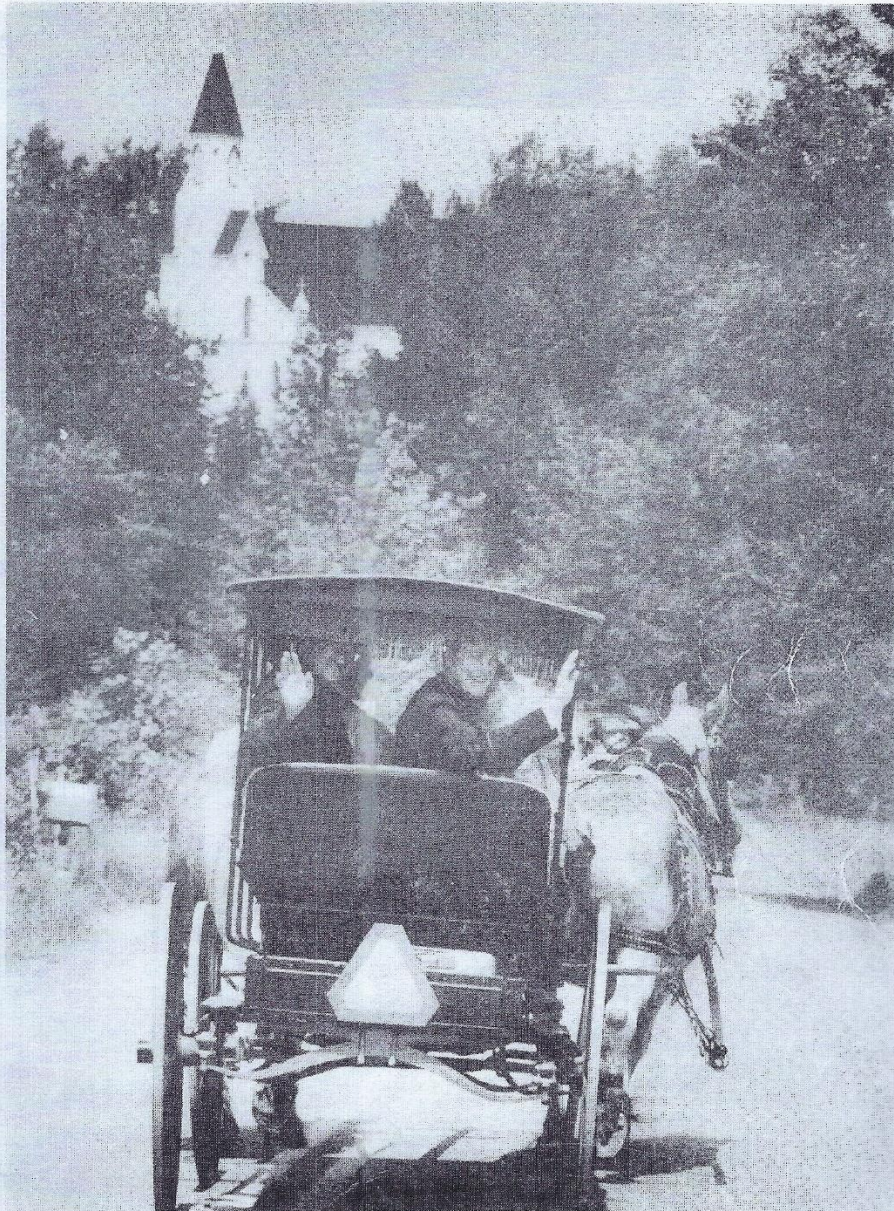


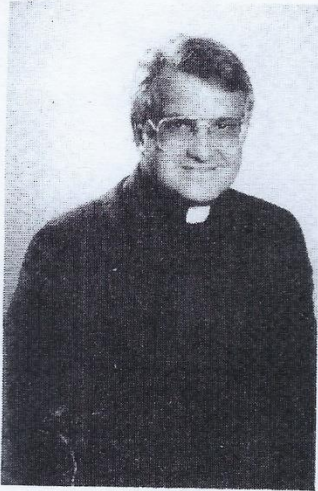
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OF
ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROCK LAKE, MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



ST. JULIANA'S CHURCH
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Feast of St. Juliana
June 19, 1988

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Almighty God, Mary our Mother, and St. Juliana, I extend to all of you God's choicest blessings on this 150th anniversary of the founding of our parish.

I have been a part of your family of St. Juliana's for little less than four years. I have come to appreciate and love you with an unforgetting love and relentless spirit. God has truly blessed us by sharing our cares, concerns, desires and needs. His constant presence in the Eucharist has given us His own peace, consolation and hope as we do our daily chores in His name. Our reception of Him makes us holy and generous, so much so, that we open our doors to all who trod on our saintly soil.

The existence of St. Juliana's Church for the past 150 years is itself a tribute to the hard work and love of those who had come and gone before us. Our challenge is to continue in their very footsteps in the same love, faith and hope in order to make this parish a faithful and loving community worthy to bear the name of our beloved patroness St. Juliana.

May God protect us and bless us as He pours His Grace upon all our members, benefactors and friends for years to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

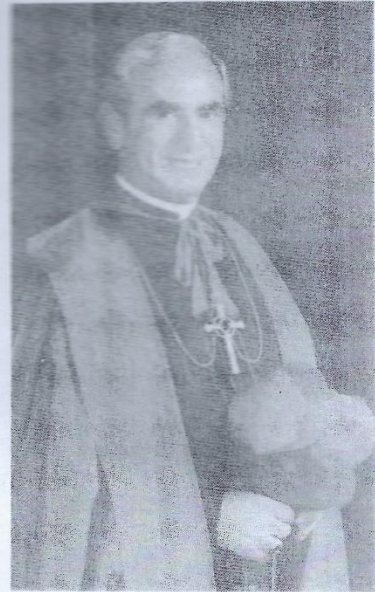
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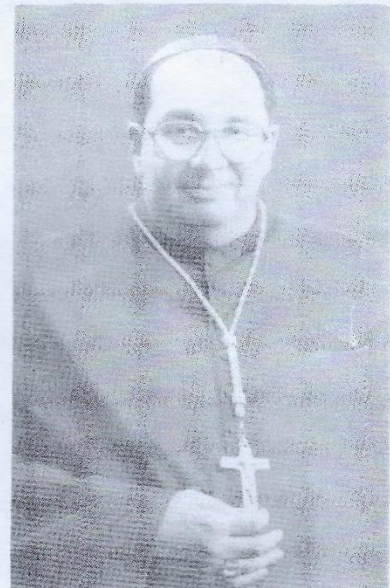
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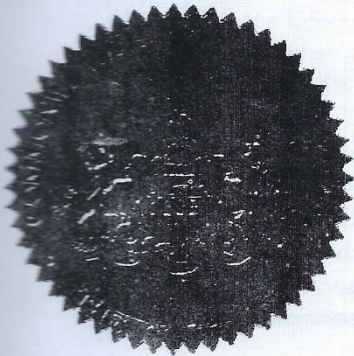
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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HARRISBURG

GREETINGS:

As Governor, I am pleased to convey my sincere congratulations to the members of St. Juliana's Church as you celebrate your 150th Anniversary.

Your anniversary is a special milestone in the long and diverse history of your church. It speaks eloquently of the love and faith in your special congregation. Over the past 150 years, generations of parishioners have helped preserve the strong spiritual values of this church and the community. St. Juliana's Church has been an integral force in the lives of the parishioners, and will continue to guide and inspire worshipers for years to come. You can take great pride in your 150 years of history and the valuable contributions St. Juliana's Church has made to your community.

Best wishes for many years of happiness.



Robert P. Casey
Robert P. Casey
Governor

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to honor the Catholic Church of St. Juliana's of Rock Lake, Wayne County, Pa., her priests, her founders and her parishioners. This is a story quite unique in the annals of the Catholic Church in America. The church of the early residents had no small part in the process of the making of this new land, America. The powerful influence was greater than its numerical strength would indicate. These people who came to the American shores were searching for a place to settle and to call their own, a place where they could freely and openly worship and adore their God, a place to marry and raise a family without the fears of social pressures and tyranny. The full story of the birth and growth of the Catholic congregation of the one and a half century old St. Juliana's Church of Rock Lake has been attempted in this present booklet. Much time and effort has gone into the search for the history of St. Juliana's. Many pages have been written of our parish over the past 150 years and it is from these printed facts, dates and records that we were able to verify information and seek out a more exacting picture of this history. No known source of information has been overlooked in an effort to relate every facet of this story. St. Juliana's does have this distinctive feature: that from its very birth as the "Irish Settlement" in a very remote spot in Pennsylvania's most northeasterly county, it offered to the hapless Irish immigrant the golden opportunity of realizing his dreams and potential for the full pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with sincere thanks to Father Bernard Shepulski for his faith in us and entrusting us with the task of assembling this 150th Anniversary Book for the people of St. Juliana's.

It was by no means easy for us as we live in North Syracuse, New York, which needless to say necessitated many trips to Wayne County to research the early history of St. Juliana's. It has been one of the most rewarding and educational experiences of our lives.

We are, however, concerned that this being our first attempt at assembling an Anniversary Book, some omissions and mistakes can be made. Therefore, we apologize in advance to all concerned if any of your ancestors have been omitted, you can be certain that it was an over-sight and we ask that you do not feel hurt or slighted.

We have made every possible effort to seek out, verify and correct facts that have been written again and again over the years and entrenched upon the lore of the locality, stories that have been less than accurately translated.

Further, we want to thank all the people of Rock Lake, Pleasant Mount and Wayne County who have so generously helped us in our efforts.

We cannot overlook the Wayne County Historical Society and Court House where vast amounts of research information was obtained. We were extended assistance and given the freedom to do extensive and thorough research. A great amount of knowledge of our heritage of St. Juliana's was through their generosity.

A great big thank you to all who contributed in any way in making this book a great reading pleasure. We do hope you enjoy reading the book as much as we had in putting it together.

Harry and Pat Kerlin Kilpatrick

Special Acknowledgement to
HARRY AND PAT KILPATRICK
for their two years of research
on this most momentous endeavor.

INTRODUCTION

Before it is possible to tell the story of Irish immigration to Wayne County, Pennsylvania, it is necessary to document the reasons for their emigration from Ireland. Times were extremely difficult for the Irish Catholics and Protestants alike in those days. When England abolished the separate Irish Parliament in 1801, the Irish Catholic majority not only found themselves deprived of political and religious freedom, but also industrial and educational advantages. All countrymen, Protestant and Catholic alike, were forced to support the Anglican Church which created great religious agitation. The quest for Home Rule as well as the problem of land usurpation by the intruders further aggravated the Irish and caused great political lawlessness. They found themselves in the humiliating and unbearable role of tenant farmers on the very land which they once owned.

Food shortages and overpopulation, which affected all the people, was another major cause of the continuing exodus. Crop failures and absentee landlordism impelled many rural farmers to leave the quasi-slavery livelihood which they and their families were forced to accept and to seek, perhaps, a better situation in the urban areas of the land. This mass movement created great strain on the population balance of the cities and untold hardships on the families caught in this unfortunate dilemma. This congestion and the unbearable injustices grew to such proportions that many were faced with the decision to leave their homeland.

Many of the Irish immigrants who came to the North American continent in the early 1800's settled in the State of Pennsylvania and especially in and around the city of Philadelphia which was then a flourishing community and an important seaport. It is one of these early immigrants, Richard McAvoy, who was, without a doubt, responsible for the origin of the settlement that today is known as Rock Lake, Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

THE McAVOY FAMILY

Richard McAvoy was the eldest of six children of William and Rose Ann McAvoy. Like his father, he was obliged to make his living by working on the land. Their farm was located in the parish of Magheralin in County Down, about 25 miles Southwest of Belfast. The father, William, was also an adept weaver, but because of restrictions placed upon the Irish Catholic tradesmen, he was unable to work at his trade except for his own use and in his own village. This suppression of the basic freedom to earn a livelihood through ones talents and abilities was oppressive and perpetually frustrating to him. In the year 1812, when Richard was 20 years of age, he started off to explore the possibilities of settling in the new land of America. He established himself in the Northern Liberties Township of Philadelphia. Hard work and thrift in the grocery business soon rewarded him with a prominent reputation in the community and an abundant prosperity. In his letters to his family back in Ireland, he told of his good fortune, of the freedoms and contentment that he was now enjoying and the tremendous opportunities and land that were available.

In the month of February 1818, six years after he had come to America, his brother William, now 21, and his youngest brother Paul, 19, together with their friends and neighbors, Patrick Connor, his wife Mary McGrory and their three small children Hugh, Sarah and Arthur all bade farewell to families, relatives and friends and proceeded to Belfast to seek passage on a ship to America. However, just before the ship was to sail, William slipped and fell down one of the ship's hatchways and broke his leg and had to be returned to land for treatment. He then went back to the family farm in Magheralin, thus delaying his journey to America for some time.

His brother Paul and the Connor family remained on board. We cannot visualize the hardships with which these brave people were faced. To cross the North Atlantic in a sailing vessel during the winter in 1818 was in itself an extremely hazardous undertaking. The travelers had to supply their own food and bedding with many families crowded together in one room. They slept on the floor, huddled together for warmth and comfort. The cold and dampness made the crossing almost unbearable. Many died of ship-fever and other diseases but Paul and the Connor's managed to survive. Arthur, the youngest of the children, was only two years old at the time. The ship arrived in St. John's, New Brunswick on May 2, 1818. This information was related by Matthew Connor, a great-grandson of Patrick and Mary Connor, who lives today with his wife, Mabel McCollum, in Philadelphia. Why the family disembarked in New Brunswick is unknown. Perhaps the long cold voyage was becoming too much for the three small children or perhaps that was their destination. At any rate, they made their farewell's to their dear friend Paul and went ashore to begin a new life of freedom. Paul however was becoming anxious to get to Philadelphia and the long awaited reunion with his brother Richard. Some problems developed on shipboard while enroute and he was obliged to transfer to another ship in Penobscot, Maine. He continued the journey into the Port of New York on a freighter, landing in the month of May 1818. He then walked from New York to Philadelphia where he was reunited with his brother Richard. Many friends and countrymen had previously come to America and were now enjoying, in this new Republic, the freedoms denied them in their own Emerald Isle. A number of them had settled in Philadelphia and were classed among its foremost citizens. One of the more influential was Paul's brother, Richard McAvoy. Except for his instinct of thrift and executive management in building his business to the successful reputation it achieved, we know little else about Richard except his prestige as a horseman of note. He knew the thrill of the gallop and the rhythmic foot-stamping of the spirited thoroughbred. In the 1820 Census, Richard McAvoy was listed as a resident of Philadelphia County, 5th Ward. Also listed were other relatives: Edward McAvoy, James McAvoy of Cumberland County and John of Mifflin County.

