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## St. Vincent and Holy Rosary Parishes, Columbus 1875-1979

(Part 2 of 3, continued from Vol. XXXVIII, No. 9)

The parish originally encompassed the territory south of Broad Street and east of Wilson and Linwood Avenues (jogging at Main St.). The eastern boundary was the county line, nine miles to the east of the church. Catholics from the farming communities to the east came to Sunday Mass on the interurban cars. One Mass was scheduled at 8:45 a.m. because the interurban dropped them off at about 8:30.<sup>18</sup>

The southern boundary was debated for many years. When Corpus Christi Parish was established in 1922, Monsignor Weisinger of St. John the Evangelist Parish maintained that the southern boundary of Holy Rosary was Livingston Avenue and that the area from Livingston south to Columbus Street belonged to Corpus Christi. But Father Minder, first pastor of Corpus Christi, did not want that area. When the area was developed as the Driving Park neighborhood, the Catholics there "found they did not belong to any parish, though they could see Holy Rosary Church property." Bishop Hartley ordered that the children be admitted to Holy Rosary School. In 1932 when Father Frederick Burkhart became pastor of St. John the Evangelist he was determined that the area belong to his parish and apparently he was convincing, so the southern boundary of Holy Rosary was firmly fixed at Livingston Avenue.<sup>19</sup>

In 1923 the territory from Broad Street south to Bryden Road and east of Miller Avenue was removed from the parish, but the children there still

were allowed to attend Holy Rosary school.

In 1916 the parish had 1200 members and the school had 230 students. About 1918 a most successful financial enterprise made it possible to pay off the parish debt and left a substantial sum for improvements and the promotion of higher education.<sup>20</sup>

### High School

Father Howard in 1923 was named Bishop of Covington and was succeeded as pastor by Father



*Rev. John J. Murphy (1882-1960)*

John J. Murphy. Like Father Howard, Father Murphy was an educator and his first project, with the Sisters of St. Francis, was to start Holy Rosary High School. Holy Rosary was the fourth Catholic Parish High School in Columbus, following Sacred Heart for girls on the north side, St. Mary on the south side, and Holy Family on the west side. From the start the high school was intended to serve the entire Catholic population of the east side of Columbus. The first 23 freshmen entered in 1924, using space in the parish elementary school building.

Lots were purchased in 1921 and 1925 to extend the parish property west along Mound Street to Berkeley Road to serve as the site of the high school building.<sup>21</sup> Harvey Heistand, architect of the church, was again engaged to design the high school. D. W. McGrath and Sons were general contractors; Esswein Company had the plumbing, heating, and ventilating contract. Ground was broken on November 4, 1926. The high school provided classrooms, assembly hall, offices, and every convenience of the day. It was blessed by Bishop Hartley on Aug. 21, 1927, who afterwards delivered an impressive sermon in the church.<sup>22</sup> The first graduates were four boys and 16 girls, in 1928. That year the parish had educated 460 in the elementary school and 150 in the high school.

Rosary High was a great boon to the parish and to the diocese and the city. The good schools of the parish brought good people to the area. Graduates became priests and religious and professionals who reflected credit on themselves and their alma mater. Msgr. William Kappes attributed “the exceptionally high number of young parish men and women who chose lives as priests and nuns through the years to ‘the example of the priests (who served there), the excellence of the schools and the excellence of the families.’” “Father Murphy used to say (to parishioners), ‘Get in politics and professions.’ Many influential people were among Holy Rosary’s parishioners.”<sup>23</sup>

### General

By 1930 the parish had grown to 3,100 souls, with 552 students in the elementary school and 209 in the high school. In 1931 the territory east of Alum Creek and north of Main Street, with over a hundred households belonging to Holy Rosary, was assigned to the new St. Catharine of Siena Parish. But Holy Rosary’s eastern boundary between Main and Livingston remained the county line

In 1943 Holy Rosary still had over 400 families, over 2,000 souls. There were 22 Sisters of St. Francis, three or four diocesan priests, and seven



*Rosary High School, looking east from Berkeley Road.*

lay teachers in the schools. Elementary students numbered 552 and high school 405.

