



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024

PARISH HISTORY Part 4

1948: 4th Sunday of Lent – Last year, we used 414 gallons of fuel oil at a cost of \$53.56. Each parishioner should contribute at least 25 cents.

3rd Sunday of Easter – Next Sunday opening of Catholic Charities campaign. It would be pleasing to the Most Reverend Bishop if the average family donation for Belmont would be \$5. A home for the aged will be started in a few weeks on the Daniel Webster Highway at the Belmont/Laconia town line.

June 28: Rectory and surrounding land at the end of Gale Street is acquired. This section was known as “Resurrection Hill” so named by the Adventists who lived in that area of Town. (Their church, the Full Gospel Assembly Church, was built in 1900 and it was known for many years as the Advent Christian Church.)

August 1: The Pastor wishes to announce that the Most Reverend Bishop purchased the property formerly owned by Harold Bryant. This property (the present rectory) is now in the name of Saint Joseph Church, Belmont, and has been insured for \$10,000. Every Parishioner is asked to contribute \$1.00 next Sunday to pay for the 5-year insurance policy.

August 15: The Reverend Pastor invites the parishioners to visit the new Parish property on High Street after the 10 am Mass.

November 6: The building on High Street was purchased by the Most Reverend Bishop with the intention of establishing Saint Joseph Mission here as an individual Parish. Father Buckley in Tilton is waiting for the Bishop to appoint a Pastor in Belmont. In the meantime, there are two outstanding accounts that must be paid at once (1) \$235. For the taxes due on the new rectory and (2) \$200. for the shingling of two sides of the rectory roof.

November 13: Collection for property taxes of \$235 amounted to \$102.50. Women volunteered to conduct whist parties to pay for the debt.

December 5: The Reverend Pastor invited the men and boys of the Parish to attend the sound picture entitled "King of Kings" to be shown at Saint Mary Hall in Tilton on Monday at 8pm. The women and school girls are invited for the showing of the same film on Tuesday at 8pm. Admission is free. The debt for this Parish at the present time is a little over \$9,000. Collection will be taken up next Sunday.

December 19: Collection for church debt last Sunday was \$21.

December 26: Plants for the altar cost \$52. We received \$13.20 in the box at the rear of the church. You may put your offering there if you would like to help.

Oral history indicated that religious instruction took place at the church. Among the teachers listed were Mrs. Marden who lived next to the rectory, as well as Thelma and Mary Lyman. Fr. Wilfrid, a Benedictine came from Franklin to teach High School Bible Study on Sundays.

Masses in Winnisquam were in Mirski's Store – the old fire station in the upstairs hall. There were Saturday night dances so Parishioners came early Sunday mornings to clean the hall for the Mass.

1949: Holy Name Sunday – Pastor asked everyone to take budget envelopes and to contribute 25 cents each week to help pay our \$9,000. debt. Regarding whist parties at the hall, last week's profit was \$8.50.

February 15: Father John E. Hathaway became Tilton's seventh Pastor.

February 19: Saint Joseph Parish is established according to a letter of appointment of Reverend Arthur L. Massicotte as our first Pastor.

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