It was Paul's good fortune to find a brother so well situated in life in the short span of six years since his arrival in America. Paul found work as a weaver and continued at that trade through the rest of 1818 and until the Spring of 1819. During this period Paul had heard there were large tracts of virgin lands for sale in a place called Northampton and today known as Wayne County. This land was surveyed in the late 1700's and was purchased almost immediately from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by affluent people of Philadelphia with the hope that re-selling parcels of their large tracts would reap profits for them. Paul wanted desperately to see this land so in the Spring of 1819 he set out alone and on foot, walking most of the distance of 200 miles from Philadelphia to the very northeastern part of what is now Wayne County to a place later to be named Rock Lake. Nothing has been found to tell of the hardships of this long trek or the exact route he took, but it is known that he was walking along the Cohecton-Great Bend Turnpike near the present Lebanon and Mount Pleasant Township boundary where he met Silas Stevens, owner of Stevens' Tavern. It was the start of a friendship that was to last many years. He continued along the turnpike until he found an Indian trail that led North. This trail later became known as the Turner Road and today is the Dixon Valley Road. Paul was now deep into the virgin land and progressed along the trail searching for a place he could own and settle on to enjoy life and the freedoms denied him and his family back in Ireland. The trail crossed a branch of the Lackawaxen Creek. The clear and bubbling waters sparked the heart of Paul, and walking 75 yards to the top of the next knoll, he stood in awe as his inner visions saw this as the Eden of his earthly sojourn. It was on this knoll that he later built his log cabin. He had secured a grant to 200 acres of land, being the Northern part of the 401 acre Amsterdam Tract No. 90. He spent some time looking over the land and once he had decided to build upon the knoll, he began to clear the land around it. This wilderness territory was covered with

In Memorance of
Robert J. Csigay, III
Mother

forest and inhabited by a multitude of wild animal and bird life. Paul worked alone in the unbroken wild throughout the summer and into the autumn, but as winter approached he started the long journey back to Philadelphia. He spent that winter and spring at his weaving trade and during this time related many stories of his adventures. By his enthusiasm and desire to return to the beautiful natural paradise, he convinced his brother Richard to buy the land since he, himself, did not have the money. It was by this purchase on August 10, 1820 that Richard McAvoy became the first Irish Catholic land owner in the township. Richard at this time was a very prosperous and settled businessman and it appears, from subsequent events, that this purchase was made solely for land that his brothers could settle on and eventually own themselves. The Salter to McAvoy deed is here printed in its entirety and is the first of a number of important deeds that figure prominently in the Irish Settlement history.

Book 5, p. 165-167

August 10, 1820

Deed: Samuel Salter et ux.

To: Richard McAvoy

Between Samuel Salter of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, Gentlemen, and Sarah, his wife, of the first part and Richard McAvoy of the County of Philadelphia, Gracer, of the second part. Witnesseth, the said Samuel Salter and Sarah his wife in consideration of four hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Richard McAvoy at the execution whereof is hereby acknowledged and themselves contented and paid, have and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said Richard McAvoy and to his heirs and assigns all the moiety of that certain tract of land called "Amsterdam," situate on the waters of Lackawaxen Creek, formerly in Northampton County, but now Wayne County in the State of Pennsylvania, and in Mount Pleasant Township, butted and bounded as follows by a survey thereof, to wit: Beginning at a post, the northeast corner of Andrew Epple's land in the line of Elizabeth Thompson's, thence along the same West one hundred and seventy-nine and a half rods to a post for a corner of William Heysham's and Anthony Crother's lands, thence South four degrees East, twenty-nine rods to a post, thence South eighty-six degrees West, seventy-one rods to a post for a corner of Anthony Crother's, thence South four degrees East, one hundred and eight rods to a post set for a corner of this and Daniel Nixon's land, thence East two hundred and fifty and a half rods to the line of Andrew Epple's land, thence North one hundred and thirty-seven rods to the place of Beginning; Containing two hundred and one acres and one hundred perches of land, being the northern moiety or half part of a tract of land taken up and surveyed by virtue of a warrant from the Land Office of Pennsylvania in the name of William Nichols, dated the fifteenth day of January, 1794, who by deed dated the twenty-fourth day of January, 1794, conveyed the same to William Armstrong in fee, who on the seventh day of June, 1797, obtained a patent for the whole tract, containing four hundred and one acres and one hundred and forty-seven perches with allowance of which the hereby granted premises or the moiety by a survey thereof as before described and which tract the aforesaid William Armstrong by his Indenture bearing the date the twenty-sixth day of January 1798, inter alia, granted to Anthony Crothers (Surveyor of Philadelphia) in fee, who with Hannah, his wife, by their Indenture dated the twenty-sixth day of June, 1806, granted the tract of land in the patent aforesaid to Samuel Salter in fee, which said conveyance from the said William Armstrong is **recorded at Milford in now Pike County**, in Deed Book No. 1, page 304 on the sixth day of February, 1804, and the said conveyance from said Anthony Crothers is **recorded at Bethany in Wayne County** in Deed Book, No. 1, page 619, on the 17th November, A.D 1806, as by a reference thereunto will more fully appear, together with all and singular, the ways, woods, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the before described tract of land, belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions, remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim of them, the said Samuel Salter and Sarah, his wife, of, in, to or out of the same: To Have and To Hold all the northern half of the aforesaid large tract of land surveyed and laid of the courses, metes and bounds aforesaid, containing two hundred and one acres and one hundred perches of land hereby granted or intended so to be with the appurtenances to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of him the said Richard McAvoy, his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Samuel Salter and his heirs all and singular the premises above described and hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Richard McAvoy, his heirs and assigns against him the said Samuel Salter and his heirs and against all persons claiming, by, from or under him, them, or any of them, shall and will warrant and forever defend, by these presents. In witness whereof the parties hereunto have set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid. Dated the day and year first above written. Samuel Salter (Seal) Sarah Salter (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us. The words "Daniel" "& before described" wroteover erasure. Thos. Armstrong, Philadelphia, S.S.

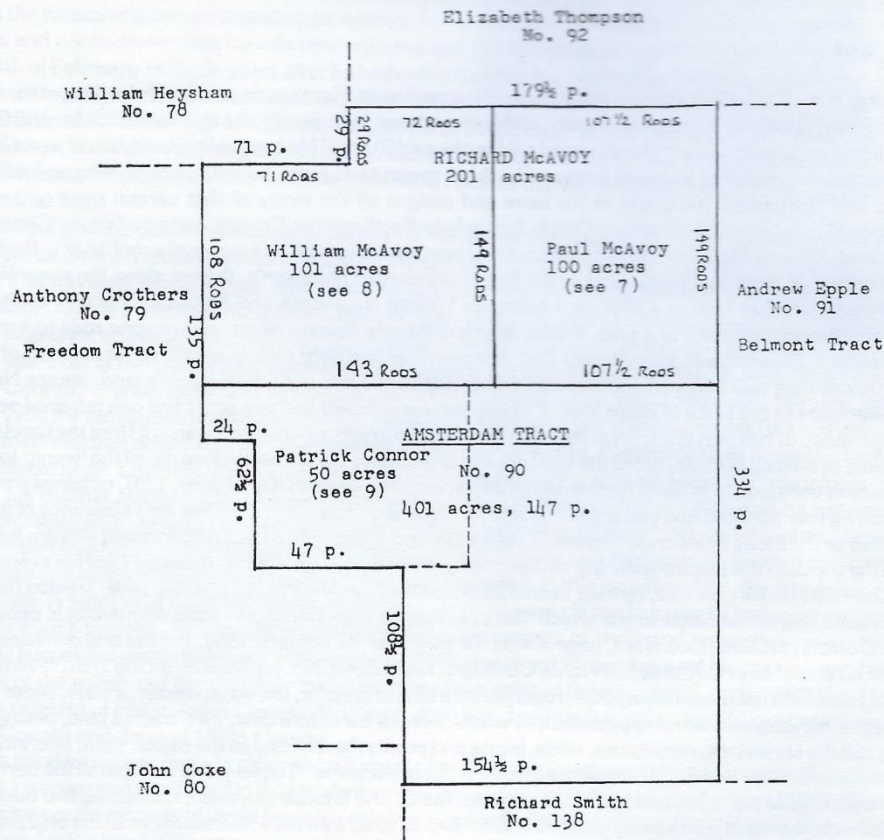
On the eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, 1820, before me, one of the Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia, came the above named Samuel Salter and Sarah his wife and acknowledged the above written Indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such. The said Sarah being of full age & thereunto voluntarily consenting, private and apart from her said husband, by me first examined, declared that she executed the same of her own free will and accord, without

In Memory of
Victor Romanczak
by
Antoinette Romanczyak

any exertion or compulsion of her said husband and that the contents of the said deed were fully made known to her. Witness my hand and seal the day & year aforesaid, Mathias Ripple, Ald. (Seal).

Received on the day of the date of the above written indenture, from the above named Richard McAvoy, four hundred dollars, being the full consideration money above mentioned. Samuel Salter. Witnesses present: Thos. Armstrong, Thos. Armstrong. Recorded April 4, 1821. Book 5, pages 165, 166, 167.

Note: A phrase in the text notes that the Armstrong to Crothers deed of Feb. 6, 1804 was recorded at Milford, now Pike County, and the Crothers to Salter deed of Nov. 17, 1806 was recorded at Bethany, Wayne County, indicating the change of the site of the county seat from Milford to Bethany. The Salter to McAvoy deed was entered at Bethany. Currently the county seat is located at Honesdale, Wayne County, Pa.



1. Entire boundary = Amsterdam Tract No. 90
2. By Warrant from the Land Office of Pennsylvania in name of William Nichols, dated 15 January 1794
3. Deeded to William Armstrong on 24 January 1794. On 7 June 1794 William Armstrong obtained a Patent for the whole tract containing 401 acres and 147 perches
4. Deeded by William Armstrong to Anthony Crothers on 26 January 1798
5. Deeded by Anthony Crothers & wife Hannah to Samuel Salter on 26 June 1806
6. Deeded by Samuel Salter & wife Sarah to Richard McAvoy, the Northern moiety of Amsterdam Tract containing 201 acres & 100 perches on 20 August 1820 Deed Book 5 pages 165-167
7. Deeded by Richard McAvoy to Paul McAvoy, the East 100 acres and 6 perches on 23 August 1833 Deed Book 8, page 235
8. Deeded by Richard McAvoy to William McAvoy, the West 101 acres on 23 August 1833 Deed Book 8, page 234
9. Deeded by Samuel Salter to Patrick Connor, the Southwest 50 acres of the Amsterdam Tract, Deed Book 5, page 134.

In Memory of
The Kelton Family from N.J.
 William Kelton

Paul was elated over the land purchase and immediately set about getting his possessions and tools together. He bade his brother good-bye and once again started out on the long trek to the remote acreage in the vast forest. It is almost impossible to imagine, in our technological world of today, what hardships, privations, dangers and loneliness this decision carried with it. Upon arriving, he began in earnest the laborious and difficult task of building a cabin atop the knoll where he had cleared the trees the previous year. He dug out a cellar and built the wall with flat field stones that he had to carry to the site by hand or perhaps upon a small stone-boat that he himself could pull. The inside dimensions of the cellar are 16 feet square and the wall is 64 inches high. The cellar entrance on the outside was facing south. The location of the entrance to the log shanty is not known but on the southside were other flat stones that would seem to indicate it was on that side, which would make easier access to the cellar. It was a tremendous undertaking for one man to erect a dwelling place from the heart of the forest. Trees had to be cut down, some of which he probably did the previous year and left to season through the long winter months. The logs then had to be hand-hewn before the shanty began to take form. Measurements of the ruins indicate the cabin was 17 feet wide by 22 or 24 feet long. After the walls were in place, the opening for the only door to the outside had to be cut out. Paul could have carried a one-man bucksaw into the wilderness with him or perhaps purchased that and other tools in Pleasant Mount, a distance of 6 or 7 miles away. When Paul built the cabin, his basic concern was in the four walls and a roof for his protection from the elements and the wild animals that roamed this wilderness, especially the vicious timber wolves, bear and wild cats. The hearth and mantel stones still remain, but have been pushed aside gradually over the past 150 years by the slow growth of a large tree. The huge mantel stone that capped the hearth measured 20 inches wide, 6 inches thick and 5 feet long. How Paul managed to get that immense stone to his cabin and in place atop the hearth shall always remain a mystery. By this act of occupation, Paul became the first settler in the Irish Settlement.

The present owner of Paul McAvoy's property, Mrs. Eleanor Leonard O'Neill, widow of Paul L. O'Neill, has deeded 100 acres of that land where the first log shanty once stood, to her son Daniel and his wife, Alice Hauenstein O'Neill. The surprising coincidence revealed here is that Alice Hauenstein is a direct descendant of Paul McAvoy, being his third Great-granddaughter, from the line of Paul's son William Henry McAvoy.

THE CONNOR FAMILY

It was during this same period of time that Paul's good friend, Patrick Connor, became dissatisfied with life in New Brunswick where they had lived for over a year. The family then came overland through Canada and into the States, settling in Newburgh, N.Y. It was here that his fourth child, John, was born. Unable to find work, he went in search of it, walking along what is the Newburgh-Cochecton-Great Bend Turnpike, until he came to the Stevens Tavern near the Mount Pleasant-Lebanon Township line. He had stopped at many places along the road for a bite to eat and a night's lodging. Stevens Tavern seemed no different than the others, but it held a destiny for Patrick. Silas Stevens had no difficulty in recognizing the Irish accent that skipped along Pat Connor's words. Where had he recently heard it? Sure enough, it was that man McAvoy who recently arrived from Ireland and was now living about six miles up in the wilderness. He told Connor about McAvoy. Surprised and pleased, he set out early the next morning for the log cabin where he found Paul McAvoy, his old friend and companion who sailed with him from Ireland. The foundation of the old Stevens Tavern was still standing along the turnpike on the farm of Paul McGraw in the year 1938, but today is hidden from view by nature reclaiming her land.

