



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024

PARISH HISTORY Part 3

1939: November —The stained glass windows in the Catholic Church are being repaired by a Boston concern.

December 9 – Church parking lot acquired following demolition of surrounding buildings.

December 16 – Holy Name Society Beano party held in Belmont on Thursday night awarded turkeys and chickens.

.....Quotations from the Pastor's Journal

1947: July 20 – Members of Saint Joseph are invited to assist in the Triduum in honor of Saint Mary of the Assumption in Tilton beginning Wednesday night at 7:15. It will end Saturday at 7pm. Preacher will be Fr. Joseph Manton, a Redemptorist Missionary.

August 3 –Most important items of expense in the Parish are the heating and lightning of the church. Last year, thanks to an extra donation from the Junior Holy Name, we are lacking only \$75. This collection will be taken up on August 17.

August 10 –This Thursday – Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, a day of fast and abstinence for those obligated by law. Working men and their families by special indult may eat meat once on this day. Friday, the Feast is a holy day of obligation – all Catholics must attend Mass. Masses will be at 5.30am and 8am. By special indult of the Holy Father, working men and their families are permitted to eat meat on this holy day.

August 24 – Parish Bazaar will be held Friday/Saturday, August 29 and 30. The Pastor asks that all Parishioners and friends of the Parish to help. This will be at the Community Hall (Town Hall).

1st Sunday of Advent – There are more than 50 adults who have not yet given their share of lighting and heating of the church. Oil is now selling at 11 cents a gallon.

4th Sunday of Advent – Most Reverend Bishop grants permission for the Midnight Mass if the Pastor of the Parish desires to have it. The Pastor announces there will be a Midnight Mass on Wednesday, which will be a High Mass. Those receiving Communion should not eat or drink after 9pm. All school children – grade and high will not be permitted at the Midnight Mass.

Within the Octave of Christmas –Thursday – New Year’s Day – Masses will be at 5:30 am and 7am. All Catholics are bound to hear Mass. On Friday, we open the 40 hour devotion. This is a time of special grace for the entire Parish. Mass is at 7:30am. Holy Hour devotion Friday at 7pm. Confessions following. Saturday Masses at 5:30am and 7:30am.

Benediction, Saturday at 7pm. Women of the Parish will serve as guards of honor Friday during the day and the men all day Saturday. The 40 hours will close at 10am Mass next Sunday.

1948: Holy Name Sunday –Cost for plants for Christmas is \$47. An order has been placed for the tiling of the Sanctuary floor and the three aisles in the church, for new doors for the front entrance, and the rebuilding of the church basement and foundation. We are planning this work for the spring of this year.

Holy Family Sunday – To conserve fuel there will be no catechism classes.

Septuagesima Sunday – Due to shortness of funds for fuel there will be no catechism classes. Next Sunday, Holy Communion Sunday for all school children. To save fuel oil, the priest will be here at 7am on Sunday to hear the children’s confessions.

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