



**Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024**

**PARISH HISTORY Part 5**

*“The old has passed away, behold the new has come.” II Corinthians 5:17*

**1949: February 19 REVEREND ARTHUR L. MASSICOTTE, Founding Pastor**

**Born: February 19, 1905, in Manchester, New Hampshire**

**Parents: Arthur and Georgiana (Provencher) Massicotte**

**Father had four sisters: Miss Ida Massicotte; Mrs Alvina Belanger; Mrs Georgiana Perreault; and Mrs. Eva Senecal.**

**Education: L’Academie S. Augustin,  
Petit Seminaire de Nicolet,  
Grand Seminaire de Montreal**

**Ordained: June 14, 1930**

**Parish Assignments:**

**June 19, 1930 – St. Mary, Claremont**

**September 8, 1933 – St. John the Baptist, Suncook**

**January 10, 1936 -St. Anne, Berlin**

**January 19, 1939 – St. Marie, Manchester**

**May 31, 1940 – St. John the Baptist, Manchester**

**December 29, 1943 – St. Charles, Dover**

**February 19, 1949 – St. Joseph, Belmont**

**Appointments/Special Assignments/Additional Ministry:**

**October 24, 1943 – Temporary Chaplain of St. Charles Orphanage, Rochester  
1962 – Appointed as an Official Visitator of Parishes  
1963 – Names Pro-Synodal Parish Priest Consultor by Bishop Primeau**

**Father passed away on November 19, 1965 of an aneurism. He was waked in the sitting room at the rectory .**

**February 1, 1949**

**Reverend A. L. Massicotte  
St. Charles' Orphanage  
Rochester, N.H.**

**Dear Father Massicotte:**

**You are hereby appointed Pastor of the newly formed English speaking parish of St. Joseph in Belmont. You will take possession of this parish on Saturday, February 19.**

**The territory of this new parish includes the entire township of Belmont and the summer mission at Winnisquam. It may be necessary for you to live temporarily in the Rectory in Tilton if the house in Belmont is not vacated by that time.**

**The required oath and profession of faith may be taken at the Chancery Office any time at your convenience.**

**Praying God to grant you every grace in this new field of priestly endeavor, I remain.**

**Devotedly yours in Christ  
BISHOP OF MANCHESTER**

**February 19, 1949: Saint Joseph of Belmont until now a mission of Saint Mary of the Assumption, Tilton, Becomes officially a Parish with a mission in Winnisquam with Reverend Arthur L. Massicotte as its first Pastor. 130 families**

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