Paul prevailed upon Patrick to settle in this beautiful country where land was so abundant and available. Patrick agreed, and contacted Mr. Samuel Salter from whom he purchased 50 acres of land for the consideration of \$150.00, being part of the same Amsterdam Tract No. 90 where Richard's 201 acres were situated. His land was south of the McAvoy holding on the western side. It butted against the land that William McAvoy later came to settle on. In spite of the legend that Patrick Connor walked to Philadelphia to procure the deed, it seems evident that the transaction took place in Wayne County, as Paul McAvoy and Silas Stevens were witnesses to the deed, and Samuel Salter, on the 17th day of January 1821, appeared personally before Benjamin King, Justice of the Peace for Wayne County, and declared the indenture to be his act. The deed was recorded in Deed Book 5 page 134 at the County Courthouse in Bethany on that same day, Bethany being the County Seat at that time, having replaced the former one located at Milford in Pike County. Honesdale was destined to become the county seat in 1841 but at this time, it was still a wilderness. Honesdale was laid out in the year 1826 and incorporated as a borough on January 26, 1831. John P. Connor, a grandson of Patrick, had in his possession three deeds to this property: (1st) made of sheepskin issued on June 7, 1797, Thomas Mifflin being Governor; (2nd) of sheepskin issued on June 27, 1806; (3rd) of paper issued to Patrick Connor on January 10, 1820. (Through a clerical error, the foregoing date, which should have read 1821, was erroneously listed as 1820.) Patrick returned to Newburgh and waited until Spring to bring his wife and children to his new land in Mount Pleasant Township. The Irish Settlement had commenced to grow and now had a population of seven: Paul McAvoy, Patrick Connor and his wife Mary, their three Irish-born children, Hugh, Sarah and Arthur, and John, born in Newburgh, New York in 1820, thus the Connor's became its first Catholic family.

In Loving Memory of
Paul L. O'Neill Sr.
by
Eleanor O'Neill and family

The Connor family were blessed with two more children, Henry the fifth, born May 2, 1826 and Mary the last, born in 1830 or 1831. Henry related the story, as told to him by his mother, that she was working in the field one Spring day on May 2, 1826 when she went into childbirth. It is not known if anyone was near at hand to assist her but nevertheless, Henry was born that day under the big pine tree up on the hill near their log cabin. There were no doctors, nurses or hospitals in those days, so Mary took care of herself and her new-born son. After a few hours she returned to her work in the fields.

Patrick Connor planted crops in the Spring, cleared more land throughout the summer and fall and when winter came, he would travel to Mauch Chunk to earn money as a carpenter leaving Mary and the children to tend to themselves and the livestock. Mary would spend the long winter months spinning thread, weaving cloth and making clothing. Money was so scarce that the pioneers all sought work outside the Irish Settlement, toiling for the railroad, the Delaware and Hudson Canal or anywhere a dollar could be made. They bartered and traded for most items they needed.

One time Patrick was doing carpenter work for Mr. Perham. When the work was completed, he received a quarter of mutton as his pay. He put it on his shoulder and started for home. When about half way home, he was surrounded by a pack of wolves. In order to save his life, he threw the mutton to them and while the hungry wolves were quarreling over the meat, he made his escape. Another time a wolf attacked his sheep and he was afraid to go outside. As a result, he had to watch while the animal ate one of his best sheep near the doorstep of his cabin. Another story tells of the time a letter came to the Pleasant Mount post office for Patrick from his brother in Ireland but there was twenty-five cents postage due on it. The letter remained in the post office for six months before he could secure the money to redeem it. In order to do that, he went to the store, charged a pound of tea to his account, resold it and secured the money.

Although all of the settlers worked tirelessly to make a better home for themselves and their families, they never forgot their faith and love for their God and His Commandments. Even though they had no church or Sacraments, the families prayed together and kept their religion a viable aspect of their lives. According to another oral tradition, Father William Clancy from Carbondale, visited the Irish Settlement between 1830 and 1833 and baptized the children of the Catholic pioneers there, the first reported Catholic baptisms in Wayne County, and administered First Holy Communion to the four oldest Connor children, who were found to be well versed in the precepts of their faith.

It is likely that Patrick, together with his sons, built a new frame house down near the present Route 247. This road was extended southward in 1833 to connect with the Cohecton-Great Bend Turnpike along the property line of the old William O'Neill farm where James and Joan Shaffer and family live today. A portion of the old narrow road can still be seen and it marks the western boundary of the Shaffer's land. It disappears into the woods and after a short distance is completely reclaimed by nature. The present home of the Shaffer's was once one of the barns on William O'Neill's 43½ acre farm. Jim and Joan moved the barn over a foundation they constructed and over the past two years have worked steadily to create a lovely rustic and most unique home.

The new frame house of the Connor's was later the home of Arthur and Bridget Kelly, Connor, and then belonged to Arthur's son Charles. It was located where today stands the well-cared-for and attractive residence of Thomas and Mary Dixon. On the 21st day of December 1836, Patrick bought the remainder of the land in the Amsterdam Tract No. 90, consisting of 150 acres --three times more than he originally owned. He purchased this new piece of land for the sum of \$150.00 from Catherine Salter of Kensington, County of Philadelphia, who was the executrix of the last will and testament of her late husband, Samuel Salter. This land bordered along the Dyberry Creek and lands owned by Paul McAvoy, Andrew Epple, Richard Smith and Patrick's other land. The deed is recorded in Wayne County Courthouse Book 10, page 103. Five years later, in August 1841 at the age of 56, Patrick died suddenly near the Steve McGivern place while walking along the road on his return from Philadelphia. He was only three miles from his home when he was stricken and it was told that he had the deeds to his property in his pocket at the time.

Research reveals that George Warner, a wagon maker, made the coffin for \$8.00, M. O'Neil & Co., believed to be the undertaker, was paid \$25.12, and Russell Spencer was paid \$.50 to dig the grave. Deacon Spencer received \$1.00 and probably led the prayers at the home or church and at the grave. It was also recorded Mr. Elijah Peck, a Baptist Clergyman, was paid \$1.00. It should be noted that St. Juliana's Church, dedicated June 20, 1838, had no assigned priest and as a mission church, was only visited once a month by Father Henry Fitzsimons from St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale, as listed in the Catholic Almanac for 1839. It must be assumed, therefore, that Patrick's last rites were not officiated by a Catholic priest but that he did have a Christian burial. He was only the third person to be buried in the newly consecrated cemetery behind the church on land referred to as "God's Acre".

Patrick Connor left no known Will. Therefore an Administrative Bond was drawn up, dated and signed by Mary Connor, Administrator, and Levi Bennet, Executor, of all goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Patrick Connor, deceased, balance was to be distributed between the widow and six children. The appraisal was performed by Paul McAvoy and Nathan L. Kennedy (File 169 Wayne County Courthouse, Will Section). All his worldly goods were appraised for \$659.04. Arthur Connor became the owner, by payment, of the widow's share and four shares of the children, including his own.

It is related that Patrick's wife returned to the log cabin along with her son Henry, now 15, and daughter Mary, age 10. The

In Memory of
Eleanore Rogers Fondiller
by
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rogers Sr.

One Bras Cattle	2.00
one tee Cittle	.12
one crain and Hooks (swinging fireplace crane to hold kettles)	.50
Three Cott (sets) of pleats	.50
Four cott of cups and saucers	.25
Three teepots	.25
One cott of Nives and forks	.15
half a Doz of teaspoons	.50
Half a Doz of large Spoons	.12
Two Cream Pitchers	.04
One large Pitcher	.10
One baker and thre meat dishes (pans)	.75
thre wine glasses	.06
one tumler (tumbler)	.03
One Salt Seller and peper box	.04
One wash Baisan	.06
fore Water Pails	.50
One decenter and fore boles	.25
one bread Server	.01
Twelve Milck pans	1.50
One griddle	.50
One little wheel and one big wheel (?) (pulleys?)	1.50
One real and wash tub (reel for clothes line?)	1.00
One other small tub	.06
One churne and one lantern	.25
fore Pork bearlis	1.00
two Sap buckets	.25
three stone jares	.50
Pork and two candle sticks	1.50
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One clock and one looking glass	20.28
One loom and warping bars	2.50
two Reades and quill wheel and swifts	3.50
two tubs, rolls and yarn	1.00
fore large Boxes one barel and sope (soap)	18.27
fore plain Badsteeds	1.25
Carpets and one flat iron	2.48
family libry of books	.72
Carpenter and joiners tools	.25
267 lbs of Butter	1.00
One Horse	29.37
One Ox	30.00
two three year old heifers	28.00
One two year old heifer	22.00
One yoek of oxen	10.00
One cow	60.00
One other cow	17.00
One other cow	15.00
One other cow	15.00
One other cow	15.00
One other cow	12.00
One other cow	12.00
fore one year old heifers	
Thre one year olds Stears (steers)	13.50
One one year old bullick	5.00
fore Spring calves	10.00
Twelve Sheep	10.50
fore Hogs	16.00

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— In Memory of —

The Shepulski & Knitowski Families

Census of 1850 shows only Mary, 59, and Henry, a blacksmith age 24, as living at the residence. Mary had been known by the nick-name "Sally" over the years and was noted for her quick Irish temper. Her neighbors and friends came to refer to her as "Sally on the Hill". She remained on the hill for many years but finally age and health saw her leave and come down to live with her son Arthur and his wife Bridget Kelly and children.

Arthur and Bridget's children were Margaret A. Connor (1847), married John Crosby and had two children: Alice Crosby who remained single and was a school teacher in the Scranton public school system; and a son, Arthur, who died young of pneumonia;

John Patrick Connor (1849), always known as John P., married Mary Ann McGrath and had three children: Mary (Mayme) who married Robert Peel and had no children; Margaret Connor married Timothy Evans and they also were childless; Louis Connor died about 1903 at a young age. He was hopping a ride on a train in Carbondale returning to Pleasant Mount when he slipped and fell beneath the wheels. He was taken to the Carbondale hospital where his mangled leg had to be amputated. He died six months later.

The third child of Arthur and Bridget was James Connor who went West and never married. The youngest was Charles Connor, born in 1861. In 1908, at age 47, he married Anna McKenna who was 39. They had three children: Matthew Connor who married Mabel McCollum and live in Philadelphia today. They have three children and eight grand-children; Dorothy Connor who married Joseph LeStrange, and have nine children and 21 grand-children and have their home in Towanda, Pa.; and last is Sarah Jane Connor, (known as Jane). She was the last Connor to be born on the original homestead property. She married Nestor N. Brazier and had six children and six grand-children. Now a widow, Jane lives in Arlington, Va. Matt, Dorothy and Jane are known by many of the older inhabitants who still reside in and around Rock Lake today.

Here inserted is the appraisal of the estate of Patrick Connor to more fully realize how much Patrick and Mary were able to accumulate in 19½ years in the wilderness and the value assigned thereto. This list is entered exactly as found on the original copy on file in Wayne County Courthouse, Wills File 169.

Wayne County Pa.

Paul McAvoy and Nathan L. Kennedy of Mount Pleasant Township in the County of Wayne aforesaid being duly sworn say that as appraisers of the goods, chattles and credits which were of Patrick Connor late of Mount Pleasant aforesaid (deceased) they will well and truly and without prejudice or partiality value and appraise said goods chattles and credits and in all respect, perform their duty as appraisers to the best of their skills and judgement. Sworn and subscribed before me this 28th day of August A.D. 1841. Eldworth Mapes, J.P. (Signed) Paul McAvoy and Nathan L. Kennedy.

Appraisals and inventory of the property of Patrick Connor (deceased)

	\$
One bad and bading (bed and bedding)	15.00
One other Bad and bading	5.00
One other Bad and bading	4.00
One other Bad and bading	3.00
half a doz wensor (Windsor) chairs	2.50
One Rocking chair	1.00
Half a doz of chiny (kitchen?) chairs	1.00
One other Rocking chair	.25
One folding table	1.75
One chiny table	1.00
One other table	.12
one candal Stand	.75
One work Stand	1.00
One waiter (a tray)	.25
One par of andirons	1.00
One other par of andirons	8
(End 1st page)	Caried over
	37.70
One fier shovel	.06
One other fier shovel and tongs	1.25
One fore pail Cattle (kettle)	1.75
One other fore pail Cattle	1.75
One large Pott	.68
One other small Pott	.25
One Iron Pan (frying pan)	.25

In Memory of
Stanley Swiecicki
 by
 Wife Sophie & Family

thre Spring Pigs	4.50
Hay in the barn	12.00
One stack of hay	12.00
One other stack of hay	8.00
Part of a stack of old hay	8.00
Wheat in the sheaf	5.00
Oates in the sheaf	13.00
(end of page)	506.84
One acre of corn on the ground (should be in the ground)	10.00
buckwheat on the ground (should be in the ground)	8.00
Potatoes on the ground (should be in the ground)	20.00
flax in the sheaf	1.50
One set of one horse harness	4.00
One one horse wagon	8.00
one cart	4.00
One cutter (a light one horse sleigh)	.75
One yoke, bows Ring and Straeple (set of straps)	.75
One plough	3.00
One dreg (drag) and teeth	1.00
One ox chain	1.50
One grinding stone	2.00
One shuvles	.37
two hoes	.25
two scythes and Sneaths (snath-handle for scythe)	.25
A lot of Sickles	1.00
A lot of Rakes	.18
two pitch Forkes	.37
one dung fork	.10
A Patch of turnips	2.00
one Cut (?) Rifle	2.00
a quantity of dunghill Fowl (24) (common chickens)	1.00
Six gees	1.00
two ducks	.18
One cradle	.25
One dye tub	.25
One garden of Cabbage and other garden Vegs.	.75
A lot of old cast Iron	.50
A lot of old ? Iron	.25
One Crosscut Saw	.50
two grubing hoes	.10
two axes	1.00
One iron Wedg	.37
One Ox Sled	.18
One bob Sled	.18
	<u>.18</u>
	Cared over
	76.29
One Cow Bell	.25
One cheese hoop	.18
One ban box (band box-to hold hats, collars etc)	.03
One other banbox	.12
One Cominy cloth box wiker basket	.12
One other small wiker Basket	.06
One half bushill	.15
One bridle and Martengails	.37
One stone Jug	.10

— In Memory of —
Edward F. Lambert

two saus pots	.06
One Hatchle (hatchet)	.25
a quantity of empty beards	.50
a quantity of Salt	.50
One saddle	3.00
One other saddle	.10
One spring Coult	12.00
One skillet	<u>.18</u>

Mount Pleasant September 4th 1841

We the apprisers of the good and chatles of Patrick Connor late of Mount Pleasant Township Decased, Do Certify that this is a Correct appraisal to the best of out skill and judgment.	17.97
	76.29
	506.44
	20.28
	<u>37.70</u>
	659.08

Paul McAvoy
Nathan L. Kennedy

The majority of all household items were taken by Mary, the widow of Patrick Connor. The remainder of the goods, produce, grain, live stock, etc. were sold at vendue (public auction). The value placed on most items kept by Mary matched the appraisal figures and, in most cases, items sold were near the appraised values. Even crops in the fields, corn, buckwheat, turnips and potatoes were sold. Flax and oats in the barn together with oxen, horses, cows, heifers, hogs, geese, etc., went at the auction with Patrick's son Arthur buying a large amount of stock and equipment. The following names of friends and neighbors purchased items at the auction: Edward Turner, Arthur Connor, James Murray, William Byrne, Bernard Hatton, Mary Connor, Hugh Connor, William Turner and Levi Bennet.

