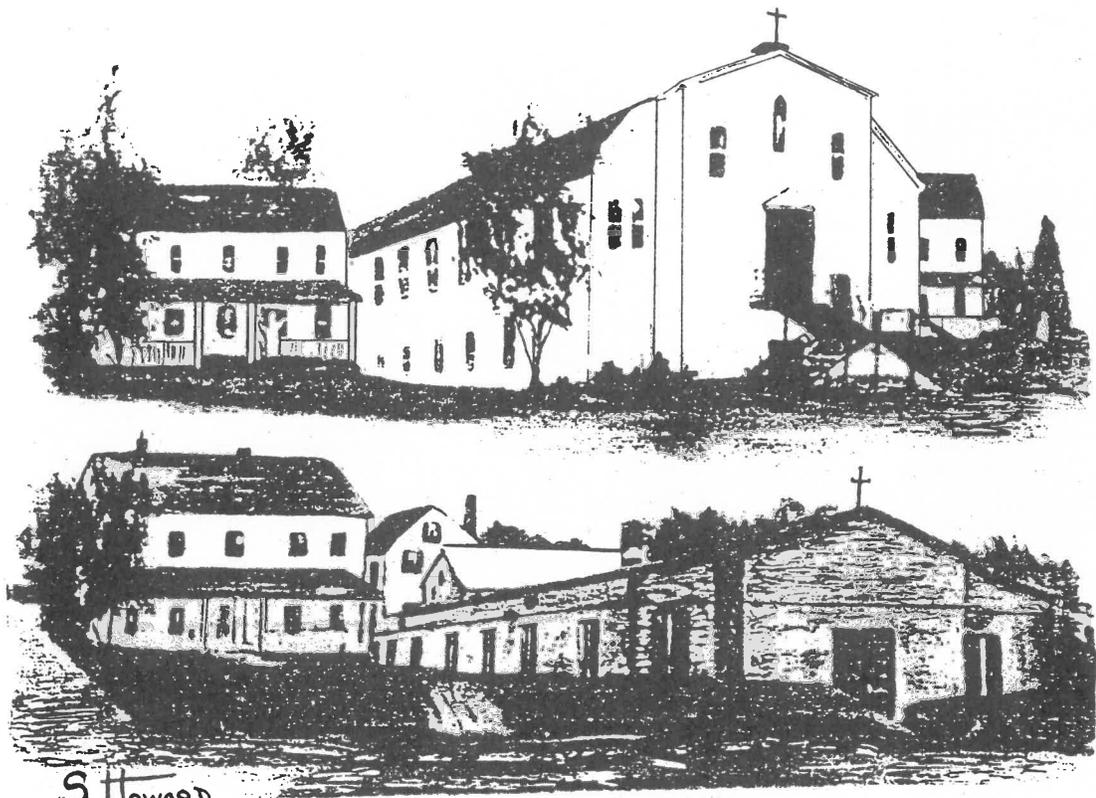


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September 3, 1985

To the members of St. Stanislaus Parish

*Blessed be The Holy and Undivided
Trinity now and for evermore. Amen.*

As we stop, even briefly, to celebrate the seventy five years that our parish has existed, our first thoughts are of thanksgiving to Almighty God for having established the Body of Christ in our midst. For over seventy five years His blessings have been poured out upon us in the ecclesiastical body, we call our parish. Having witnessed the celebration of over thirty thousand masses; of baptisms, marriages, funerals and confirmations in the thousands, our parish has indeed witnessed the presence of the True God among us.

But His presence is manifested in a special way through you, the parishioner. You have brought Him into your home, into your workplace, into your life. This is a parish family with Christ the true head of every home. This is a family parish where each member shares the joys and sorrows, successes and failures of every other member with true charity.

God will continue to bless us. It is His work we do and His blessings we envoke upon you on this Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Sincerely in Christ

Fr. William J. Guettette

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THE SEVENTYFIFTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE OF

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this happy occasion a parish family gathering, with their talents, suggestions, information, pictures and interest. We are also very grateful to the many who shared their many memories with us.

Last, but not least, a special thank you to the following who made this booklet possible;

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God bless you all and may St. Stanislaus Parish see it's hundredth year!

Merci-



BIOGRAPHY OF ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA

Stanislaus was born in 1550 of the noble Polish family of John Kastka, senator of Poland. His first elements of learning were at home with a private tutor for him and his brother Paul. At the age of fourteen he entered the college of the Jesuits in Vienna where everyone was struck by the devotion with which he lived and prayed. When he was not at school or church he would be found at his devotions or studies in his room. His tutor and his brother Paul treated his devotion and reserve with amusement. Eight months later the Emperor took the housing, which Ferdinand I had lent to the Jesuits, away from them and they took lodging in a Lutheran's home in the city.

After two years Stanislaus was taken ill and wished to receive viaticum; but the Lutheran landlord would not allow the Blessed Sacrament to be brought to his house. The boy in extreme affliction appealed to his patroness, St. Barbara. She appeared to him with two angels, who gave him the Sacred Host. He was cured by Our Lady herself, who asked him to enter the Society of Jesus. After his recovery he petitioned to be admitted, however, he had to flee from Vienna because his father opposed his plans. Without disturbance or trouble he applied himself to his duties.

At Rome, Stanislaus did humble tasks cheerfully at the Jesuit College where he met St. Peter Canisus. The summer heat was too much for St. Stanislaus and he knew he had not long to live.

Stanislaus died, as he had prayed to die, on August 15th, the feast of the Assumption, 1568, at the age of seventeen. He was canonized in 1726, and is venerated as a lesser patron of his native country. The Roman Martyrology, in referring to him truly says of St. Stanislaus Koatka that he "was made perfect in a short while and fulfilled many times by the angelic innocence of his life".

Ipswich, Mass.
Dec. 1, 1909

Monseigneur O'Connell
Archbishop of Boston

Monseigneur:

We French Canadians of Ipswich once again approach you today to ask for a French Canadian priest to form a separate parish. Today we are ready to receive a priest anytime to serve for the good of our souls. Today we can tell you we have a rectory all ready to receive a priest, also a church ready until we build a church and rectory, which will be in the near future, if we have the honor to have a french priest. We are confident that Mr. H.B. Brown agent of the stocking mills in Ipswich will give us time to build a church and rectory. All we are waiting for is a priest. We are sure that half the list of names below will attend the church and the others will come when the parish is formed. We hope it will not be long before you send us a priest.

We remain your children in Jesus Christ.

Here are the names of the committee appointed to receive the priest, when you send one.

Mr. Albert Poirier
Mr. Joseph Lemieux
Mr. Jean Batiste Brisbois
Mr. Emmanuell Gallant
Mr. Augustin Poirier

We, hereby certify that the following is a true and correct list of the heads of French Canadian families residing in Ipswich in the County of Essex and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the first day of December 1909 A.D.

Manuel Gallant
Jean Batiste Brisbois
Augustin Porier

Adilow Chounard
Mde Chouinard
William Belanger
Jean Duprè
Poleon Duval
P. Bliacler
Mde. Criaseur
Mde Malenfant
Mde Lelelan
Mde Lasonde
Welly Baraige
Joseph Beaulieu
Synbien Doiron
Jean P. Breton
Albert Joiner
Joseph Chouinard
Basticte Beaudrean
Iren Melanson
Nercisce Bourke
N.N. Bourke

Jean Comeau
Edie Robicheau
Mde Lineau
Joseph J. Martel
G. Babin
Domina Thereault
T. Boucher
Jean Batiste Markehaie
Samuel LeBlanc
Joseph Paneuf
Mde Marie Mornelt
Napoleon Daigle
Noel Landry
Alfred Dugay
Carmile Degerdin
Albert Poirier
Rahould Deauceau
Joseph Boudin
Thelephor Beaulieu
Pierre Adette
Joseph Deveau
Joseph Tlerui
Mde. LeBlanc
Mde. Warner

