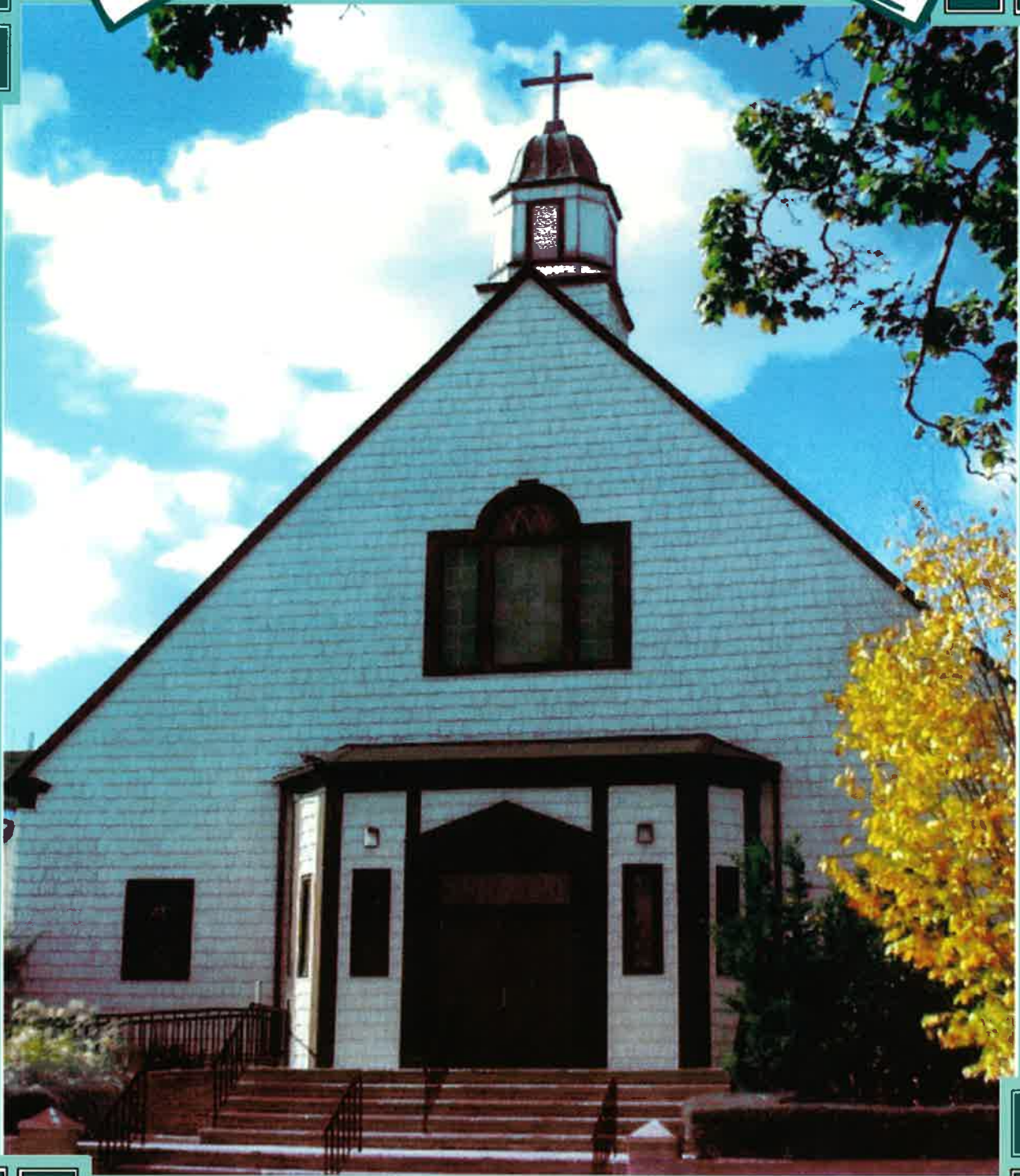


St. Ann's Church
Flushing-On-The-Hill



Seventy Fifth Anniversary • 1927 - 2002

Congratulations
From The Fornillo Family

Parishioners of St. Ann's

From

Father Thomas Casey

To

Father George Pfundstein

May St. Ann's Flourish

Another 75 Years

And

May There Be A Fornillo Around

To Celebrate With Them

St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

St. Ann's story as told in a document called the Gospel of James, says that after years of childlessness that an angel appeared to her and told her that she and her husband Joachim would have a child, and Ann, promised to dedicate this child to God. We know that the child was Mary, and that her parents nurtured her, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. Herein lies a special inspiration for all of us; especially in the wake of the tragic events of September 11, 2001 which fell on America, the loss of life, suffering, anguish of our loved ones, that we too in the marvelous seventy-fifth year of our Parish respond in kind with the fervor and commitment that led Mary to respond to God with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

Looking back at the auspicious beginning of St. Ann's Church in a farmhouse we should feel blessed at how great our Parish has grown and the lessons learned from St. Ann. Never to lose hope, keep our faith strong, to be teachers for our children, our brothers and sisters in the good works of St. Ann, Mary her daughter, and Jesus. We should reflect upon the faith-filled experience that has been ours; we thank God for all the laity, the religious, the deacons and the priests, who have prayed, worked and shared the Spirit of Jesus with others.

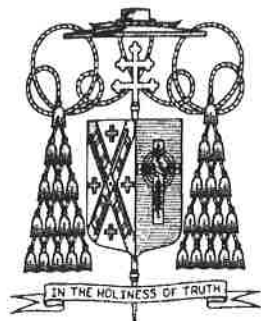
Our 75-year history of St. Ann's on-the Hill has witnessed many changes, yet our commitment to this great Parish has remained undaunted; the roots of our faith run even deeper, and can be witnessed by the tremendous outpouring of all working together in the accomplishment in making us a faith based community, with love and respect of one another as we step into the twenty-first century.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. George A. Pfundstein".

Reverend George A. Pfundstein, Pastor

St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
1011 FIRST AVENUE
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June, 2002

Dear Father Pfundstein:

It is with great pleasure that I greet you and the entire parish family of Saint Ann's in Flushing. Permit me to extend to all of you my cordial and prayerful best wishes as you commemorate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of your parish.

This celebration is truly a milestone in your parish life as you look back upon three-quarters of a century of faithful worship and dedicated service. As you look towards the future, may you continue to grow in unity of faith as you serve the many cultures comprising your community. As Saint Ann, your patron, cared for Our Lady, may you also become a spiritual home to those who are new to our nation and our city.

Beseeking the intercession of Our Lady, that you and your parishioners be kept always in the loving care of Her Son, I remain

Very truly yours in Christ,

Edward Cardinal Egan
Archbishop of New York

Reverend George A. Pfundstein
Saint Ann's Church
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His Holiness John Paul II

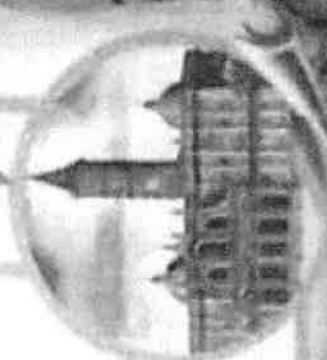
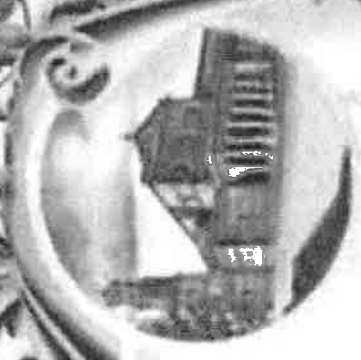
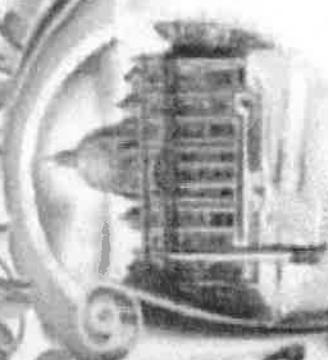
paternally imparts
his Apostolic Blessing to
the Pastor and Parishioners of

St. Ann's Parish
Flushing, New York

on the occasion of its
75th Anniversary of Foundation
1927 - 2002

His Holiness John Paul II

St. Ann's Parish



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BISHOP'S OFFICE
75 GREENE AVENUE
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June 2002

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

It is with great joy that I extend to you my congratulations and prayerful best wishes on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the parish community of St. Ann R. C. Church.

Since the time of Christ, communities of believing people have always followed the Gospel teaching of the Lord Jesus. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, the people of St. Ann's parish have maintained this Christian tradition by their deep faith in the presence of God among us and in their willingness to worship Him and serve one another in love.

For seventy-five years, your parish has been a center of worship, of community life, of education, of service to God's people. You have made it possible for the teaching, saving Christ to be present to His people. On this joyful occasion, I join all of you in thanking God for the many blessings that have come to your parish through the bountiful hands of our Heavenly Father.

My prayer is that Almighty God will continue to bless everyone in St. Ann's parish and may it always be a true home for people searching to find the Lord Jesus in their midst.

With a most sincere assurance of prayers and good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas V. Daily".

*Most Reverend Thomas V. Daily, D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn*

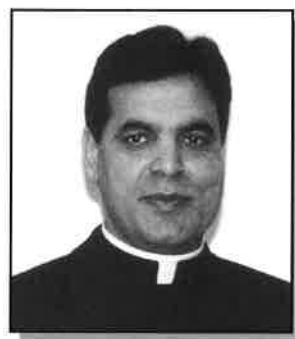
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*Pastor
Reverend George A. Pfundstein*



Reverend Robert W. Blauvelt



Reverend Anthony Sikandar



Robert DiNardo



Sr. Patricia Anglin, O.P.



Deacon Sal Licata

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 6, 2002

I am pleased to send warm greetings to the members of St. Ann's Church in Flushing as you celebrate your 75th anniversary. This milestone provides a great opportunity to rejoice in your accomplishments and to look back with fond memories at your service to the people in your community.

America has a strong spiritual foundation, and the celebration of faith is central to our lives. It gives meaning to our pursuits and provides us with the strength we need to face the challenges of each new day. I commend your commitment to provide teaching, comfort, and assistance to local individuals and families.

May your community continue to grow in faith and friendship. Also, may the love that you share with others be a reflection of the common values we all share.