Disbursements:

Thomas Fuller Atty.	\$11.00	Erastus Baker	\$ 5.00
Earl Wheeler	2.00	John Tiffany Tax	.69
John H. Sherwood	.95	Elijah Peck	1.00
John Lawrence	.62	E. Holgate	6.37
Asa Smith	.19	Eldad Atwater	6.00
David L. Bonner	.44	Mary Perham	.75
Paul McAvoy and Nathan L. Kennedy (for making appraisal)			4.00
Geo. Warner (a wagon maker, for coffin)			8.00
E. Mapes Justice (death certificate?)			.24
Difference between the amount of Inventory appraisment and sale			11.27
Amount of property taken by the widow			122.74
4 days service by Arthur Connor @ 1.00			4.00
15 days service by Bennet (executor)			15.00
W. H. Dimmick's Fee			6.00
John Belknap for letters of administration			<u>4.06</u>
			253.52
Pd. Register for advertising, paging and filing Act.			8.06
			<u>261.58</u>
Total Amount of Inventory of estate			659.08
Disbursements			<u>261.58</u>
			397.50
Pd. M. O'Neil to A/C	\$25.12		
Russel Spencer	.50		
Deacon Spencer	1.00		<u>26.62</u>
Balance to be distributed equally			370.88

— In Memory of —
Anthony & Mary Kulikowski

THE GROWTH OF THE IRISH SETTLEMENT

Back in Ireland, the father of Richard and Paul had died and was buried in the graveyard beside St. Coleman's Church in Moira, built in 1810. Because of religious persecution, there was no Catholic church in the village of Magheralin. It was not until the year 1835 that St. Patrick's Church was constructed and even then it did not have the appearance of a church with steeple and cross but was purported to be a town meeting hall, so it can be seen that Catholics in those days had to worship their God in secret. The town still abounds with the names of Lavery, McVey, McAvoy, McNeill, McGraw, McCormick, Connor, etc.

In 1822, William McAvoy, brother of Paul and Richard, and their widowed mother, Roseann (August 1760 - May 15, 1856) now in her 61st year, arrived from Ireland and by agreement settled on the western half of Richard's 201 acre tract. Here William, with the help of his brother Paul and neighbor Patrick Connor, erected the one room shanty for himself and his mother. The dividing line between William's and Paul's land was a former Indian path which became a wagon trail and still later was known as the "Bangall Road." Today this road, which runs directly in front of St. Juliana's rectory, church, and parish hall, is Route 247. There will be much more said of this one room abode of William McAvoy, which figures so prominently in Bishop Kenrick's first visit in June 1834. Concerning the McAvoy lands, we learn from the deed books at Honesdale that Richard McAvoy, the Philadelphia grocer, by two indentures dated August 23, 1833, sold the eastern one hundred acres to his brother Paul for \$200.00 (Deed Book 8, page 235) and at the same time he sold the western half share of the tract to his brother William, consisting of 101 acres for the same consideration of \$200.00 (Deed Book 8, page 234). These two deeds transferring title of the 201 acres he bought were made 13 years to the month after he had purchased the land in August of 1820.

It was in the mid-1820's that the Erie Railroad began to break through along the upper Delaware Valley. William took part in its construction by drawing iron from Waymart to Callicoon, New York. The route took him north to the Newburgh-Cochecton Turnpike, eastward through Tyler Hill and Damascus, across the Delaware River then north to Callicoon. While engaged in this work, he met, courted and married an Irish Catholic lass from Rileyville, Damascus Township, by the name of Mary McCollum, daughter of Archibald McCollum. When and where their marriage took place is not known, however, it appears to have been about 1825 or 1826 when William was 28 and Mary 20 years old. Their first child, William Jr., was born in 1827. The exact date and place may yet become known when the records of the early Missionary Priests can be located and examined.

The tombstone of William McAvoy is in the old section of the Rock Lake cemetery, being one of the closest graves to the site of the original frame church on the crest of the hill. His mother Roseann's grave is a short distance away. The inscriptions read:

WILLIAM McAVOY
NATIVE OF
PARISH MACHARRALIN
COUNTY DOWN, IRELAND
DIED JAN 27, 1872*
AGE 73 YRS 6 MO & 12 DAYS
MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE
A FAITHFUL HUSBAND, A FATHER DEAR
A FRIEND SINCERE LIES BURIED HERE
* (Correct year is 1871)
(William was born July 15, 1797)

The complete epitaph on William's grave can no longer be read as the stone had broken off and during the cemetery repair project in 1986 it was re-set and the bottom portion is now below ground level.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO
ROSE, WIFE OF WILLIAM McAVOY
DIED MAY 15th, 1856
AGE 95 YEARS, 9 MONTHS
BORN IN THE PARISH OF MACHARRALIN
COUNTY DOWN, IRELAND, 1761
REQUIESCAT IN PACE. AMEN.

Although the carved words on Roseann's stone were discernible in 1938, they have since become so weather beaten with the years that they are no longer legible.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Mildred Shepulski

William's Last Will and Testament is recorded in the Book of Wills, Wayne County Courthouse (Vol. 2 pp 238-239), dated December 26, 1870 and made one month prior to his demise. It is here printed, together with the assessment of his estate to show what was on a farm at that time. His farm was being managed at this time by one of his sons, Paul Archibald and his wife Hannah Kane McAvoy, who were the parents of Sister M. Thecla McAvoy, I.H.M. All wording and spelling is exactly as the original.

"In the name of God"

Know all men by these presence that I William McAvoy of the township of Mount Pleasant County of Wayne and Common Wealth of Pennsylvania, Being of Sound Mind, and Memory do make and publish this my last will and testament --- First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my Decease as possible

Second I give and bequeth to my Son William McAvoy Junior one Hundred Dollars, to be paid by My Son Paul A. McAvoy, in three Years after My Decease,

Third I give and devise to my Son James McAvoy My lower Farm by paying My daughter Rose Ann Reilly one Hundred Dollars To be paid in three Years after My Decease

Fourth I give and bequeath to My Wife Mary McAvoy and my Son Paul McAvoy the home Sted on which I and My family now Recide each one to have an equal Share, as long as My wife Mary McAvoy remains My widow. I give to my Wife Mary McAvoy And Paul A. McAvoy all my Movable property, I give and Bequeath to my wife Mary McAvoy one cow or fifty dollars To dispose of at her death as She Thinks propper --

It is my wish and desire for My wife Mary McAvoy to live with My Son Paul A. McAvoy During her natural life if not she shall be debared from her Part of the Homestead

Fifth I here by ordain and Appoint William McAvoy Jr. and John McLaughlin Jr. of the County of Wayne as Executors of this My Last Will And testament, in Witness Where of I William McAvoy The Testator have to this My Will written on one sheet of paper, Set My hand and Seal this twenty Sixth day of December in the year of our Lord 1870 - Wm McAvoy

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Said William McAvoy as and for his last will And testament in presence of us Who in his presence and in the Presence of each other and at his Request have here unto subscribed our Names as witnesses,

Matthew Fitzpatrick

Paul McAvoy -

-(Brother of William)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The John Kulikowski and Stanley Deschak Families

The appraisal of the possessions William and Mary McAvoy had accrued in their 44 years of marriage.

	Amt,	Invt,	Ap. -	\$190 -	00
				Dollars	Cts
7.			Cows	245	00
4.			Two Yearolds	72	00
3.			Yearlings	30	00
23.			Sheep	92	00
2.			Pigs	20	00
3.			Gees & 19. Hens	7	75
1.			Lumber Wagon	70	00
1.			Light Wagon	15	00
1.			Cutter & 1. Pair Bobslays	22	00
1.			Hayrake & 1 Cutting Box	11	00
1.			Saddle & 1 Fanning Mill	12	50
1.			Plow & 1 Crowbar	6	50
3.			Chains & 1 grindstone	6	00
2.			Grain Cradles & 2 Syths & Snaths	4	00
			Some Forks & rakes	1	00
1.			Cross Cut saw & Handsaw	1	00
			Old irons	1	00
1			Sap Pan & 1. Harrow	3	50
7			Bushel of Oats	5	25
3			Bushel Buckwheat	2	25
1			Butter FerKin & 1 Lot Salt	3	50
6			Bags & Two Axes	2	25
1			Big Kittle & shuval	2	50
2			Barls & 2 Kags	3	00
50			Bushel of Potatoes	25	00
1			Lot of Pork	10	00
1			Jug & Half bushel		35
1			lot of tin Pans	5	00
1			Wash tub & Pails	2	00
2.			Stove & Stove furniture	15	00
6			Chairs & Rocking Chair	7	00
			Lot of old Chairs	4	00
			Trunks & Boxes	1	00
1			Loom & trimmings	8	00
1			spining wheel & reel	1	00
1			Lot of Beens	1	50
			Sheepsheers	1	00
1			Hetchet	••	75
4			Beads & Bedding	60	00
			Some Home Maid Cloth	6	50
3			Tables & 2 Stands	7	50
1.			Beaurow	5	00
1			Lot of Pictures & Maps	1	00
1.			Clock & watch	10	00
			Some Books	1	00
1.			Looking Glass & Gun	5	50
1.			Lot of Delf & Knives & Forks etc.	5	00
2			Flatirons & Pinchers	••	50
			Lot of Hay	24	00

Amt. \$1036 . 60

Judgement on H. B. Waycof Docket.

\$ 92.04 ^{ct.} _{••} very Doutful Debt

IN MEMORY OF

Frank Rackowski and Ray Deschak Families

The original settler, Paul McAvoy (1799-1882), although once a weaver was now a hard working farmer spending long hours every day in clearing his 100 acres of land. There were more trees than one knew what to do with and many were too large to move and had to remain where they fell for the years to decay them away into peat. The soil would be tilled in and around these fallen giants and seeds planted by hand and hoe.

On one of his trips to Damascus for supplies, Paul met Susan Rutledge, the daughter of Alexander and Ann MacDonald Rutledge, immigrants from County Tyrone, Ireland. He successfully courted Susan and married her in 1825. She had been born at sea on September 29, 1803 as her parents were sailing to America. She was the fourth of ten children and followed the religion of her parents as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. These Rutledges were related to Edward Rutledge, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Paul continued in his family's Catholic tradition until 1836 when, according to Mathew's History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, he withdrew from the Catholic congregation and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Paul and Susan both worked hard to make their living and raise a family. Their first two children were born in the original log cabin - Richard on August 10, 1829 and Alexander in 1832. Their third son, Christopher, born in 1835 could have been born in the log cabin or in the new frame house that Paul built in 1835 and was located just east of his brother William's home, directly across the meadow and the dividing wagon trail that separated their farms. William's property is now owned by the Giovanniello's. The frame building that Paul erected is still standing today and is in good condition, located within 40 feet of the house that is today owned by Frank and Alice Rogers. This new dwelling, although small, became the home of three more children - Paul Jr. born December 3, 1837, William Henry in 1841 and Fanny Ann on November 24, 1844. The house contained one rather large room used as a combined kitchen, dining room and sitting room. A small pantry with shelves and a small counter were adjacent to this room. A door led to a stairway to the cellar.

There were also two very small bedrooms on the first floor which were only large enough to allow for one bed. There still remains behind the Rogers' home, a large shed that housed the buggies or wagons in one half and stables for the horses in the other. A hay and grain barn was a short distance away.

The large barn in use today was once two good-sized identical barns. One was jacked up, turned 90 degrees and moved to abut the other barn. Today it looks like one large barn, but inside one can see where they were attached. A marvelous feat to accomplish, and the move was made using just two teams of horses.

The three oldest McAvoy boys subsequently married the three eldest daughters of another very early settler in the Rock Lake area, Andrew McDermott and his wife, Elizabeth Reilly. The McDermott's lived about a half mile from the McAvoy farm. Richard eventually inherited his father Paul's farm and erected the large house where the Rogers family lives today. On January 8, 1859, Richard was married to Ellen Marie McDermott in the original St. Juliana's Church by Rev. C. A. Della Nave, witnesses being Ann McDermott and Daniel Hatton. These rites were recorded in Book B of marriages on page 2. Richard and Ellen were the parents of fifteen children and the baptisms of fourteen of them are recorded in the first Baptismal Book of St. Juliana's. Ellen died on December 1, 1881 at the age of 43 and only eight of these children survived her. Richard was an accomplished carpenter and builder who constructed the 3rd school house in Rock Lake in 1858 and also had a part in the building of the priest's house of St. Juliana's that is still in use today. He followed his parents' influence in his choice of religion, but his wife Ellen remained a staunch Catholic and reared all their children in the Faith, through which she was able to accept with courage and inner strength the hardships and heartaches they endured throughout their lives. Ellen and a number of her children are buried in St. Juliana's cemetery one row from her parents, Andrew and Elizabeth Reilly McDermott; while Richard is interred at Green Grove Cemetery on the Bethany-Dingman's Choice Turnpike (Rte. 670) with his parents, his brothers Paul Jr., William Henry and his wife Maria Williams, and sister Fanny Ann.

The second son, Alexander, was reared to the agricultural life on his father's farm and remained under the parental roof until the year 1859, when at the age of 27 he ventured to Geneseo, Illinois, where he had a cousin, John McAvoy, the second son of William and Mary McCollum McAvoy. He worked as a farm-hand for nearly three years with the driving ambition of one day being independent. He labored diligently, carefully saving his earnings until he had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase a farm of his own. He invested in 80 acres in Munson Township and then returned to his native Rock Lake where he was united in marriage on the 25th of February 1862 to Ann E. McDermott, who had been the girl of his boyhood choice. Alexander then took his bride back to Henry County, Illinois, where they resided and raised a family of five children, adding to their land holdings until their original 80 acres grew to a total of 320 acres. This family embraced the Catholic faith and all their descendants remain devout, dedicated and energetic members of their parish to the present day. The McAvoy descendants still occupy and actively cultivate the original holding, now designated a centennial farm denoting that the family have owned and lived there for over 100 years.