Adelor Lemieux
Batiste Jeadry
Joseph Plouf
Mde. Deschamps
Batise Surett
Arest Menton
Jan Miros
Joseph Dubè
Jean Beaulieu
Francoie Gallant
A. Mercorell
M. Murne
Jeremes Doucett
W. Girard
Joseph Kuest
Thudrel, Harie
Napolion Mercorelle
W. Mercorelle
Andre Poirier
A. Gerard
J. Roi
Z. Tougas
W. Boulais
Noel Baucher
A. Greary
Jan Batiste Sluret
Denis Doucett
A. Chanpleaux
Joseph Jenest
Sifrois Commeaux
Joseph Melanfaut
J.B. Chapeau
B. Chapeau
Jean B. Fanrein
Napolean Godoin
Mde. Marin
Amede Tougas
William Saf
H. Chapeau
V. Chapeau
A. Voredtt
Pierre Partier
Vital Duhut
M. Combres
W. Boraugé
O. Surelle
N. Boriarge
E. Dupius
T. Bernier
Joseph Boubeschous
F. Gedrey
Joseph Sedreg
Mde. Morroi
Mde Leunore
Frandia Gill

Jan Be. Roi
Jan B. Godett
Mde. Mourrin
Louis H. Dansereau
Alphi Jiguin
Ambrose Jegeun
Alfred Biron
Gorge Biron
W. Plaurde
Mde. Leblanc
L. Leclair
Jean Nalipeau
J.B. Thararahin
C. Boucher
Selertin Gedery
Gustave Peltier
Eugene Jolifeaux
Joseph Arsenault
Batiste Negenise
Batiste Jodoin
C. Biloveau
Mde. Chaput
Mde. C. Delia Godett
Joseph Deveau
Joseph Lemeaux
Mde. Moguin
Manuil Gallant
J. Batiste Brisbois
Damina Rathe
J. Baptiste Drapeau
Casemir Chetier
Achille Lemieux
Throflé Beauchin
Mde. J. Boulais
Joseph Godett
Rainaed Gallant
Ernest Drapeau
Jaenioi Gill
Joseph Gillmette
N. Warner
Edi Wallett
Joseph Beaulieu
Mde. Poirier
Jean Fayin
Ernest Lemay
Edward Martel

Father Stanislaus Vermette 1910-1914 1915-1926

At the turn of the century, many French-Canadians came to New England seeking employment in the factories. Quite a number came from the cotton mills in Salem to the hosiery mills in Ipswich. These joined the Irish parishioners of St. Joseph's Church. Their wish, however, was to have their own French parish where the practice of religion, in their native tongue, would be the stabilizing factor of their faith.

In 1909, Cardinal O'Connell answered a petition to this effect. He sent them a young curate of Canadian origin, from St. Joseph Parish, Salem to organize this small unit of Catholic worship. In 1912, a one-story church had been constructed on Washington Street. It was the beginning of St. Stanislaus Parish.

Father Vermette came to us with unusual gifts of personality and intelligence, nurtured by both his family background and a thorough training to the priesthood, in the tradition of the Canadian Seminary.

During his 17 years in Ipswich, Father Vermette, despite poor health, set up an active and growing parish and started a two-room parochial school. This functioned under the capable direction of Mrs. Marie Charest with two helpers from Salem. In 1925 the French Sisters of Ste Chretienne came to open a diocesan school.

Father Vermette's Sunday sermons revealed him an accomplished speaker in presenting the Catholic faith with clarity and dignity. He had taken it upon himself to prepare the children, at all levels for the reception of the sacraments. His Sunday afternoon classes were attended, not only by the children, but they became popular for adults as well. The parents occupied the rear pews from where they could listen to the question-and-answer method of the excellent teacher that was Father Vermette.

One of the great events was the visit of each family by Monsieur le Cure who usually spent a whole evening in each household. This was not only to take the census but an opportunity to exchange memories of the Mother-country, as well as to probe the attitudes of his people in their present environment. Father Vermette also made it a point to meet smaller groups. He would come in at the end of choir practices and it wasn't for the final 'Amen'. This was an occasion for pleasant talk in which emerged real feelings which then could be addressed by proper advice.

The parish grew in numbers with subjects so well-disposed that they reached beyond what first seemed possible: to build the upper church and keep the school in progress.

Having satisfied the yearnings of the pioneers from Canada, Father Vermette had built his church on the rock of conviction. It could be left to his followers to cultivate the seeds of faith. Even to this day, through many trying times, St. Stanislaus has become the choice even of many whose names are not French. It seems to qualify among those "family parishes" that remain in the tradition of the early Christians: Of one heart and mind: Acts 4,32

Father Vermette left Ipswich November, 1926 when he became Pastor of Sacred Heart in Brockton. Later he went to St. John the Baptist in Lynn and finally to St. Joseph in Salem where he died in 1944.

Father Henri O. Paré 1914-1915 1926-1937

The priest who took charge after Father Vermette was not a stranger to the parish; he had already taken the pastor's place during a leave of absence and at other times, had seconded him. Father Paré was very well versed in theology but he was not an orator nor a public man. His great asset was a sincere dedication to his duties as a priest in serving the people of St. Stanislaus. His great joy was the administration of the sacraments.

The parish was on a good financial basis when Fr. Paré took it over, but fund-raising was not his line. The collections diminished as did the number of parishioners.

When Father Paré left Ipswich, he was assigned to St. Joseph Juniorate in Tyngsboro. He died in 1941 at seventy-one years of age.

Father Antonio J. Vigeant 1937-1946

Father Vigeant had already been Assistant at St. Joseph's Salem; Sacred Heart, Amesbury; and St. John the Baptist in Lynn when he was assigned as Administrator at St. Stanislaus.

He proved to be a good administrator of the parish's interests and also capable in his own pursuits of gardening and poultry farming. In line with other oddities, his chickens were given shelter against the cold in the rectory attic, and no one would dare interfere: Father was protected by his bull dog!

In 1943 the parishioners celebrated Father Vigeant's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood. In January, 1946, he was named Pastor of St. Louis de France in Lowell. Two years later, he died at the age 57 of a heart attack.

Father Felix Tessier February to August, 1946

Father Tessier's stay in Ipswich was short. People noticed that he had a smile for everyone. Upon leaving Ipswich he was assigned to St. Aloysius Church in Newburyport, the previous assignment of our next pastor.

Father Armand P. Provost 1946-1968

Father Provost left his mark during his 22 years in Ipswich as a priest who could really be called "Father". His prime concern was the spiritual good of his flock that he led in traditional ways: long sermons, Sunday Vespers, daily May and October devotions with the rosary and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. He was constantly planning recreational facilities for the children. He had a skating rink built in back of the convent, with floodlights and proper supervision, where they could enjoy this sport in a safe environment. He also organized outings, especially for his altar boys.

Good Father Provost had unlimited confidence in the Sisters, not only as teachers, but as tailors: they could renew threadbare cassocks and repair altar linens and vestments. They could put up astonishing feast day decorations. He counted on their fund-raising abilities: selling chances, having food sales and putting on school plays three or four times a year. In these performances, he insisted that every pupil appear and have a "part" on stage. It was the best way to get the parents involved, he wisely explained.

In this atmosphere there grew a unique family spirit with Monsieur le Cure as the leader. His long sermons and multiple devotions lost him a few parishioners. When some of his friends warned him of this, he answered: "Nothing can stop me from saying what the Spirit inspires me to preach." He was never without an audience as the Sisters followed every service.

Father Provost never ceased to entertain many other projects: the enlargement of the convent; the addition of class-rooms, the embellishment of the grounds. What is surprising is that, despite the lack of funds, these projects were all carried out. The free labor of parishioners and even gifts from strangers were always the response to Father Provost's 'impossible dreams'. The Sisters who taught at St. Stanislaus during these years were witnesses to the miracles realized through the faith of this Pastor.

At the end of February, 1968, a fire broke out in the choir loft. Upon their return to the afternoon sessions, the Sisters noticed the smoke and called the

Fire Department. The children were evacuated and the flames were promptly showered down. Water came down along the walls to the class-rooms below, as a result of the fire. Father Provost had people come with pails and mops to control the damage, temporarily. He wanted to make sure Mass could be said in church the next day. The collection of fire insurance required that all be left as such. That is why repairs were delayed for almost three months.

On May 31st, a great calamity befell St. Stanislaus Parish. Father Provost had not been feeling well that week but he had said Mass on the 30th, with great effort. The following day, he became seriously ill and by evening, he was called to God. The news, having spread, many came with reverence and sorrow to see him away. It was a sad time, indeed. Three months passed before another Pastor was named.

In fact, Father Provost had been taken so abruptly that he could not be laid out nor have his funeral Mass celebrated in his own church; the scaffolding was still up for repairs of the February fire. Father Provost was waked at Bick & Curry Funeral Home and his Requiem Mass was sung at St. Joseph's Church. What Father Provost left as a legacy to his people was the example of his great faith in the promise of God to answer prayer.