Laura joins me in sending best wishes for a memorable celebration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. W. B.", likely representing George W. Bush.

Our Parish History

Some may remember and others might have to imagine a drastically different parish community of 75 years ago. While Flushing was settled by the Dutch dating back to as early as 1634, by the early 1900's its population included people from various European countries, all immigrants and children of immigrants. They settled in Queens County, which had been established in 1663, one of the 10 original counties in the State of New York. In its early days, Queens County extended far beyond its present boundaries to include all of what is now Nassau and some of present-day Suffolk. For the most part, these settlers were farmers and most of Queens County consisted of large farms.

Queensboro Hill is a community within the community of Flushing, which is one of the 23 communities that comprise Queens County today. According to the most recent U.S. Census, Queensboro Hill has a population of 15,402, while Flushing's recorded population is 80,347. The boundaries of Queensboro Hill are generally defined as the Queens Botanical Gardens and Kissena Park Corridor to the North, Cedar Grove/Mount Hebron Cemetery and Queens College to the South, College Point Boulevard to the West, and Fresh Meadow Lane to the East. With improved public transportation and the ability of more citizens to obtain automobiles, Queensboro Hill became a desirable place to live as early as the 1920's. Local newspapers referred to the area as "Glorious Queensboro Hill" and "Flushing View" in "Aristocratic Flushing." Advertising its proximity to Herald Square (a 30-minute commute), lots were selling for anywhere from \$300 to \$600. Farming had become less profitable, farmers were selling off the land to developers, and Queensboro Hill was changing its look.

Without television, automobiles, video games and computers, the lives of the people living in Queensboro Hill centered around their work, their families and their Church. People from Queensboro Hill traveled long distances – to St. Michael's in downtown Flushing, or to St. Leo's in Corona, to attend Sunday Mass. Queensboro Hill's people sought a church of their own, a place to gather and worship, a center of activity for their community. Thus in April 1925, Michael A. McConnell, a resident of Queensboro Hill, made a request to Brooklyn's Bishop Thomas E. Molloy for a new parish to be established in Queensboro Hill. Two years later, Bishop Molloy granted the request and the parish of St. Ann was established to serve the 138 families living in Queensboro Hill. Reverend Thomas Casey was assigned as pastor of the new parish.

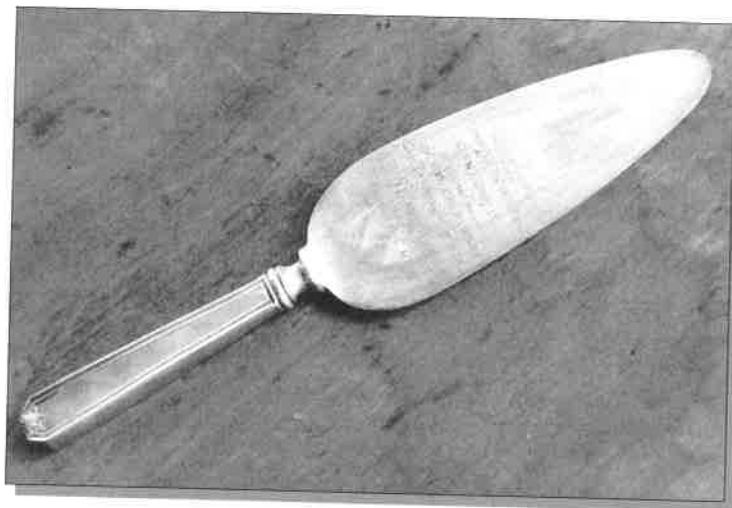
The first Church and rectory were situated in a farmhouse owned by Mr. Clark. The farmhouse was located on a dirt road in the vicinity of what would be 141st Street and North Hempstead Turnpike (now Booth Memorial Avenue). Across from Clark's farmhouse was the Brant farmhouse. East of what is now 146th Street, the Schumacher farm extended to beyond 160th Street, from North Hempstead Turnpike to Horace Harding Boulevard (now the Long Island Expressway). The local grocers, Bohack and the A & P, obtained fresh produce from the Schumacher farm. Some of the local land was not as fertile, and a sand pit existed in the area where St. Ann's Church was actually built. Brick manufacturers used the sand in the pit to mix with cement and make cement blocks.

Father Casey lived upstairs in the Clark farmhouse, and Mass was celebrated downstairs in the living room/dining room area. Adults would sit on folding chairs while the children sat on the steps, peering through the spindles to see and listen to Mass. On warm days, the doors and windows would be left open, and Mass could be heard from the porch or lawn. Mrs. Marie Gay recalls receiving First Communion at the farmhouse, but having to travel to St. Michael's for Confirmation instruction. Marie remembers that the Bishop refused to come to the farmhouse for so few Confirmation candidates. Joseph Lyons recalls, however, that Bishop Molloy did come to the farmhouse to officiate at Confirmation. The Bishop's chauffeur was a ventriloquist, and gave the Holy Spirit some tough competition for the children's attention. Marie recalls that there was an old organ in the farmhouse that they would pump by hand. Mrs. Eugenia Campion was the organist and choir leader. Mrs. Gay also remembers

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St. Ann's Church as seen from Booth Memorial Avenue in the early 30's. As recalled by one of the parishioners that St. Ann's Church was built on a sandy soil.



Presented to Reverend Thomas Casey, St. Ann's First Pastor by Monsignor E.J. Donnelly V.F.L.L.D., Pastor of St. Michael's, on Sunday August 19, 1928 on the occasion of the first sod of earth turned for the building of St. Ann's Church.

Birth of St. Ann's Church

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chasing mice from the organ. Mr. Lyons noted that Susan Broonell and Mrs. O'Reilly also played the old organ and participated at the early Masses. Some of the earliest altar servers include Joseph Lyons, Tommy Gilchrist, Jimmy and Dave Dikeman and Larry and Carroll Crilley.

What was going on in the world while the Parish of St. Ann was in its infancy? Charles Lindbergh arrived in Paris on May 27, 1927 after completing the first nonstop flight between New York and Paris; Al Jolsen starred in *The Jazz Singer*, the first full length "talkie" movie; Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs during the Yankees' regular season, and the Yanks won the World Series that year, sweeping Pittsburgh. The Holland Tunnel, connecting Manhattan and Jersey City, was opened on November 13; the cost of a stamp was two cents; and Calvin Coolidge announced that he would not seek reelection in 1928.

On August 19, 1928, Monsignor E.J. Donnelly, Pastor of St. Michael's in Flushing, presented a trowel to Father Casey. On that occasion and with that trowel, Father Casey turned the first bit of sod, a symbolic beginning of the building of St. Ann's Church. Construction continued through 1929 and the structure that is St. Ann's Church was built to seat 500 people. The cost was \$52,000. Although no permanent streets had been built, Father Casey had a special road cut from North Hempstead Turnpike so that the parishioners had access to the Church. That road later became 146th Street and the Church is situated on 146th Street and what is now 58th Avenue. The building site was part of Mr. Clark's farmland and he donated the land to the Parish. He requested that the Parish be named in honor of his mother, Ann. Since the Church was situated on Queensboro Hill, rising 81 feet above sea level, it is commonly referred to as St. Ann's-on-the-Hill. The Church is a brown and yellow frame structure, 70 feet wide by 90 feet long. It has a well-pronounced peaked roof, topped by a bell tower and cross. There are no bells.

According to the green-covered book, *Priests and Parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn 1890-1944*, St. Ann's Church was dedicated on June 8, 1930. During the same period, St. Kevin's was built in 1926 on farmland in Auburndale. The Church was originally a two-family house on 194th Street. The Parish of St. Mary (St. Mary's Nativity) was also established in 1926. The first Mass was celebrated in a hotel, then located at 160th Street and 46th Avenue. The Diocese was growing.

Some of St. Ann's original parishioners still live and worship in the Parish. They remember Father Casey and his routine of visiting his dear parishioners. They would feed him and give him coal. The local butcher gave him chopped meat and sausage. On the heels of the Church's construction came the Great Depression. It lasted from 1930 to 1939. The prices of stocks fell 40%; 9,000 banks went out of business; nine million savings accounts were wiped out; 86,000 businesses failed and wages were decreased by an average of 60%. Unemployment jumped to 25%, leaving 15 million people jobless.

While greatly affecting our parishioners, the Depression did not discourage them from continuing with the construction of the Church. In 1932, the front steps and the stone wall around the Church were completed. At that time, the priests lived in a house at 139-46 58th Avenue, next to Juliet and Thomas Faraone's home. St. Ann's Rectory was custom-built in 1937 and purchased by Reverend David O'Donovan, St. Ann's second pastor. The Rectory Annex, next door to the Rectory, was purchased from its former residents during Father Cunningham's tenure.

The Building- Inside the Church there are four main beam structures connected at the apex of the Church. The beams meet forty plus feet above the pews and support the nave, the main body of the building. Each beam structure is triangular in shape and is seemingly decorated with multiple metal plates that have a finish that looks like pewter. The plates are used to fasten thirteen interconnected triangular supports: six symmetrical on the right and six on the left, and a common triangular support in the middle. This complex yet functional intricacy provides a distinctive architectural character to the interior of the Church.

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Our present pastor, Reverend George A. Pfundstein, has described the art that enriches the Church's environs. Above the main arch at the front of the Church is a beautiful hand-painted Lamb of God. The Lamb sits with a victory banner and a red cross atop the four Book of the gospels of (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). The color red signifies the blood of the lamb, an animal commonly used as a sacrificial offering. Directly above the altar is a painting of the Holy Spirit over a globe of the Earth. In back of the altar, above the crucifix, is a stained-glass window depicting the Last Supper. On sunny days, the window is illuminated, and the inscription "In Memory of Joseph A. and Ernest A. Stapleton" can be clearly noted.

On the right side of the sanctuary is a painting of Mary with the Baby Jesus and St. John the Baptist and on the left is a painting of St. Ann with her daughter, Our Blessed Mother. Both of these works of art are oil paintings done on canvas and the canvases are tacked to the walls. The painting on the right is a copy of Raphael's "Mary with Christ and John the Baptist," the original of which hangs in the Pitti Palace in Florence, Italy. When asked about the discrepancy in age between Jesus and John (who we believe were born less than a year apart), Mr. Alexander Raydon of Raydon Art Gallery on Madison Avenue, explained that Raphael portrayed John as older, but that he appears much younger in several other copies of the painting. Thus he has confirmed that age is truly in the eye of the beholder.