Parishioners who died in the Second World War (class at Holy Rosary HS) were: Edwin Bringardner Jr., Robert Burns (1939), Robert Connor (1936), William Curtis (1941), Paul Dunnick (1937), Francis Frey, William Hanley Jr. (1938), Leo C. Magee Jr. (1940), Forest Rhodes, Herbert C. Roth, Jerome Rush, Howard Schodorf, Robert Schorr, and Richard Shaw (1941). In addition, graduates of the high school belonging

to other parishes who made the supreme sacrifice for their country were John Kulp and Anthony Picenti (1935), Clement Grambling and Richard Rice (1938), and Ned Gatterdam (1941). Lt. Carl Lortz Jr. also died, after the close of the war.<sup>24</sup>

### **Post-War Activities**

By 1944 the parish had grown to 3,400 souls, with 434 elementary and 399 high school students. Bishop Ready established Christ the King Parish in January, 1946, which took off the geographically large portion of Holy Rosary lying east of Alum Creek, with about 150 families.

In December, 1945 women of the parish gathered to form the parish Council of Catholic Women, a unit of the Diocesan CCW which was being affiliated by the National CCW. The Holy Rosary Council proved to be one of the most flourishing in the diocese.

In that same post-war era the parish started the Rosary Athletic Association, with an initial meeting held on January 13, 1946. It was formed among the adult male members of the parish to support the children (the football, basketball, and baseball teams, mainly), not to raise funds but to develop "a good clean athletic program that will be attractive" to the children "and be given full and active support by all of us."

In 1950 a program of Eucharistic adoration was begun, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed



*Altar Society officers in 1955: Mrs. Martha Greenawald, Mrs. Walter Brenneman, and Mrs. Stephen B. Lougeman.*

from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. "The practice has proven quite popular, and has brought many great blessings."<sup>25</sup>

Parish organizations as of December, 1950 and their presidents at that time and for the 1951-52 year were: Holy Name Society (Joseph Fallon, Paul Ritchey), Parent Teacher Association (Eustacius Durbin, James L. Sullivan), Altar Society (Mrs. Roland Kunkler, Mrs. John Ferguson), Parish Council of Catholic Women (Mrs. Adrian Durant, Mrs. John Stattmiller), Athletic Association (James B. Hughes, James K. Long), and Catholic Youth Organization (Jacob Schirtzinger-1950). A parish St. Vincent de Paul Society had been formed by 1951, with John Stattmiller as president.<sup>26</sup>

In 1949 Father Murphy was given a year's leave of absence, which he spent in the Southwest in an attempt to restore his health. During that year the parish was administered by Rev. Harry Connelly. Father Murphy resigned in August, 1950 and Msgr. Herman E. Mattingly assumed the duties of pastor on Sept. 7, 1950.

### **Post-War Land and Building**

The Franciscan Sisters of the parish schools had continued to reside at St. Vincent's Orphanage and came to the parish each day. In January of 1950, on the day of the funeral of Thomas J. Duffy<sup>27</sup>, Bishop Ready asked Father Connelly to look into possible sites for a convent for the parish. It was

decided to place it on the parish property, east of the high school, facing Mound Street. Louis F. Karlsberger was selected as architect. The general contractor was Leo E. Ruisinger, Inc. The first floor included the chapel, a community room, music rooms, parlor, office, refectory, and kitchen. On the second and third floors were twenty-two cells for the Sisters, guest rooms, two offices, and a study room. Visits to the chapel could be made from a balcony next to the study room on the second floor. The building was provided with hot water heat, steel casement windows, and a tile roof. Ground was broken on January 22, 1952 and it was opened in January, 1953, with blessing and the first Mass in the chapel offered by Bishop Ready.<sup>28</sup> The parish borrowed \$75,000 from the diocese to build the convent.<sup>29</sup>

In July, 1952, work was begun on a new altar



*The renovated sanctuary of Holy Rosary Church*

arrangement for Holy Rosary sanctuary. This was under the direction of Mr. Hackert. The work, completed in September of that year, received the praise of visitors. "It continues Holy Rosary church as one of the most beautiful to be found."<sup>30</sup>

In June, 1955, two lots with houses at 1633-35 and 1641 E. Main, immediately west of the rectory, were purchased for \$43,500. The purchase money was borrowed from the diocese. The next lot and house to the west, at 1627 E. Main Street, was purchased by the parish in 1962, to prevent it from being converted to business use, which would have been a nuisance, with trucks going in and out. It was to be rented to provide income to the parish.