During the two following months, the spiritual needs of the parish were well taken care of by the Curates of St. Joseph, Father Flynn and Father Edyvean. Sister Alice Paradis, who was teacher of Grade 8, tells us about the special concern of Father Edyvean for members of the graduating class. Father was and is still teaching at the Seminary in Brighton.

Father Gerard A. Dacier 1968-1971

Father Dacier had acquired a broad experience in parish administration during his 25 years of priesthood before he was asked to take over the parish of St. Stanislaus. Besides serving in a number of local parishes, he had given four years at Notre Dame des Victoires, St. Johnsbury, Vermont and four years in Mont Laurier, Canada.

It was in July 1968 that he assumed the pastorate of St. Stanislaus. His natural facility for making friends and his expertise in getting things done despite all obstacles, were put into immediate action.

The obstacles were many. Parish registration had dwindled to little over 100 families. The church building was in a sad state, with the scars of the recent fire still to be covered. The rectory needed a complete first-floor renovation before it could be occupied.

After a survey of the premises, Father's first concern was to have a fire-escape put up at the Convent for the safety of all the nuns whose bed-rooms were on the third floor. The class-rooms needed repairs and especially, a new furnace. These were no small expenses.

Where were the funds for such extensive needs? Thanks to FOSS - Friends of Saint Stanislaus - and the Parish Council that met with a decision-making Pastor, all these improvements were undertaken within the following three months. The parishioners were active and generous in all fund-raising activities. Sister Constance and Sister Rose were members of the Parish Council. They and their companions were very happy when a long-time dream became a reality: the dusty/muddy boys' playground was at last covered with hot-top!

Parish and school registration increased and not only by French-sounding names. Father D's parish became popular in town and pupils were registered, especially for kindergarten, from surrounding towns.

By the end of the school year, however, there were hard decisions to face. There was a lack of teaching Sisters and hiring lay teachers was beyond our means. Arrangements were made with Mr. Stella, Superintendent of Public Schools in Ipswich, for the proper integration of our pupils, grades 6-8 the coming September, 1968.

During the next two years, the upkeep and improvement of parish property were not neglected. In line with the dictates of Vatican II, the sanctuary was refreshed and the alter was turned to face the congregation. The church and the rectory were protected by vinyl covering, as more stable than paint.

In April of 1970, Father Dacier announced in church that St. Stanislaus School, Grades 1-5, was to close in June of that year. Sister Dorothy would continue teaching the kindergarten and her live-in companions would teach CCD classes and form community with her.

Vacation time that summer meant packing books and disposing of supplies in the grim task of closing the school. The class-rooms would be used for CCD classes on Sundays. Under "Summer Happenings" -1970, we find the following in the House Journal:

"Through the summer weeks, Father Dacier Provide the Sisters living at St. Stanislaus, whether residents or visitors, occasional 'Mystery Rides'; one to Lake Winnepesaukee, one to Lake Champlain, a couple to Rockport and to Pigeon Cove. These were days of relaxation amid the strenuous labor of school-closing."

-Sister Constance

Once, at least, Father Dacier's largesse brought him into the public eye. A winter outing to the Ice Capades: Fr. D., with a dozen Sisters in tow, caught the attention of the ticket agent at Boston Gardens: "he is a Prince - a Prince of the Church, Just like Cardinal Cushing", he exclaimed. We all agreed.

It was in April, 1972 that we found out that Father Dacier was to leave St. Stanislaus for a larger parish, St. Monica's in Methuen. Before accepting his nomination, he made sure of the best replacement possible by recommending Father John Jusseaume.

Father Dacier has remained a true friend of St. Stanislaus and the Sisters of Ste Chretienne.

May you enjoy many years of peaceful retirement in your new home: "Regina Cleri"... Father Dacier.

Father John E. Jusseaume 1971-1984

Father John was really an excellent choice to be Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish. He came with all his heart to serve, despite some misgivings about administration. Strangely, say the parishioners, he never asked for money, yet it came beyond all expectations.

During his five years as curate of St. Anne's, Casle-Hill, he became well-known to the Sisters of Ste Chretienne who taught school there as well as at Loring Villa where Father John said Mass every other week. They also saw him off to the missions of Peru, when in 1962, he became a member of the Society of St. James. After five years in Peru, he had to return for reasons of health. He was Assistant at St. Louis de France when he was sought out to be Pastor of St. Stanislaus.

Father John's warm personality soon won him the affection of his parishioners as well as the friendship of the townsfolk whom he greeted cordially. First, he followed up his CCD classes and he tried to make contact with every family. His fine memory served him well; he knew the names of every member after a first meeting. He kept the property in constant repairs and sought to make improvements. The kindergarten was carpeted and the Convent chapel renewed. In church, the sanctuary was opened by the removal of the altar rail. The baptismal font took its place to the left, facing the altar, while the tabernacle was placed on the confessional side. New vestments were procured and decorative banners appeared according to liturgical seasons. The sacristy was carpeted and painted. The second floor of the rectory was done over.

Father's life style was simple with all his time given to pastoral duties; this included menial tasks for the upkeep of the church and the hall. He was 'a man for all seasons', distributing lunches to the shut-ins, especially in bad weather.

Parish registration rose to some 280 families; out-siders came to be instructed in the faith by Father John. For a few years, he became a member of the marriage encounter team. It proved to be a fruitful ministry in many cases, frustrating in others.

Mrs. Theresa Jesseaume, Father John's beautiful mother, came to live in Ipswich the last two years of her life. With the three Sisters at the Convent, they formed a happy Community, especially at mealtime. Besides some outings to Maine, there were the seasonal walks on Crane's Beach in the evening, and then a mad dash across town to find an ice-cream place still open. We learned much about the practice of the 4th Commandment from the way Father John took care of his mother, especially during her fatal illness.

The faith of Theresa was the kind that moved mountains. Surely, Father John inherited that faith. It may have been at Father DiOrio's healing services that Brian Pelletetier stood up and was cured, yet who can tell how much prayer and faith-prodding on the part of Father John brought this to happen?

When the Sisters left in 1977, it was the end of the kindergarten, but not of Sister Dorothy. With the exception of one year, she has been coming to Ipswich to prepare her First Communion classes. This is her joy-filled task, highly appreciated by the Pastor and the parishioners of St. Stanislaus. When the convent became the Parish School House, Father John had the hall entirely renewed. The floor was raised, the ceiling dropped, the walls panelled and the rest-rooms manicured... With kitchen equipment, this was the ideal place for suppers, Beanos, parties and food sales. For two years, it was a Senior Citizens' dining room.

The church doors, no better than sieves in a storm, were replaced by beautiful sturdy new ones: a gift of Miss Florence Provost in memory of her brother, Father Armand. The new tabernacle has also been dedicated to his memory.

Besides many other improvements undertaken by Father John, like the aluminum covering of the former convent, there is to be mentioned his 'Swan Song' the planning and setting up of 36 stained-glass windows and the large (arched) one above the altar. This last window is Father John's own memorial to his parish. The others are all tributes of people who have loved their church and want to be remembered in the mysteries portrayed by the windows.

After 14 years of self-giving, and when everything was in good shape, Father John asked for his transfer, to be an assistant in a parish. This long-time wish was granted shortly after the arrival of Archbishop Law in Boston. At that time, Father John happily laid the task of Administrator on the broad shoulders of Father Guerrette.

Father John, you have served in this parish with a dedication that can never be forgotten. Your memorial, in stained glass above the altar, identifies you with the central figure, Christ, friend of all ages and in every walk of life.

Father William Guerrette 1984-present

Father Guerrette, welcome to St. Stanislaus, which you have already experienced as a Family Parish. Your support of the Parish Softball Team, the youth group Esprey and popularity at the Bingo games as well as your expertise in the kitchen, shows you to be an all around and popular pastor. If you continue your bent for turkey dinners and spaghetti suppers, with the help of Brother Bernie, the whole parish may very well become one big family.

The Sisters who knew you as their Chaplain at Loring Villa remember your concern for the little ones who were away from home on weekends and after school. You encouraged and sustained those who needed help. Your influence certainly built up our public image at a time we especially needed recognition. Thank you for those years spent with us, up the hill and down.... There is, in every priest, the gift of healing, as given to the first apostles. It is effective in the sacraments that bring cures of mind and heart. Sometimes, as a result of boundless faith, the power of healing becomes apparent in bodily cures. It happened at Loring Villa when one of the Sophomores was dying. Her classmates whose faith was anchored to your power at the altar gathered around you as you celebrated that special Mass for Sally's recovery. At that moment, she started a progressive cure that has allowed her to live a normal life. True, there were violations of hospital rules: just how many visitors could there be in one room at one time and how loud the party? But we had to celebrate for she who was near-death had returned to life!