The glorious declaration "**Sanctus, Sanctus**" reminds the congregation that they are, as always, in the presence of God and are called to give Him praise.

Outside of the sanctuary, on the left side of the Church, is a delicately carved wooden statue of the Blessed Mother in a serene standing praying position. On the right, the Tabernacle sits on a table. Immediately below the Tabernacle is a carved bas-relief pelican with her two young babies. The pelican symbolizes Jesus Christ, who nourishes us in the Eucharist with His blood; for the pelican nurtures its young with her own blood.

Off to the right of the Tabernacle is St. Ann's alcove where a life-sized statue of St. Ann and her daughter dominate. The statue, cast in marble, shows St. Ann teaching Mary to read. Two Tiffany windows, gifted by John Dikeman in 1929, enhance a beautiful circular stained window of St. Ann and Mary. That center window is inscribed with the words "In Memory of Anna Becker." On top of the alcove's altar are statues of St. Theresa the Little Flower, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Infant of Prague. A statue of St. Anthony stands on the far right of the alcove and bears a plate signifying that Anna Salerno donated it.

At the rear of the Church is St. Joseph's Shrine, adorned with a stained-glass window made by Fred Dikeman, an expert on Tiffany glass. The window, together with the array of votive lights in front of the statue of St. Joseph, brighten this area of the Church, despite its being in the shadow of the choir loft. A plaque acknowledging the benefactors who contributed to the Shrine can also be found in St. Joseph's corner. The Stations of the Cross hang on both sidewalls of the Church reminding us of the journey that Christ took for us.

The Music- One of our parish's prized possessions is its organ, located in the choir loft, which was custom-made for St. Ann's. It was built in 1928 by Midner Losh, Inc. of Merrick, Long Island. Mrs. Dorothy Forbes remembers listening to the organ and the choir since 1948. Harry Schmidt was the talented musician who played that marvelous instrument in those days. The Masses were said in Latin then, and every Sunday, the 11:00 Mass was the High Mass. It was unusual to have a choir consisting of both males and females, but St. Ann's was ahead of its time. Names Mrs. Forbes remembers include Marge Gilroy, Arthur Habas, Catherine Wardach, Carmela Vecchio, Ellen Burns, and others whose names she does not recall. However, the voices will never be forgotten. Mrs. Forbes joined the choir in the mid-1960's and continues to bless us with her talent today. After Harry Schmidt departed as organ-master, Kevin Faughey took over and also directed the choir. The parish then enjoyed the

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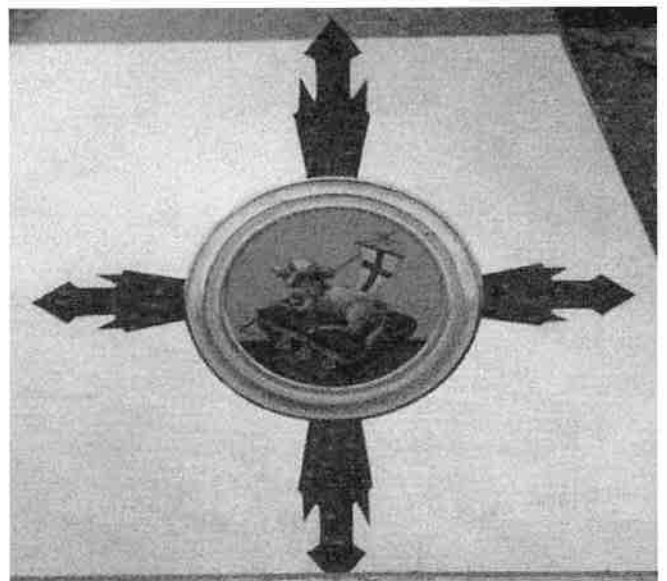
St. Ann with her daughter our Blessed Mother



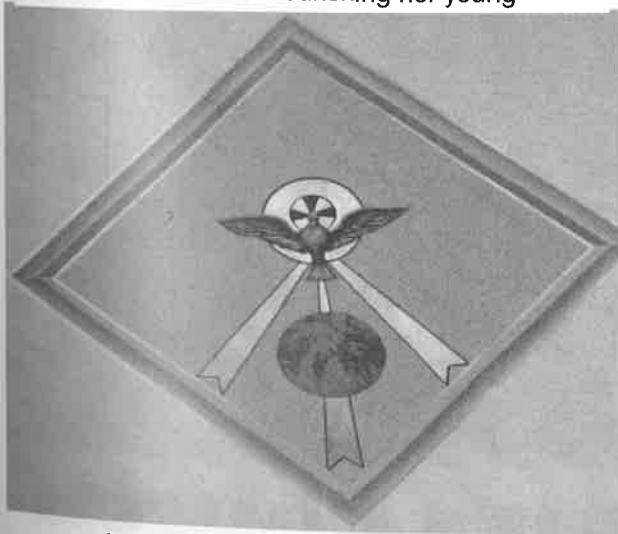
Mary with her son Jesus and St. John the Baptist



Pelican in bas-relief nourishing her young



Lamb of God situated above the Book of Gospels

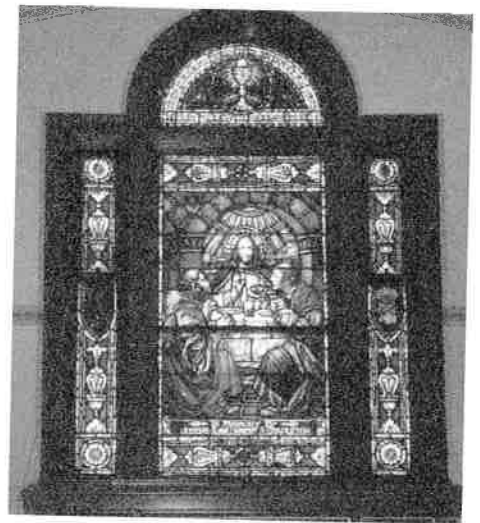
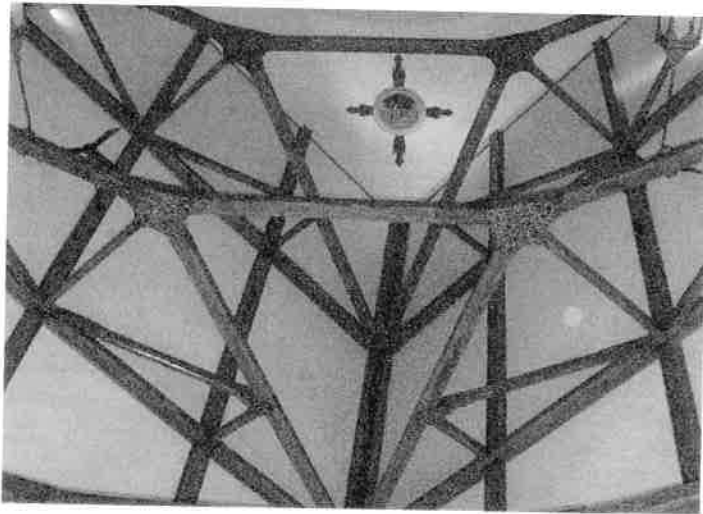


Holy Spirit atop the Globe

Beautiful
Blessed
Mother



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Glorious St. Ann's Church

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talented voice and direction of Denise Maineri. Nancy Ayers succeeded Denise. The best was yet to come. One of the first official acts of Father Pfundstein was to hire Julia Lovett Sergi as the Parish music director. Under Julia's guidance, several parishioners participated as Leaders of Song during the late 1980's and early 1990's. Then Jim Sergi joined the parish staff as the official cantor and Leader of Song. Julia accompanies Jim on the organ during the Masses on Saturdays and Sundays and for other special and solemn occasions. In addition, Julia directs a children's choir (the Hilltop Choir) who sing each Sunday at the Family Mass, an adult choir, who sing during all of the holyday celebrations and commemorations, and together, Jim and Julia have inspired the congregation to praise God in song.

Over the past five years, the organ has been rebuilt and its original magnificent musical quality has been restored. The cost of the renovation was \$30,000. The money was raised by Julia and Jim's giving numerous concerts and by funds from the Alive in Hope Campaign to which many parishioners contributed. At the entrance of the church is a button for a bell that would ring in the choir loft to signal the organist to start playing; pushing a button on the side of the organ would cause a bell to ring in the sacristy, letting the priest know it was time to begin Mass. That system is no longer used; Julia has a rearview mirror!

Although our organ is quite a treasure, St. Ann's musical history has also included various other talented musicians. For almost twenty years, St. Ann's celebrated a folk Mass each Sunday, featuring popular music played on the guitar. While there existed an official "folk group," the leaders, players and voices changed over the course of time. To try to name all would only invite omission; suffice it to say it was a great addition during changing times. On special occasions, especially during the Easter observances, bugles, drums and tambourines add a tone of excitement and joy to the musical program at St. Ann's.

The Ministries- Our Parish has been blessed since its inception by the quality and quantity of its staff. Each of our Pastors has had an important mission and each has succeeded in accomplishing it. Rev. Thomas Casey arrived in 1927 and left St. Ann's in 1934. He oversaw the formation of the parish, the building of the Church and officiated at all of St. Ann's "firsts." He was instrumental in helping his parishioners to organize Christian societies, and he gave religious instructions to those preparing for the sacraments.

Father Casey dealt with the local politicians, had roads cut and paved, and dealt with the realities of a growing community. He was at St. Ann's when the economy began to decline in the early 1930's, and lent support and comfort to those families who were struggling with the situation. In 1934, Rev. David O'Donovan replaced Father Casey as Pastor, and continued to develop the new St. Ann's Parish. Father O'Donovan was here through the remainder of the depression years and then through World War II. A bronze plaque, commemorating parishioners who served, died and were wounded during World War II, is mounted on the wall in the back of the Church. In 1942, Rev. Charles M. Cunningham arrived to assist Father O'Donovan. The population of the parish was increasing rapidly and the Bishop realized that one priest could no longer attend to the needs of the parish.

