the old and the new. It is renowned for its vocations to the priesthood and religious life, blessed by dedicated Sisters and lay teachers on our school staff. It has a magnificent priest-lay person warmth. It is a parish of families, truly a family of families. This is a dual celebration. We single out the third pastor of Holy Name, the venerable, scholarly and gifted Reverend Monsignor Charles A. Finn, P.A., D.D., LL.D. for on June 6th he will be starting his seventy-fifth year as a priest and on August 2nd he will be one hundred years old. We wish him our best blessings for every spiritual joy and happiness. We admire him. We respect him. We love him. We thank God for the unselfishness and total dedication of the priests who minister and have ministered here to God and souls.

The kindness and conspicuous generosity of all the parishioners have been an inspiration to me.

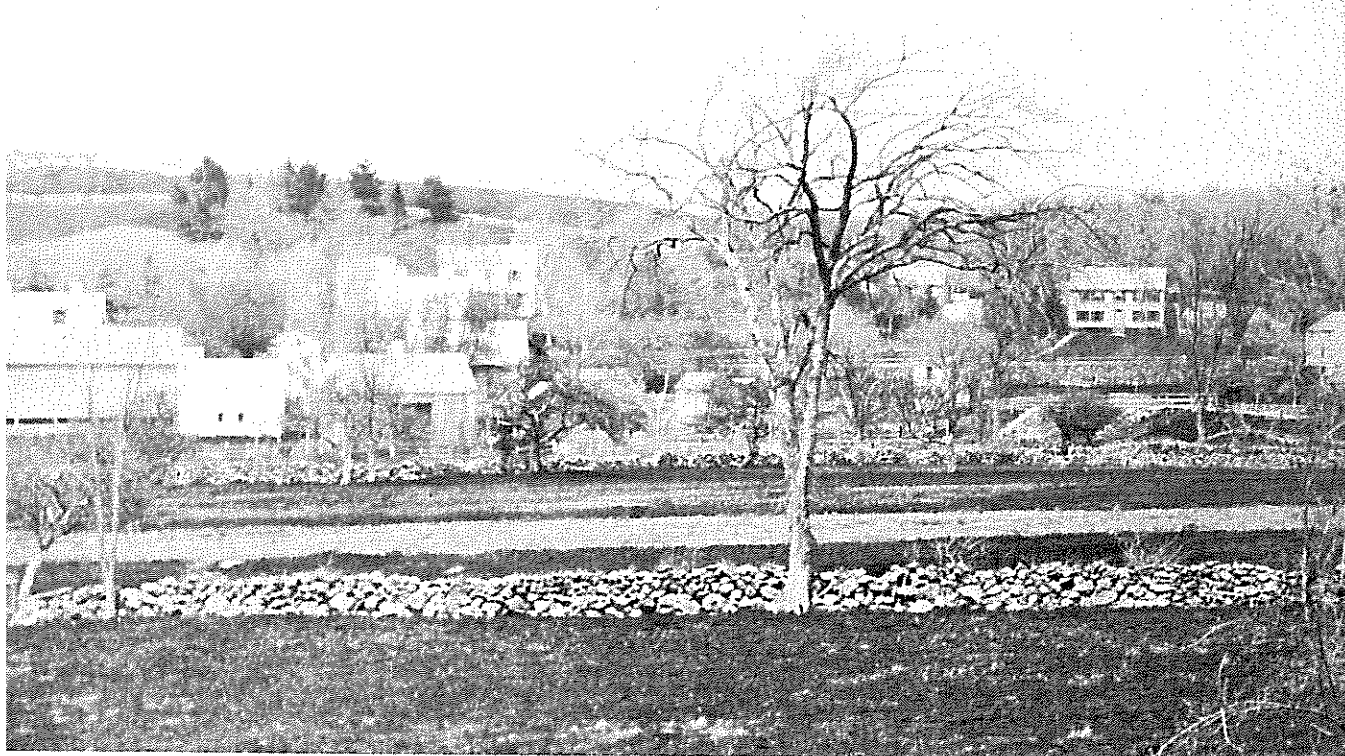
In a special way we direct our prayers to God in behalf of all, priests and laity, who are not with us to celebrate this great year, having been called by God to receive and enjoy their eternal rest and peace.

May I express my personal thanks to all those who through their generous support and the giving of their talents, time and efforts made this jubilee possible.

May Our Mother of Perpetual Help intercede with her Son, Our Savior, to bless you in His Holy Name today and always.

Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy, L.H.D.

A view in 1850 from Park Street, looking north to the present site of the parish plant. At left, Manthorne Hill, and right, Peak Hill

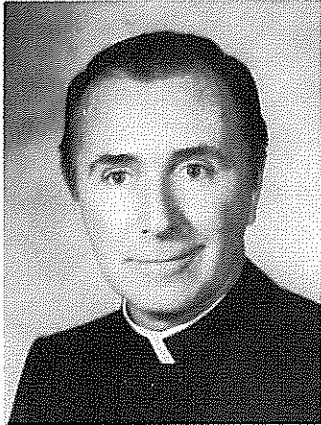


A New Parish – 1927

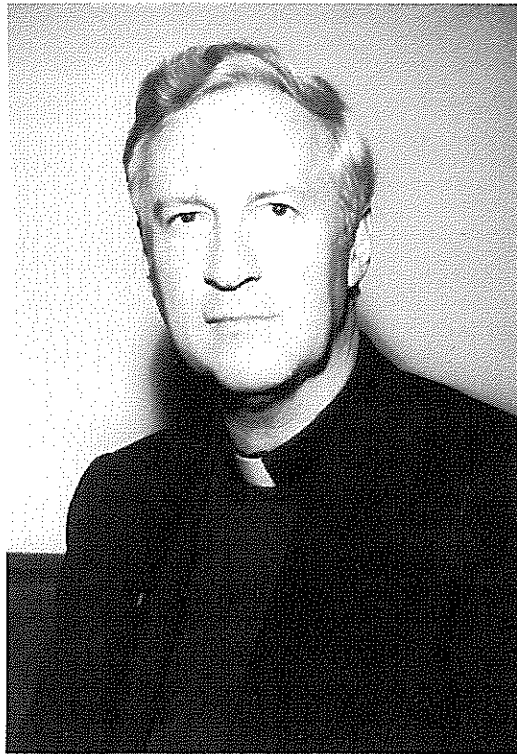
**People Make
A Parish**

Holy Name Parish – “a family of families” – is a half century old – or young – this year. Established in 1927 – the year Lindbergh flew the Atlantic – it was actually founded in 1924 – the year the taciturn and reluctant Calvin Coolidge was elected thirtieth president of the United States.

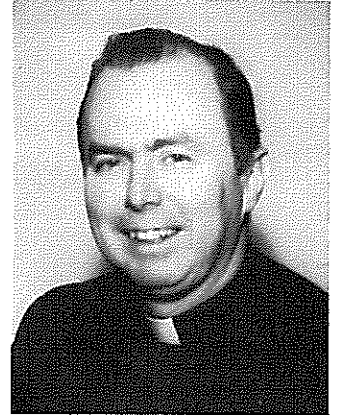
Holy Name has witnessed fifty years of history, and while many parishes have undergone dramatic and traumatic changes through this dynamic era, the spirit and character with which Holy Name was born have remained with her, bringing her with equanimity through hard times, prosperous times, and the transitional period introduced by Vatican II to make the Church more responsive to the needs of the world today.



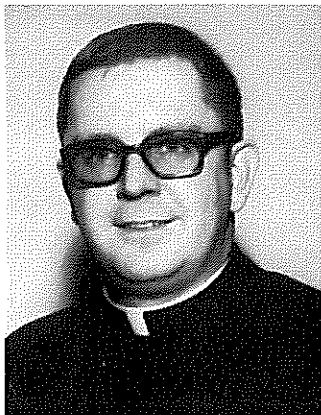
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Associate Pastor*



*Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy
Pastor*



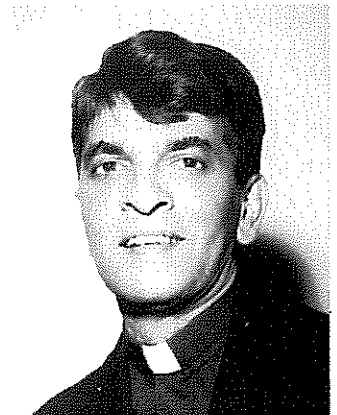
*Reverend
Charles R. McGahey
In Residence*



*Reverend Dennis T. Nason
Associate Pastor*



*Charles O. Leslie, left, and David G. Murphy,
Permanent Deacons*



*Reverend Emilio S. Lobo
In Residence*



It is somehow ironic that our first pastor, Father "Mac" — as he was fondly called — should have had as one of his altar boys, our fifth and present pastor, Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy. And while the spirit of the parish's people has been unchanged, the parish plant of Father "Mac" and that of Father Murphy are quite different. Let's go back and find out how it all began.

There were at that time two parishes in the area — Sacred Heart Church in Roslindale, and St. Theresa Church, West Roxbury. These parishes had come into existence in 1893 and 1895, respectively. By the 1920's, they had grown quite large, and parishioners in the area equidistant from the two churches, wanted to found another parish more convenient to them.

A petition on the matter, with 1,042 signatures, was presented to William Cardinal O'Connell, Arch-

bishop of Boston, on April 5, 1924. Reverend John F. Cummins, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, outlined the boundaries for such a parish in a sketch and filed it the same year with the chancery. The following year, Reverend John Broderick, pastor of St. Theresa Parish, also wrote the cardinal about the need for another parish, and several petitions were addressed to the cardinal in 1927.