Father Bill, you have come to a community that appreciates a person for what he is rather than for what he says. Sermons are easily forgotten, but a talk that starts with a story and terminates in a surprise, like opening the secret envelope you have been waving in your hand, that is exciting! It must be all over town: "He preaches with a spray can..." "What is he going to think of next week", is an adult reaction. Children are more trusting in the Spirit: "Father Bill is awesome!"

May we take this opportunity to welcome your mother and father. They also are part of St. Stanislaus Parish since their son, Bill, is the Pastor.

Honor your father and mother. Moses told us that, and so does every CCD teacher, but what the priest or the teacher does for his aging parents goes far beyond words in telling us what God wants us to do.

In previous assignments, Father, Chinatown and other areas, you went searching for the wayward and the weary. Here also you will find those who are waiting for you, for your words of comfort, for your healing.

Be happy, Father Bill, in this 'provincial' setting and never underestimate the prestige of Winston.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS FROM ST. STANISLAUS PARISH

- Sr. Marie Marguerite Beaulieu - Gray Nuns of Quebec (Estele Beaulieu) daughter of Joseph Beaulieu and Malvina Poirier.*
- Bro. Mark L. Gallant, M.S. son of Albert Gallant and Aldene Marcovelle.*
- Sr. Alma Marc-Aurele - Ste. Chretienne (SS Arsene) daughter of Napoleon Marcovelle and Vitaline Jodoin.*
- Sr. Theresa Marceau - Ste. Chretienne (SS Marie Charles) daughter of Charles Marceau and Laura Lemieux.*
- Sr. Angeline Martel - Ste. Chretienne (SS Marie Jacques) daughter of Raymond Martel and Stella Trudel.*
- Sr. Alice Paradis - Ste. Chretienne (SS Ursule) daughter of Emile Paradis and Ursule Gallant.*
- Sr. Diana Pelletier - Ste. Chretienne (SS Cecile Marie) daughter of Thomas Pelletier and Dianna LaPlante.*
- Sr. Rose Peletier - Ste. Chretienne (SS Agatha) daughter of Thomas Peletier and Dianna LaPlante.*
- Sr. Cordelia Poirier - Gray Nuns of Quebec (SS Alexis de Rome) daughter of Alexis Poirier and Sedea Dumas.*
- Sr. Ste. Christophe - Gray Nuns of Quebec (Adélaide Poirier) deceased, daughter of Alexis Poirier and Sedea Dumas.*
- Sr. Edna Poirier - C.N.D. (SS Marie Felician) daughter of Felician Poirier and Marie Arsenault.*
- Sr. Marie-Antoinette Poirier - Ste. Chretienne (SS RoseElla) daughter of Theodule Poirier and Antoinette Boucher.*
- Sr. Cecile Tougas J.M.J. deseased, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amede Tougas.*
- Sr. Jeane Tougas C.N.D. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amede Tougas.*
- Sr. St. Theresa - Sisters of the Precious Blood (Joanne Tremblay) daughter of John Tremblay and Blanche Martel.*

We are indeed proud of the members of our parish who have dedicated their life to the service of God in this special way.

OUR MISSIONARY

Brother Mark Gallant, M.S., a member of our parish, entered the Juniorate of La Salette after graduating from St. Joseph's High School in Salem. He pronounced his first vows in 1961 and made final vows in May, 1968. He was stationed at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Ipswich, working in the office, serving at the Sunday afternoon Processions and at one time, in charge of the aspirants to the brotherhood.

Brother Mark went to Altamont, N.Y. to prepare for his missionary work. Since his assignment was to be Madagascar and French is the official language there, he was given the opportunity of an intensive course in French at the Berlitz School in Boston. This topped off the basic training he had received at St. Stanislaus and he became a fluent Parisian linguist. When he left for his mission, it was exactly 50 years after the first missionaries of La Salette had started their services there in 1921.

Probably the most isolated years of his missionary life were on a large farm where the laborers were natives and he had only one companion part of the time. This project had to be abandoned and Brother Mark was sent to the Central House of the Missions at Morondava. There he became buyer and provider of the missions, no small task.

One summer he had the privilege to spend in France at La Salette where Our Lady first appeared. Brother has come back to Ipswich every few years for a visit. His next one will be in the spring of 1986, when he will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee in the religious life. We look forward to that, Brother Mark!

We at St. Stanislaus have been honored to have the Sisters of Ste. Chretienne, teaching in our school. These dedicated women have been most inspirational to our families, in the example they have set for us both spiritually and educationally. The profound effect they have had on our lives will always be remembered.

Thank you, Sisters! You will forever be in our prayers!

The following is a list of the sisters who were on the Ipswich Personnel list over the years;

Sisters living in;

Marlboro

Sr Yvonne Boucher (SS Bernard-Joseph)
Sr Anna (Zoe)
Sr Grace Joyal (SS Bonaventure)
Sr Florence Gaudette (SS Marie-Ernestine)
Sr Cecile Pomperleau (SS Edmond-Joseph)
Sr Marie Alda Leger (SS Rosalia)
Sr Constance Blais (SS Dieudonne)
Sr Ella Blais (SS Marie-Ernest)
Sr Anne Irene LaRue (SS Laura)
Sr Marie Laure Berube (SS Alfrede)
Sr Marie Angele (Lauretta LePage)
Sr Alice Paradis (SS Ursule)
Sr Mary Duncan (SS Patrick)
Sr Alma MarcAurele (SS Arsene)
Sr Emilia Begin (SS Gabriel Marie)
Sr Sandra Ramey
Sr Marie Therese Johnson (SS Jean Louis)
Sr Therese Lemieux (SS Albert Marie)
Sr Diana Pelletier (SS Cecile Marie)
Sr Gloria Cote (S Marie Lucille)
Sr Therese Baril (SS Joseph Arthur)

Salem

Sr Dorothy Lambert (SS Jean Theophile)

Lynn

Sr Ida Devoe
Sr Irene Ledoux (SS Germaine)

Wrentham

Sr Agnes Therrien (SS Laurent)
Sr Jeanne Larence
Sr Jeannette Perreault (S Marie Louise)

Rhode Island, Pawtucket

Sr Bertha Fortin (SS Omer)
Sr Louise Lemieux
Sr Angeline Martel (SS Marie Jacques)
Sr Dolores Gonthier (SS Marie Roland)

Maine, Rumford

Sr Rose Pelletier (SS Agathe de la Croix)

Canada, Alberta

Sr Lorraine Michaud (SS Marie Aime)

Canada, Quebec

Sr Cecile Goupil (SS Marie Alphonsine)
Sr Cecile Lecours (SS Rose Anna)

Africa

Sr Therese Ebacher (SS Jeanne de la Croix)
Sr Julie Tremblay (SS Robert)

God has seen fit to call to His eternal reward, some of the Sisters who have served faithfully in our parish. May he bestow upon them the many blessings they so richly deserve.

Mere Ste Antonine
Sr St Philonille
Sr Ste Louisa
Sr Ste Caroline
Sr Rosalia
Sr Theudosie
Mere St Arnould
Sr St Louis
Sr Ste Marie-Simon
Sr Martine
Mere Ste Georgie
Sr St Arsene-Joseph
Sr Marie-Joachim
Sr St Archille
Sr St Luc
Sr St Anne
Sr St Adelard-Joseph
Sr Ste Claudia
Sr Ste Irene
Sr Gloria Bernard (SS Louise-Eugenie)

The following Sisters of Marlboro are unable to attend the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of St. Stanislaus Parish: Sr. Yvonne Boucher, Sr. Grace, Sr. Anna, Sr. Florence Gaudette, Sr. Cecile Pomerlau, Sr. Marie-Alda, Sr. Anne-Irene, Sr. Sandra Ramey and Sr. Gloria Cote.

Sister Grace, (SS Bonaventure) who served in Ipswich for many years gave the best of her energy there. Her face lights up when Ipswich is mentioned. She can still name the twelve Gallants from the Albert & Aldene family in order of age, as well as many other pupils. She has the memories, and in her heart she still prays her life away for her former pupils.