Christopher, the third son, and Catherine McDermott were married on January 5, 1871 in St. Juliana's by Father Thomas Brehony and witnessed by James McDermott and Jane Anna Stephen. It is recorded in Book B on page 13. They had four children: Daniel, Louis, Ellen (Nell) and Loretta, whose baptisms are all recorded in St. Juliana's registry. They lived most of their lives in the village of Pleasant Mount. For some years Christopher owned and operated a hotel in Equinunk but he later sold

— IN MEMORY OF —

John & Margaret Rogers

George & Etta Graham

By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rogers Sr.

it to Peter Bleck in 1885 and spent the remainder of his life in Pleasant Mount, where he died in 1902 at 67 years of age. Catherine attained to 88 years. They were both active members of St. Juliana's and St. James' parishes and both are buried in St. James' Cemetery along with Louis and Nell. Son Daniel is buried in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Paul McAvoy Jr. remained single and died of typhoid fever on August 25, 1863 at age 25 years 8 months and 22 days. The youngest child and only daughter, Fanny Ann, died on February 12, 1852 at 7 years of age.

William Henry McAvoy, the fifth son, married Maria Williams, daughter of Samuel B. Williams of Buckingham Township. They purchased and resided on a large farm west of Wheeler Hill to the south of Pleasant Mount in the German Settlement, and raised a large family of five daughters: Susan, Carrie, Hattie, Effie, and Victoria; and two sons: Henry and Cecil. William Henry died on January 4, 1926 at age 84 and his wife, Maria, preceded him by two years at 81 years of age. They are buried near the graves of his parents in Green Grove Methodist Cemetery along the Bethany-Dingman's Choice Turnpike, now Route 670. Their children and descendants married into families of German extraction from Clinton and Waymart area ie., Ihlefeldt, Wildenstein, Hauenstein, Griswold, Arnold, Wilcox, Loomis and Bucklish. Elizabeth Bucklish Jones is a surviving granddaughter who resides along the Clinton road and provides fresh vegetables and produce to many local families from her large and prosperous garden.

The emphasis thus far has been primarily on the McAvoy's - Paul, William and their mother Rose Ann, along with the Patrick Connor family, since they made up the first nine occupants of this settlement. The word went out and more and more Catholic friends and relatives came from Ireland seeking freedoms and opportunities in this new frontier.

The three daughters of Roseann McAvoy came to America also with their families. They were Sarah who was the wife of Patrick Lavery; Nancy who married Hugh McGraw in Ireland and emigrated in 1827 with their 12 year old son Hugh; and Margaret who married in Ireland to Michael McCormick and later settled in Mount Pleasant Township and raised a large family consisting of William, John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rosanna, Catherine and James. In the 1850 Census of Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, it was found that Rose Ann McAvoy, now in her 92nd year, was living with her daughter Margaret and son-in-law Michael McCormick and their seven children. In the same census, Rose Ann is also listed as living with daughter Sarah and Patrick Lavery.

Patrick Connor, Paul McAvoy and John Flanagan were the first Irishmen we find assessed in the township. The order of those settlers that followed is not know. Normally one would expect land deeds, and/or naturalizations to indicate dates of arrival but this was not always so. Naturalization papers were very brief and sometimes sketchy and often the date of arrival in the United States was omitted, also the date of arrival did not appear on all of the petitions for naturalization.

Three McDermott brothers arrived in the Port of New York together on June 3rd, 1826, having left their home in the Parish of Knockbride, County Cavan, Ireland, and found their way to Pennsylvania. Andrew and his twin brother, Patrick, were born in 1800 according to their gravestones, but on their naturalization papers Andrew's date of birth was listed as 1805 and Patrick's as 1806.

On August 24, 1831, Andrew McDermott filed a declaration to become a citizen of the United States of America.

The following is a copy of his original declaration, File No. 150 in Wayne County Court House, Honesdale, Pa. Like many of the other educationally deprived Irishmen, Andrew could not read or write so his + mark was witnessed by Catvely Freeman. At the time of his emigration, Ireland was under the reign of King George IV, 1820-1837. Andrew McDermott was admitted to citizenship on August 20, 1838.

*Pennsylvania,
Wayne County, Pa.*

Andrew McDermott being duly sworn according to law in open Court sheweth, that he was born in the County of Cavan in Ireland in the Year 1805 that he emigrated from thence ~~about~~ arrived at the Port of New York about the 3rd day of June 1826 and declares it to be his intention become a Citizen of the United States, and had selected the State of Pennsylvania as his

Place of residence, and hereby renounced all allegiances to any foreign power prince estate or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the King of Great Britain and Ireland of whom he is now a subject.

*Andrew + McDermott
marks*

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this 24th day of August 1831

Salomon Moore (Clerk)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
the deceased members of

The T.J. Roark Family

By the descendants of

Irene McGranahan • Elizabeth Ryan • Beatrice Gill • Marguerite Thomas

The third brother, James, also settled in Wayne County. In the beginning, they, like the majority of these Irish immigrants, worked on the Delaware and Hudson canal during the summer seasons to obtain some money to provide them with food and clothing until their farm lands could be cleared and become productive, and the winter months were devoted to clearing and improving their lands.

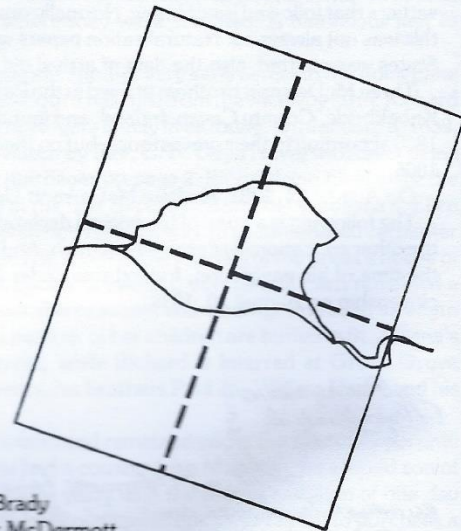
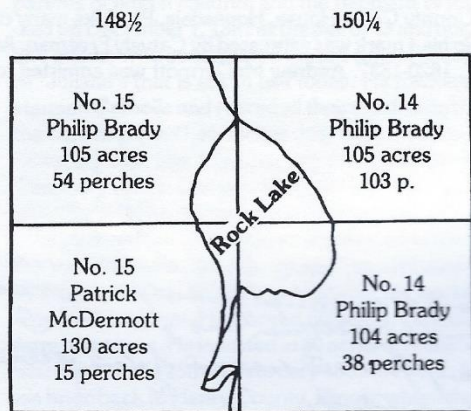
Patrick bought and settled on one-quarter (130 acres and 15 perches) of the Cadwalader-Equinunk Warranty Tract #93, Lot 15 of the land of Margaret Thompson on the Southwest corner of Rock Pond, later called Rock Lake. His deed for this purchase from Thomas Cadwalader is dated January 26, 1830. The settlement was variously known as Beech Woods, Irish Settlement and Bangall, the latter so named by Joseph Bass who lived on the South side of the Cochecton Turnpike in Lebanon Township and admiring the rapid progress of the settlers exclaimed "They Bang all!" from whence it took the name. (See Phineas G. Goodrich "History of Wayne County, 1890, p.210).

Philip Brady, who was later to achieve a distinctive place in the history of this area, owned the remaining three-quarters of the above mentioned warranty tract. Together, their property completely encompassed Rock Lake. Philip Brady named the pond "Rock Lake" because of the presence of so many rocks found in it, and when he walked to Philadelphia to get the Deed of the Cadwalader Donation to Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick of 1839, he was given the privilege of renaming the territory by that name. In 1854, when a post office was established at the residence of Arthur Connor, it was given the name Rock Lake Post Office.

Patrick McDermott (1800-1853) married Sarah A. Connor (1812-1903), the daughter of Patrick Connor and Mary McGrory, who was born in County Down, Ireland. Again, it was neighbor marrying neighbor within the Irish Settlement. They had eight children as listed in the U.S. Census of 1850: Philip, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ann, James, John and Lucinda (Lucy). Five of the McDermott children died while young: Philip at 30 in 1860; Ann 22, James 19, and John 16, all in 1862; and the youngest Patrick H. (1851-1853).

Andrew and Patrick McDermott, brothers, born in Ireland, 1800, arrived in U.S. June 3, 1826; Declaration for Citizenship, August 24, 1831.

Cadwalader Equinunk Tract Lots, 14a, 14b, 15a, 15b. 432 acres.
Warantee No. 93 Margaret Thompson.



Map of 1860
O-2 Philip Brady
N-3 Patrick McDermott
Map of 1872
L-3 Philip Brady
K-3 Sarah McDermott wido of Patrick McDermott

Thomas Cadwalader to Patrick McDermott, dated January 26, 1830; entered May 22, 1830. Deed Book 7, p. 130 &c. Wayne Co. Court House.

Thomas Cadwalader to Philip Brady dated Sept. 7, 1831; entered October 31, 1831. Buckingham Twp. Book 7, p. 424 &c.

Thomas Cadwalader to Philip Brady, dated Dec. 16, 1835; Lebanon Twp. Deed Book 10, p. 66 &c.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The James Kerlin Family of Pleasant Mount
and

The Paul McAvoy Family of Rock Lake

By Harry & Patricia (Kerlin) Kilpatrick and their children Gary & Gale

According to the list of Irish Catholic Taxables in Mount Pleasant Township in 1835, Patrick McDermott was assessed for 1 house, 2 oxen, 1 cow, 20 acres of improved land and 110 acres of unimproved land situated on the southern bank of Rock Lake. On the 1860 Township map, Patrick McDermott's property is located in N-3 on Township Route 495; and on the 1872 map it is listed under the name of his widow, Sarah McDermott, in K-3.

Patrick McDermott's last Will admitted to probate on November 11, 1853 names his son, Philip, as his executor, and states that "I, Patrick, devise unto my son, Philip McDermott, all my personal estate, also unto said Philip ... the homestead on which I now reside, containing one hundred and thirty and one quarter acres which I purchased of Thomas Cadwalader situated in Mount Pleasant Township, and I hereby charge the said homestead and my son, Philip, with the reasonable support of my wife, Sarah, during her life; this support to cease in case she married again..." Patrick McDermott had the first brick structure home in the area, the bricks being made by another early settler, Dominic Lloyd, on his own farm land in the community of Niagara, which property is now owned by Burton and Bessie Roney Wildenstein. Burton is a great-great-grandson of Paul McAvoy, his great grandfather being Paul's son William Henry McAvoy.

Patrick's brother, Andrew McDermott, married Elizabeth Reilly from Lurgan who, like Patrick, was a native of County Cavan, Ireland, although neither had met until after they had resided in this country for some time. Elizabeth was a young maiden of fifteen summers when, with two older brothers and a younger sister, she crossed the Atlantic Ocean and the brothers established a home here. She became the housekeeper for the little family, bravely enduring the many hardships incident upon frontier life. Wild animals abounded in the area surrounding their home and many times while they were working on the land they were compelled to take refuge on the roof of the log barn to escape from marauding wolves. During this early period her grandfather, Thomas Reilly, passed away in Ireland and the brothers sent for the grandmother, Ellen Reilly, who came and made her home with them and there spent the remaining years of her life.

Andrew and Elizabeth Reilly McDermott were the parents of nine children. Those listed in the Census of 1850: Ann E. married Alexander McAvoy; Ellen M. married Richard McAvoy; Catherine T. married Christopher McAvoy (these are the three oldest sons of Paul, the original settler); Louise Jane married Patrick Hannon; James Phillip married Mary Moran and was killed in a mining accident in Pittston about 1890; Thomas R. Married Alice McCabe; John Andrew married twice, first, Elizabeth Boyle of Geneseo, Ill., and after she died, to Catherine Pritchard of Omaha, Nebraska, who was a girl from Flat Rock whose family had moved to Nebraska in 1885; The other two are Cornelius who married Mary Gilleran and lived in Dunmore, Pa. and lastly, Julia. Elizabeth Reilly McDermott died on February 8, 1875 at 60 years of age and her husband, Andrew, passed away September 4, 1877 in his 78 year. Some of their descendants still linger on in Rock Lake and environs to this day: Mrs. Merle (Dorothy) Roney and Mrs. Donald (Alice) Dailey of Lake Como; Tom McDermott of Pleasant Mount; Florence Dailey and Fred McDermott of Lakewood. Great-grandson Frederick McDermott inherited the original homestead and stayed on there until 1981 when he sold the farm to a man from Bridgeport, N.J. and moved to Lakewood where he now resides with his wife, Gula Cassidy and her sister, Rita.

The original log cabin by the creek is gone now but the frame house remains and is in excellent condition. A glimpse into the interior carries one back 150 years. Standing in the main room, which was probably kitchen, dining and sitting room combined, one can't help but admire the old hand-forged hinges and door latches, the wainscoting that covers the walls and wide plank flooring, the shelf on the wall made from a thick rough-cut hemlock board and held there with hand-made wooden brackets. Imagine the thrill the family must have felt to move from the cramped space of their log cabin and to enjoy the luxury of this fine frame home. Not many of these old homes remain today since most have been abandoned and have yielded to the mercies of nature. The big barn was sold to a contractor who wanted the weather-beaten boards and timbers to decorate new modern homes with the warmth of the Early American look. That farmland is today a tree farm. The very land that Andrew McDermott toiled so long and so hard to clear is slowly returning to its original state.

Further details concerning the McDermott family are to be found in the Wayne County Tax Assessment Lists; the Deed Books; the Book of Wills; the Naturalization Records; the Marriage Records; the U.S. Census Reports; all of which have been consulted for the McDermott's and for the other Irish Catholic settlers in Mount Pleasant Township.

James Crosbie (1801-1888) declared that he was born in Scotland and arrived in the U.S. on November 1, 1829. He purchased lot No. 50 of the Cadwalader Equinunk Tract, Warrantee No. 27 of John Crothers, originally in Mt. Pleasant, now in Preston Township.

The four Kelly brothers, Cornelius, Hugh, James, and William, purchased lot No. 22 of the Cadwalader Equinunk Tract containing 157 acres and 51 p. for \$235.97 on May 5, 1832. It was part of this land that was later deeded to Bishop Kenrick for the first church and cemetery.

In Preston Township, Francis Tully purchased lot No. 23; Bernard Reilly, lot No. 24; Patrick Tully, lot No. 29; all of the Cadwalader Equinunk Tract.