Cardinal O'Connell acted favorably on the requests and gave permission for the establishment on July 4, 1927, of a new parish. Its area was to be taken primarily from that formerly included in Sacred Heart Parish, with a smaller area from St. Theresa Parish. The boundary for St. Theresa was moved one block west — from Manthorne Road to Redlands Road (and subsequently moved one more block, to Willow Street).

In a letter dated June 27, 1927, Cardinal O'Connell notified Reverend William P. McNamara, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Quincy, of his new appointment as founding pastor of the new parish. His actual appointment was titled, "Removable Parish Priest," a distinction from the rank, "Irremovable Parish Priest."

Father McNamara, born May 3, 1878, in Boston, attended St. Joseph's College, New Brunswick, and entered St. John's Seminary, Brighton, in 1897. (The memorial pulpit in the church erroneously gives 1876 as Father McNamara's birth year.) He was ordained December 19, 1902, at Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross. He studied at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., in 1902 and 1903.

The parish had as yet been given no name. But Father McNamara, whose zeal for the growth and spread of the Holy Name Society was well-known in the parishes he had previously served as curate, suggested "Holy Name" to the cardinal, and it was approved July 7th, only three days after the parish had been established. The new pastor immediately founded the Holy Name Society.

With only the boundary lines and the people within them as his new parish, Father McNamara stayed those early days at St. Thomas' Church, Jamaica Plain, guest of Reverend Edward J. Moriarity, pastor, whom he had once served as curate. It was at St. Thomas that Father McNamara celebrated the first weddings, baptisms, and funerals of his new parishioners.

Of three sites available in the area, Father McNamara chose, on July 15th, the John Rooney estate bordering the parkway and street. The plot measured sixty-four thousand square feet, and was purchased for forty thousand dollars. On the property at 1689 Centre Street was the ten-room former Unitarian parsonage. It became the first rectory and first building in the parish.

Approval for a chapel in the rectory was given on August 11th. Its official name was St. Theresa's Chapel, but Father McNamara — who soon became known to his parishioners as Father "Mac" — referred to it as the "Presbyterian Woodshed" with kindly disregard for the Unitarian origins of the structure.

By this time the new pastor had an assistant, Reverend James E. Fahey, D.D., who stayed briefly before being transferred to the faculty of the archdiocesan seminary. He was replaced by Reverend Charles H. Bryson and Reverend Charles E. Riley,

both of whom served the parish until the 1940's. Father Bryson remained until 1945, and Father Riley, until 1943 when he accepted a chaplain's commission in the wartime United States Army.

Masses were celebrated Sundays and Holydays at the Bellevue Community Theater, Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale. Across the street from the theater was a small store — at 18 McGraw Street — which Father "Mac" called the "Fish Market," and served as the sacristy. From there, Father McNamara arranged for processions from it for each Mass, with as many as forty altar boys vested as bishops and cardinals.

Catechism classes were held in a few rented vacant stores on Centre Street — across from Kenney's Drugstore. In 1928, the wooden Community House, which served as a temporary church, was built facing Centre Street, and remained there flanking the church until 1954.

Aware that it would be sometime before the parish would be able to support the construction of a permanent church, Father McNamara hired architect Edward T. P. Graham to design the first stage, or basement, of a church which would be completed in later years. Meanwhile, the well-constructed basement building would be used as a church.

The J. J. Gallagher Construction Company of Quincy, with a bid of sixty-two thousand, five hundred dollars, was awarded the contract in 1928 for the lower church. Ground was broken on April 12, 1929, and the church welcomed parishioners to Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in the same year.

Cardinal O'Connell blessed the church and laid the cornerstone on June 1, 1930. Assisting were the priests of the parish and of neighboring churches, members of religious orders, and parishioners.

In 1930, a third curate arrived at Holy Name — Reverend Joseph A. Quigley. Parish activities included a summer camp at Scituate. Sponsored by the parish, Boy Scout Troop Seven was founded on June 18, 1932.

During 1931 and 1932, Father "Mac's" health had been deteriorating, but, at fifty-four years of age, his death on June 22, 1932, was a shock to his parishioners. A Solemn Requiem Mass was sung June 25th, with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The second pastor of the young parish was Reverend Edward F. Ryan, D.D., whose appointment took effect on July 27th. Father Ryan had been



Father "Mac" (Father William P. McNamara), our first pastor, is in the center of the group, above, on the lawn of the first rectory, below, the original parsonage of the First Unitarian Church, and now the site of the present rectory. With Father McNamara are associate pastors, left, Reverend Charles Riley, and Reverend Charles Bryson. Mr. Al Mahoney is at the pastor's right and Mr. Daniel F. Ryan at his left

transferred from the pastorate of Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish in Concord. Born in Lynn, Massachusetts, on March 19, 1878, Father Ryan went to Boston College where he distinguished himself as an athlete and as editor-in-chief of *The Stylus*. He studied for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. Having been chosen first prefect of his class there, he earned the privilege of early ordination on August 10, 1905. The following year, he was awarded the doctor of divinity degree from Urban College, Propaganda Fide.

Returning home, he served at several parishes before being commissioned first lieutenant during World War I. As chaplain, he was with the Eighty-ninth Division throughout the Meuse and Argonne Battles. After the war, he served as curate in two parishes before his appointment to his first pastorate in Concord.

Father Ryan soon went to work on the physical expansion of the parish property. He bought the Brown property, which was one hundred and eight thousand square feet in size, and included a house near the intersection of Greaton Road and Centre Street. Closing on the property was on March 31, 1933.

The old parsonage was judged inadequate by Father Ryan, and he accepted Mr. Graham's preliminary sketches for a new rectory. Construction began in autumn, 1933, and was completed in August, 1935.

A major source of funds for the parish expansion program was the annual June carnival staged on the former Brown property, which became known as Holy Name Hill, and was to one day house a school and convent.

Along with his parish duties, Father Ryan served as chaplain of the John J. Williams Council,



Knights of Columbus, and State Chaplain, Catholic Daughters of America.

Early in his pastorate at Holy Name, Father Ryan began the still beloved devotion to the Jesuit saint and missionary, Frances Xavier, the Novena of Grace from March 4th to March 12th, followed by a novena in honor of St. Joseph. Almost as old in the lasting devotional life of the parish is the novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

As many of Holy Name's parishioners had moved from Mission Church Parish in Roxbury — whose proper title was Our Lady of Perpetual Help — the devotion in her honor was welcomed in the parish. A priest, Reverend James B. Seidel, C.S.S.R., who remembers leading the novena at Holy Name recalls:

"Away back when stationed at the Mission Church on the Mission band, I recall establishing the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in good old Holy Name, West Roxbury. What a source of joy and spiritual satisfaction knowing that the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is still thriving.

"I recall the enthusiasm and hearty response of the people of that day. God bless them! May the devotion continue with renewed vigor and fervor for years ahead. May I offer, in anticipation, congratulations and best wishes on the singular occasion of the golden anniversary of Holy Name Parish. May the blessings of Heaven be showered upon the parish and all your parishioners on that grand celebration."

Further growth in the parish warranted another curate, and in May, 1935, Reverend John

P. Leonard arrived. He soon became a favorite of the children. A smiling and generous man, he remained until replaced by Reverend Edward W. Desmond in September, 1938.

The parish membership had also outgrown the basement church, and Father Ryan's next project was the construction of the upper, and permanent church. Mr. Graham was called on again to design the building, and work on the church was begun in the fall of 1937 and completed by March, 1939.

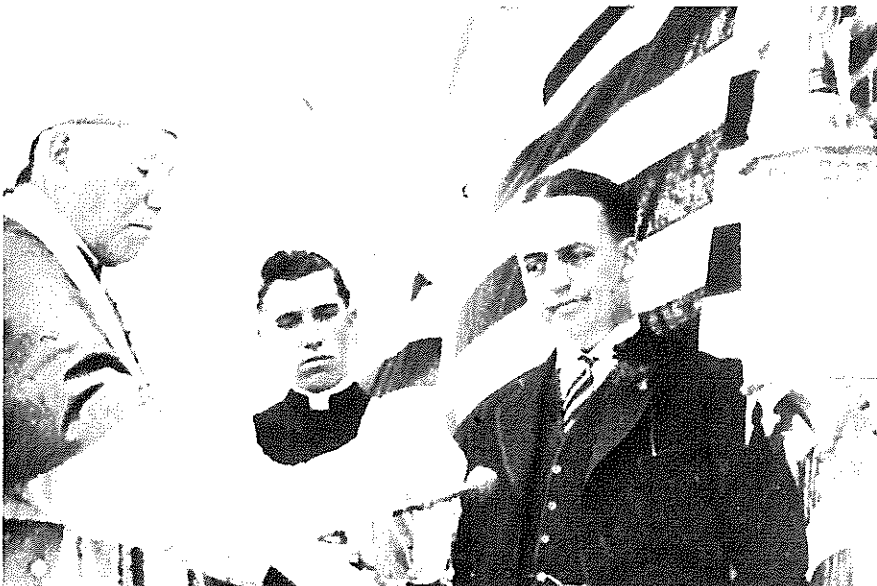
The church is of Romanesque architecture, and uses brick and stone as the major materials. The architect drew heavily on his studies and sketches of churches throughout Italy for his design of the West Roxbury church.

Impressive, is a broad frieze above the main entrance. It is surmounted by a bracketed stone cornice which encircles the church. This frieze has a series of seven niches with a life-size stone figure of a saint in each.

The interior of the church is square, with an unobstructed view of altars and sanctuaries. It has a vaulted ceiling which forms a Greek cross with the two barrel vaults intersecting at the center.

The dome of the main sanctuary apse — a replica of that in St. Clement's in Rome, with the carved Crucifixion in the center — is modelled in relief, forming a canopy for the Main Altar of old Convent Sienna marble.