Despite some of the hardships of teaching at St. Stanislaus such as double grades in a class-room; beaver-board walls; cement floors for many years, the Sisters who were there remember the friendliness of the people and their generosity in trying to keep the school. They have fond memories of working together for improvement in teaching and of enjoying some of the fruits of their labor: the bringing-up of faith oriented generations of children, during 43 years.
Le ciel en est le prix!

Memories

The first Sisters of Ste. Chretienne arrived in Ipswich August 12, 1925, at the invitation of Father Vermette. They formed a Community of five: Mere St. Antonine, the superior Sr. Philonille, Sr. Louisa and Sr. Caroline, teachers and Sr. Rosalia, cook. They gratefully took over the Convent which Father Vermette called: "Villa Tranquilla".

Despite some trying times because of illness, the Sisters were fond of their new home. Six of the nuns who came to Ipswich at some time were originally from France. When sickness or old age dictated their return to their homeland, they had tears of regret upon leaving their dear 'mission' - St. Stanislaus Parish.

From the Archives of Ste Chretienne - Sr. Alice Paradis

Sr. ST. Louis, an energetic teacher, taught the 7th and 8th grades as long as her health allowed her to do so.

Mere Ste Georgie was Superior in Ipswich for several years. An organizer and musician, she got along well with Fr. Provost, planning fund-raising activities and rehearsing plays. She died in Giffard after a prolonged illness.

Sister Arsene-Joseph (the 1st) an excellent teacher, was transferred to Loring Villa before her untimely death in 1950.

Sister Luc, Sr. Irene, Sr. Marie-Joachim and Sister Claudia were in our new House of Retreat in Marlboro when their turn came to go to the House of Our Father in heaven.

Sister Achille had been to several other posts when she died unexpectedly in Newport.

Sister Gloria Bernard who was known in Ipswich as Sr. Ste Louise-Eugenie had been in the missions of Alberta for 22 years when, on September 20, 1983, the Lord came to get her in her sleep. She had just returned from her vacation home, in Rumford, Me. and from visiting us in several convents. We almost expected that she would not return to Alberta since she was to be transferred from Garden River where she had been. She said herself: "I am going back, but I don't know why." The reason became evident when, three weeks later, she fell asleep forever at Garden River at age 52. She was to give the last supreme testimony of her love to the people she had served with all her heart.

The Chief of the Cree Indians of the district gave the eulogy and six months later, a new school was named in her honor.

It has been said about our school in Ipswich that it was sort of a preparation for the Ste Chretienne nuns who have gone to Alberta or Africa to spread the Gospel. It is true. Besides Sister Gloria Bernard who left directly from Ipswich to go to Alberta, there was Sr. Marie-Therese Ebacher who left from here for Djibouti, Africa. These Sisters carried with them the souvenir of the priests and people of St. Stanislaus who encouraged them in their missionary calling and who helped them in many ways.

Vive la Paroisse St. Stanislaus - Vive Ipswich!

NEW STEPS FOR THE CHURCH as told by Gaston Nadeau

The front steps of the church were in need of repair, due to age and decomposition of the concrete. Stanley (Poirier) and I heard about steps in North Beverly. We looked at them and they seemed about the right size. Then we got Fr. Provost and went back, took some measurements and got hold of the owner to find out what he wanted for them. He wanted fifteen hundred dollars and considering all the work necessary to disassemble move and reassemble, the project seemed tremendous.

On the way home Fr. Provost said that "if the Blessed Virgin and St. Stanislaus want the steps they had better raise the money, because I haven't got it."

About a year and a half or two passed when my brother Bob was working on the same estate. He saw the same steps and felt they would be ideal for St. Stanislaus. He called me one nite and told me we could buy them for two hundred dollars. Fr. Provost really liked those stairs, especially when we discovered they were made in France. He agreed to purchase them from Mr. Campbell, the owner of a North Beverly funeral parlor.

Shortly there after the steps were disassembled and transported to Ipswich. During the reassembly operation a state building inspector informed us that we could not hold any service in the church unless the steps were completely assembled. It was Christmas eve and we finished the steps in time for midnite mass.

The total cost to the parish was; two hundred dollars and a fee from the welder. All the disassembly, transportation and installation was provided by my brother Bob Nadeau, his men, Stanley and I.

DID YOU KNOW:

When Father Vermette arrived from Salem on February 8, 1910, the French Community in Ipswich were celebrating a wedding. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church on Mt. Pleasant Avenue and Father Vermette joined the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Albert Poirier and guest in a group picture.

According to the church records, when the church was enlarged in 1917, Governor Calvin Coolidge (later President of the U.S.) officiated at the dedication.

The beautiful hymn SAY A PRAYER was written by member of our parish Florence Plante Owsiak.

The Hayes Hotel was the host for many of St. Stanislaus Parish bean supper.

Do You Remember When:

Father Provost would have a young boy sing at midnite mass a solo of *Adeste Fidelis*.

A mass on a Sunday morning in the early sixties, when the smoke alarm went off. Everyone left and after the Ipswich Fire Department (in dress uniform) checked everything, the congregation returned to hear the rest of the mass.

Some of the soloist over the years at St. Stan's; Arthur Pelletier, Aurore (Beaulieu) Durand, Mary Jane (Lemieux) Brouillette, Margarite (Poirier) Pelletier, Marie (Benjamin) Whynock, Arthur Lemieux, Regina Mignault, Stanley Poirier and many others.

Xmas 1946 when Father Provost had a little chapel built and set on a truck. It was then wired for sound so the Children of Mary could go Christmas caroling to the various shut-ins of the parish.

A parish celebration of Mother's Day with a funny hat contest. Prizes went to Mrs. Manuel Gallant, who wore an arrangement of cabbage and carrots. Mrs. Tesphore Beaulieu who wore a lamp shade, and Mrs. Aldene Gallant who wore the most sensible hat.

The Children of Mary and Father Provost put on a minstrel show. Endmen were Doris (Arsenault) Boutin, Therese (Arsenault) Chase, Theresa (Gallant) Lavoie, Irene Belanger and Clare Morin.

The children in the school wore uniforms; girls a blue pleated skirt, white blouse and bow. Boys were dressed in blue pants, white shirt and necktie. Every grade had it's own color tie and everyone looked great.

The church was outlined with Christmas lights. Every year Father Provost had the eighth grade boys on ladders and ropes putting up a splendid display.

Christmas trees were sold on the front lawn of the convent.

Ipswich had French organizations like; *La Societe Des Artisans Canadiens-Francais*, *L'Union Saint-Jean_Baptiste D'Amerique* and *Societe De L' Assomption*.

The great mens choir of; Rene Rathe, Arthur Marc-Aurele, Stanislaus Poirier, Charles Marceau, Philip Bernard, Adelard Bernard, Albert Gallant, Robert Gallant, Omer Marc-Aurele, Arthur Pelletier, Arthur Lemieux, and others.

The Sisters made a kind of toffee called *St. Ann's Candy*.

Sister Anna Zoe was organist for the school children's choir.

Do You Know That:

Before 1912 the present rectory used to be at the corner of Washington and Mt. Pleasant Street... Ask Ethel Archer; she lived there.

On September 10, 1910, the Parish was named St. Stanislaus. This patron saint is represented by a statue in the niche, above the main door of the church. Take a good look - you'll see it.

From 1912 to 1922, the basement church was built, the upper church was added and completed and the mortgage paid in full under Father Vermette.

What became the Convent was first an apartment house. The Arsenaults, the Trudels and the Martels occupied it at some time.

The school really started in 1917. The first teachers were from Salem; Mrs. Marie Charest, Miss Virginia Gerard, Mrs. Antoinette Letourneau and Miss Alice LeClerc.

The Sisters of Ste. Chretienne arrived in August, 1925 and started teaching school September 8 with 93 pupils. In a few days the enrollment went over 100.

For Christmas, 1946, there was placed a chapel on the front lawn. It was brightly lit and contained speakers which amplified the season's hymns and carols from church.

Some locally famous hockey players, like Mark Boudreau and Ray St Pierre were trained on the Parish skating rink by Father Provost himself.

On February 19, 1975, the parish celebrated the 65th Anniversary of its foundation in the biggest snowstorm of the year. Eight priests concelebrated the Mass at church and then, over 300 guests and parishioners made their slippery way to Our Lady of LaSalette Hall on Topsfield Road, for the reception and buffet... Up and down the hill, no one got hurt.