The names of other Catholic pioneers occur in the pages of the brown butcher ledger book for 1835; Peter J. Carlin; Francis B. Clark; Bernard Hatton; Dominic Lloyd; Patrick McCabe; Thomas McKee; James Murray; Paul and Thomas O'Neill, and Cornelius Reilly.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Our Grandson Kevin Philip Kilpatrick

By Harry & Patricia (Kerlin) Kilpatrick

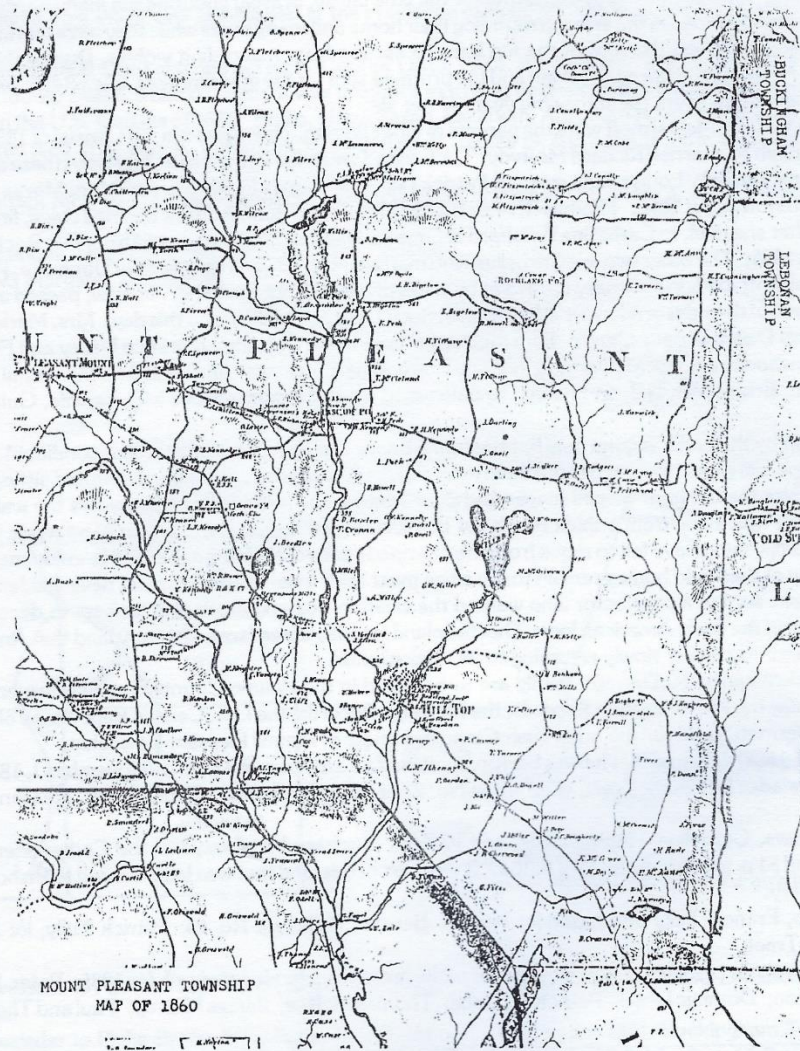
MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Mount Pleasant Township originally had a territory of twelve miles North and South and eight miles East and West, containing 96 square miles. The Irish Settlement, not yet formed, was to become a part of this township. Mount Pleasant included a little over one-seventh of the entire county. Previous to the organization of the town of Pleasant Mount, it was called Stantonville (1796).

The hand of the Creator who formed these hills and clothed them with their beauty wrote its name. Man has only read it here. It could be called nothing else. The men who struck the first blow in the wilderness found it here. It is said that one Robert L. Hooper, in surveying these lands in 1775, while overlooking the township from one of the elevations of the Moosic Mountains, was so charmed with its beauty that he exclaimed, "This is Mount Pleasant". On this point there never has been a question.

At the time the Village was becoming the center of the business for the township, a few individuals named it "Centerville". It never was fully adopted and has long since become obsolete.

On March 27, 1845, by an act of the Legislature, the Village was incorporated as a Borough embracing a mile square area under the name of Pleasant Mount, but on May 7, 1855, this same act was repealed and the Village of Pleasant Mount was again merged into the Township of Mount Pleasant.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Our Son Gregory Paul Kilpatrick

By Harry & Patricia (Kerlin) Kilpatrick

BISHOP KENRICK'S FIRST VISIT

The Irish Settlement, from its very beginning in 1819 with the arrival of Paul McAvoy until the 26th day of June 1834, was completely deprived of the benefits and rites of their Catholic faith and were unable to enjoy or participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or any of the Sacraments unless they traveled as far away as Philadelphia. They had to satisfy their need for an intimate relationship with their God by praying either alone or as family groups. Nevertheless, the parents, although desperately longing for spiritual succor themselves, religiously taught their children about the laws and commandments of God.

When they came to this new settlement from Ireland, they brought very few possessions and meager amounts of money, but with their abiding faith, talents in various trades, innate abilities and a desire for a better social and economic life, coupled with hard work over many long hours, they managed to survive and prosper. One aspect of this frontier life to which they all wholeheartedly subscribed was the neighborly attitude of all for one and one for all.

In 1834, Francis Patrick Kenrick, Bishop of Arath and Coadjutor Bishop of Philadelphia, conducted his fifth visitation of the diocese. He began the tour in April and was scheduled to visit the Catholic settlers in the place known as Bangall. Bishop Kenrick kept a diary of his visitations and here the Bishop relates his historic first visit to Wayne County and its first Catholic colony, which he refers to as the "Irish Settlement". He writes ...

"The next day (June 25th), having returned to Carbondale, we went on six miles thence to "Clarkstown," otherwise "Canaan's Corners." There we arranged to go by wagon, which we hired with our own money, to a place called "Irish Settlement," 6 miles distant from Mount Pleasant (in Wayne County). Here there are many families who glory in the name Catholic yet are destitute of the most ordinary means of salvation (the Sacraments)." It is with the Mass and the conferring of Confirmation by Bishop Kenrick in the shanty of William McAvoy on Friday, June 27, 1834, that the history of the organized Congregation now known as St. Juliana's, Rock Lake begins. The Bishop adds details of his Visitation ...

"June 27th. I celebrated Mass in the shanty of William McAvoy, which is just one room. The Rev. Mr. Wainwright had said Mass in another hut, that of Mr. (James) Murray, at an earlier hour, in order to bring the last consolations of religion to some one in danger of death who lived nine miles away. About 40 received Holy Communion: 10 were confirmed."

In these brief but memorable entries we have recorded for us the first visit by a Catholic Bishop to Wayne County and to Mount Pleasant Township; the first explicitly recorded celebrations of Mass, that by the Bishop and by Father Arthur Wainwright; the first administration of Confirmation in Wayne County; the first confirmed instance of the use of the residences of parishioners, the one room shanty of William McAvoy and the hut of James Murray, as Stations of the Catholic Congregation soon to be formally organized.

It is at this point that we should offer a special dedication to this hardy and heroic band of Irish frontiersmen and their families. They traveled from their homes, some of them walking many miles, to congregate on that mid-summer afternoon in June of 1834 to greet their Bishop, Francis Patrick Kenrick and his companion, Father Arthur Wainwright, Pastor at Pottsville, the nearest parish. On Friday morning, June 27th, after rising early and attending to the immediate needs on their farms, they again started out on foot to go to the log shanty of William McAvoy where the Bishop and his assistant had unpacked their portmanteaus containing all the vestments, utensils and sacred things needed for the performance of the celebration of Mass and the administration of Confirmation.

The following, from reliable sources, is a list of those families who most likely were present at this momentous occasion: Dennis Baxter, Philip Brady, Christopher Clark, William Connolly, Patrick Connor, Thomas Cronan, James Crosbie (a lone Scotsman), Felix Devlin, Bernard Hatton, John Hughes, the Kelly brothers, Neil, Hugh, James and William; Dominic Lloyd, William McAvoy, Archibald McCollum, the brothers, Andrew and Patrick McDermott, Thomas McKee, Daniel McGivern, Patrick Murphy, James Murray, James North, the brothers, John and Paul O'Neill, Bernard Reilly, John Ryan, Anthony Stephens, and Martin and Patrick Tully.

The McAvoy household included William, his wife Mary, their 7-year old son William Jr., 3-year old son John and William's 75-year old mother, Roseann. The shanty was situated a short distance north of the Patrick Connor cabin on the same ridge which was located west of the present home of Mary and Thomas Dixon and parallel to Route 247. There is an old stone-wall-fence starting near Route 247 running east/west, that marked the property line between the Connor and William McAvoy land.

By the year 1876 the original log shanty of William McAvoy was no longer standing. The date and what happened to it is not known.

Congratulations & Best Wishes
from
Family & Friends of Father Bernard

BISHOP KENRICK'S SECOND VISITATION TO THE IRISH SETTLEMENT

Less than two years had gone by when the announcement of Bishop Kenrick's Seventh Episcopal Visitation was reported in the Catholic Herald on August 11, 1836, where it was noted: "The Annual Visitation of the Diocese of Philadelphia, will commence at Norristown on Thursday, 18th August. It will continue at Easton on Sunday, August 21st. At the Catholic Settlement near Mount Pleasant on Wednesday, 24th August. The Catholics of this settlement are requested to have a conveyance for the Bishop and the clergyman who will accompany him, on the arrival of the stage from Easton, at Pleasant Mount. (This was only the second time these faithful followers of Christ were able to enjoy Mass in 22 months in their own community and also marked the second time Mass was said in the log shanty of William and Mary McCollum McAvoy.) At the Church near Silver Lake, on Sunday 28th August. At St. Francis Xavier, Friendsville, on Tuesday 30th August. At the Church of Carbondale on Tuesday August 30th. On the way from Carbondale, the Bishop plans to pass through Wilkes-Barre early in the week. The Catholics in that town and vicinity may receive the Sacraments by applying."

In his Diary, the Bishop wrote ... "August 19th. I started out on sacred Visitation with Rev. Charles Ignatius Carter as traveling companion. After passing over a distance of 20 miles by steamboat, we landed at the town of Bristol; then by 'steam-carriage' over a distance of 10 miles we reached the town of Norristown. The remaining journey, then, of 50 miles to the town of Easton we made by ordinary stage-coach."

On August 21st, the Bishop dedicated the Church of St. Bernard in Easton on the site of the present church on the hillside. Then entering the North District he visited in order, Mount Pleasant, Binghamton, N. Y., Silver Lake, Friendsville, Wilkes-Barre, and Pottsville.

The Bishop recorded his visit to the Irish Settlement at Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County, in these words ... "August 22nd. At two o'clock in the morning, we took the stage for a journey of nearly 70 miles to a place called "Clark Corners", intending to go from there to a town which is called Mount Pleasant. From Mount Pleasant we turned off, and proceeded about 7 miles to the Catholic Settlement, and on the 24th of August we celebrated Mass in the house of William McAvoy. Twelve received Holy Communion; 3 were confirmed. The Catholics here are preparing to build a church."

Bishop Kenrick was in the Irish Settlement from August 23rd to August 25th. It was during this time that the definite decision to build the first Catholic church in Wayne County was made - between Bishop Kenrick and the Catholic laymen of the congregation. At this time the Bishop must have had the assurance of the Kelly brothers that a portion of their tract of land which they had purchased from Thomas Cadwalader and his wife, Mary, would be made available.

The Kelly Brothers to Bishop Kenrick Deed was not transacted until March 11, 1837 and states therein, " ... being also the same lot whereon a Catholic Church or house of public Worship is now being erected."

At this time, without doubt, Bishop Kenrick also announced the joyful news that he had appointed the newly ordained priest Father Henry Fitzsimons, now having a few days holiday with his folks, to the vacant parish at Carbondale. This Missionary Appointment was published in the Catholic Herald, Thursday issue, September 15, 1836 (Vol. 3, p. 147).

On September 18, 1836, Father Henry Fitzsimons celebrated Mass in his own parish, St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale, and a new era of uninterrupted pastorates in the North District began. The Northeast Counties would never again be without the services of a resident priest.

The Committee Meeting held in the Irish Settlement on January 2, 1837 includes the Catholic Householdors of Mount Pleasant, Lebanon, Preston Buckingham and Damascus Township. The added value of the committee list is that it is an official document giving the names of those judged by the householders themselves to be members of the congregation. We must admire the good will of the householders who pledged \$64.00 for the year for the support of the good Father Fitzsimons. We must also assume that bad weather, bad roads and not bad will accounted for the large percentage of absenteeism. The account of this meeting and names were found in the old brown ledger book on page 9, right side, and shown here as written:

January the 2nd 1837

Agreed on Committee that each house holder (pay) two dollars for the ensuing year for the support of the priest.

We the undersined agree to the same ---

James Crosbie
Felix Dowlan
Patrick McCabe
William McAvoy
James Murry
Cornelius Reilly

Bernard Reilly
Anthony Stephens
William Conley (Connolly)
Patrick McDearmott (McDermott)
John Ryan
Paul O'Neil (O'Neill)

Congratulations to a Loving Community

Rev. Bernard P. Shepulski

List of Names not present

Andrew McDearmott (McDermott)	Archable McCelm (Archibald McCullum)
Patrick Tully	Thomas McKee
Francis Tully	Patrick Murfy (Murphy)
Bernard Hattin (Hatton)	Christopher Clark
Domnick Loyd (Dominic Lloyd)	Danial Mcgiveran (McGivern)
James North	Patrick Conner (Connor)
Dinis Baxter (Dennis)	Paul McAvoy (crossed out. It was at this time that he
Thomas Cronan	left the church and joined the Methodist-Episcopal.
Philip Brady	Hugh Kelly
Martin Reilly	John Huse (Hughes)
Nail Kelly (Neal)	John O'Neil (O'Neill)

THE CATHOLIC HOUSEHOLDERS OF THE IRISH SETTLEMENT PREPARE TO BUILD A CHURCH

The evidence that the Catholics of the "Irish Settlement" were attempting to build the first Catholic Church in Wayne County was found in a very old, tattered and worn brown butcher ledger book with yellowed pages and ink entries, some of which have nearly faded away with age. On the second unnumbered page in the front of the book is written:

"This book has been given to me to be presented to the Congregation of Bangall in order that it should be use for the benefit of the said Congregation under the name and under the direction of the Catholique Apostolique and Roman Church."

T. Brown and E. Mapes by
A. J. Grillet

The first date was 1835 found on Page 4 and was as follows:

Fines List

1835	Domnick Loid	Paid	.25
	Patrick McDearmott		.25
	Paul O'Neil		.25
	Andrew McDearmott		.25

The reason for the fines was not indicated.

The entry on page 1 stated:

1836	Paid to James Crosbie and Felix Dolan for sixteen days collecting on the Railroad	\$ 16.00
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On pages 81 and 82 was found a Subscription List with no date, and none of the names were familiar to Mount Pleasant Township so perhaps this was the railroad subscriptions. The total collected was \$47.75 from 100 people. Seven persons gave \$1.00 each; 2 gave 75 cents; 66 gave 50 cents; 25 - 25 cents. These railroad workers, who only made \$1.00 per day, were most generous in giving to build a church in the wilderness.