The church was inaugurated with a concert Sunday evening March 11, 1939. It included a Boston Symphony Orchestra quintet. Francis J. Mahler, head organist of the parish, played and



Facing Page: Father "Mac" breaks ground April 12, 1929, for the basement-church of Holy Name Parish, assisted by Father Riley, at right, below. Left below, picture taken at the corner of Center and Church Streets looking towards the old Unitarian Church, and the present site of the church. On June 2, 1930, William Cardinal O'Connell presided at the cornerstone laying ceremonies of the new church

Giovanni Martinelli, Metropolitan Opera tenor, sang. Attendance was by paid ticket. The crowd overflowed the vestibule to the street. Solemn Benediction followed with Father Ryan officiating, assisted by Father Quigley and Father Bryson. Seminarian Joseph P. McNulty was master of ceremonies.

On the following day, the anniversary of the canonization of Saint Francis Xavier, the first Masses were held in the sacred structure. By fortunate coincidence, it was the day set for the coronation in Rome of the newly elected Pope, Pius XII. Three Solemn Masses were offered that morning: 7:30: Father Ryan, celebrant; Father Quigley, deacon; Father Bryson, subdeacon; 9:30: Father Riley, celebrant; Father Desmond, deacon; Father Quigley, subdeacon; 11:30: the Right Reverend Francis L. Phelan, D.D., Chancellor, celebrant; Father Quigley, deacon; Father Bryson, subdeacon; Father Riley, master of ceremonies.

The preacher at the third Mass was Monsignor Augustine F. Hickey, Ed.D., I.P.P., former Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese and at that time Pastor of St. Paul's Parish, Cambridge. The church was kept open all day for visits. Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 8:00 p.m. completed the celebration.

Father Ryan must have been touched to offer Mass below the multicolored mosaic of Christ crucified, reminiscent of the San Clemente Church in Rome where he had said his first Mass as a priest in 1905.

Father Ryan's personality, and his ability as spiritual leader and administrator of the parish, did not go unnoticed. On November 22, 1944, Pope Pius XII named the Holy Name pastor the Fifth Bishop of Burlington, a diocese that consisted of the State of Vermont. The diocese, created in 1893, included some ninety thousand Catholics. Characteristically, Father Ryan protested that at

Father "Mac" and the first male vested choir of Holy Name Parish, 1932



sixty-six years of age he was too old to take over as leader of the large diocese. His protest went unheard.

The then Archbishop of Boston, The Most Reverend Richard James Cushing, D.D. — and later, a cardinal — officiated at the consecration of Father Ryan as bishop. He was assisted by The Most Reverend Francis Joseph Spellman, D.D., Archbishop of New York, also destined to be a cardinal; and The Most Reverend Francis Patrick Keough, D.D., Bishop of Providence.

A dinner in the new bishop's honor was given him by his friends and the parishioners of Holy Name Parish on January 10, 1945 at the Copley-Plaza, Boston.

Bishop Lawrence J. Riley, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, has shared with us his impressions of Bishop Ryan for the Jubilee.

I first met Bishop Ryan, on the occasion of his visit to Rome, about 1939.

I later came to know Bishop Ryan, especially as a result of his frequent visits to the residence of the then Archbishop Cushing, while Bishop Ryan was the Ordinary of the Diocese of Burlington. He was a welcome visitor, for he had a very warm, cheerful and personable temperament. In manner he was paternal, mild and gentle, with a delightful sense of humor. He was a humble man, very kind, always refined and gentlemanly, never uncharitable in speech.

Bishop Ryan had a profound appreciation of the sublimity of the priesthood. While he was always dignified in demeanor, he was never pompous. He was a good conversationalist; if on occasion he might not agree with what was said, I never knew him to become argumentative.

He had been a close friend of Archbishop Cushing for many years, and was considerably older than the archbishop. Yet he was very deferential to his archbishop, and I never knew him to address him in any way save "Archbishop."

Bishop Ryan was a man of tremendous faith — a very simple faith but a very profound faith. He was characterized by maturity and prudence and wisdom and good judgment — the type of person to whom one could confidently go for advice. He was obviously a man of great intellectual talent and outstanding administrative ability. I would say that his approach, in his functioning as the leader of a diocese, was primarily pastoral rather than academic.

I always considered him to be "as solid as Gibraltar." There was nothing shallow or superficial in his makeup. His was a very manly piety. Many times I assisted at his Mass and I was always inspired by his reverence and respect, deriving obviously from a very fervent devotion to the Holy Eucharist.



The Most Reverend Edward F. Ryan, second pastor of Holy Name, above, was elevated to Bishop's rank in 1944. Here he celebrates his first pontifical Mass at Holy Name Church before assuming his duties as Bishop of Burlington Diocese, Vermont. Below, serving as deacon and sub-deacon at the Mass are the Reverend Thomas McNamara of Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston, and Reverend Edward W. Desmond of Holy Name



Monsignor Charles Alphonsus Finn, beloved third pastor of Holy Name, at the celebration in 1953 of his fiftieth anniversary as a priest



The Third Pastor

With two unusual and beloved men having served them as pastors, Holy Name parishioners wondered if their fortune would hold with the appointment of the third pastor. It did.

Their new spiritual leader and parish administrator as of January 31, 1945 was to be Monsignor Charles Alphonsus Finn. A seventh son in a Dedham family of thirteen children, Monsignor Finn was renowned throughout the clergy for his intellectual achievements and spiritual character.

He had won academic recognition at Boston College and the North American College in Rome, where he had acquired several medals at his ordination on June 6, 1903 – a year ahead of his class. He continued his studies for his doctorate in Theology at Urban College, Propaganda Fide.

During those student years in Rome, he was privileged – as a friend of the Pecci family – to serve as sub-deacon at the funeral of one of the most renowned of them, Pope Leo XII. He was also in attendance at the coronation of Pope St. Pius X.

He returned home in 1905, serving as curate in area churches until 1913. He became a teacher of seminarians in that year, and in 1921, a teacher of religion and biology to undergraduates at Emmanuel College. In 1926, Father Finn became rector of St. John's Seminary. That he was well-liked and respected by his students was attested to by the fact that they sought him out as their confessor.

Father Finn learned devotion to the Blessed Mother from his mother, and to the Holy Name, from his father who spent much time in the

development of his parish's Holy Name Society. It was doubtlessly from his parents that his byword came to be, "Words attract, example compels." And it was both his words and his example that earned him life-long affection from students, three of whom had gone on to elevation to bishop's rank, including Archbishop and then Cardinal Richard J. Cushing.

After seven years as rector, Father Finn became pastor of his first church in 1933. In 1937 he was transferred to the pastorate of St. Joseph's Church, Medford, where in 1939 he was named domestic prelate – a monsignor.

A Busy Era

The spiritual and communal life of the parish in the Finn pastorate – which spanned almost three decades from the late 1940's to the mid-1960's – was varied and dynamic. The post-World War II period was a time of prosperity and growth for Catholic parishes as well as for the country. It was a time, too, especially in the 1950's when America's cultural institutions promoted and supported family life. The theme of the period, stressed via the media, was "Togetherness." Better incomes and new leisure time added to an atmosphere that accented social activities.

Bringing parishioners together were youth programs, parish reunions, Holy Name Parades, Irish Nights, band concerts, newspaper drives for the Archbishop's charities, and weekly whist parties.

There were novenas, the introduction of the Christian Family Movement, the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Crusade, Liturgical Days, West Meets East

programs, and other projects designed to foster the spiritual growth of the parish family.

Special preachers were provided in the fall of the year for a series of nine sermons to enhance the weekly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Among them were Monsignor — later Bishop — Lawrence J. Riley and Monsignor Francis X. Meehan, a former parishioner.

The long established Family Communion service was regularly observed in January on the Feast of the Holy Family. Reverend Charles K. Von Euw, also a parishioner, gave a Family Holy Hour. The Christian Family Movement began with an inaugural group of seven couples.

Since 1947, Sunday High Masses were celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Beginning in February, 1948, the church bells rang the Angelus three times daily. That same month saw the completion of a new baptistry after fire had damaged that area of the upper church. Among other devotions practiced were the Rosary in May and October, veneration of the Infant of Prague, First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the traditional March novenas of St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph, and the perpetual novena services held three times each Wednesday.

The released time program for public school children, designed so they could receive catechetical instruction, involved four hundred boys and girls from the Longfellow, Mozart, Bates, and Lyndon schools. Priests, Sisters, seminarians and parishioners, including women from the Guild of the Holy Name, staffed the program.

Youth activities were well-organized, extensive, and flourishing. The Holy Name Athletic Association, founded in 1945, raised funds for the young people's programs. The list was impressive: altar boys, choir boys and girls, Junior Holy Name, Girls Sodality, Junior Catholic Daughters; Band beginners, juniors and seniors; Cubs, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Scouts. Girls and boys participated on all levels.

The first parish reunion since 1941 took place February 25, 1946, at the Copley-Plaza Hotel. The program featured a reception for the pastor, an hour of professional entertainment, bridge and whist in the foyer, and dancing in the Grand Ballroom.

One Holy Name Parade in that era brought out a hundred bands, seventy-three floats, and thousands of men who walked proudly through the streets of Boston.

Ordinations were held at Holy Name Church, which felt singularly honored as ordinations are

usually held in diocesan cathedrals. The first time the Sacrament of Holy Orders was celebrated at Holy Name was on August 10, 1944, when Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross was undergoing renovations.

Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, a former student of Monsignor Finn, was then serving as Administrator of the See before he was named to succeed Cardinal O'Connell. He chose Holy Name as the location for the ceremony. Among those ordained that day were two parishioners, James J. Daly and Charles A. McIsaac.