The neighborhood changed during the 40's. Block after block of attached houses were erected; returning soldiers were able to purchase homes and came to Queens. St. Ann's welcomed all, and the Church was filled at every Mass. Father O'Donovan moderated the parish societies: the Women's Guild (predecessor of the Rosary Altar Society) and the Holy Name Society. Religious instruction classes grew and were taught by visiting Sisters from other parishes and by some lay people. Many of our parishioners sent their children to other parishes to attend Catholic school. This was a thorn in the side of Father Cunningham.

When Father O'Donovan left St. Ann's in 1949, Father Cunningham became pastor. He was assisted by Rev. Anthony Powers, who had arrived at St. Ann's in 1945, and by Rev. Raymond Dundon, who was assigned to St. Ann's in 1946. Almost immediately upon his appointment as pastor, Father Cunningham focused on building a parish school. He recruited several parishioners to assist him

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in raising the needed funds. There were annual bazaars, lots of "chance books," dinner dances and door-to-door solicitations. While some believe that there was no tuition in the early days of the school, a great part of the funds used to build the school were obtained by Father Cunningham's promising a Catholic education in return for a pledge (donation). His efforts were rewarded when the school opened in 1954. It had cost \$650,000. Father Cunningham supervised the construction and negotiated with the Diocese for everything the school needed. He welcomed the original faculty, a group of Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph, led by Sister Modwena, our first principal. Ten years later, a convent was built for the Sisters who had been living on the third floor of the school.

During Father Cunningham's tenure as pastor, which continued until 1969, many dedicated and talented curates joined him in ministering to the needs of the parish. Father Powers trained the altar boys, who had to learn the Latin responses and prayers as well as the ringing of the bells. All of the priests were actively involved in the parish's organizations. Father Powers was instrumental in organizing the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and Father Dundon taught confraternity classes to teenagers on Friday nights. His job was very difficult; all they really came for was the dancing. There were three daily Masses and eight Masses on Sunday (six in Church and two in the auditorium). Rev. Raymond W. Stafford replaced Father Powers in 1960; Rev. Francis J. Seeger replaced Father Dundon in 1961.

Another huge responsibility fell to our priests in 1957 when the Salvation Army opened the Booth Memorial Medical Center, a 210-bed general care hospital and maternity home. Since the hospital was actually within the boundaries of our Parish, our priests were constantly called to administer the sacraments to the sick and dying. Today, meeting the spiritual needs of the hospital's staff and patients is shared by other parishes in our "cluster." Clusters are groups of parishes that combine resources to provide services which may not be needed in one particular parish, but may be needed by only a few in many parishes. For example, in a cluster of nine parishes, there may exist an Italian Mass, a Korean Mass, a Chinese Mass, an Urdu Mass, a Spanish Mass, etc. Parishioners from any of the nine parishes may attend any of these masses. The formation of the clusters has proved an efficient way to share ministries and meet parishioners' needs. Clusters came into existence as a result of the 1993 Synod of the Diocese. St. Ann's, however, once again on the right track, had participated with other local parishes in informal "cluster" meetings since the late 80's.

Thanks to the research of Norma Ferringo, it has been documented that Local Law #25, adopted on June 1, 1964, officially changed the name of North Hempstead Turnpike to Booth Memorial Avenue. Many parishioners were upset and inconvenienced by the change. Stationery needed to be changed, maps had to be altered and giving and receiving directions became more confusing than ever. Almost forty years later, some parishioners still receive mail addressed to North Hempstead Turnpike. Many are pondering whether the Avenue's name will be changed again, now that the Hospital is known as the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens. The historian who writes for the 100th Anniversary will have to update us.

In the wake of the Ecumenical Council, held in the mid-1960's, St. Ann's, along with all churches, was called upon to make many changes, both liturgical and physical. The Latin Mass was abandoned, and the congregation instructed on broader participation in the celebration of the Eucharist. The altar was turned to face the worshipers. It was an appropriate time to do some renovations. Following the mandates of Pope John and Brooklyn's Bishop Mugavero, Father Cunningham sought to put a new face on St. Ann's.

After twenty years of serving St. Ann's Church and its people, and fifty years in God's service, Father Cunningham celebrated his Golden Anniversary in 1969. He retired shortly after the anniversary, contemplating joining the mission of Apollo 11 and perhaps a walk on the moon with Neil Armstrong. It was an important year. Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew had been in office since January. Many of the young men of our parish were fighting in Viet Nam. The Jets won the Super Bowl, the Mets won the World Series, Mario Puzo wrote *The Godfather* and Simon and Garfunkel won the

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Grammy for "Mrs. Robinson." In August, more than half a million young people gathered at Woodstock, NY to promote peace.

In recognition of Father Cunningham's contributions to the Parish, especially to the School, the gymnasium was dedicated to him on the occasion of his anniversary, at which time the gym was re-named Cunningham Hall. Father Cunningham stayed here at St. Ann's as Pastor Emeritus until he died in May 1989.

When Rev. Francis X. O'Sullivan was assigned to our parish in 1969, he continued the implementation of the Vatican II changes. Father Cunningham assisted with the renovation of the Sanctuary to conform to the new requirements. Later, Father O'Sullivan completed the redecoration of other areas of the Church and installed new carpeting throughout. The rectory basement was finished to provide a Religious Education Center and two Parish Meeting Rooms. In 1976, the exterior of the Church was painted. Father O'Sullivan recognized that his parishioners had various needs and he made great efforts to meet them. When Rev. Raymond F. Rau was assigned to St. Ann's in 1974, an Italian Mass was instituted. This tradition continued with Rev. Ettore Floretta assuming the responsibility after Father Rau left. For some time thereafter, the Scalabrini Fathers from Staten Island would travel here on Sundays to celebrate the Italian Mass. As the population of the parish changed, attendance at this Mass decreased, and eventually the Italian Mass was abandoned. The Folk Mass was also introduced during this period, and the Family Liturgy Committee established with the guidance and encouragement of Rev. Thomas P. Darragh.

Father O'Sullivan loved the Blessed Mother and often visited the school, handing out rosaries to all of the children and sharing with them his devotion to Mary. He loved the children, and was concerned about the religious education of all of them. The school could no longer take on the responsibility of religious education for the public school students and so Father O'Sullivan hired our first Religious Education Coordinator in 1972. This first DRE was Sister Mary Anne Cornell, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Sister Mary Conroy, C.S.J., Sister Mary Ash, O.P., Sister Joan Hackett, C.S.J. and Mrs. Lorraine Hissinger succeeded to the task over the years until September 2000. Not only did these devoted women coordinate classes, make all of the arrangements for the preparation and receiving of the sacraments of First Eucharist, First Penance and Confirmation, but they also oversaw the religious nursery program, which provided early education training for four-year olds. The R.C.I.A. has also grown in recent years, providing training for adults who wish to receive the sacraments. In September 2000, Sister Patricia Anglin, O.P. replaced Lorraine Hissinger as Director of Religious Education. She has undertaken the task with the same energy and dedication as her predecessors. Sister Pat is assisted by Nancy Guiliani, her secretary, and a wonderful staff of office assistants and Catechists who aid her in accomplishing this important mission.

Father O'Sullivan always expressed his gratitude to his staff and applauded the wonderful assistants who worked with him throughout his term as pastor: Rev. John J. McNulty arrived in 1977, Rev. Arthur Purcell joined the staff in 1979 and Rev. Ignatius A. Catanello (now Bishop Catanello) was assigned to St. Ann's in 1981. In 1983 Rev. James G. Sickler became part of the team. Even though the make-up of the parish was starting to change, St. Ann's remained a busy center of the community. Each of the priests carried out a multitude of assignments, each one supervised by Father O'Sullivan. As a result of illness, Father O'Sullivan retired in 1987. He stayed at St. Ann's until his death in 1989.

Rev. George A. Pfundstein, our current pastor, was assigned to St. Ann's in 1987. Just as the Bishop was hiring Father George for this job, George Steinbrenner was hiring Billy Martin for the fifth time to manage the NY Yankees. And as Father Pfundstein strove to modernize the financial aspects of the Parish with the use of a computer, Bill Gates had become microcomputing's first billionaire. While Father Pfundstein was acquainting himself with his new environment, Margaret Thatcher became the first British Prime Minister to win three elections, Dennis Conner regained the America's Cup for the U.S., and "Black Monday" marked the stock market crash of 1987.

The old adage that behind every good man is a good woman is definitely true at St. Ann's.

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Jean Frodella has worked with our Pastor and Assistant Pastors for over fifteen years as parish secretary. She keeps her charges in line and keeps them on schedule. Mrs. Frodella meets and greets all those who arrive at the Rectory seeking Parish information, Mass cards, appointments, etc. Among a million tasks, she does the bookkeeping and the payroll. Jean juggles phones, doorbells and every complaint and request and does it all with unlimited and much-needed patience. Jean is especially delighted when, on some mornings, her first task of the day requires dismantling the lovely paper clip chains created by the student clerks who man the Rectory office in the evenings. Still, she remains her sense of humor. Our Parish is blessed to have such a versatile and talented woman on staff.

Although Father Tom Darragh began the ministry of Lector in 1973, Father Pfundstein has been the force behind the overwhelming involvement of the laity in the ministries of the Church. Under Father Pfundstein's leadership, parishioners have enrolled in training seminars, sponsored by the Liturgy Committee, to become Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Catechists. Lay people now actively participate in these various roles at every Sunday Mass and in our Religious Education program. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers often participate at daily Mass. Each and every day of the year, Eucharistic Ministers are dispensed to New York Hospital (formerly Booth Memorial Medical Center) to distribute Holy Communion to patients.

Early in Father's Pfundstein's assignment, Sister Josephine Rooney, RSHM was employed to activate a Parish Outreach Program, and the challenge was well met. Sister Josephine, with her feisty spirit and loving heart, ran the Outreach Program for 14 years. She regularly and tirelessly visited the elderly members of the parish, joined the Seniors for trips and parties, arranged for the spiritual and often the physical needs of the homebound, and raised funds for the St. Vincent dePaul Society. Sister Josephine was also involved in the fundraising efforts of the school, and inspired the merger of celebrating St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days together. She also saw to it that her flock was generous in both attending and donating to school- and church-sponsored events. Under Sister Josephine's direction, the Outreach Program found food for the hungry, clothing for the ragged, shelter for the homeless and jobs for the jobless. Medical and nursing care facilities were found for those who required their services. Deacon Sal Licata has succeeded to Sister Josephine's position as the coordinator of this very important and well-established parish program.