Jacques Trudel has been an organist at St. Stanislaus for over 50 years.

Most of the stained glass windows that now adorn St. Stanislaus Church were designed by Sister Vincent de Paul, SND. She had designed the windows of St. Paul's Church in Hamilton, those of the Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro, as well as the three story high history of salvation portrayed in colored glass in the Chapel at Jeffrey's Neck. Her memory is honored by the Vincent de Paul gallery at Emmanuel College where she taught for twenty years.

Do You Know That:

FOSS - Friends of Saint Stanislaus School - started after a group of parishioners went to see Fr. Provost about raising funds to keep the school? Friends and the parents of children who attended school from outside the Parish formed a support group for fund-raising activities. FOSS lasted until the school closed in 1970.

The last time Father John performed the rite of Baptism before he left Ipswich, Archbishop Bernard Law (now Cardinal) just walked into church for a surprise visit? And were they surprised, all the Woods and Gallants who attended Jamie's baptism, when they found themselves shaking hands with Archbishop Law!

The basement church was completed March 1912. Permission to build the present upper church was granted August 27, 1917. The upper church was completed in October of 1918.

The Parish was named St. Stanislaus September 10, 1910. After the patron saint of the first Pastor.

*Some firsts according to Parish records;
Marriage - Calixte Portier and Milie LeBlanc,
Baptism - Joseph Stanislaus Picard,
Funeral - Jean Bastiste Brisbois, (one of the founders that signed the petition)*

The first year 6 out of 7 deaths were children 8 months old or younger.

December 7, 1923 the Parish received permission to purchase it's first electric organ for \$850. On December 24, 1923 it was installed just in time for midnite Mass. At that time there was only a men's choir. Masses were sung only in Latin. Some of the men were Joseph Beaulieu, Omer Marc-Aurele and many others.

At the end of the school year in 1922, Mrs. Marie Charest and Mrs. Antoinette Letourneau wanted to retire. Mrs. Malvinis (LeBlanc) Bass and Miss Lucia Vermette were hired. They taught for 2 years 1923 - 1925.

One of the first organists was Mrs. Stella Martel on the old pump organ. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary-Ann Hall, is still a soloist in the choir.

Mrs. Malvinia (LeBlanc) Bass filled in as organist for Mrs. Stella Martel, 1923-25. A few years later, Mrs. Lucia Trudel played for a girls choir. Diane (Pauline) Pelletier was an organist and her sister Rose directed, before they both joined the Sisters of Ste. Chretienne.

MEMORIES

of Sr. Constance Blais

To the dear Parishioners of St. Stanislaus, I wish to offer sincere Congratulations on the occasion of this joyous celebration. Experience teaches us that life is a mixture of joys and sorrows, and today is an occasion for JOY!

As a former Superior and Principal at St. Stanislaus, I cannot help looking back to the memorable date of June 19, 1970, the date on which we were obliged to close the doors of our school.... that was a sorrowful event to be sure! However, as I said to the Parents and Parishioners at that time in my last letter to them, this event was one which was beyond our control, and as hard as it was to say it, say it we must: GOD KNOWS BEST!

Thank you all again, dear friends for your wonderful cooperation over the years. I carry in my heart wonderful memories of my few years among you. God bless you all and may He keep you in His loving care.

MEMORIES

of Sr. Ella Blais

I often felt the presence of God in strange ways, which helped to increase my faith. Whenever a big project was undertaken, it seemed that God manifested His presence and His pleasure for what was being done for His little ones in thunder, lightning and rain. I always watched for these signs during a project and I was often rewarded.

We were blessed with many good teachers throughout the years, especially when the school was flourishing with grades K through 8 and had a registration of about 270 pupils. One of our boys, Brian Bently, won a four-year scholarship to St. John's Prep.

There were many amazing gifts:

-The leveling of the schoolyard and a hot-top pavement: a gift of \$10,000 in labor and materials.

-The realizing of one of Father Provost's dreams; a more stately entrance to the church. One day in December, the cement steps were blasted. For those few hours, the school was evacuated to St. Lawrence Hall where rehearsal was started for the Christmas play. Then, through the month, the slate steps and wrought-iron bannister were transported, piece by piece, from Beverly. The marvel was that all this was done by voluntary labor within three weeks, and was finished in time for Christmas, 1958.

-In May, 1959, more surprises! Two beautiful granite pedestals are installed, one in front of the rectory,

the other in front of the convent. All gratis! On May 30th, the statue of Our Lady of Grace is placed in guard of the convent and June 5, the Sacred

Heart statue dominates the lawn of the rectory. What

a joy to have these beautiful gifts adorn our property!

-The next big project was a three story extension to the convent: a large kindergarten class-room on the first floor, a Community room on the second floor and individual bed-rooms for the Sisters on the third. All this was made possible by gifts of our generous benefactors in labor and materials.

In my last year in Ipswich, the Sisters themselves surprised everyone by their own renovations. On February 16, 1964, they changed their "bonnets" for a more practical coiffe. It took a while for everyone to get use to the "new look", but soon that became "old hat", too.

My experiences in the class-room could really make a best seller. Many of my former students can recall that many of their pranks "back-fired" or went flat. They said I had the saints in heaven working for me, especially the Blessed Mother. Who knows... Maybe I did!

I have many memories to cherish and more people to love because of my seven years in Ipswich. May God shower you with his choicest blessings for all that you did for me while I was among you. You are in my daily prayers and I love you all, really!

Congratulations and best wishes on your 75th Anniversary!

MEMORIALS

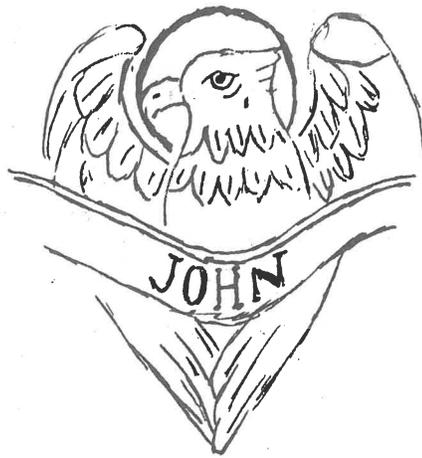
We are very fortunate to have some of the best looking stained glass windows around. These as well as numerous statues, altar furnishings and so many items have been donated by Parishoners and Friends of the parish. We would like to list all the items and tell everyone who they are in remembrance of, but time and space are not sufficient. But please, take a few minutes to appreciate them from the door, in memory of Fr. Provost with the entrance glass in memory of Geraldine Schwartz and on into the church...



THE RISEN CHRIST

Christ is the center of our church. He is depicted here, risen from the dead, never to suffer again. He shows us His hands and asks our belief. He protects us with His presence. He is the lover of families, the protector of children. We are His people.

IN HONOR OF
FR. JOHN E. JUSSEAUME



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Depicted by the eagle which soars above the earth and gives us a glimpse of heaven.

A LA MÉMOIRE DE
M. & MME. THÉODULE GALLANT
ET FAMILLE

CHRIST'S HAND

Christ giving Peter the keys to heaven which represent the authority of the Church.

A LA MÉMOIRE DE
RÉV. H. O. PARÉ



PASSION OF CHRIST

Crown of thorns and nails representing instruments used in Christ's death on the cross.

IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. JOSEPH MARCORELLE
& FAMILY

EASTER LAMB

The fields of green and new spring flowers with the Easter Lamb which represents Christ.

IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. OVILA WARNER





EASTER MORNING

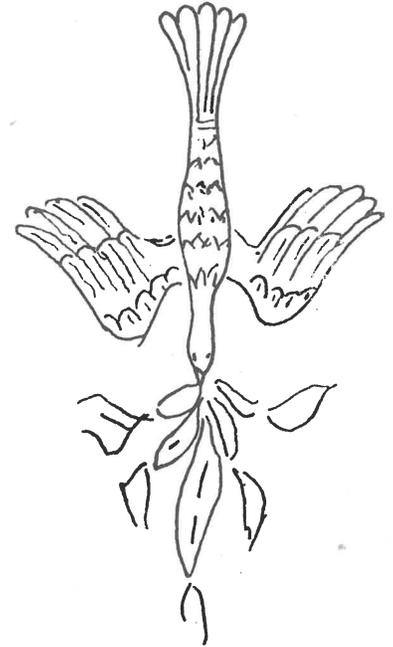
The sunrise, tells us when Mary went to the tomb in early morn to find that Christ had risen, which is depicted by the Easter Lilly.