With large ordination classes in the 1950's, double ceremonies were planned, and Holy Name was often selected as the alternate site to the cathedral. Several First Solemn Masses were celebrated by parishioners who had received Holy Orders.

The parish reported one hundred and eighty-six thousand communicants in 1953. It shared in the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress in late Spring, 1956. During Holy Week, 1957, seven hundred and fifty teenagers made the Teen Mission at the church.

In 1959, the Holy Name Society held a New England Inter-Ritual Liturgical Exposition. Representatives of five rites of Eastern Catholic Churches — Melkite, Russian, Ukrainian, Byzantine, Maronite, and Armenian — took part. In commenting on the program in the parish bulletin, Reverend John Philbin, spiritual director of the Holy Name Society wrote, "There is not one kind of Faith for East, and another for the West . . . We are all one in Christ Jesus. This is why we are meeting at Holy Name to teach ourselves and our children that all men must be united in a common worship of the True God . . ."

At that time, Monsignor Finn received a letter from G. P. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenian Church, Rome, extending his best wishes and blessing on the occasion of the Exposition.

Youth Activities

There was a wide variety of interests to occupy the young people of the parish during the decade of the 1950's — an era now nostalgically heralded. Opportunities included membership in clubs for dramatics, debating, cooking, sewing, painting; the production of minstrel shows and choral performances; Friday and Saturday night



Monsignor Finn Hall and Holy Name School in the midst of Winter

socials. A Youth Committee and a Youth Council kept the young people well provided with outlets for their boundless energies.

The parish dances in those years were typical of the period. Good times were had by all despite a dress code that called for coats and ties for boys, and dresses for the girls — and the rules were strictly enforced by doorkeepers at the dances.

One young man showed up three successive weeks in peg pants, a frowned-upon fad of the day, and was turned away each time. The fourth week he eschewed his earlier bravado, wore a suit, and finally gained admittance. A young lady reported at the time. "I'd be ashamed to dance with a boy who wore extreme clothes or an odd haircut . . . I found that when we are dressed the neatest we are asked to dance the most."

A junior prom, sponsored by the Bernardines and the Youth Activities Committee featured an opening Grand March followed by such dances as the Mexican Hat Dance, Fox Trot, Jitterbug, Hokie Pokie, and Bunny Hop, with an occasional Waltz so dancers could catch their breath.

Another project in the 1950's was an essay contest in the Marian Year, 1954, with prizes amounting to more than two hundred dollars. The topic was, "Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Peace."

The School and Convent

On July 26, 1953, Archbishop Cushing presided at the laying of the cornerstone for the new school and convent. The buildings also included a parish hall. The complex was designed by Christopher M. Kehoe.

Mass was first offered in the convent chapel September 1st, five days after the Sisters had moved in. School opened September 10th, with two hundred and ninety-five pupils enrolled in six classes, grades one through three. Father William J. McLean directed the school, and Sister M. Florentine of the Sisters of St. Joseph was first principal and superior. The first graduation was held June 14, 1959, with a class of eighty-eight. Priest-directors of the school through the years were Fathers McLean, Jeremiah Collins, John J. Philbin, Charles E. Anadore, and Dennis T. Nason.

Stations of the Cross, carved in Oberammergau, were blessed and installed in the convent chapel on February 16, 1954. An addition to the school and convent was begun in April, 1962. Other events included the open house for the new library in 1966, and the first Science Fair, February 13 and 14, 1968.

The parish hall was the scene of a mammoth Mission Exhibit in 1965, on May 15th and 16th.

Solemn Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The Most Reverend Frederick Hall from Kenya preached the sermon, and music was provided by the Marist Sisters Choir. Representatives of thirty-five religious orders and congregations participated. The parish CFM couples, members of the Legion of Mary, and the Band, also took part in the weekend's program.

Monsignor Finn

At a time when most men in secular life are about three years into retirement, Monsignor Charles A. Finn became pastor of Holy Name Church, and presided over it during a very active period for the church locally, and a dynamic one for the Church on a world-wide scale.

In the Spring, 1953 parish bulletin announcing the celebration of Monsignor Finn's fifty years as a priest, the writer noted, "Since 1945, he has edified the people and priests of the parish by his zeal for the spiritual growth of the parish. His inspirational talks delivered with sincere emotion have won him large and attentive audiences. His concern for the sick and the bereaved, and his interest in the youth of the parish have been most outstanding. He has preached devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Blessed Virgin and the saints with the spirit of a crusader."

During that jubilee week there was an anniversary Mass, attended by Archbishop Cushing, who through the years was often on hand at celebrations honoring the parish or its pastor. With The Archbishop — appointed to the College of Cardinals in 1958 — were The Most Reverend Bishop Eric McKenzie, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, and The Most Reverend John Wright, Bishop of Worcester. All three prelates had been former students of Monsignor Finn's. On the Monday following the Mass, a parish reception was held June 1st at Moseley's Ballroom. Five days later, on the actual date of his ordination — June 6th — Monsignor Finn celebrated the occasion with the parish's children. He offered Mass at 8 a.m. A reception and entertainment followed at the Rialto Theater in Roslindale Square.

Monsignor Finn was honored beyond the parish borders when the new seminary chapel was named for him. In 1959 he was named Protonotary Apostolic and given the privilege of wearing miter

and ring on special occasions. For many years, Monsignor Finn was chairman of the Archdiocesan Sacramental Apostolate.

On June 16, 1963, the pastor celebrated his sixtieth anniversary. The parish bulletin called him, "A true shepherd of the people committed to his care." A message from Richard Cardinal Cushing referred to him as "the very, very best of all those I have known." President John F. Kennedy wrote, "I am extremely pleased to add my warmest congratulations and best wishes." An informal reception for Monsignor Finn was given in the parish hall by the parishioners.

Four years later, on the weekend of June 3rd and 4th, the parish celebrated a double anniversary — their pastor's ninetieth birthday and the church's fortieth anniversary. (The pastor's birthday would actually be on August 2nd, and the church's, on July 4th.) A concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving was held Saturday at noon with Monsignor Finn, principal celebrant. He was assisted by his younger brother, Monsignor Aloysius Finn, and his nephew, Reverend Joseph Bukay, joined by several curates who had served at Holy Name over the years.

An offertory procession symbolized aspects of the pastor's personal and parish spiritual life. Reverend Roger Brady carried the chalice as a sign of the priesthood. Frank Fairbairn, a seminarian — later ordained — carried the paten and host to represent students for the priesthood. Sister M. Irma presented the Scripture; Sister Helen Mary, the ciborium; and Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh offered the water and wine for the service in the name of the families and adults of the parish. Jan Oginiski and Mary Mullaney, as youth representatives, carried the Mass Missal and a rosary; Theodore Kordis and Colleen Doherty, representing the children, carried a CCD book, and a flower, respectively.

Twenty-five priests dined with the pastor in the rectory, following the Mass.

The following day, June 4th, a reception in the parish hall was held at 3 p.m. with an estimated seventy-five hundred parishioners and friends in attendance. There was an honor guard of two hundred and fifty children, representing the various parish organizations, with each group distinguished by colored streamers. A chair of honor in the hall was decorated with flags and flowers. An evening program at eight o'clock featured the "Young Bostonians" of Holy Name School and presentations by parish groups.



Reverend Monsignor Peter J. McDonough

In the program describing the occasion, Father Philbin wrote, "He is a delightful, charming and profound person. He is a good host, a Father to the Fathers, the center of discussions, and an example par excellence in his concern for 'his people'."

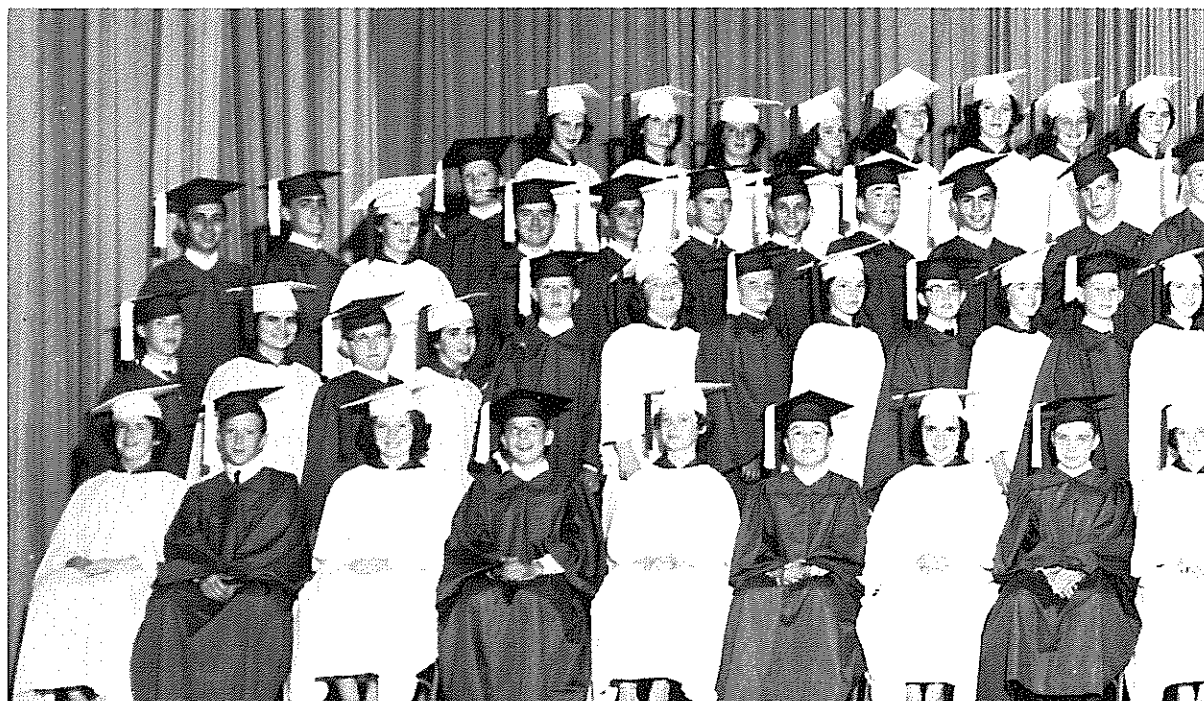
Monsignor Finn retired January 10, 1968, and moved to Regina Cleri, priests' retirement home in the west end of Boston.