With Father Pfundstein's and Sister Joan Hackett's guidance, a new Children's Liturgy Committee was organized so that the children of the parish might hear the Word of God in simpler words, and have the gospel lessons presented on their own level. On the first Sunday of each month, and on every Sunday during Advent and Lent, the children celebrate the first part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, in the Church basement. Committee members take turns preparing and presenting the lessons and the children are encouraged to participate. Often, the children create a poster or other symbol that relates to the day's lessons. Their work is often seen hanging from the door of the now defunct confessional.

Shortly after Father Pfundstein's arrival, he launched a Restoration Campaign to raise money to restore and repair the Church, the school, the rectories and the convent. His predecessors had let the "plant" fall into disrepair. Over \$750,000 was raised and the renovations began. Most impressively, central air conditioning was installed in the Church and the chipping shingles were replaced with vinyl siding. A new furnace was also installed, reducing the usefulness of the radiators from heat sources to distribution centers for parish information and to resting places for hats, umbrellas and excess baggage. The Church basement was given a total makeover. Other cosmetic changes were made. A plaque acknowledging contributions to this Campaign hangs at the rear of the Church.

By 1989, Rev. John J. Maduri, Msgr. John Johnston and Rev. Bartholomew Egan had spent time at St. Ann's assisting Father Pfundstein with the many responsibilities of the parish. In 1991, Rev. Joseph Vu arrived. It was fitting that Father Vu came to Flushing at a time when the population was becoming Asian dominated. Father Vu assumed the role of training the altar servers. St. Ann's installed female altar servers in the early 1990's, a radical step in those days. Father Vu also trained the

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children for the Sacrament of First Penance and began the tradition of the blessing of animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Besides being a trendsetter in the area of altar servers, St. Ann's was and continues to be one of the only parishes in the Diocese with a female sexton. Julia Shea was the sexton while Father O'Donovan was pastor in the late 30's and early 40's and Julie Faraone ably performed the task from 1962 through 1985. Today, Melinda Molina tackles that job with great care and energy, and our Church is always appropriately decorated and well equipped with whatever is needed for the instant celebration. Recently, Boanerges (Frank) Rosero has come on board as chief maintenance engineer for the parish. He, together with Frank Bruno and Victor Brocchini the latest of many volunteer retirees, lend their time and talents tending to much of the Church's structural maintenance. Mr. Rosero is a welcome addition in the ongoing effort to keep all of our parish buildings in good repair.

In 1994, Father Sickler, who had served the parish for 11 years, and who had shared his great wit and sense of drama with us, was reassigned to Brooklyn. Rev. Joseph N. Grisaitis, hailing from St. Anastasia's in Douglaston, arrived to take his place. Father Grisaitis was known for his gentle manner and caring ways. He also became quite famous when, as Bing Crosby, he sang in one of the parish productions. When Father Grisaitis became ill in February 2001, the entire parish was saddened and Father Grisaitis was in everyone's prayers. It was God's will to take him on July 1, 2001. His wavy white hair and his constant assurance of God's love for each of us will never be forgotten.

Father Pfundstein and his Associate Pastors have worked through the years to make St. Ann's a prayer-filled community. For several years, Lenten programs have been offered to assist parishioners in preparing for Easter and/or returning to the sacraments. Vespers are celebrated each Sunday evening during Lent and Advent, providing an opportunity for extra prayer and praising God in these holy seasons. For three years now, the Disciples in Mission program has been ongoing at St. Ann's. People meet on-site or in other parishioners' homes to discuss religious issues, the scriptures, and the application of the scriptures to life today. This program has grown from about 50 participants three years ago, to almost 300 participants. It is a wonderful opportunity to acquaint oneself with one's neighbors and with one's Christianity. Father Pfundstein meets with each group on a regular basis. Although designed as a Lenten program, the Disciples in Mission meet at other times of the year and are involved in creating ways to spread the program to others.

In 1996, at the behest of Bishop Daily, Father Pfundstein asked his congregation to support a diocesan-wide campaign called "Alive in Hope." The funds raised were primarily used to assist the Diocese in providing many programs for the people of Brooklyn and Queens. However, a certain portion of the funds raised was given back to the parish for its own purposes. Again, St. Ann's parishioners responded to the extent that all goals were exceeded. Some of the funds were used for the organ's renovation. The Church got new doors, the school's bricks were pointed and many other needed repairs were completed.

During the summer of 1995 Father John Francis came from Pakistan to St. Ann's as a relief for our vacationing pastor and assistant pastor. He had been working in the Pakistani community and needed a place to live and pray. The following year, his nephew, Father Anthony Sikandar, arrived at St. Ann's. His assignment was at first temporary, as he had been trained in Pakistan, and had to obtain approval to be employed by the Diocese of Brooklyn. Father Anthony obtained that approval, acquired his green card, and has been here ever since, undertaking many of the duties of the parish, and ministering to the Pakistani population. He has brought his friends to our Church, where they participate in our Easter Vigil celebration and where they celebrate Mass in Urdu each Sunday. Father Anthony has also turned the yard of the rectory into the Garden of Eden, and has coaxed a fig tree to grow there. He points out that the fig is the only fruit that Jesus ever ate. He has also coaxed many of the children into serving Mass, and has taken over the training and assignment of the altar servers. Father Anthony recently obtained his driver's license and is delighted that so many other drivers greet him daily by honking their horns.

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In the spring of 2001 Rev. Robert Blauvelt was assigned to St. Ann's to fill the void that Father Grisaitis' illness had created. Father Bob has started a prayer crusade in the parish, challenging the congregation to better their lives with increased prayer and good deeds. He was particularly effective in comforting us in the wake of the tragedy of September 11th. His words, as well as his tears, demonstrate his compassion and understanding. Father Bob is also a party person. In mid-December, he brought the parish together for a wonderful Christmas celebration. Father Bob's homilies, colored with his own experiences, offer hope and spiritual refreshment at a time when they are much needed. Though here for only a short time, Father Bob has become a welcome addition to St. Ann's Catholic Christian traditions.

As St. James instructed us in his short but poignant Epistle to the Whole World, "faith without good works is dead." Father Pfundstein and his dedicated ministers have indeed brought life to the faith that is practiced at St. Ann's.

The School- In September 1954 Father Cunningham's great dream was realized when the doors of St. Ann School opened to its first classes. Five young Sisters of St. Joseph, supervised by our first principal, Sister M. Modwena, arrived to assume the task of educating 332 boys and girls in grades 1 through 5. The new school was literally bursting with children, as classrooms were only available on the first floor and the front of the second floor. Construction was not complete on the west end of the second floor; the sisters lived on the third floor.

The Sisters who began at St. Ann's had unlimited energy. They devoted themselves to educating the whole child. Religion was a major subject and learning the rituals of the Church was mandatory. The children attended the 9:00 Mass in the school while their parents attended in the Church.

Physical Education did not become part of the school curriculum until John F. Kennedy became President in 1960. Yet the Sisters had their students bending, jumping and stretching right in the classroom and they were outside playing various games or jumping rope at lunchtime. Plays were always in rehearsal or production; every child in the school knew how to do the Irish jig and Sister Gerard Maria never stopped collecting coupons. The children were taught well. The success rate was measured by acceptances to Catholic high schools. For the first several years, everyone made it. Many of St. Ann's graduates went on to become doctors, lawyers, businessmen, stockbrokers, teachers, civil servants and skilled laborers. Many others joined the religious life. At least five graduates are ordained priests: John Tosi (now Monsignor Tosi), Frank Gasparik, Brendan Downing, James Brennan and Gerard Sauer.

In the early years, the school's population did nothing but grow. As classes were added, the west end of the second floor was opened. Classes began to split because the numbers of children were simply too large. By 1956, a combination of fourth and fifth graders comprised one classroom, with Sister Mary Jacqueline teaching both curricula in the same classroom. By 1957, there were two fifth grades and from 1961 on, the value of having two eighth grades was recognized and that tradition followed. There was no room for these classes, however. Plans to build the convent were underway, funds were raised, loans were taken and finally, in 1964, the convent was opened. Construction was begun immediately to turn the third floor into classrooms.

The spirit of excellence that was cultivated during St. Ann's infancy has been embraced by all of those who have worked and taught at St. Ann's. After Vatican II, fewer young people joined the religious and clergy, and thus teaching Sisters became scarce. Under the guidance of its principals, Sister M. Modwena, Sister M. Germana, Sister Thomas Agnes, Sister Regina Immaculate, Sister Virginia McNiff and Sister Rose Veronica, lay teachers were integrated into St. Ann's faculty. The first was Mrs. Neary, who taught third grade in 1958. Soon Mrs. Margherita Doyle, who had been the school's crossing guard, stepped up to join the faculty. One of St. Ann's first lay teachers, Mrs. Gertrude Conway, taught at St. Ann's for more than 25 years. In 1995, upon Sister Rose's retiring as principal after

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twenty years, St. Ann's welcomed its first lay principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Vecchio. Since her retirement, Mr. Frank Sauro and our present principal, Mr. Robert DiNardo, have administered the school.

St. Ann School will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2004. What changes have taken place during half a century! With respect to the population, many nations of the world are represented at St. Ann's. Children come from all different cultures, speak many different languages and even practice various religions. The enrollment is just under 300, and includes an Early Childhood class, Kindergarten, and grades one through eight (most grades have two classes). In addition to classrooms for all of the classes, the school has a library, a gymnasium/auditorium, a cafeteria, a computer room, a science room, nurses' office, administrative offices and faculty room.

Great changes have taken place in the area of technology. Almost every classroom has at least one computer and there is an up-to-date and well-equipped computer lab, initially financed by many fundraising events and by contributions made by the Conroy Family and others in memory of Jeffrey Conroy, one of St. Ann's graduates. Recently, the school has had to institute a technology fee to cover the costs of constantly updating the hardware and software necessary to keep the lab properly accessorized.