IN MEMORY OF
A.M. & M.J. BROUILLETTE
& FAMILY

PENTECOST

The dove depicts the Holy Spirit bringing strength and courage to Christ's disciples in the form of tongues of fire.

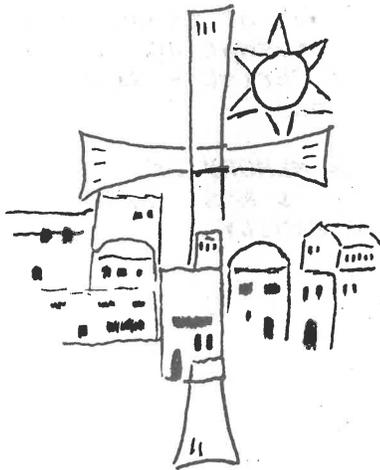
IN MEMORY OF
THE LEMIEUX & RICHARD
FAMILIES



HOLY CITY

This depicts the Holy City Jerusalem, which was the place of the life and death of Jesus.

A LA MÉMOIRE DE
M. & MME. EUCLIDE BEAULIEU



FOUNTAIN

The fountain is a symbol of purification. The birds represent the new spiritual life which is the sacrament of Baptism.

IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. N. JODOIN





THE HOLY TRINITY

YAHWEH from the Hebrew "I am who am". The three symbols are to remind us of The Holy Trinity.

WITH LOVE TO
ARTHUR J. & EMMA B.
LEMIEUX

THE EVANGELIST, ST. LUKE

The ox is the symbol of St. Luke because he begins his gospel with the birth of Christ in a stable.

A LA MÉMOIRE DE
JOHN LeBLANC ET FAMILLE



THE GLORY OF PALM SUNDAY

The palms depict the triumph of Christ on Palm Sunday when the crowds shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David".

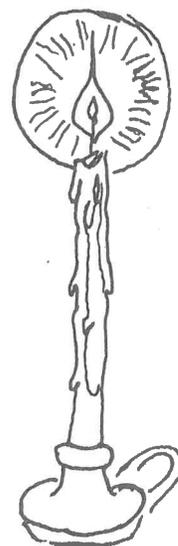
IN MEMORY OF
AMÉDÉE & MARGUERITE
TOUGAS & FAMILY



CANDLE

The candle light pierces the darkness to represent the Light of Christ which puts ignorance aside and brings in the knowledge of eternal life.

IN MEMORY OF
ABNER H. & ELIZABETH GRAY
& FAMILY





MUSIC SCROLL

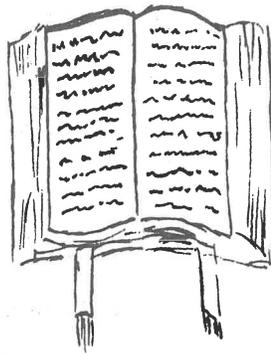
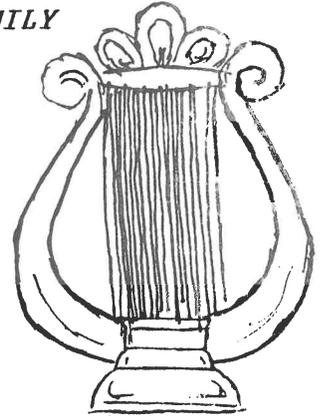
This window in the choir loft depicts the heavenly music that comes from our choir and organist to celebrate the beauty of our Liturgy.

IN MEMORY OF
THE DUGUAY FAMILY

THE LYRE

Like the instruments used by King David when he sang his psalms to God, the lyre represents the songs of the Church, in praising God.

A LA MÉMORIE DE
REV. ARMAND PROVOST
ET FAMILLE



BOOK OF LIFE

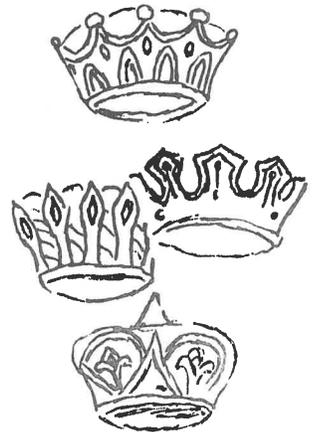
St. John in the Book of Revelation writes that the names of all the saints will be written in the Book of Life.

IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. GEORGE J. TOUGAS
& FAMILY

FOUR CROWNS

The Evangelists, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are described in the Book of Revelation as having been honored by God for having written for the world the good news of the Gospel.

IN MEMORY OF
LEONCE MARCHAND SR.
AND FAMILY





ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST

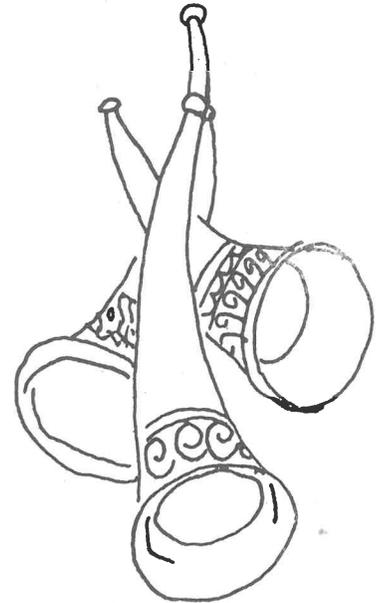
The window of St. Matthew is depicted with an angel because of the lofty theme of his gospel relating the life and works of Jesus.

IN MEMORY OF
THE BOUCHER FAMILY

THE TRUMPETS

St. Paul tells us that at the sound of the last trumpet we shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye. This will herald in the eternal heavenly kingdom with the second coming of Christ.

DON DE
M. & MME. ALEXIS POIRIER
ET FAMILLE



THE HOLY BOOK

The Alpha and Omega, the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, represent God, the beginning and the end.

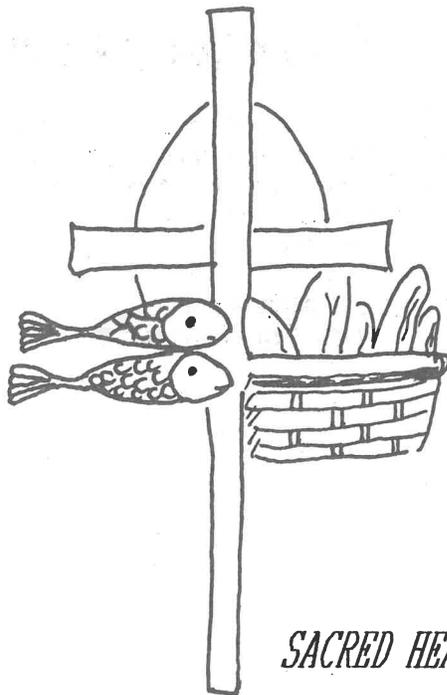
IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. THEODULE POIRIER
& ROBERT FINNEGAN

VERONICA'S TOWEL

Upon the towel of Veronica, Christ left His sorrowful image, to thank her for her kindness as He was on His way to Calvary.

IN MEMORY OF
ROBERT PORTER SMITH





BREAD & FISHES

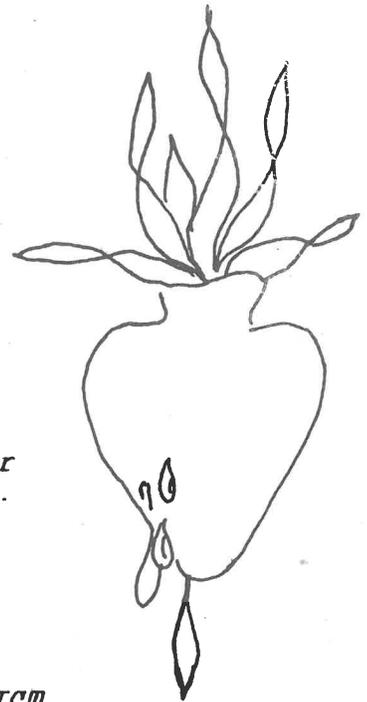
This depicts the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes by Christ who had pity on the crowd.

IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. MANUEL GALLANT
& FAMILY

SACRED HEART

The Heart of Christ is shown bleeding and aflame to represent the sacrifice and love that is the center of Christ's life within us.