A New Shepherd

The fourth pastor of Holy Name Parish, Right Reverend Peter J. McDonough, took office on the day of Monsignor Finn's retirement. Monsignor McDonough was not new to the parish. It was more of a homecoming for him. His family had resided in the parish. He was the first parishioner to be ordained a priest.

Monsignor McDonough was born April 18, 1903. His parents had emigrated from Ireland, where many members of their families had entered the religious life. He studied at Boston College and St. John's Seminary.

Holy Name School's first graduating class, 1959



Monsignor McDonough was in the seminary when his parents moved to that area of Roslindale later included in the boundaries for Holy Name Parish in 1927. Ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1928, the young priest said his First Solemn Mass at the Bellevue Theater, scene of the parish's services during its early days.

He served as a curate in churches in Brockton and Brookline, and in 1935 became assistant to the then Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archdiocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He became its director when Bishop Cushing was elevated to the rank of Archbishop in 1944. Monsignor McDonough became pastor in 1949 of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Swampscott, and was named domestic prelate in 1963.

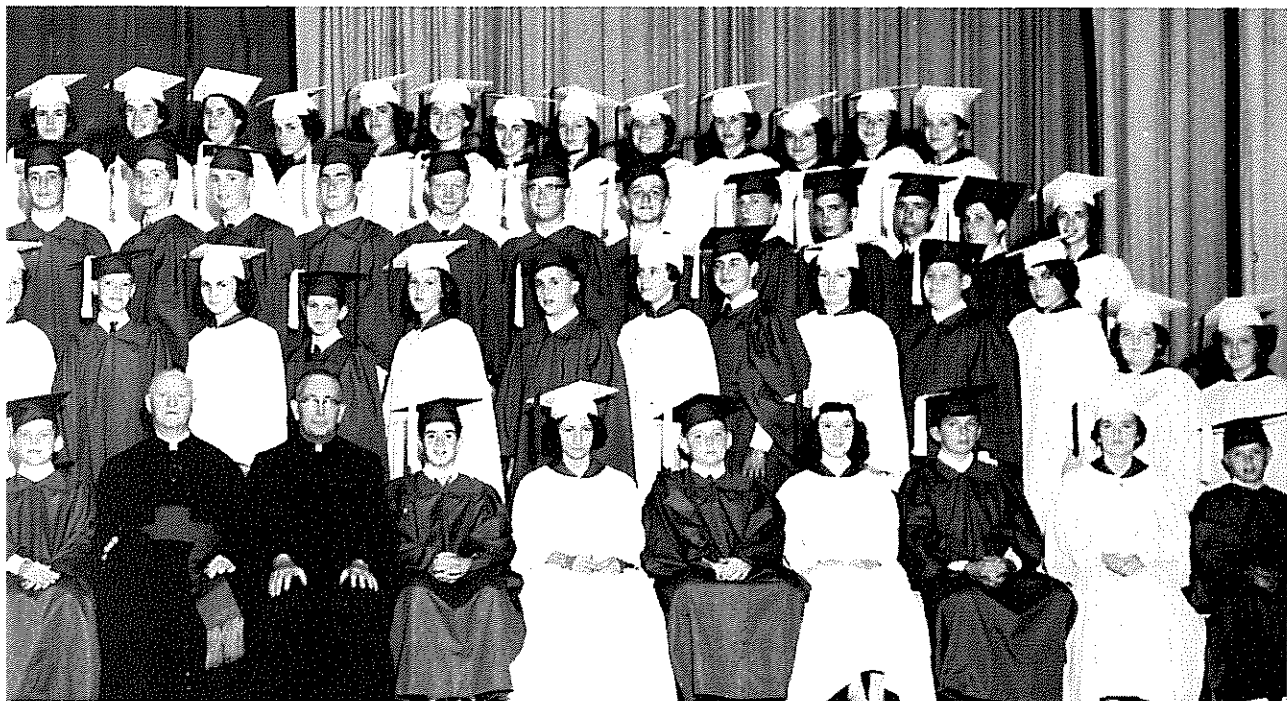
To Holy Name he brought his innate good taste and deep reverence for the sanctuary, the setting for the Mass. To meet financial needs, the pastor founded the Holy Name Men's Club. Funds from weekly Bingo games defrayed expenses for landscaping, church floral decorations, and extensive lighting installed around the school and church.

Monsignor McDonough died June 4, 1973. Humberto Cardinal Medeiros was principal celebrant at the Requiem Mass. Auxiliary Bishop Jeremiah Minihan was the eulogist.

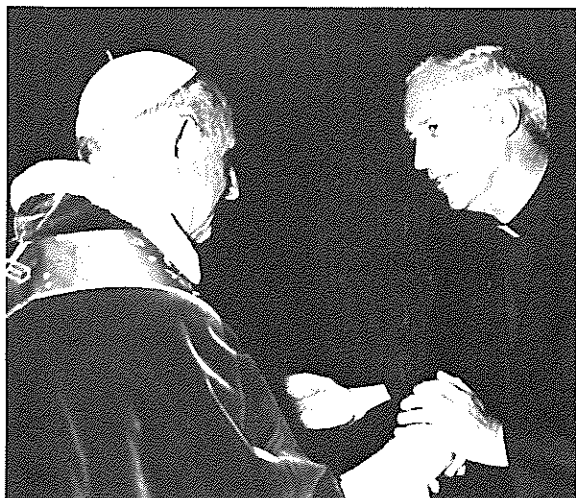
At the Twenty-Second Annual Concert of Holy Name Band, the program book had a memorial to Monsignor McDonough. In part it said, "at Monsignor McDonough's funeral, Cardinal Medeiros said, 'a singing priest is a happy priest.' We know that Monsignor McDonough had a great love for music as he would lead us in singing at the week-end masses. He was proud of the choir and equally proud of Holy Name Band. Four years ago, the band marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York. Monsignor often did the unexpected and on this occasion flew to New York, cheered the band as it went down Broadway and immediately headed back to the parish. His presence at rehearsals, competitions and concerts was proof of his support for the band. The night before he suffered a heart attack, he was seen on the school grounds watching the band practice the various marches. His conversation at the meals in the rectory often centered around the

"Gather my faithful ones before me"

— Psalms 49:5



The dome of the main sanctuary apse is a replica of that in the Basilica of San Clemente, Rome ▶



His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, greets Father Kenneth B. Murphy, our fifth pastor, at a private audience September 14, 1975 in the Vatican

band. We are confident that he has joined the heavenly choir and we are equally confident that he will be directing us this evening."

Our Present Pastor

Holy Name was again fortunate when the fifth pastor, Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy was named on July 24, 1973. A former parishioner, his parents — John Bernard and Mary Emily — had moved into Holy Name Parish when their son was about two years old. He made his First Holy Communion at Holy Name, and served as an altar boy there when Father "Mac" was the first pastor.

Father Murphy remembers receiving a dime from Father McNamara after serving as an altar boy at Mass — as long as the youth wore the prescribed white gloves. He was among the boys at the rectory who shouted to Father McNamara, "Is Father 'Mac'

Father Murphy welcomes Maurice Cardinal Otunga on a visit to the parish



coming out to play?" And the pastor usually answered, "No, I can't. My mother won't let me." But he would come out, anyway, and join the boys at the ball park.

The pastor has a long list of accomplishments that testify to his determination to fulfill his objective to serve others. Each morning, he repeats to himself,

Others, Lord; yes, others
Let this my motto be
Lord, help me to live for others
That I might live for Thee

On that long list is one that had priority — the founding of Rescue, Inc., Boston's suicide-prevention bureau. After being called in three times to talk to young men on the brink of committing suicide, and successfully dissuading them from it, Father Murphy realized the need for such an organization. With little training in his own background, he studied the problem, consulted psychiatrists, and eventually, Rescue, Inc. was established in 1959. It was located at Fire Department Headquarters, staffed by volunteers primarily, and on twenty-four hour call. At the rectory, Father Murphy had a special red "hot line" telephone, connecting it with Rescue, Inc.

An outgrowth of Rescue, Inc., was the Lifeline system in which lonely elderly people called each other every day. Father Murphy's various experiences in Rescue, Inc., were reported in a chapter in the book, "Night Pastors."

Among awards received in recognition of these achievements, the pastor has received the Brotherhood Award of Inter-Faith Council, Emerson College; Bostonian of the Year Award from the Unitarian Church, Boston; the Amvets Pilgrim Award for Rehabilitation. He was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Calvin Coolidge College, formerly Portia Law School, Boston; and in 1976, was recipient of the Boston College Presidential Bicentennial Award, the Rale Medallion.

The Rale Bicentennial Medal was presented to Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy, and stated, "For unique, innovative achievements in the guidance and counseling of youth, establishing programs in arts and crafts; for responding to previously neglected needs of the elderly for daily telephone links with caring people; and most particularly, for the pioneering of Rescue, Inc., offering day and night, year-round salvation for those tempted to suicide with such success as to merit interest around

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the nation and to encourage similar projects of response and intervention in time of crisis.”