When in 1950 Bishop Ready had Father Connelly look into sites for the proposed convent, the parish had purchased lots on the northwest corner of Berkeley and Mound Streets, across

Berkeley from the high school, for about \$3,200. These were sold in September, 1961, for \$6,000.

(To be concluded)

#### NOTES

- 18) *The Columbus Dispatch*, Jan. 14, 1979.
- 19) Chancery File, Murphy to Ready, July 26, 1945 and Murphy to Ready, Feb. 7, 1946.
- 20) Hartley, Bishop James J., *The History of the Diocese of Columbus*, Vol. II, 1918-1943, pp. 27-29.
- 21) Franklin County Deed Records 706/434, 779/435, 800/162, and 818/118.
- 22) 1955 page 25.
- 23) *The Columbus Dispatch*, Jan. 14, 1979.
- 24) 1955, page 29.
- 25) 1955, page 30.
- 26) Catholic Record Society Document file (Documents brought to the Society by the late Msgr. Herman E. Mattingly)



*Holy Rosary Convent*

- 27) See the upcoming article in the December *Bulletin*.  
 28) Chancery File, Feb. 6, 1950, Connelly to Ready. 1955 page 30. *The East End News*, Apr. 27, 1951. *The Catholic Times* Feb. 1, 1952. *The Columbus Dispatch*, Jan. 14, 1979.  
 29) Chancery File, Jan., 1952.  
 30) 1955 page 30.

### **Saint Vincent Orphan Asylum and Parish Baptisms, 1875-1890**

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#### **1884, continued**

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| <p>May 11, Mary Jane, born Aug. 7, 1876, daughter of Franz Goetz; spon. Joseph Steck and Mary Borger.</p> <p>May 18, Ida, born June 29, 1875, daughter of Michael Winter and Elizabeth; spon. Albert and Gertrude Winter. [R]</p> <p>May 18, Wilhelmina, born Nov. 4, 1878, daughter of same; spon. same. [R]<br/>page 14</p> <p>Oct. 20, Mary Elizabeth, born Aug. 30, daughter of Thomas Miller and Rebecca Johnson; spon. Mrs. Margaret McCarty.</p> <p>Nov. 1, John Arthur, born Oct. 5, 1878, son of Daniel Evans and Dorothy; spon. Nicholas</p> | <p>Blaeser and Gertrude Miller. [R]</p> <p>Nov. 1, Gertrude Dorothy, born Dec. 24, 1880, daughter of same; sponsors not listed. [R]</p> <p>Dec. 10, William, born Aug. 10, son of Thomas Crowford and Jane Jacques; spon. Lydia Elizabeth Haviland.</p> <p>Dec. 21, Regina Gertrude, born Nov. 30, daughter of Thomas Knaedler and Caroline Engler; spon. John George Engler and Elizabeth Engler.<br/>page 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1885</b></p> <p>Feb. 8, Clara Maria Theresa, born Feb. 1, daughter of Joseph P. Miller and Ann Timmes; spon. Michael Oats and Gertrude Miller.</p> |
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Mar. 15, Martha Mary, born Aug. 30, 1884, daughter of Thomas Hennessey and Nora Taylor; spons. Francis Roche and Mary F. Miller.

May 31, William, born July 21, 1876, son of Wood Simpson and Lucy Rapp; spons. John G. and Mrs. Mary Reinhard. [R]

May 31, Rose, born Nov. 15, 1873, daughter of same; spons. John G. Reinhard and Mechtilda Reinhard. [R]

June 14, Henry Carter, age about 70 years; spons. [blank] Smith

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June 28, Caroline, born May 27, daughter of William Taylor and Catherine Rader; spons. Timothy Sullivan and Lola Ann Smith.

July 12, Paul John, born July 8, son of Fidelis Lambert and Elizabeth Jorde; spons. Paul and Catherine Eisele.

Aug. 9, Mary Catherine Isabel, born Aug. 1, daughter of Francis Meyer and Matilda Baumeister; spons. Charles and Catherine Baumeister of Lancaster.

Oct. 4, Susan, born Sept. 23, daughter of John J. Price and Adilia Josephine Larkin; spons. John Larkin and Mary Madison.