IN MEMORY OF
EMILE MARCAURELLE
& FAMILY



HE
HEALED
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THE HEALING HAND OF CHRIST

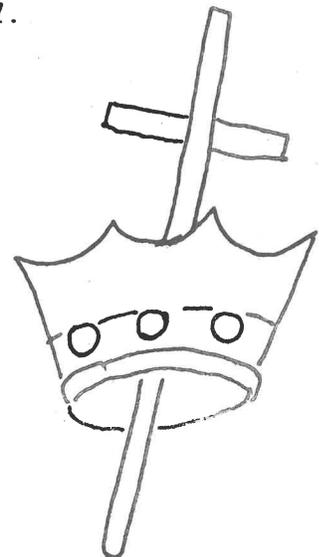
This window shows the hand of Christ, the Divine Physician, healing us from our infirmities both physical and spiritual.

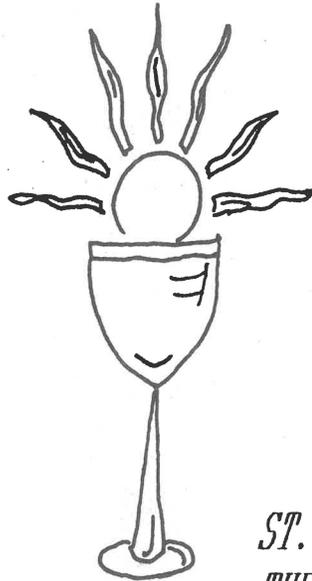
IN THANKSGIVING
THE BRIAN PELLETIER FAMILY

THE CROWN AND THE CROSS

The symbol of the cross appeared to Constantine, the Emperor, with the words "In this sign, you will conquer." The cross is our crown of glory.

IN MEMORY OF
ARTHUR & ESTHER GRANT





THE HOST AND THE CHALICE

These symbols represent the bread and wine transformed into The Holy Eucharist, our source of life in this world and in the next. They depict for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

A LA MÉMOIRE DE
REV. STANISLAS VERMETTE
FOUNDER

ST. MARK, THE EVANGELIST

St. Mark, one of the evangelists, is represented by the lion because his gospel is fearless in the teaching of Christ.



IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT & CLAUDIA
POIRIER MORIN

THE PASCAL LAMB

Again, the joy of Easter is remembered in the triumph of the Pascal Lamb, Christ, over the ignominin of the cross. On a field of green, this window shows hope in the new spring of the Church.

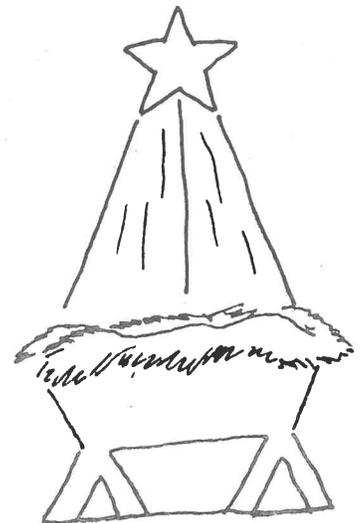
IN MEMORY OF
MR & MRS WILLIE THIBODEAU



THE CHRISTMAS STAR

The birth of Jesus is the joyous event depicted in the symbols of the heavenly star, on a dark blue of a nite, sky hovering over the manger.

GIFT OF
ERNEST & CLAIRE WOODWORTH



GRAPES AND THE WHEAT

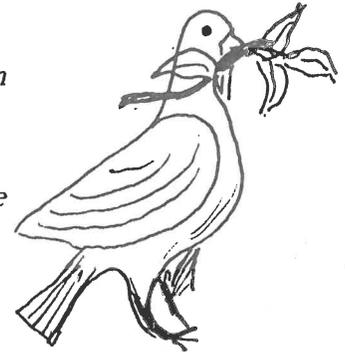
These are the traditional symbols of the Eucharist. As Jesus took bread and wine and consecrated them into His body and blood.

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN & THERESA JESSEAUME



THE DOVE OF PEACE

After Noah had been on the waters for forty days and nights, he sent out a dove which returned with an olive branch representing God's forgiveness in that the floods had receded.



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RITA M. R. LAVOIE

THE RAINBOW OF LIFE

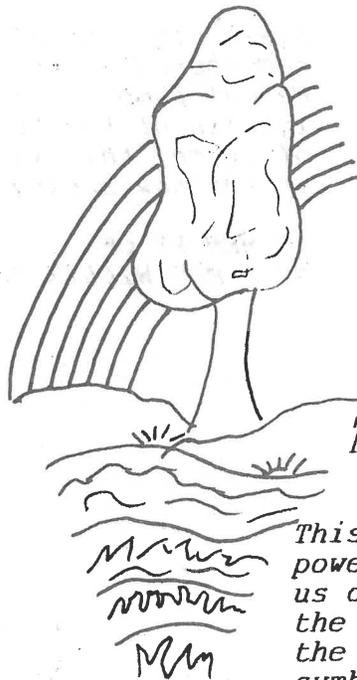
After the floods receded, God made a promise to Noah and his family that He would never again devastate the world by water. The rainbow would be His sign of friendship.

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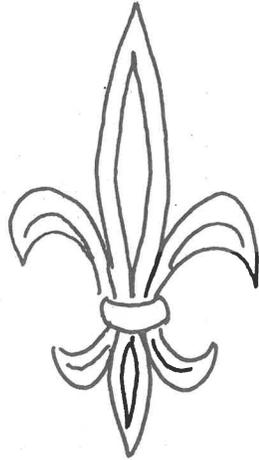
THE PRAYING HANDS

This is a depiction of the power and peace that comes to us only through prayer. Like the famous drawing "Hands" by the German artist Dürer, they symbolize the sacrifice of a friend for our success.

IN MEMORY OF
THE RATHE & BAILLY
FAMILIES



THE FLEUR-DE-LIS



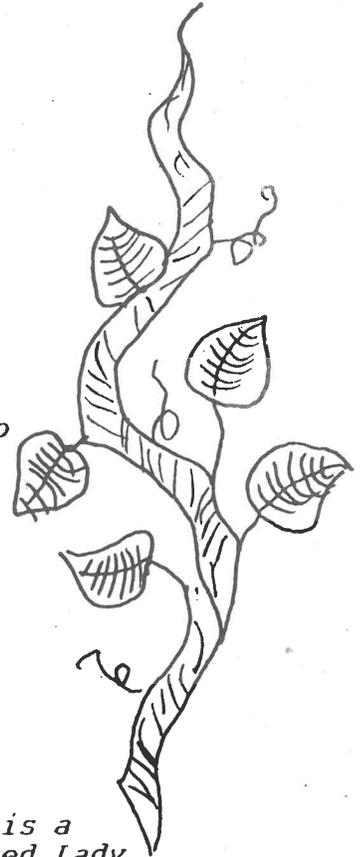
This is the traditional symbol, used by the royalty of France. Here it represents our French heritage, long established and nurtured by faithful priests and sisters in the parish.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CYNTHIA LEMIEUX

THE TREE OF LIFE

From our roots in Jesus, we are able to flourish in grace. Christ the vine and we are the branches.

IN MEMORY OF
ALBERT & ALDENE GALLANT



THE ROSE

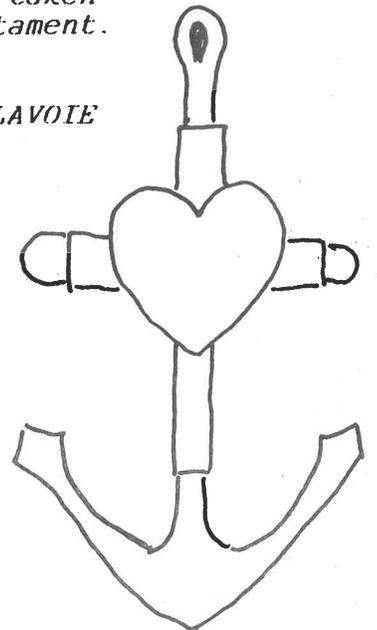
The Mystical Rose is a title to Our Blessed Lady in the Litany of Loretto. The symbolism is taken from the old testament.

IN MEMORY OF
THERESA & EMILE LAVOIE

FAITH - HOPE - CHARITY

The anchor represents the virtue of Hope; the cross, Faith and the heart Charity. These are the three Theological Virtues necessary for our salvation.

IN MEMORY OF
ABEL & MARY POIRIER



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