The Honesdale Subscription List of 1836 showed 13 persons gave a total of \$28.50. The first name on the list was Mr. Edward Murray who gave \$10.00, a most generous gift. Another entry under the total showed a date of November the 13, 1838 and John Law gave \$2.00. Research showed that Mr. Murray was one of the first merchants of Honesdale and the name Murray still lingers on there to this day. There were only 72 families listed in Honesdale in the year 1833.

On page 2:

1837	Paid over to William McAvoy for expense money for	\$22.95
March	collecting in Philadelphia	
the 5	Paid to William McAvoy for collecting in Honesdale.	5.00
December the	Paid to Felix Dolin for going to collect to	5.00
4th 1837	Honesdale five dollars	

The Subscriptions from Philadelphia were generous and showed 190 persons donated \$230.85 plus a donation of nuts and screws worth 78 cents. William McAvoy walked to Philadelphia to make these collections and most likely stayed with his brother Richard who was an established merchant in the North Liberties section of Philadelphia. It can be assumed that Richard's influence helped to make this collection a success. A number of people on the top of the list gave \$5.00 and Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick is listed among these. It is believed that people from the Bishop's parish also contributed.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

To Father Shepulski and Parishioners of St. Juliana's Parish Rock Lake, PA.

From the Priests & People of Our Lady of Grace Parish Hazleton, PA.

The most interesting entry was the congregation list, printed here as found:

Congration List

Paid	by Patrick McDearmott	lumber one thousand five hundred	
	Mr. James Crosbey	cash	50
	Daniel McGiveran	ten	10
	John O'Neil	ten cash	10
	Archabald McColms		5
	Patrick Conner	10 days Carpenter Work	
	Patrick Tully	one thousand feet lumber	
	Francis Tully	Kag Nails six days of man an oxen	
	James Murry	Five thousand of Shingles	
	Patrick Murphy	Five days works	
	Dominick Loid	Ten Dollars Cash	10
	Bernard Hatten	Five Dollars Cash	5
	Martin O'Reilly	Five dollars	5
	Hugh O'Neil		1
	Patrick Vincent	Three days work done for the church wall	
	William Connolly	Twelve hundred feet of hemlock boards and five dollars in Work	
	Bernard Hattin	Paid four dollars and twenty five cents and one days Work	4.25
	Bernard Reilly	One thousand feet of lumber and five dollars Worth of Work	
	Peter Fitzsimmons	Two dollars in cash	2
	James Crosbie	Stan and Cover one dollar and ten cents and one half day Putting up Stove and lock on the door	1.10
	Patrick McCabe	Five dollars Worth of Work at ten shillings for man and teem and six shillings for a man per day	
	Felix Dolin	Five Dollars in lumber	
	Felix Dolin Junr	Five Dollars in lumber and Work	
	John Dolin	Five Dollars	
	William McEvoy	paid in lumber Work ten Dollars	
	Anthony Stevens	five dollars and five in lumber and Work	Cash 5
	Cornelius Reilly	one thousand feet of lumber and five dollars in Work	
	Mathew Fitzpatrick	Five dollars in Work	

On the bottom fourth of the last page and written with the book inverted was the following notation:

"Beginning at stake and stone then North 12 rod to a stake and stone then East 16 rod then south 12 rod then west 16 rod to stake and stone containing one aker and thirty two rod.
Part of Mr. Kellys farm"

The remaining three quarters of the page was cut off.

This refers to the 1.2 acres of land that Neal Kelly et al deeded to Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick, Acting Bishop charged with the government of the Diocese of Philadelphia, In Trust for the consideration of \$10.00. No date was shown on the Deed but it was signed and sealed on 11 March 1837 (Deed Book 11 pp. 323-324). This 1.2 acres of land ran from the stone wall fence at the west end of the old cemetery and continued east for 264 feet. The cemetery is 198 feet wide. This left the eastern boarder of the original cemetery 148½ feet from the centerline of the present Rt. 247.

Deed Book 11 page 323 & 324

Neal Kelly et al to the Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick, Acting Bishop charged with the Government of the Diocese of Philadelphia In Trust.

This indenture made the _____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven (1837) Between NEAL KELLY, HUGH KELLY, WILLIAM KELLY and JAMES KELLY and MARGARET wife of James Kelly of the Township of Mount Pleasant County of Wayne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the one part and the Right Reverend FRANCIS PATRICK KENRICK, acting Bishop charged with the Government of the District of Philadelphia of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly and Margaret Kelly his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) lawful money of the United States of America to them well and truly paid by the said Francis Patrick Kenrick acting Bishop as aforesaid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold, aligned, enfeoffed, and confirmed and by these presents Do grant bargain sell align enfeoff release and confirm unto the said Francis Patrick Kenrick acting Bishop as aforesaid his Heirs and Assigns all that certain piece or parcel of

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. JULIANA'S
FROM

The Parish Family of St. John Don Bosco, Conyngham PA.

land situate in the Township of Mount Pleasant in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid Beginning at stake and stones thence north twelve perches to a stake and stones thence east sixteen perches to a corner thence south twelve perches to a corner and thence west sixteen perches to the place of Beginning. Containing one acre and thirty two perches (1 ACRE and 32 PERCHES) be the same more or less. Being part of that tract or parcel of land conveyed to them the said Neal, Hugh, William and James by THOMAS CADWALDER and MARY his wife by Indenture dated MAY the FIFTH one thousand eight hundred and thirty two (1832) duly acknowledged and Recorded at BETHANY in the Office for Recording of Deeds in and for the County of Wayne aforesaid in DEED BOOK NUMBER 8 PAGE 120, JUNE 10th, 1833, reference thereunto being had will more fully and at large appear and being also the same Lot whereon a Catholic Church or house of public Worship is now being erected. In trust nevertheless that the same shall serve for a place of Public Worship according to the faith and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and for purposes therewith connected. Together with all and singular the Buildings and improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, Privileges, Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the Revisions and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever thereunto belonging of these the said Neal, Hugh, William and James and Margaret wife of him the said James, in law, equity of, in, and to the same and every part thereof with the appurtenances To have and To hold the said certain piece or parcel of land and hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended to so be with the appurtenances unto the said Francis Patrick Kenrick, Trustee as aforesaid his heirs and Assigns To have and To hold for the only proper use and behoof of the said Francis Patrick Kenrick Trustee as aforesaid his heirs and assigns forever. And the same Neal, Hugh, William and James and Margaret his wife and their Heirs Executors and administrators Do by these presents, covenant, grant and agree to and with the said Francis Patrick Kenrick Trustee of aforesaid his heirs and assigns that they the said Neal, Hugh, William and James and Margaret his wife and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof shall and will Warrant and forever Defend. In witness whereof the same parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto dated the day and year first above written. Neal X (his mark) Kelly Hugh Kelly James Kelly, Margaret X (her mark) Kelly. Sealed and delivered in the presents of us Anson Chittenden Jr., Laura C. Chittenden. Received on the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named Francis Patrick Kenrick Ten Dollars being in full for the consideration above mentioned. Wayne County JP.

Before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared the above named Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly, and James Kelly and Margaret his wife and acknowledged the above written Indenture to be their Act and deed and desire the same might be recorded as such. She the said Margaret being of lawful age and separate and apart from her husband and by me examined and the contents of the said Indenture made known to her, did declare that she did voluntarily and of her own free will and accord Seal and as her act and deed deliver the same without any coercion of her said husband whatsoever. Witness my hand and Seal this eleventh day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven (11 MARCH 1837). Anson Chittenden, Js of Peace.
Entered April 2, 1840

Fees \$1.30½

Deed Book No. 8, pp. 120-121
DEED

This Indenture made this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

THOMAS CADWALADER TO NEAL KELLY, HUGH KELLY, WILLIAM KELLY & JAS. KELLY.

Between Thomas Cadwalader of the City of Philadelphia and Mary, his wife, of the one part and Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly of the County of Wayne and State of Pennsylvania of the other part: WITNESSETH THAT the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars and ninety-seven cents, lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; HAVE granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly, their heirs and assigns. All that tract or parcel of land situate in the township of Mount Pleasant in the aforesaid County and State:

BEGINNING at a Hemlock the northwest corner of lot, number Eighteen of the allotment of the said Thomas Cadwalader's land, thence by land of Thomas Astley North five and a half degrees, West forty-eight and a half perches to a Hemlock, thence by lot number Twenty-Three of said allotment North fifty degrees East twenty-six perches to a Beech, a corner, thence by lots numbers Forty-Five and Forty-Six of the allotment of Equinunk Tract of Phineas Bond's Estate, North sixty-two degrees and three quarters East two hundred and nineteen perches to a beech, thence by lot number Twenty-One of the said Thomas Cadwalader's land South one degree and a half East one hundred and sixty-two perches to stones corner & thence by lots numbers Twenty-one and Eighteen of the last mentioned allotment, South eighty-eight degrees and a half, West two hundred and thirty perches to the beginning.

Congratulations
from

Rev. Joseph Manarchuck & Family

Containing one hundred and fifty-seven acres and fifty-one perches, more or less, being part of the premises which Elizabeth Tilghman and Benjamin Tilghman, executors of Edward Tilghman, esquire, deceased, by indenture dated the eighteenth day of October, A.D. eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, recorded in the office for recording of Deeds etc, in and for the County of Wayne, granted and conveyed to the said Thomas Cadwalader in fee, the tract thereby being part of a tract surveyed in a warrant to Martha Johnson. Together with all and singular, the improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand, whatsoever of the said party of the first part in law, equity or otherwise howsoever, of, in and to the same and every part thereof.

To have and to hold the same tract or parcel of land, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly, their heirs and assigns to and for only proper use and behoof of the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly.

And the said parties of the first part, their heirs, executors and administrators do by these presents covenant, grant and agree to and with the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly, their heirs and assigns, that they the said parties of the first part, their heirs all and singular, the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly and James Kelly their heirs and assigns against them the said parties of the first part, their heirs, and against all and every other persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, shall and will warrant and forever defend.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

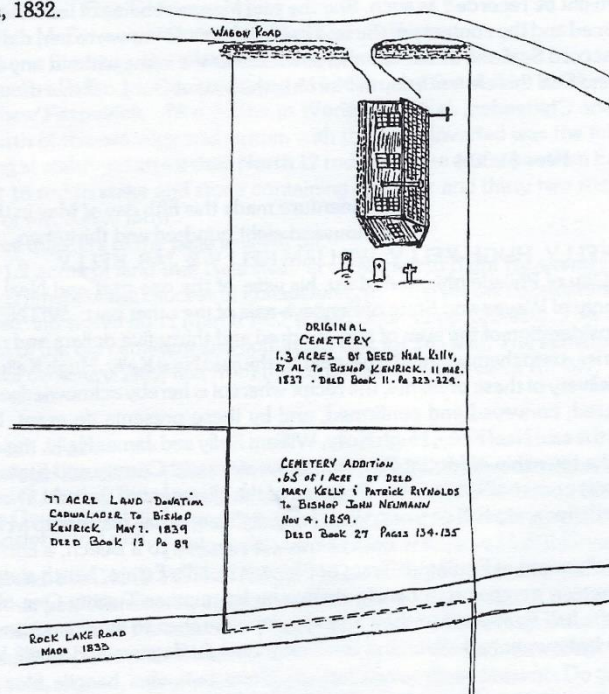
T. Cadwalader and Mary Cadwalader. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

Received the day of the date of the above indenture of the above named Neal Kelly, Hugh Kelly, William Kelly, and James Kelly the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars and ninety-seven cents the full of the consideration.

The fifth day of May Anno Domini 1832 before me the subscribed an alderman for the city of Philadelphia came the above named Thomas Cadwalader and Mary, his wife, and acknowledged the above indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same might be recorded as such; she the said Mary being of her full age and separate and apart from her said husband by me examined and the contents of the said indenture made known to her did declare that she did voluntarily and of her free will and accord, seal and as her act and deed declare the same without any coercion of her said husband whatsoever.

Witness my hand and seal. A. Pettigrew.

Recorded June 10th, 1832.



Compliments of
The Altar & Rosary Society

The newly acquired 1.2 acres of land belonging to the congregation of the Irish Settlement, must now be cleared of trees, brush and field stone. On July 3, 1837, James Murray, by order of the Treasurer, William McAvoy, was paid \$8.50 for eight days and one half for work done for the church, which probably entailed clearing the land. Then he worked for five more days getting materials. It appears that this was in gathering the stone for the foundation wall, since he then worked four days underpinning the church (placing the foundation). The church was situated on a knoll of solid rock in the northwestern corner of the property. The location brought a deeply significant picture to the minds of these folks of simple Catholic faith. It was the image of the church as founded by Christ. The words of the Scripture came unbidden to their minds: "Thou art Peter and upon this Rock I shall build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew Chpt. 16:18.) They now will build their church on this natural rock, atop this prominent knoll.

The modest structure raised on this natural foundation was a frame building forty feet long by twenty four feet wide. Patrick Mulligan, a scholar of note who lived on the road leading to Lake Como and was a parishioner and a school teacher, drew up the plans for this first Catholic church in Wayne County. It would face west and have a cemetery nestled behind it.

From what could be deciphered from the old account book, it appears that the actual work of constructing the church began around July 3, 1837. A total of \$370.45 had been raised by subscriptions. On Page 35 was found a "List of Lumber 1837". This is probably a complete list of all lumber used to build the first church.

Mr. Patrick McDermott - Studs 70 pieces 16 feet long 4 x 4	total	1500 feet
Mr. William Connolly - Timber Bill - Roof Boards 12 long one inch		1200 feet
Mr. William McAvoy - Timber Bill of Siding hemlock		1600
Mr. Andrew McDermott - Timber bill of Siding		1000 feet
Mr. James Murry - timber Bill - Shingels		5000 feet
Mr. Thomas Mckee - timber bill - of Shinguls		2000 feet
Mr. Cornelis O'Reilly - Timber bill - Pine Boards 1¼ thick		1000 feet
Mr. Felix Dolen - timber Bill - Pine boards 1¼ thick 300 feet of Pine 2 inch Plank		200 feet
Mr. Bernard O'Reilly - timber Bill - fifteen feet long. inch		1000 Board
Mr. Patrick Tully - timber Bill - 14 feet long 4 by 4 - 20 Sticks 15 feet long - 4 by 4		
100 feet inch Boards 15 feet long		30 Rafters
Mr. Antony Stevens - timber list - 33 Joise 12 feet long 2½ by 8		.660

In addition, many of the men of the congregation donated their time, skills and tools in the construction of the church. One of the largest work donations was by Patrick Connor who gave 10 days of carpentry work. This meant 80 hours or longer of time that had to be taken away from the duties of his own farm which now consisted of 200 acres and where every precious minute was needed to till, plant and cultivate the soil of his already improved land and the foot-by-foot struggle to clear and improve more of the wilderness.