Nov. 29, Catherine, born Oct. 23, daughter of John Fraas and Catherine Ury; spons. Johanna Ury.

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Dec. 20, Mary, born Dec. 6, daughter of Joseph Zdrojewsk and Catherine Wosinak; spons. John Grojeza and Mrs. Ann O'Grady.

### 1886

Jan. 31, John Frederick, born Jan. 2, son of Joseph Schwartz and Mary Elizabeth Spahn; spons. Gottfried and Anna Maria Klingler.

Feb. 14, Elizabeth, born Sept. 6, 1879, daughter of Henry Rosenkranz and Margaret Kunkel, now wife of Albert Heymeier; spons. Caroline Bueckner.

Mar. 21, Charles Steiger, born Feb. 24, 1874, son of Caroline Krieshaber; Mrs. Steiger is Charles's foster-mother; spons. Charles and Mary Eng.

Apr. 18, Charles Edward, born March 22, son of Felix Schaefer and Elizabeth Hermann; spons. John and Ann Schaefer.

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Apr. 25, John Thomas, born Feb. 15, son of Thomas Francis Hennessey and Laurentia Taylor; spons. Joseph Shieser and Sarah Casey.

May 23, Peter Thomas, born May 9, son of Lawrence Wisnack and Mary; spons. Peter Leavy and Ann O'Grady.

May 30, Robert Henry, born Sept. 27, 1885, son of Charles Schnepf and Mary McMahan; spons. Dennis Casey and Catherine McMahan.

July 10, Francis Leo, born June 20, son of William Dupler and Margaret McGunigal; spons. Francis X. Fischer.

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July 13, Anacletus, born about July 11, name unknown, left outside the door of the orphan asylum; spons. Francis X. Fischer and Mary Nolan.

July 13, Mary Alma, born July 14 [?], daughter of Henry Wittmann and Bridget Mullen; spons. Henry A. Mullen and Grace Sentiball.

Aug. 8, Mary Josephine, born July 19, daughter of Edward W. Rusk and Virgilia Burkstresser; spons. Anna Maria Gehrling.

Aug. 14, Joseph Louis Noa, born Sept. 14, 1863, son of Frederick Krause and Jane Welner, former Lutheran; spons. Francis X. Fischer.

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Oct. 10, Sara Helen, born Sept. 10, daughter of Thomas Leavy and Elizabeth Brennan; spons. Sarah Casey.

Nov. 7, Frederick Alfred, born Oct. 23, son of Frederick Hueckel and Amelia Hettinger; spons. John Cassidy and Rose Schafer.

Nov. 7, John William, born Oct. 22, son of John McCarty and Margaret Miller; spons. John Joyce and Frances Joyce.

Dec. 19, James Thomas, born Dec. 10, son of Thomas Knadler and Caroline Engler; spons. George Engler and Josephine Williams.

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**1887**

- Jan. 1, Mary Edith, born Nov. 22, 1886, daughter of Michael Toole and Louise Phalen; spon. Francis X. Fischer and Ann Phalen.
- Feb. 20, Joseph, born Jan. 11, son of Fidelis Lambert and Elizabeth Jorde; spon. Joseph and Elizabeth Fleek.
- Feb. 27, Sarah Catherine, born Feb. 10, daughter of Michael Reilly and Mary Barrett; spon. Thomas Harcourt and Catherine Harcourt.
- Apr. 1, Peter Nothstine, convert; spon. Francis X. Fischer.
- Mar. 19, Lucy Frances Rapp (Simpson), convert; spon. Francis X. Fischer and Katherine McMullen.

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- Apr. 10, Julia Pauline, born Mar. 26, daughter of Charles Enz and Margaret Schwab; spon. Joseph Kolb and Julia Seibel.
- Apr. 17, Ann Loretta, born Apr. 10, daughter of Joseph Miller and Ann Timmis; spon. John C. Goldschmidt and Elizabeth Connell.
- Apr. 24, John Gregory, born Mar. 30, son of John Roy and Helen Rapp; spon. Henry Rapp and Anna Rapp.
- July 10, Helen Pauline, born June 25, daughter of John Price and Odilia J. Larkin; spon. Peter Nothstine and Mary Schott.