Besides his prodigious work in the community, and as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, the pastor has found time to attend to parish matters, establishing innovative projects and arranging for needed repairs and maintenance of parish property and equipment.

The pastor introduced a Senior Citizens Program for the elderly in the community with offices of Catholic Charitable Bureau in the lower rectory; arranged for a weekly charismatic prayer service; strengthened the CCD program by naming a Coordinator for it; organized an Adult Discussion Club, new children’s choir, Home and School Association, Home-Mass Program, programs for youth, has kept active some forty-six organizations; and has attended to the routine administration of a large parish.

Father Murphy has several objectives. Among them are: to reach out and reconcile the alienated, to grow in faith and understanding, to seek constantly the answer to the question, “How can we love one another more so we may serve others better?”; and — as pastors everywhere — to balance the budget.



Sisters of St. Joseph, faculty at Holy Name, in 1968

The present religious faculty, Sisters of St. Joseph



Parish Statistics

Number of Families in the Parish	3800
Number of People in the Parish	14,000
Number of Pupils in Grammar School	Boys 387
	Girls 384
Number of Nuns	11
Number of Lay Teachers	16
Baptisms for 1976	105
Marriages for 1976	60
Deaths for 1976	125
Confirmations for 1976	159
First Communion for 1976	136
Number of Public School Students for CCD Classes	
Grades 1-8	807
High School	78
CCD Teachers -- Nuns	14
Lay Teachers	16

First Baptism -- July 6, 1927 --
Elizabeth Rose O'Donnell by
Reverend William P. McNamara

First Wedding -- August 4, 1927 --
Joseph J. Kelly and
Elizabeth Coughlin by
Reverend William P. McNamara

JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy, Pastor
Reverend Stephen Koen
Reverend Dennis T. Nason
James Sullivan, General Chairman
George Cruikshank, Co-chairman
Walter Barry, Co-chairman
Irene Roth, Secretary
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kierstead
Mary Clougherty



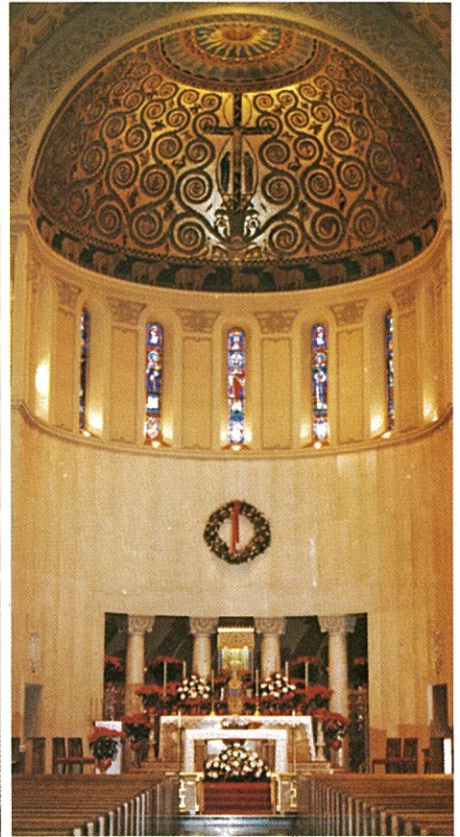
Mr. and Mrs. Gaetano Nocca celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this year. They were married at Holy Name on October 12, 1927

CURATES AT HOLY NAME PAST AND PRESENT

Reverend James E. Fahey	1927
Reverend Charles E. Riley	1927-1943
Reverend Charles H. Bryson	1927-1945
Reverend Joseph A. Quigley	1930-1941
Reverend John P. Leonard	1935-1938
Reverend Edward W. Desmond	1938-1946
Reverend John F. Moynihan	1941-1951
Reverend John E. Foley	1943-1952
Reverend Leo M. McCabe	1945-1949
Reverend John J. McManmon	1946-1952
Reverend Philip H. McGinty	1947
Reverend Bernard T. Rattigan	1948
Reverend John J. Burris	1948
Reverend Joseph J. Bukay	1949
Reverend Edward B. Flaherty	1949-1964
Reverend William J. McLean	1951-1964
Reverend John J. Philbin	1952-1967
Reverend Joseph L. Reilly	1952-1964
Reverend Peter A. Shakalis	1964-1967
Reverend Robert J. Boyle	1964-1968
Reverend Jeremiah J. Collins	1964-1966
Reverend Roger J. Brady	1966-1971
Reverend William F. Kenneally	1967-1971
Reverend Charles E. Anadore	1967-1972
Reverend Francis J. Duggan	1968
Reverend Paul W. Berube (in residence)	1968-1969
Reverend Robert J. Knapp (in residence)	1970-1971
Reverend Dennis T. Nason	1971-present
Reverend Thomas J. Noonan, S.S.J.	1971-1972
Reverend Paul A. Curtin, S.J.	1972-1973
Reverend Charles R. McGahey (in residence)	1972-present
Reverend Emilio S. Lobo (in residence)	1972-present
Reverend James F. Curtin	1973-1975
Reverend Thomas F. Casey	1973-1976
Reverend Stephen A. Koen II	1976-present

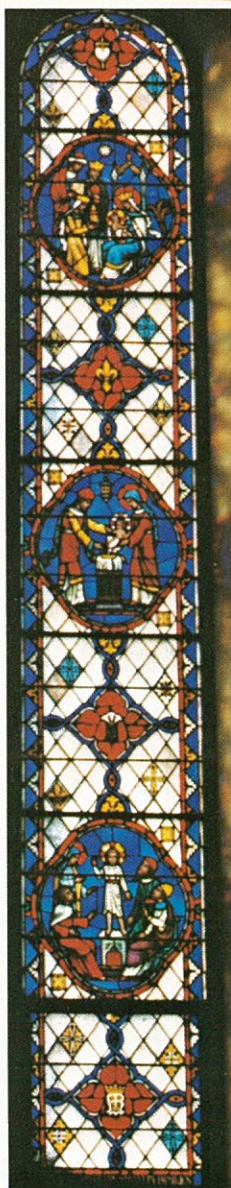
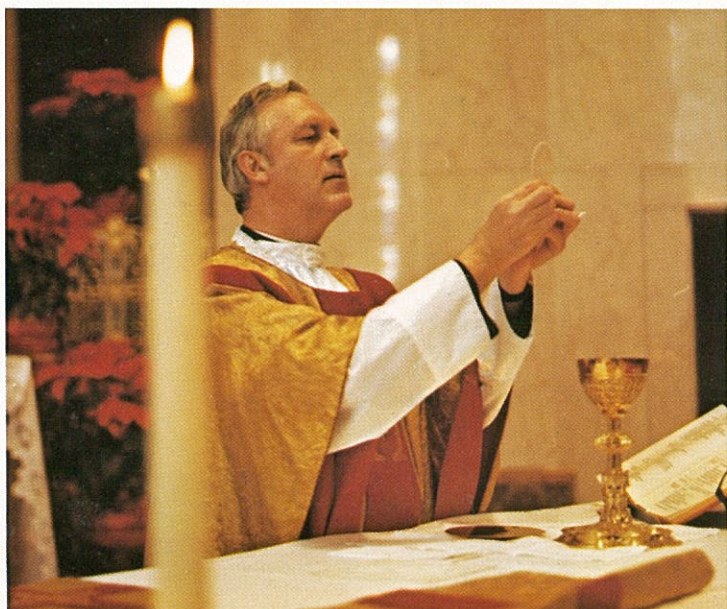
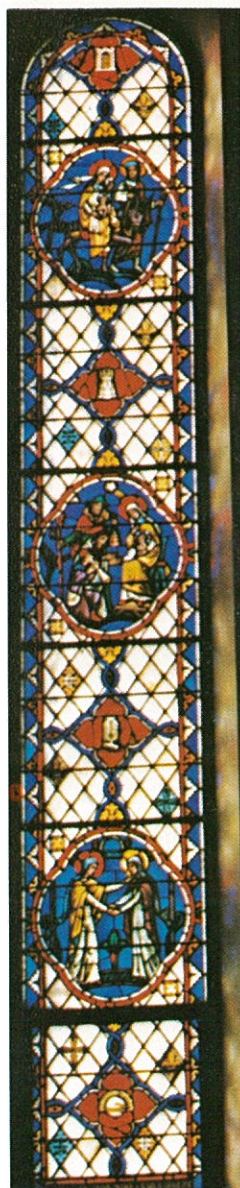
VISITING PRIESTS

Reverend Paul Barry, S.J.
Reverend James Barry, S.J.
Reverend Francis B. McManus, S.J.
Reverend Fintan McKiernan
Reverend Brian Brennan
Reverend Monsignor Joseph Alves
Reverend Monsignor Russell Novello
Reverend Arthur Kennedy



The rectory, decorated in nature's winter white, upper left, was completed in 1935. Features of the church interior include the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, center left, and the organ gallery, lower left, finished in carved oak. Our pastor, below, at the consecration of the wine and on facing page, of the bread. Our Christmas Nativity scene, above right, and the altar in the lower church, below right