Just before Mrs. Vecchio retired in June 2000, St. Ann School had received Middle States Accreditation, a status granted to schools that have achieved levels of excellence in many different areas. A band was started about three years ago, and thanks to Mrs. Rosemary Innis and Miss Jennifer Jabour, Broadway has returned to Cunningham Hall with productions of "Guys and Dolls" and "Through the Woods." The first grades have continued their tradition of presenting a Christmas play each year, and there are annual Science Fairs, spelling bees, math bees and other competitions. The school also sponsors an after-school program to assist working parents in caring for their children.

On the first Friday of every month, a special liturgy is celebrated for the children of the school. Each class has a turn to prepare for this Mass, and the children are given the opportunity to read the scriptures, present the Prayer of the Faithful, bring the offertory gifts to the altar and introduce the music. The teachers do a wonderful job in preparing the children for these celebrations and for the various prayer services conducted in school for special occasions. Catholic school education is very much alive at St. Ann School and the values introduced by the Sisters of St. Joseph continue to positively affect all who have a relationship with the school.

The only teaching Sister at St. Ann School is Sister Geraldine Cregg, CSJ, who began teaching here in 1969. Sister Geraldine has taught almost everyone in the parish, and for the past several years, has taught many of the children of her former students. In addition to teaching at St. Ann's and in other parishes before that, Sister Geraldine coached softball and acted as secretary for Queensboro Hill Athletic Association for many years. She has been a vital part of many committees and school organizations. Currently, she coordinates the parish's Eucharistic Ministers, participates in both the adult parish liturgy committee and the children's liturgy committee, does "hospital duty" as Eucharistic Minister, acts as lector, and participates in the After School Program. Sister Geraldine also shares the love of her own biological family and actually knows the names of all of her great-nieces and nephews! Her good friend, and another of St. Ann's treasures, Sister Saint Colette, passed away in January of this year. Everyone misses Sister Colette, her lively spirit and generous contributions to the school.

Activities- There is no way to fully document all of the activities that have taken place at St. Ann's during the past seventy-five years. Associations and organizations have come and gone; yet the parish has never been lacking groups who come together to socialize and to support each other and the parish. Today, there are two very active Senior Citizen clubs, one that meets on Tuesdays -- the other on Wednesdays. It was Father Cunningham who first initiated a Senior Citizen club, when he reached his own "Golden Age." The Seniors enjoy themselves each week, playing cards and bingo, drinking coffee and tea, sharing stories and planning outings. Many have traveled to various resorts for mid-week vacations, taken the monthly journey to Atlantic City, celebrated the holidays with parties, had luncheons in the best of restaurants, and have seen all the most popular Broadway shows. Currently,

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Ray Stahl is the president of the Wednesday club, and Lee Franzese is the president of the Tuesday Golden Age Club.

The Holy Name Society has been in existence since the 1930's. It is a group of men who are interested in carrying out Catholic traditions among its members, sponsoring retreats and reflections, welcoming local politicians and others to give instructions and guidance on living Christian lives in an ever-changing world. The Holy Name Society has been instrumental in many of the fundraising efforts of the parish, and many of its members are actively involved in the ministries of the Church. Judge Robert Kohm is its president today.

Similarly, the Rosary Altar Society, originally the Women's Guild, provides a social environment for the women of the parish. Enduring the highs and lows of membership and activities, today it is a vital organization, sponsoring both religious and social outlets for its members. Under the leadership of its president, Nancy Lee Dikeman, this organization has been revitalized and has grown in its purpose and commitment. Most importantly, the members offer support and assistance to each other.

Father Stafford was instrumental in organizing many activities for the youth of the parish. His efforts were continued by other young assistant pastors and by many lay volunteers who donated their time for the benefit of the children. As early as 1956, St. Ann's had a Girl Scout and a Brownie troop. In the mid-1970's, there were ten Girl Scout Troops. Mrs. Marie Randazzo, a Scout leader for 11 years and now a teacher at St. Ann's, fondly remembers camping in tents, tentalows and cabins, traveling to Williamsburg and to the Poconos, working with the girls for merit badges and marching every Memorial Day with the VFW and other parish and local associations. In 1962, the teenagers of the parish were invited to join the Dramatic Society, and a teen club was established in 1970. Then came the Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps, proudly marching in the St. Patrick's Day and other local parades. One of our late parishioners, Mr. George Sauer, drove a limousine for celebrities and other VIP's. Upon mentioning the Corps and its intention to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, a passenger named James Cagney donated \$5,000 to purchase uniforms for the members.

Father Tom Darragh moderated the Youth Association during his stay at St. Ann's in the 1970's. By then, the Association was comprised of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, cheerleaders, and the sports teams. From its inception, St. Ann School became part of CYO, the diocesan sports organization for youth. In its early years, the school had basketball, track, baseball and soccer teams participating in CYO. For twenty years, many of the girls showed their talents as members of the Twirlers. Today, St. Ann's Sports Association sponsors approximately 100 children each year in competitive basketball. An instructional clinic has also been established for younger children to learn the basics of the sport. Many of our teams have reached diocesan championships and play in tournaments throughout the diocese. Gary Conroy is the Parish Athletic Representative.

The latest addition to St. Ann's busy hub of activity is a Parents & Me Group, which is directed by Esther Telgado. Pre-schoolers are invited to attend with a parent each week for exercise, fun and socialization in the Church basement. The Booth chapter of AA also meets in the Church basement twice a week. There is something for everyone at St. Ann's.

Naming names is a dangerous thing, and so we have not attempted to credit all the wonderful parishioners who have been instrumental in providing their services to our parish, lest we commit a serious sin of omission. The Journal Committee recognizes that each and every member of our parish is important, everyone is appreciated and no one is intentionally slighted. Therefore, you will forgive us if your name was not mentioned.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. ANN'S ON THRIVING AND SURVIVING ITS FIRST SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS! *God help all of us and all who come after us in keeping the faith alive here for at least another seventy-five and. . .*

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Director of Religious Education

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Thomas Glennon

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President

Golden Age Club
Lee Franzese
President

Hilltop & Adult Choir
Julia Sergi
Director of Music

Ushers
Frank Bruno

Mommy & Me Group
Esther Telgado

Sports Association
Gary Conroy
Parish Athletic Representative

Booth AA Group

Parish Outreach Program
Deacon Sal Licata
Director

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Chaplin

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President

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Raymond Stahl
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Pat Allaire

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Children Liturgy Committee
Maureen Mohr
Coordinator

Adult Liturgy Committee
Sr. Geraldine Cregg, C.S.J.



The Clergy of St. Ann's Church

PASTORS

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| <i>Rev. Thomas Casey</i> | 1927-1934 |
| <i>Rev. David A. O'Donovan</i> | 1934-1949 |
| <i>Rev. Charles M. Cunningham</i> | 1949-1969* |
| <i>Rev. Francis X. O'Sullivan</i> | 1969-1987 |
| <i>Rev. George A. Pfundstein</i> | 1987-PRESENT |

* arrived at St. Ann in 1942

Assistants

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| <i>Rev. Anthony F. Powers</i> | 1945-1960 |
| <i>Rev. Raymond J. Dundon</i> | 1946-1961 |
| <i>Rev. Raymond W. Stafford</i> | 1960-1974 |
| <i>Rev. Francis J. Seeger</i> | 1961-1969 |
| <i>Rev. Raymond F. Rau</i> | 1974-1976 |
| <i>Rev. Thomas P. Darragh</i> | 1972-1979 |
| <i>Rev. Ettore Floretta</i> | 1976-1980 |
| <i>Rev. John J. McNulty</i> | 1977-1988 |
| <i>Rev. Arthur Purcell</i> | 1979-1983 |
| <i>Rev. Ignatius A. Catanello</i> | 1981-1987 |
| <i>Rev. James G. Sickler</i> | 1983-1994 |
| <i>Rev. John J. Maduri</i> | 1987-1989 |
| <i>Msgr. John Johnston</i> | 1988-1989 |
| <i>Rev. Bartholomew Egan</i> | 1989-1993 |
| <i>Rev. Joseph T. Vu</i> | 1991-1995 |
| <i>Rev. Joseph N. Grisaitis</i> | 1994-2001 |
| <i>Rev. Anthony Sikandar</i> | 1996-Present |
| <i>Rev. Robert W. Blauvelt</i> | 2001-Present |



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| 1954-1960 | Sister Mary Modwena Rochford |
| 1960-1962 | Sister Germana Lyons |
| 1962-1964 | Sister Thomas Agnes Walsh |
| 1964-1970 | Sister Regina Immaculate McHugh |
| 1970-1975 | Sister Virginia McNiff |
| 1975-1995 | Sister Rose Veronica Viceconte |
| 1995-2000 | Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Vecchio |
| 2000-2001 | Frank Sauro |
| 2001- Present | Robert DiNardo |

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| Maria Alleluia | Maryalis Adams | Eleanor Angone |
| Catherine Byrne | Rosemary Bambrick | Elissa Benedetti |
| Joseph Berardi | Alice Bonevich | Ann Collins |
| Daniel Considine | Fran Conti | Gertrude Conway |
| Elizabeth Cuccia Atkinson | Bernice Cuninghame | Marie DePalo |
| Mary Driscoll | Deborah Dudas | Diane Ehrhardt |
| Mary Farragher Ryker | Catherine Guarnera | Pat Brzozowski |
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| Elizabeth Townes Valente | | |

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Present Staff

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Terry Ring – 2nd
Rosalie Arcos – 3rd
Janet Forster 4th
Pat Neubert – 5th
Jennifer Jabour – 6th
Pat Marsala – 7th
Louis Soriano – 8th
Lillian Vito – Reading
Kathy Marra – Secretary
Sr. Colette Gribbon (deceased)
Matilda Iocco – (transferred) Guidance
Francoise Longchamps -School Nurse*

*Annette Amaya – Pre-K
Sr. Geraldine Cregg – 1st
Marie Randazzo – 3rd
Rosemary Innes– Librarian
Melinda Molina – 4th
Megan Gillen – 5th
Andrea Shea – 7th
Linda Brough – 8th
Ria Liberatos (not in photo)– Guidance
Joanne Maselli – Computer
Gail Fereance - Finance
Shawn Carson (not in photo)- 3rd
Michelle Buzescu – Gym Teacher
Robert DiNardo – Principal*



