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REMEMBERING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

A Celebration and
Dedication of the New
Church Addition

June 11, 2022
Saint Patrick Church
Farmington, CT

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

It is a great honor to join you today as the Pastor of Saint Patrick Church. One hundred years ago on June 11, 1922, this very church was dedicated, and while much has changed in the century since that day, the devotion and faith of the people of this Catholic community remain as steadfast as they were back on day one.

As we recognize one hundred years of Catholic life in this church, we also celebrate the opening of a brand new addition to the building. It is a space that offers such promise and will help this parish to follow the example of Jesus and continue to serve the needs of the church and the surrounding community in our modern world.

While there are many to thank today, such appreciation must go to Monsignor Thomas J. Barry, whose drive and dedication were paramount in making this day possible. After many years of dreams and proposals to enhance the church structure, it was not until Monsignor Barry's years of dedicated work as Pastor and leadership with this project that such desires and efforts were able to come to fruition and become a truly impressive reality.

On this day of great celebration for Saint Patrick Church, we thank him. We thank all the clergy, parishioners, and benefactors who have made this parish into a steadfast home of charity, a place of faith, and a proud member of the Farmington community. And we thank you for joining us on this truly wonderful and blessed occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Matt Dard".

CELEBRATION OF

Minsters of the Liturgy

Celebrant

Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV
Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford

Principal Concelebrant

Reverend Monsignor Thomas Barry

Concelebrants

Reverend Matthew Gworek & Reverend Joshua Wilbur

Deacon

Deacon Robert Barry

Master of Ceremonies

Deacon Sean Yates

Servers

Altar Servers of Saint Patrick Church

Lectors

Betsy Walsh & Carla Bystricky

Musicians

James Lawrence - Cantor & Director of Music
Stephen Scarlato - Organist
Aaron Heine - Trumpet
Tyler Miller - Euphonium
Saint Patrick Church Choir

THE EUCHARIST

Order of Mass

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Entrance Hymn

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (#525)

Introductory Rites

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - *Proverbs 8:22-31*

Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

"O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!"

Second Reading - *Romans 5:1-5*

Gospel - *John 16:12-15*

Homily - *Most Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen (#460)

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer | Sign of Peace | Lamb of God

Communion Hymn

The Supper Of The Lord (#427)

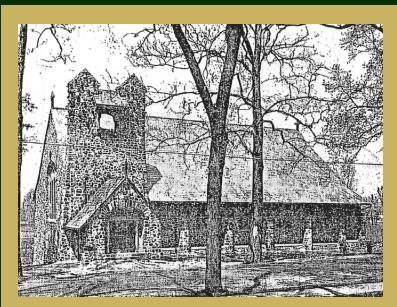
Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy (#314)

HISTORY OF ST.

After some years of being served by the priests of Bristol and Plainville, the Roman Catholics of Farmington, under the care of Bishop John J. Nilan and their first resident pastor Rev. M. Ernest Wilson, came together to build their own church, which was formally dedicated on Sunday, June 11, 1922.



Over the decades that followed, the community would have the leadership of Father Henry Cassidy, Father James Barrett, Father William Kilcoyne, Father Austin Dignam, Father Paul Dignam, and Father Charles Kane. These men, who served the parish as administrators and pastors, worked to cultivate new ministries and apostolates to the surrounding community.

In 1951, Father John Kelly was named as pastor. He became an important civic figure while also continuing the growth of the parish. Following Father Kelly was Father James Conefrey, who in

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1975 began the process of renovating the parish plant. He was followed by Father Thomas Quinn, Father James Pilon, and Father Mark Flynn, who all continued to strengthen the parish with enhancements to liturgy, pastoral ministry, social outreach, religious education, and other critical aspects of the church and its mission.

Then in 2011, Monsignor Thomas Barry was named pastor of the parish. Focused on the youth and building up the community, he also began dedicating great effort to the idea of building a new addition to the church, a project that had been in the minds of the parish for many years. Fully behind the initiative even in



the face of challenges, Monsignor Barry and the whole Saint Patrick community were able to successfully turn that dream into a reality.

As the final touches of the new addition were being completed, Monsignor Barry was able to retire, with Father Matthew Gworek beginning as pastor at the beginning of 2022.

NEW TO THE

After many years of careful thought, prayer, and study, the new addition was designed to be a space in which the members of Saint Patrick Church could meet as a community, grow in faith, and appreciate the beauty of our history, our Catholic tradition, and our loving God. It's our pleasure, therefore, to highlight here some of the new elements and features of the addition.



Parish Hall



Kitchen



Baptistry

ADDITION



Church Seating



Family Room



New Church Pews & Floors



Reconciliation Room



Classrooms



Chalice Window



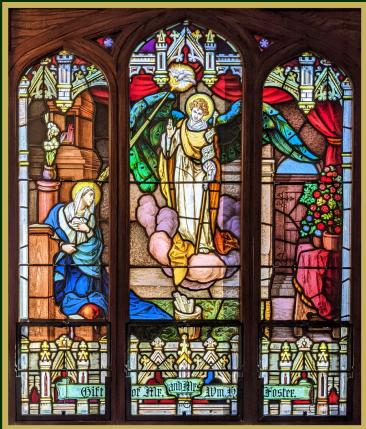
Mary with Child & Angel Windows



Jesus with the Children Window



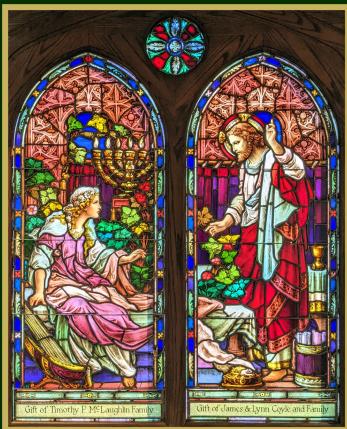
Hope & Faith Windows



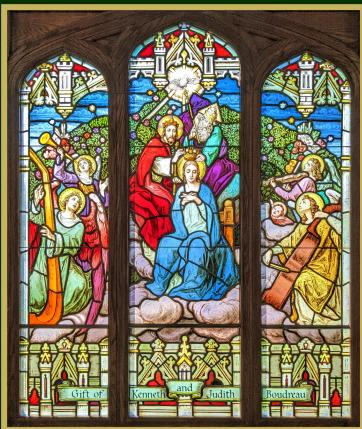
*Annunciation
Window*



*Lamb of
God Window*



*Jesus with Maiden
Window*



*Crowning of
Mary Window*

DEDICATION

This project could never have been completed without the support, dedication, and generosity of the faithful men and women of Saint Patrick Church. So many parishioners were willing to offer their time, their talent, and their financial resources to ensure that this new addition to the church could become a reality. We thank each and every one of those parishioners and benefactors willing to generously sacrifice to build this beautiful space and support the future of this parish community.

In addition, we offer our thanks to those businesses that were so generous in sponsoring today's event.



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