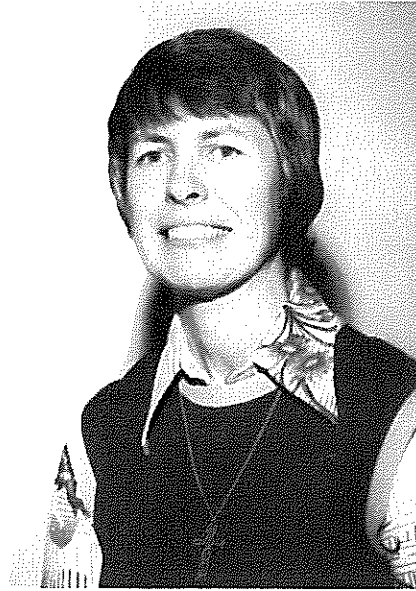




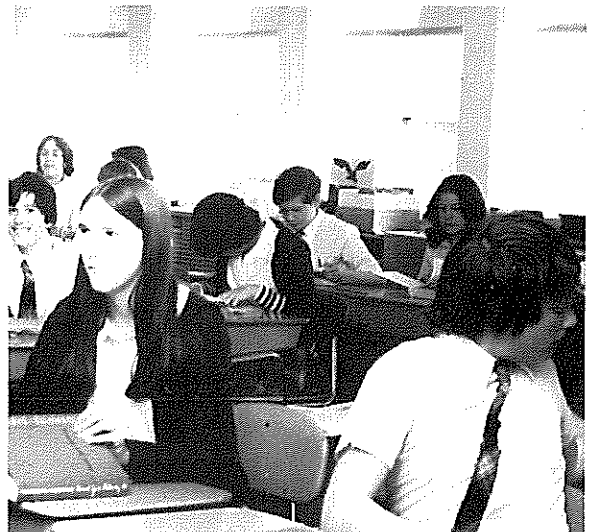
PAST AND PRESENT
LAY TEACHERS
AT HOLY NAME SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS

Sister M. Florentine
Sister Genevieve Marie, R.I.P.
Sister Helen Mary
Sister Ella Francis



*Miss Betsy Long, left, and
Sister Doris, vice-principal,
with our very young and
happy first graders*



*Sister Ella Francis, top, is principal of our school. Our present faculty is
shown in the middle picture. Below, Sister Thea and her eighth-grade students*



SISTERS

Sister M. Ada
 Sister M. Agatha
 Sister Agnes Mary
 Sister M. Alvenara
 Sister M. Alphonsa
 Sister M. Ambrosia
 Sister M. Ambrosette
 Sister M. Amata
 Sister M. Anna Loretto
 Sister M. Anna Magdalen
 Sister M. Angelus
 Sister Anne D'Arcy
 Sister Anne Therese
 Sister M. Antolina
 Sister M. Anna Michael
 Sister Barbara Keane
 Sister M. Barbara Marie
 Sister M. Breta
 Sister M. Camille
 Sister M. Conrad
 Sister M. Conan
 Sister M. Canice, R.I.P.
 Sister M. Charles Miriam
 Sister M. DeLourdes
 Sister M. Demetrius
 Sister Doris LeBlanc
 Sister Dorothea Kutz
 Sister M. Evelyn, R.I.P.
 Sister M. Elizabeth Clare
 Sister M. Elizabeth Patrice
 Sister M. Ethelina, R.I.P.
 Sister M. Edward Mary
 Sister M. Eulalia
 Sister M. Elizabeth Joseph
 Sister M. Francis Salvatore
 Sister M. Giles
 Sister M. Geraldine Marie
 Sister M. Giovanni
 Sister M. Gerlinda
 Sister Helen McCann
 Sister M. Huette
 Sister Irma
 Sister Karen Bobson (in residence)
 Sister M. Incarnata
 Sister M. Innocentius
 Sister M. John Baptist
 Sister M. Joanice
 Sister Joan Rea
 Sister Mary Joan Lofgren (in residence)
 Sister Joyce Barney
 Sister Kevin Marie
 Sister M. Laurita
 Sister Louisita
 Sister Lambert
 Sister M. Licinius
 Sister Marylou Cassidy
 Sister Marie Gerard
 Sister Maureen Christine
 Sister Maureen McDevitt
 Sister Margaret Gibbons
 Sister Margaret Urban
 Sister Marysita
 Sister Mary Delaney (in residence)
 Sister Mary Kelly
 Sister Mary McKeown
 Sister Marie Elise
 Sister Mark James
 Sister Marie Felice
 Sister Marie St. Jude
 Sister Nardine
 Sister M. Philemon (in residence)
 Sister M. Philip
 Sister M. Paul
 Sister M. Philip Neri
 Sister M. Paul Joseph
 Sister Patricia Underwood
 Sister M. Paul Margaret
 Sister M. Rita Joseph
 Sister M. Roderic
 Sister M. Raynald
 Sister Rita Marie (in residence)
 Sister M. Rosalba
 Sister Rosalie
 Sister Ruth Marie Little

Sister M. St. Agatha
 Sister M. Shawn
 Sister M. St. Hugh
 Sister M. Shawn Marie
 Sister Thea McCabe
 Sister M. Valerie
 Sister M. Xavier

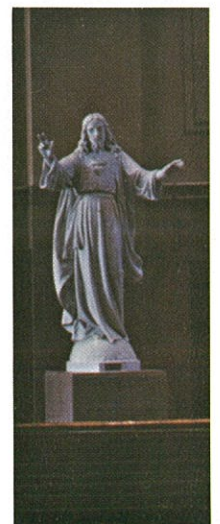
FORMER AND PRESENT LAY TEACHERS AT HOLY NAME SCHOOL

Ruth C. Moulds
 Mrs. Virginia A. Foley
 Mrs. McCarthy
 Miss Frances Nolan
 Mary T. Pennuto
 Mrs. Tynan
 Miss Michaelina Lentino
 Mrs. Donna Flavin
 Maureen B. Forde
 Kathleen E. Hanley
 Edward F. Granfield
 Miss Annette Goode
 Mary Ellen Rhodes
 Noreen Alice O'Leary
 Mary Ann Pennuto
 George Carpenter
 Mary Delaney
 Anne Patrice (Lolumieri) Tobin
 Patricia E. Collins
 Mrs. Jean (McIntyre) Dunn
 Kathleen Malloy
 Helen Corbett
 Melissa Robbins
 Janice Pollard
 Mary Haskins
 Polly Scott
 Antoinette Ames
 William Reynolds
 Elizabeth Long
 Catherine Tierney
 Eileen Walsh
 Jane Lindsey
 David Ruggles
 Carolyn Dwyer
 Steven Pender
 Mary Flynn
 Margaret Smith
 Fatima Muniain
 Joan Haskins
 Rita Connolly
 Patricia Sullivan
 Pauline DuWors
 Barbara O'Brien
 Jane Milano
 Ellen Fagone
 Eileen (Fitzgerald) Haffty
 Maryellen Burke
 Ellen Gunning
 Mary Kenney
 Frances Papparazzo
 Thomas Cahill
 Barbara Hill Tierney
 George Carpenter
 Annette Goode
 Janet Beggi
 Mrs. Devlin

Mrs. De Coste



The Main Altar, above, is of Old Convent Sienna marble. Its warm tones and simplicity of design accent the elaborately carved Tabernacle. The church, below, based on Italy's Romanesque architecture, was designed by E. T. P. Graham



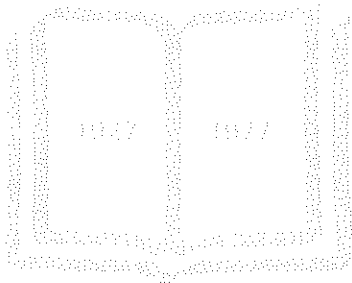
**COORDINATORS OF PARISH
CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE**

Mrs. Molly McGregor	1974-1976
Sister Rosemary Wrinn	1976-

HOLY NAME PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. Bea Amrhein	Mr. Donald MacDougald
Mr. Walter Barry	Mrs. Charlotte Mahoney
Mr. Bernard Byrnes	Mr. A. Leo Malley
Mrs. Betty Carey	Mrs. Rose McIntyre
Mr. Frank Conroy	Mrs. Angela McLaughlin
Mr. Michael Costello	Mr. Thomas Moccia
Mr. George Cruickshank	Mr. David Murphy
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Mr. John Keefe	Mr. David Von Euw
Mr. Paul Kilgarriff	Mrs. Mary Lou Von Euw
Mrs. Marilyn LaRosa	Sister Patricia Underwood
Mrs. Ann Londergan	Sister Amata

YOUTH MEMBERS:
Miss Patty Donovan
Mr. Joe Fitzgerald



HOLY NAME BAND

ORGANIZED DATES

1936 – Organized by Frank Mahler and Father Ryan – All Boys – thirty-five pieces
 1940 – Junior Band – Boys and Girls
 1942 – Senior Band – Boys and Girls
 1952 – Senior Band – reorganized by Father Philbin
 1955 – New Junior Band started by Father Philbin
 1958 – Dr. Artin Arslanian became new director due to death of Frank Mahler in 1957
 1962 – Fred Murray became new director
 1967 – Miss Anita Sullivan became new director until the present

BAND ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

1940 – CYO – Class II Champions – Senior
 1941-1945 – CYO – Class I Champions – Senior
 1946 – Trip to Quebec as reward for CYO victories – sponsored by Archbishop Cushing
 1946 – VFW Post Trophy Parade
 1948 – CYO Parade – Boston – 10,000 youths participating
 1953 – CYO – Class III – Senior Band
 1954 – CYO – Class II – Senior Band
 1955 – CYO – Class I – Senior Band
 1955 – CYO – Class III – Junior Band
 1956 – CYO – Class II – Junior Band
 1955 – Victory Trip – Seniors – New York and Washington
 1958 – Simplex Day – Gardner, Massachusetts – Parade – First Prize
 1959 – State Legion Convention – Three Awards – Senior Band
 First – 40 and 8 Parade
 First – Field Competition
 First – Outstanding Unit in Parade
 1962 – March 17th Parade – New York City – Senior Band
 1964 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1965 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 Plus – Commander’s Cup – Outstanding Musical Unit
 1966 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 Plus – Commander’s Cup – Outstanding Musical Unit
 1967 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1968 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1969 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1970 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1971 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1972 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band
 1973 – VFW – State Championship – Parade – Senior Band