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Catherine Anita Kelly
Paul Francis Kugler
Saint Raphael Poole
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Miriam Gertrude Lloyd
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Antoinette Marie Keyes
Mary Gregory Dempsey
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Mary Elizabeth Kelly
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Agnes Lucille Canavan
Mary Graziella Connor
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Rita Maria McCauley
Dorothy Eileen Maher
Dorothy Mary Geiger
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Mary Josephine Keyes*

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Grace Elizabeth Harley
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Regina Immaculate McHugh
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Grace Regina Kildea
Clare Lawrence Byrne
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Julia Veronica Hannon
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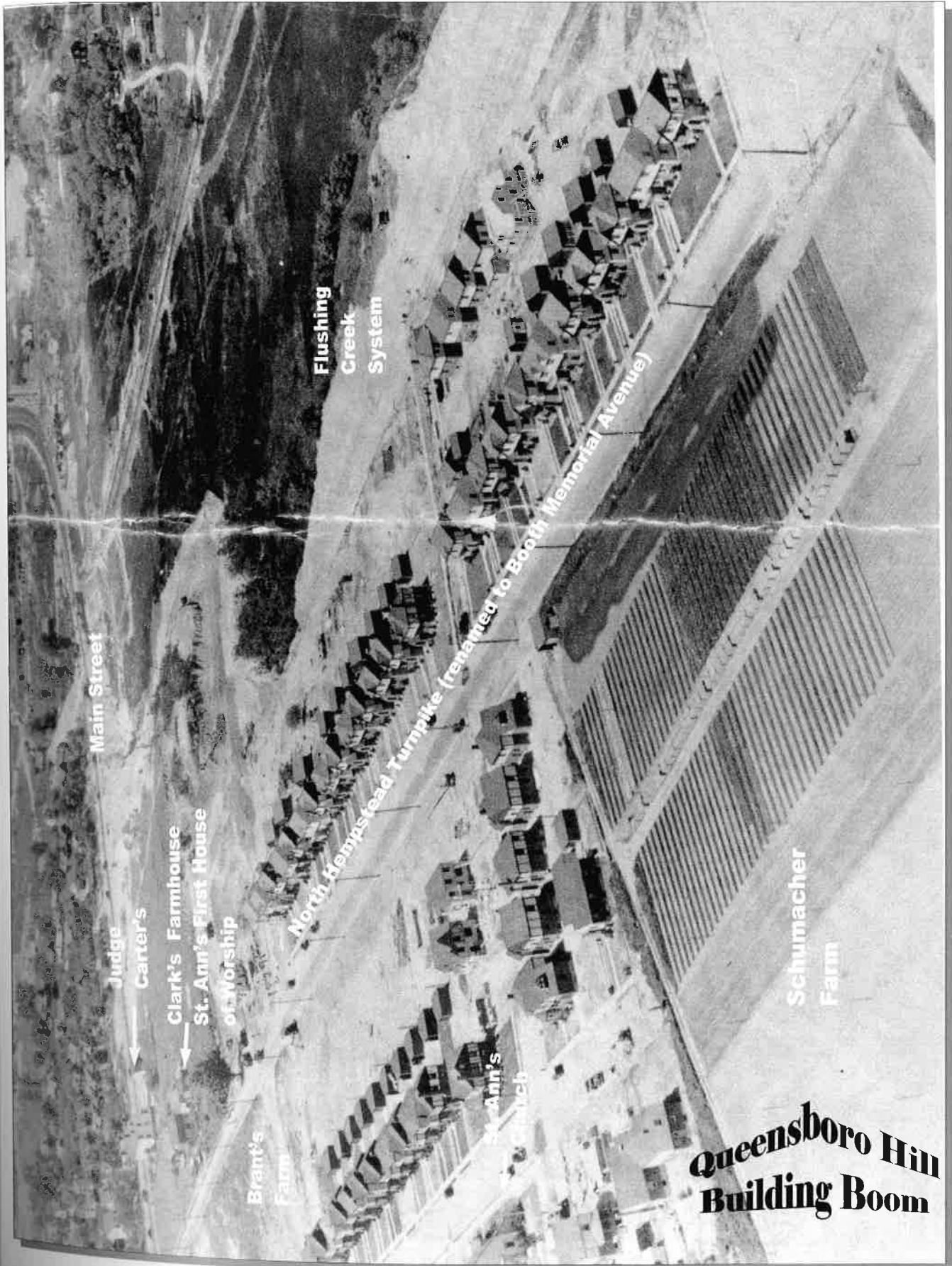
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The 1st First Communion Class on the steps of Mr. Clark's farmhouse



The 1st First Communion Class on the steps of St. Ann's Church

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St. Ann's R.C. Church

Plans for the opening of St. Ann's Parochial School in the Queensboro Hill section of Flushing were being completed today by the Rev. Charles M. Cunningham, pastor, and other officials in the diocese.

The new \$850,000 elementary school—located on the north side of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church on 146th Street between 58th and 59th Avenues—will begin enrolling children in September, according to Pastor Cunningham.

Registration for the first term will be limited to about 250 youngsters, but later enrollments are to be increased until the school reaches its capacity of 700 pupils in kindergarten to the sixth grade, Pastor Cunningham declared.

The youngsters will be taught by Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph who will live in the new structure until a parish convent is built.

THE NEW SCHOOL symbolizes the rapid development of St. Ann's parish, founded in March, 1927, by 138 Flushing families under the supervision of the Rev. Thomas Casey, now serving as pastor of St. Camillus' Roman Catholic Church in Rockaway Beach.

Diocesan records show that members of St. Ann's founding congregation attended mass in an old farmhouse located in the vicinity of North Hempstead turnpike and 147th street. However, it wasn't long before the parishoners had raised enough money to purchase land and begin construction of the present 500-seat church building, completed at a cost of \$52,000 in the Fall of 1928.

First mass in the attractive brown and yellow frame church—known to many Flushing residents as "St. Ann's on the Hill"—was offered on Christmas Eve that same year. Since the church at that time was surrounded by farmland, Pastor Casey had a special road cut from North Hempstead turnpike to bring his flock to the dedicatory service.

IN FEBRUARY, 1934, the Rev. Casey was transferred to Visitation Church in Brooklyn and the Rev. David O'Donovan was assigned to replace him as head of St. Ann's growing parish.

The church rectory at 142-30



REV. CHARLES CUNNINGHAM
Pastor Since 1958

58th avenue was purchased in 1937, during Pastor O'Donovan's eight-year tenure. Originally a parishoner's home, it has been renovated several times.

Reverend Cunningham has been pastor of St. Ann's Church since October, 1942; when poor health forced the Rev. O'Donovan to retire from active religious duty. The current 59-year-

old administrator was ordained a priest at St. Patrick's Seminary in Maynooth, Ireland, in 1919. He came to this country shortly thereafter and received his first assignment at St. Michael's Church in Flushing.

Before he took charge at St. Ann's, Pastor Cunningham also served the congregations at St. Patrick's Church, Glen Cove; St. Joseph's Church, Brooklyn; and St. Mary's Church in Long Beach.

MANY of the 1,500 families now attending the church participate in its religious activity groups. These include the Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, Confraternity, Choir, and Senior and Junior Blessed Virgin Sodality.

Pastor Cunningham is assisted in the direction of these organizations by the Rev. Raymond Dundon and the Rev. Anthony Powers.

Masses at St. Ann's are offered on Sunday at 6:30, 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The high mass is at 11 o'clock. Holy Day masses are offered at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m.

Official boundary lines of the parish are Lawrence Street on the west; Fresh Meadows Lane on the north.



STILL GROWING; Founded in 1927, St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church at 143th Street and 58th Avenue, Queensboro Hill, is still developing. A parochial school will be opened in September.

St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



April 1968 Last Sunday Mass With Old Altar



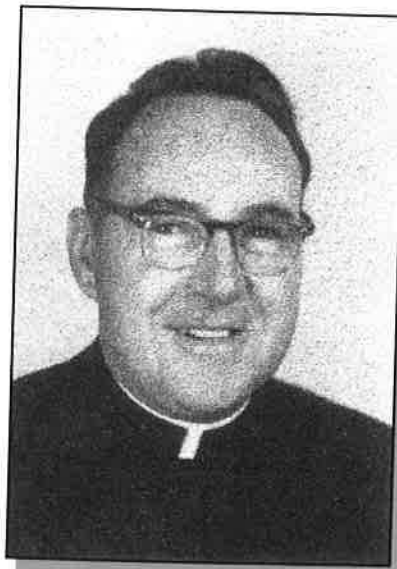
Dec. 1968 –First Christmas With New Altar



Father Cunningham 50th Anniversary Dinner
May 30, 1969, with Father Seeger and Father Stafford