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- July 17, Thomas, born July 6, son of Thomas Miller and Elizabeth Johnson; spon. Michael and Mary Haviland.
- July 17, William (twin), son of same; spon. Richard and Cecilia Fanning.
- Aug. 21, William John, born Aug. 5, son of Michael Mahoney and Margaret Sheetz; spon. Matthew Sheetz and Katherine Sheetz.
- Sept. 18, Francis Ferdinand, born Aug. 18, son of Felix Schaefer and Elizabeth Hermann; spon. Herman Kissel and Epiphany Kissel.
- Nov. 13, Mary Frances, born Feb. 4, 1887, daughter of Francis X. Meyer and Matilda M. Baumeister; spon. Joseph P. Miller and Ann Miller.

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- Nov. 19, Elizabeth, born June 22, 1887, daughter of Joseph H. Morris and Mary Catherine Griffin; spon. John McMullen and Mary Hanlon.
- Nov. 19, Rudolph Earnest, born Mar. 18, 1886, son of Joseph Henry Morris and Mary Catherine Griffin; spon. John McMullen and Caroline Knadler.
- Nov. 19, Terence, born Oct. 8, 1882, son of Joseph H. Morris and Mary Catherine Griffin; spon. John McMullen and Agatha Williams.
- Dec. 25, Joseph, born Dec. 19, son of Joseph Troiwaski and Catherine Wozniak; spon. John and Juliana Stirn.
- Dec. 25, Ann Mary, born Dec. 9, daughter of John Then and Anna Maria Michel; spon. Louis and Mary Eberlein.

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- Dec. 25, Mary Matilda, born Sept. 6, daughter of Louis Eberlein and Mary Roth; spon. John and Mary Then.

**1888**

- Jan. 15, John, about three years old, son of William Saler and Zindy; spon. Joseph P. and Ann Miller. [R]
- Jan. 15, Rose, about five years old, daughter of William Saler and Zindy; spon. Henry A. and Loretta Reinhard. [R]
- Jan. 22, James David, about five years old, son of David Moffitt and Martha Johnson; spon. James and Catherine Clancy. [R]

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- Feb. 5, Elizabeth Barbara, born Jan. 18, daughter of Joseph Schwartz and Elizabeth Spahn; spon. Martin Walter and Anna Barbara Walter.
- Feb. 26, Ann Katherine, born Jan. 13, daughter of John Meinart and Mary Barbara Brand; spon. Matthew and Mary Friburger.
- Mar. 1, Elias Joseph, born July 24, 1877, son of Joseph Morris and Mary Griffin; spon. Francis X. Fischer.
- Mar. 1, Edward, born Nov. 2, 1878, son of Joseph Morris and Mary Griffin; spon. Francis X. Fischer.

Mar. 1, Ambrose, born Nov. 6, 1880, son of Joseph Morris and Mary Griffin; spon. Francis X. Fischer.

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Mar. 18, Anthony Charles, born Feb. 26, son of Anthony Keller and Rose Straub; spon. Magnus and Clara Belz.

Apr. 15, Ann Mary, born Apr. 7, daughter of Patrick Strapp and Ann Kennedy; spon. Michael Strapp and Mary Haviland.

Apr. 29, Henry Francis, born Mar. 28, 1886, son of John Farrell and Jane Baker; spon. Francis X. Fischer and Agatha Williams.

May 27, Hubert Joseph, born May 13, son of Albert Winter and Gertruce Schuetz; spon. Joseph and Mary Kaiser.

July 1, Ann Catherine, born June 22, daughter of Thomas Knadler and Caroline Engler; spon. John Engler and Caroline Engler.

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July 5, Frances, born June 26, daughter of Jacob Fischer and Agatha Butz; spon. Francis Fischer and Amalia Hueckel.

July 22, Joseph Thomas, born Mar. 20, son of Michael Walter and Helen Seely; spon. John McMullen and Charlotte Knadler.

(To be continued)



*Conor Welch, great-grandson of Columbus Fire Chief Edward Welch who was featured in our May issue, sent us this photograph of the Chief being carried on a stretcher after receiving the electrical shock while fighting the fire at St. Patrick's Church.*

*Robert Welch is walking beside the stretcher.*

### **Correction**

On page 149 in the July *Bulletin*, it was stated that Dominican Father Joseph Kelly's term as President of St. Joseph's College ran from 1858 to 1861. The correct term of office was 1856 to 1858.

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