CONCERTS

The Holy Name Band has presented numerous concerts at various places, including New England Mutual Hall, Boston Latin School, Holy Name Hall, and many government bases throughout New England

In 1949 and 1950, variety shows were presented at Roslindale High School

**MUSIC LEADERS AT HOLY NAME
PAST AND PRESENT**

ORGANISTS:

Francis Mahler	Margaret Lally
Mary Conway	Marie Danick
	John Schulte

MUSIC DIRECTORS:

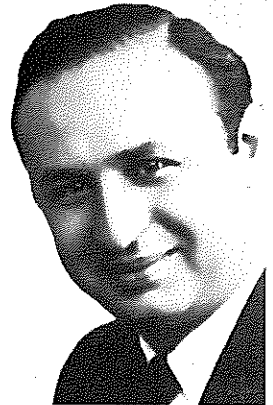
Francis Mahler
Francis Schulte
Violet Villani

SOLOISTS:

Francis Schulte
Luigi Vena
John Donnelly



*Francis Schulte
Music Director*



*Luigi Vena
Soloist*

Choir Director

Mr. Francis J. Schulte started his singing career as a boy soprano in South Dakota and made his radio debut with the Lawrence Welk band in Yankton, South Dakota on WNAX.

Entering into World War II he sang with Bob Hope and Jack Benny on many programs in the South Pacific. A veteran of two invasions in the Pacific, Frank came home and entered the New England Conservatory of Music as a voice major. He also studied choral and conducting at Tanglewood with Robert Shaw and entered the opera field under Boris Goldovsky.

His talents took him into concert, television and musical comedy fields, having his own television show on channel Four, "The Best of Broadway." He joined the "Show Toppers" at the Statler Hilton for four years. Auditioning for Richard Rogers brought him contracts for the "King and I," "Carousel" and "South Pacific" at Hyannis and Cohasset Musical Tents. He starred with Jack Albertson ("Chico and the Man") in "High Button Shoes" for three seasons, later joining the night club circuit which took him all over the United States and Bermuda.

His past experiences led him into his first love — chorale for children and adult choirs. He has been the Choir Director at Holy Name Parish for the past nine years.

Francis Mahler

Mr. Mahler had served as organist and musical director at Holy Name Parish for thirty years. He died December 3, 1957. The following September, a new crucifix — in his memory — was placed at St. Joseph Altar in the lower rectory.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Early in October, 1927, a group of men, parishioners of the newly established Holy Name Parish, West Roxbury, met with the pastor, Reverend William P. McNamara. They discussed plans for organizing a St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish. Encouraged by Father McNamara, the group met informally until January 1, 1928, when the Holy Name Conference was officially organized with twenty-four members.

FIRST OFFICERS

Spiritual Director	Reverend William P. McNamara
President	John F. Gately
Vice-President	Daniel S. Hickey
Secretary	Frank J. Finn
Treasurer	John M. Flynn

In October, 1934, Joseph R. Gillis, one of the charter members, became president and served until 1957. He was succeeded by Michael W. Mulligan, who has served until the present time.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Reverend Edward M. Flynn	Monsignor Charles A. Finn
Reverend Charles E. Riley	Monsignor Peter McDonough
	Reverend Kenneth B. Murphy

PRESENT OFFICERS (December, 1976)

President	Michael W. Mulligan
Vice-President	James J. Greeley
Secretary	Arthur L. Kennedy
Treasurer	Joseph F. Birmingham

(Mr. Birmingham has recently been appointed president of the Particular Council of Boston, St. Vincent de Paul)

PRESENT MEMBERS

Paul F. Gately	Francis L. Pearson
Bernard J. McNulty	William J. Walsh
William T. Miller (Charter Member)	Arthur Wood



The Holy Name Senior Band and Color Guard, 1952

The Guild of the Holy Name

The Guild of the Holy Name of the Holy Name Church was organized April, 1943, by Mrs. Patrick J. Osborne. It was admitted to the League of Catholic Women December, 1945. The club colors are maroon and gold. Their meeting is held the second Wednesday of every month. They held their first meetings in the old hall until the Monsignor Finn Hall was built. It was one of the first organizations to give an annual donation to the church and thus was an inspiration to all the other organizations. When president John F. Kennedy was running for the office of congressman he came to one of the monthly meetings as the guest speaker. The objective of guild is philanthropy and the promotion of friendliness among the members. The guild of the Holy Name has been in existence for thirty-three years.

Mrs. James Chichetto	1962-1963
Mrs. William J. Taylor	1963-1964
Mrs. Michael Massa	1964-1965
Mrs. Francis J. Stevenson	1965-1966
Mrs. John I. Barr	1966-1967
Mrs. John J. Reardon	1967-1968
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Mrs. John J. Gosling	1969-1970
Mrs. J. Frederick Marks	1970-1971
Mrs. Patrick A. McHugh	1971-1972
Mrs. William B. LeClair	1972-1973
Mrs. John J. Daley	1973-1974
Mrs. Paul A. Russo	1974-1975
Mrs. Robert E. Hayes	1975-1976
Miss Helen M. Kelley	1976-



The Bernardines

The Bernardines of the Holy Name Church is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. It was organized January 30, 1952, by Mrs. George Criss, Mrs. Kevin J. McCarty, Mrs. Warren Nagle, and Mrs. John X. Sullivan. The club colors are purple and white. Father Edward B. Flaherty wrote at one time: — “St. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1417) is the Patron of this organization. The Patron Saint is famed for popularizing devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this saintly Franciscan’s insistence, the Sacred Monogram IHS — the first three letters of the Greek word Jesus — became a familiar sight everywhere in 15th century Italy and, indeed, over the entire continent. How appropriate it is that, founded in Holy Name Parish, we call ourselves ‘Bernardines’ and take the sacred monogram IHS for our emblem. How fitting it is that our purpose

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Mrs. Patrick J. Osborne	1943-1944
Mrs. Thomas E. Child	1944-1945
Mrs. Edward M. McDonough	1945-1946
Mrs. Maurice H. Flanagan	1946-1947
Mrs. John J. Mulcahy	1947-1948
Mrs. David C. Buell	1948-1949
Mrs. Joseph M. Lane	1949-1950
Mrs. George A. May	1950-1951
Mrs. Daniel J. Falvey	1951-1952
Mrs. James F. Murphy	1952-1953
Mrs. J. Carroll McNeil	1953-1954
Mrs. William J. Beninghof	1954-1955
Mrs. Charles F. Von Euw	1955-1956
Mrs. Francis J. Von Euw	1956-1957
Mrs. William J. Walsh	1957-1958
Mrs. William O. Chase	1958-1959
Mrs. Patrick A. McHugh	1959-1960
Mrs. John I. Barr	1960-1961
Mrs. Joseph W. Menges	1961-1962

be to assist Holy Name Parish and thus make Jesus' Holy Name better known and loved."

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Mrs. John X. Sullivan	1952-1954
Mrs. Paul G. Callahan	1954-1955
Mrs. Thomas L. McDermott	1955-1956
Mrs. Madeline Brown	1956-1957
Mrs. Emil Maloof	1957-1958
Mrs. Charles Jannotta	1958-1959
Mrs. John H. Moran	1959-1960
Mrs. Joseph Anglin	1960-1961
Mrs. Leo F. O'Neill	1961-1962
Mrs. Raymond J. Pauley	1962-1963
Mrs. John C. Chipman	1963-1964
Mrs. Michael P. Puccia	1964-1965
Mrs. Robert Hayes	1965-1966
Mrs. Robert Kierstead	1966-1967
Mrs. David Kelly	1967-1968
Mrs. John Donovan	1968-1969
Mrs. Robert Tobin	1969-1970
Mrs. John Collins	1970-1971
Mrs. William Travers	1971-1972
Mrs. Edward Peak	1972-1973
Mrs. Harold Dolan	1973-1974
Mrs. John Kelly	1974-1975
Mrs. Mary Clougherty	1975-1976
Mrs. Francis McCarthy	1976-

Girl Scouts

In the early 1940's, two members of the Holy Name Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Frank Finn and James Milward, were visiting a family whose mother complained there was no Catholic Girl Scout troop. She disapproved of the current meeting place of the Girl Scouts.

At the next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Messrs. Finn and Milward presented the problem. Mr. Joseph Gillis, current president, appointed a committee of three: Frank Finn, James Milward and Michael Mulligan to resolve it.

The men went to the Girl Scout headquarters, then on Beacon Street. They were warmly received and well-briefed on how to start a new troop. The committee from the Society in turn brought back a capsule resume to the Holy Name Conference. It was unanimously voted to open registration.

About one hundred girls applied. The first two volunteer leaders were Mrs. Gertrude Gross and Miss Helen Kelley. To obtain more leaders, the Girl Scout headquarters suggested that the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Holy Name offer training scholarships. They did. The first to apply

were two Emmanuel girls, Eleanor Carroll Kearney and Mary Sprissler Wilkinson.

The plan worked so well that the men continued to offer scholarships for some time. One interesting note is that Messrs. Finn Milward and Mulligan were given carrying cards identifying them as "Life Members of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A."



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Our heartfelt thanks to our associates, Reverend Stephen A. Koen II, M.ED., and Reverend Dennis T. Nason, and our priests in residence, Reverend Charles R. McGahey and Reverend Emilio S. Lobo for all their many kindnesses. To our Jubilee Committee, our parish organizations and all our contributors, "God love you, as we do." ■