Rev. Charles M. Cunningham
Third Pastor

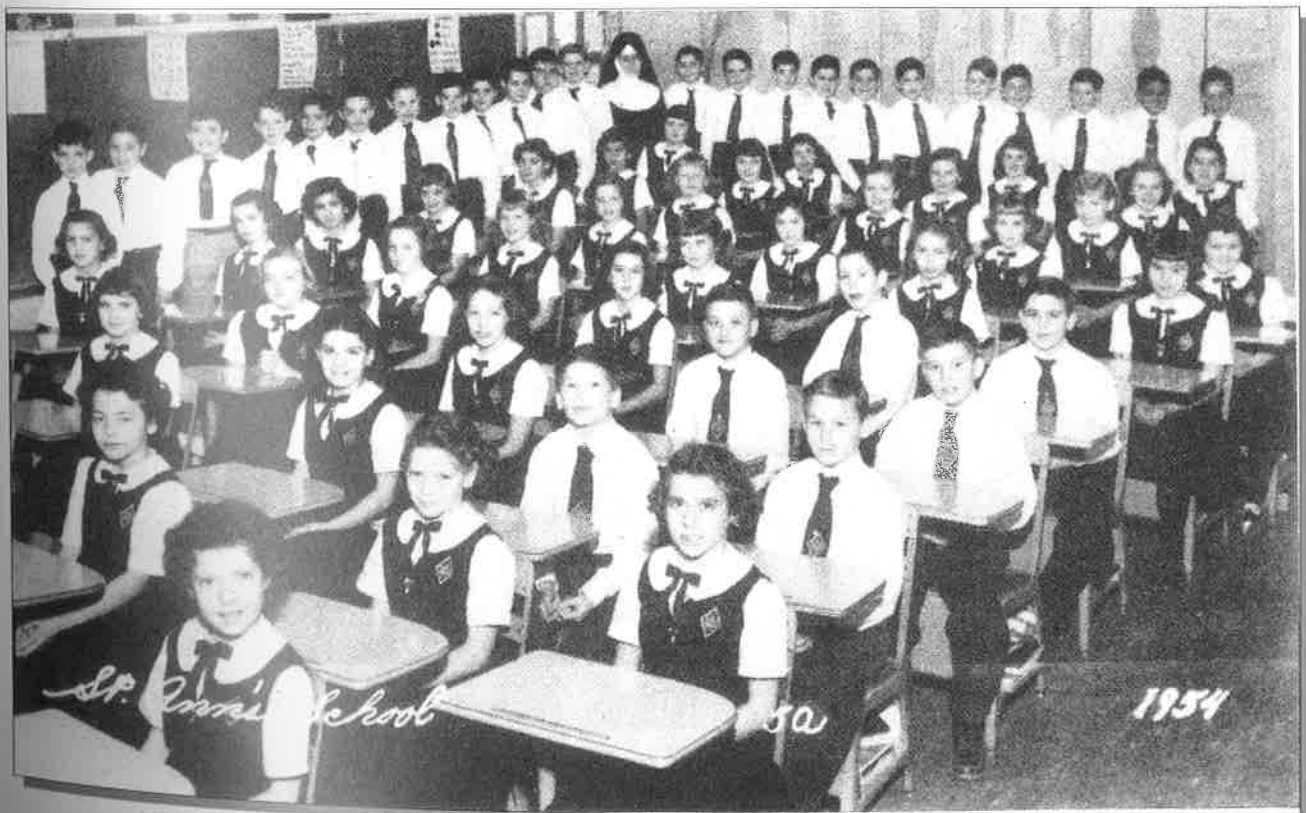


Rev. Francis X. O'Sullivan— Fourth Pastor

St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



St. Ann's Second Graduating Class As They Appeared As 4th Graders in 1954



St. Ann's First Graduating Class As They Appeared As 5th Graders in 1954

St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



*St. Ann's
Dramatic
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St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



St. Ann's Bazaar Parade

The Church Bulletin



"E MORTO" - He Is Dead
with these Solemn Words, ended the Life of POPE PIUS XII

Church of St. Ann

146th ST. & 58th AVE., FLUSHING

Holy Name Banner

OUR first meeting of the 1958-59 Season was held on Tuesday evening October 14th. Our new President, George Kucin introduced a very interesting feature known as "The Question Box". Our able and genial Moderator, Rev. Raymond Dundon, is the answer man. George has invited all the members to submit questions on Faith or Morals which may be bothering you. These can be placed in the question box (signed or unsigned).

Jim Roberts, Chairman of our Annual Invitation Dance, has announced that everything is in readiness... the date is Friday evening November 14th—the place: School Auditorium—the price: \$5.00 per couple. Free refreshments, beer, soda, gingerale, ice cream. A good orchestra will be on hand for smooth stepping or rock and roll if you prefer. Tickets may be obtained from Tom Drolet, Ticket Chairman or any of the ushers at Mass. Jim has promised that this Dance will be as good as any of our previous affairs—"nuff said". Get your table arrangements set by securing your tickets for your party of friends and neighbors as soon as possible.

Motto for the new season... "EVERY MAN IN THE PARISH IS A MEMBER OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY."

Communion Sunday: Nov. 9th—eight o'clock Mass

Meeting: Tuesday, November 11—8:30 P.M.

Please attend both.

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SUNDAY MASSES
IN CHURCH—8:30 - 8 and 11
IN SCHOOL—9 - 10 and 12:15

DAILY MASS
7 - 7:30 - 8

FIRST FRIDAY
6:30 - 7:15 - 8

HOLY DAY MASSES
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Parish Items of Interest

St. Ann's Building Fund Drive

EACH month on this page St. Ann's Building Fund Drive hopes to report greater progress. Still in its infancy the committee is very optimistic over first returns.

The elimination of many parish fund-raising obligations, such as the bazaars, yard parties, punch boards and turkey raffles by our pastor will leave much to be expected of you.

Many persons living outside the Parish are selling St. Ann's Booster Books. They know it is a good thing and it is to your advantage to be a sponsor. Besides two free tickets, there is a separate drawing of \$3500 in prizes for book sellers. Interest others at work, your family and friends in selling a book. Tell a committee worker at the door of the church you would like to be a sponsor.

There will be no drawing in January... Let's make up for it this month.

Rosary News

COMMUNION SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 2nd—8 O'CLOCK MASS
MEETING—NOVEMBER 5th AFTER THE ROSARY

OUR OCTOBER meeting was well attended. In fact, we didn't have enough chairs for all who came. We promise to be better prepared for our next meeting. However, there was plenty of delicious coffee and cake served by Mrs. Marie Burke, the Prefect and her Band who were hostesses for the meeting.

Nomination of officers were announced for the year 1959 and the entire slate of officers, with the exception of Mrs. L. Lape, who resigned, were voted in unanimously for another year. Mrs. Arline Richmond was nominated for Corresponding Secretary.

Sunday afternoon, October 12th, seventy-six new members were formally inducted as members of our Rosary Society. They showed their awareness of the spiritual values of our Society by their presence. We know it was truly a happy occasion for all present. Our Moderator Fr. Charles Cunningham welcomed the new members and stressed the value of the Rosary in our lives. The hall and tables looked very festive. We wish to thank Mrs. Thos. Doyle, Chairman and our President, Mrs. James Egan and all their Committee for a lovely job.

DEVOTIONS

Monday 8 P.M.—Miraculous Medal Novena

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday, on the eves of Holy Days, and on the Thursday before the First Friday of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00, and from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. No confessions in the morning, during the Masses on Sundays, Holy Days and First Fridays.

BAPTISMS

Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock, and when necessary, at other times by appointment. The two sponsors must be Catholics. The father of the child should be present. Only Saint's names should be given. Baptism should not be deferred ordinarily beyond two weeks after birth.

MARRIAGES

Due notice of the intended marriage should be given to the Pastor at least four weeks in advance, to allow for the publishing of the Banns. Baptismal Certificates and Marriage Licenses are required before marriage ceremony. It is the will of the Church that whenever possible Catholics be married at a Nuptial Mass.

SICK CALLS

All sick calls are to be left at the Rectory by someone who can give an intelligent account of the case. For this reason the sending of children is to be discouraged. If possible, sick calls should be sent to the Rectory before 9 A.M. Urgent calls may be sent at any time. Except in emergencies, the telephone is not to be used.

When a parishioner is seriously ill, or even threatened with a severe malady, the priest should be called. No possible harm can come to the patient from the visit of the priest, and very often serious illness has been averted by this visit. It is sinful on the part of relatives and friends to delay sending for the priest until the patient is at the point of death or in the state of unconsciousness.

In preparation for the administration of the Sacraments at home the following should be in readiness before the priest enters: A table covered with a white cloth, on which should be arranged a crucifix; two blessed wax candles, lighted; holy water, a glass of drinking water, a tablespoon and napkin. If possible, an attendant with a lighted candle should meet the priest at the entrance, when he brings the Blessed Sacrament. Church etiquette requires women to have their heads covered in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

FUNERALS

All funerals should take place in the morning at a Solemn Requiem Mass. Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory by the Undertaker. The Canon Law of the Church forbids Church services when the deceased is not to be interred in a Catholic cemetery.

St. Ann's—Seventy-Fifth



Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast Served In School Cafeteria By St. Ann's Able Women



St. Ann's Bazaar, Up & Down Main St., N. Blvd., Booth Memorial Ave. St. Ann's Fife & Drum Corp, Twirlers, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Holy Name Society, Rosary Society, Floats, Costumes and Many Marchers

Church Players Perform "Fiddler"

On the evenings of April 11th and 12th and April 18th and 19th, 1975 there will be an air of excitement in the vicinity of 58th Road and 146th Street in Flushing. The excitement will be

caused by the production of *Fiddler on the Roof* performed by the St. Ann's Players.

This year St. Ann's Dramatic Society has matured from a Teen Club venture to a complete involvement of the entire Parish. In fact it has spilled out beyond the Parish to embrace members of the Jewish Faith, the Greek Orthodox and members of the Queensboro Hill Community Church.

Fiddler on the Roof, a hit musical on Broadway was produced, directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins from the book by Joseph Stein. The music was written by Jerry Bock and the lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. Both the stage version and the film production received high critical acclaim.

The Dramatic Society is composed of St. Ann's Parishioners of all ages who volunteer their theatrical abilities. These abilities involve singing, dancing, acting, and in the manual arts—sewing, carpentry and painting. All the sets are being built by the members, the backdrops are being painted by the members of the Teen Club and many of the women have volunteered to make the costumes.

The entire production is under the direction of Eileen Sullivan, Mrs. Sullivan an alumna of the St. Ann's Dramatic Society and Queens College Drama Department, has directed and produced many of the shows presented by the Teen Club, the more recent one being *The Sound of Music*.

Tickets for the 4 performances are on sale—Reserved Seating \$3.00. Unreserved Seating \$2.00. For additional information please call 445-9007.



Joyce McAlister as Tzeitel and Edward Burnbaum as Teyve



St. Ann's Dramatic Society
Fiddler on the Roof
April 1975



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April 1970 Holy Name Retreat held at Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates



1974 Holy Name Retreat at Bishop Molloy



St. Ann's Holy Name Society

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Father Raymond Stafford's Farewell Party (1960-1974)



Nov. 78—St. Ann's Schoolchildren

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Grace, Maryanne, Jean, Mary, Jean, Ruthie, Pat, Ann
Mary, Joan, Josephine, Josie



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Wednesday
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**St. Ann's Basketball
Then & Now**



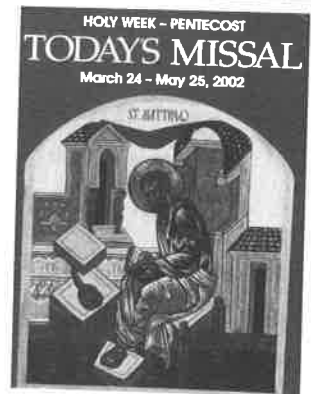
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