Patrick Vincent gave three days of work putting up the church wall. It took a pretty good hand and talented stone-worker to put up dry foundation walls that would last for years, but then, most of the Irish immigrants were gifted in this field from experience in building their stone homes, barns and walls in their native Ireland.

The account book was kept by the Treasurer, William McAvoy, Sub-treasurer, James Murray and Secretary, Patrick McCabe. In 1838, Bernard Reilly became the treasurer. Many entries were made in the book for Paid or Received and the amounts but lacked notations as to what the services were for or the source of receipts. James Murray appears to have been the coordinator or overseer of the actual construction, although under the watchful eye of Father Henry Fitzsimons. With the hard work, generous donations of time, labor and money, the little church, not yet fully completed, was however, ready for use.

Inside the church was a small altar made by one of the men of the congregation. This 150-year-old altar from the original St. Juliana's Church now occupies a humble place in the sacristy at the front of the present St. Juliana's Church. Moveable benches were placed in front of the altar for the adult members of the congregation and on either side of the altar were benches for the children. These were also used by the children who attended Sunday School.

This lovely old altar is carried from the sacristy twice each year - on Memorial Day and All Souls Day - and placed upon the rock in the cemetery where the first church once proudly stood. Here, Mass is celebrated and the graves of those brave and sturdy pioneers are blessed together with prayers offered for the repose of the souls of all parishioners of St. Juliana's parish wherever they may have found their last resting place. A military ceremony follows to pay a special tribute and honor those veterans of all wars who have made the ultimate and supreme sacrifice.

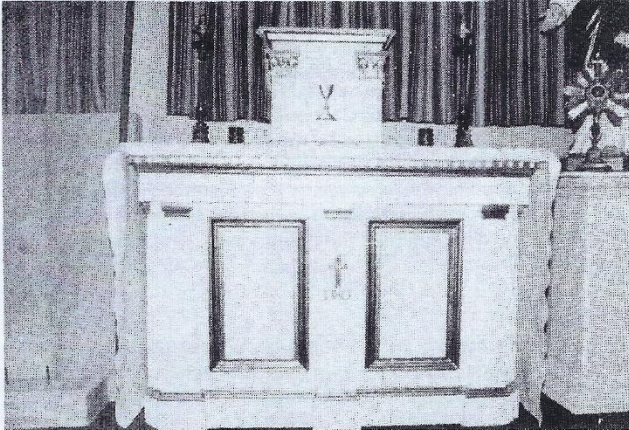
CONGRATULATIONS TO
The Parishioners of St. Juliana's
from

John A. Shepulski



**BISHOP KENRICK DEDICATES THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIANA'S
MOUNT PLEASANT, JUNE 20, 1838**

According to Bishop Kenrick's schedule of Visitation of the North District every second year, he was due in Mount Pleasant Township in 1838. One year and a half had elapsed since he sent the newly ordained Father Henry Fitzsimons to Carbondale and surrounding Missions. He had fixed upon June 20th, the day following the Feast of St. Juliana Falconieri, as the day for the dedication of the new church at Mount Pleasant.



**THE ALTAR AND TABERNACLE
built in 1838 for the first
St. Juliana's Church
Now, 150 years later it is still used on
special occasions. It can be seen in the
Church sacristy or in the Rectory Chapel.**

St. Juliana was one of two saints of the noble family of the Falconieri, the other being her uncle, St. Alexis, one of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. Her father, Chiarissimo, and her mother, Riguardata, were a devout couple of great wealth who had built at their own expense the magnificent church of the Annunziata in Florence. They were childless and already well advanced in age when, in 1270, Juliana was born - the answer to prayer. After the death of her father, which occurred while she was still quite young, her uncle Alexis shared the direction of her upbringing. She was never interested in the diversions that other girls of her age and station found engrossing, but instead spent her time in prayer and in church. Her mother admonished her that she would never find a husband unless she spent more time learning the feminine arts, including needlework and spinning. This was of no concern to Juliana until she discovered her family was trying to arrange a suitable match for her and she expressed her determination to dedicate herself to God and to renounce the world. She was then fifteen. After being instructed by her uncle Alexis, she was invested with the Servite habit by St. Philip Benizi in the church of the Annunziata, and a year later was professed a Tertiary of the Order. She continued to live at home until the death of her mother in 1304, when she moved to another house and led a community life with a number of women who devoted themselves to prayer and works of mercy. Their habit resembled that of the men of the Servite Order, but to facilitate their work they wore short sleeves, which caused them to be nicknamed "Mantellate", a term later applied to women tertiaries in general. Reluctantly, Juliana accepted the post of superior at the behest of her companions, and drew up a code of regulations which was formally confirmed 120 years later for their successors by Pope Martin V. Because she framed the constitution, she is honored as the foundress by all the women of the Servite Order although she was not the first to be admitted into its ranks. As a result of her self-denials and austerities and the zeal with which she constantly worked reconciling enemies, reclaiming sinners and relieving the sick, her health was seriously impaired. Juliana died in 1341, in her 71 year and was canonized in 1737.

In the collection of prayers appointed for St. Juliana's feast day, reference is made to the eucharistic miracle by which she is said to have been comforted in her last moments. In memory of this also, the members of her order wear upon the left breast of their habit the device of a Host surrounded with rays. On her death-bed, when she knew that her illness would preclude her receiving the Host, she begged that a veil be placed over her heart and the Host placed upon it, which was done. Immediately it disappeared from sight. Then Juliana, with a tender and joyous face, as if in rapt ecstasy, died. Among the witnesses at her death was Sister Joanna Solerini about whom the Servite Nicholas Nati writes in his manuscript, "Giornale e Ricordi" penned in about the year 1384; "She was the happy disciple who... discovered upon the breast of St. Juliana that astounding marvel of the figure of Christ nailed to the cross impressed upon her flesh within a circle like a Host."

On June 13th he started out alone on the way to make Visitation. On June 14th he confirmed 29 persons in the Church of St. John the Baptist in Haycock Township, Bucks County, one of the oldest Congregations in the Diocese. Here he was joined by Father James Maloney (later to be appointed Pastor at Honesdale), pastor of St. Bernard's, Easton. On June 16th the Bishop visited Easton, and he and Father Maloney were joined by Rev. John Dunn who had just landed in New York from Ireland the

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previous week. The Bishop then invited both Father Maloney and Father Dunn to accompany him to the dedication of the new church at Mount Pleasant.

In his Diary, Bishop Kenrick writes . . .

"June 17th. After a journey of 70 miles by stage, from two o'clock in the morning to eleven o'clock at night, I reached the place called "Canaan's Corners." The next day I completed the journey of 20 miles, approximately, to a place where 34 Catholic families are settled."

Next the Bishop describes the day of the dedication . . .

"June 20th. I dedicated to Divine service a Church in Mount Pleasant Township, in Wayne County, under the invocation of St. Juliana Falconieri. There were present Rev. Mr. John Dunn, Rev. Mr. Henry Fitzsimons, and Rev. Mr. James Maloney. About 20 received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and 14 approached Holy Communion. The next day I returned to Canaan's Corners; and the following I arrived in the town of Carbondale."

From this memorable date on, St. Juliana's will be considered as a Mission Church visited by the Pastor of Carbondale, first, then of Honesdale, later; until the day when a parish rectory will be built and a resident pastor duly appointed by the Bishop. There may be little doubt that the hearts of the good people of the Irish Settlement were warmed by the presence of their Bishop, born in Dublin, their new Pastor, born in County Cavan, and Father John Dunn just off the boat from Ireland, and Father Maloney also born in the Emerald Isle. Father Fitzsimons and Father Dunn accompanied the Bishop for part of the remaining tour of the North District, which was now officially, Father Fitzsimons parish.

St. Juliana's Cemetery

On the same day Bishop Kenrick dedicated the Church he also consecrated all of the 1.2 acres of land now belonging to the Congregation for a cemetery. Along with the many things these good people greatly desired was this piece of consecrated ground on which to bury their beloved dead. Previous to the blessing of the cemetery they had buried their dead on their farms, and it was also found in published material that some bodies were buried on Matthew Fitzpatrick's hill which was located northwest of the William McAvoy shanty. They could now remove their loved ones' bodies and reinter them in this consecrated ground.

The first body buried in the new cemetery was said to be that of Mrs. Tobin, but in another place it was found that a Mr. Ward, who was killed by a falling tree, was the first burial. No records were found to confirm either of these burials. Both sources list Mrs. Riley as the second and Patrick Connor, who died in August 1841, as the third. The oldest monument in the cemetery is that of Mary Ann Stephens, who died on August 22, 1842 at age 6 and her brother, who died two days later at the age of 4. They were the children of Anthony and Jane Stephens.

In looking over the cemetery, most of the monuments of the old settlers are still standing, thanks to the efforts of Father Bernard Shepulski and those parishioners who repaired and reset the broken and fallen stones. The main cemetery restoration was done in 1963 through the efforts of The Rock Lake Catholic Cemetery Association which will be covered more fully later. St. Juliana's parishioners are justly proud of this peaceful and well-groomed burial ground. One of the most imposing monuments is that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the hope of those who die in Him. It seems to stand as a pledge of Eternal Life to all those who are resting peacefully in God's own acre.

A Stove for St. Juliana's

The small items yet unfinished on the Church at the time of dedication were completed, and as Fall approached it was decided by the Committee that it would be necessary to heat the Church if they were to use it during the long cold winter months. In November 1838, a stove and some pipe were purchased in Honesdale for \$11.00. That same day, more stove pipe was bought for \$5.31 plus a stock lock and wire for \$1.63, thus the stove became a pleasant addition to the Church.

Rev. Henry Fitzsimons

Father Fitzsimons had a very extensive mission circuit to maintain and although his duties at Carbondale required his constant attention, his own congregation having been largely increased by the discovery of coal and the manufacture of iron, he would not allow either bad weather or bad roads to deter him from this extra toil. He had visited the Irish Settlement on horseback in May 1837 but the Irish Catholics, who longed for a closer unity with their Lord and Savior, found his visits few and far between. Now he began a schedule of more frequent visits. In the listing in the Catholic Almanac for 1839 was the following:

Carbondale, St. Rose of Lima. Mass three times a month. Rev. Henry Fitzsimons.

Mount Pleasant Township, St. Juliana's, once a month. Rev. Henry Fitzsimons.

The Catholics in the Irish Settlement could now enjoy the celebration of Mass in their own House of Worship once a month by their regularly assigned Mission Priest.

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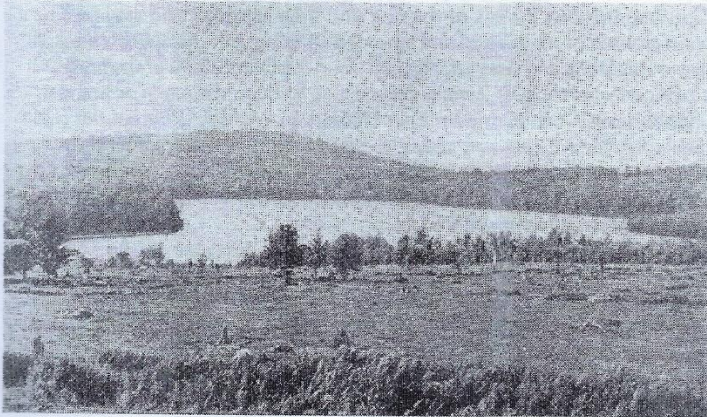
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ST. JULIANA'S EXPANDS

At Carbondale, Father Fitzsimons began to build a larger frame church to replace the smaller first church which had been begun by Father O'Flynn in 1829. At the same time, he looked ahead to provide for the future expansion of St. Juliana's. Father Fitzsimons, with the approval of Bishop Patrick Kenrick, appointed a committee of three prominent householders, Philip Brady, Patrick Mulligan and James Crosby, to explore the possibilities of acquiring more land. They contacted Mr. Thomas Cadwalader who owned most of the property in the Northeastern Section of Pennsylvania. The result of their efforts was a large and generous donation of land to Bishop Kenrick for the Church by General Thomas Cadwalader and his wife Mary. The Deed is recorded in the Wayne County Courthouse, Book 13, page 89. The donation consisted of 77 acres and 80 perches for the consideration of \$1.00 and was date May 7, 1839. Philip Brady walked to Philadelphia to secure the title deed. This fact was attested to by the following inscription on his grave stone:

Philip Brady
Erected by his daughter in Memory
of her father who got the deed of the Church

The wording is no longer legible. For his efforts, Mr. Brady was given the privilege of renaming the territory. Due to the presence



ROCK LAKE
So named because of the many rocks in the lake. "The Irish Settlement" or "Bangall" was later renamed Rock Lake by Philip Brady.

of so many rocks in the body of water on his land, he called it **Rock Lake**. The name became official with the opening of the Rock Lake. Post Office in 1854 in the home of Arthur Connor, its first Post Master.

It is on this 77 acres that the present St. Juliana's Church, Rectory, Parish Hall, barn (once two barns) and the new section of the cemetery are situated. A copy of the Thomas Cadwalader to F. Patrick Kenrick Deed follows here.

Tho. Cadwalder to F. Patrick Kenrick
in Trust for the Roman Catholic Con-
gregation of St. Juliana Falconeri

This indenture dated the seventh day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine (May 7, 1839) Between Thomas Cadwalder of the City of Philadelphia and Mary his wife of the one part and the Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick Bishop of Arath and coadjutor of the Bishop of Philadelphia in trust for the

Roman Catholic Congregation of St. Juliana Falconieri in the County of Wayne of the other part Witnesseth That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said parties of the second part Trustee as aforesaid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Have granted bargained sold aliigned enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and by these present Do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said Party of the Second part his Heirs and Assigns All that tract or parcel of Same Situate in the Township of Mount Pleasant in the County of Wayne State of Pennsylvania Beginning at a Hemlock a corner thence by land now or lately held by Neal Kelly and others north eighty eight and one half degree east one hundred eighty two perches to a Stone corner thence by Lot Number twenty one of the Allotment of the said Thomas Cadwalder's Land south one and one half degree east sixty nine perches to a Post thence by the residue of Lot Number 18 south eighty eight and one half degree west one hundred sixty seven and one quarter perches to a Post and thence by land Surveyed for William Dunlap north five and one half degrees west sixty nine and one quarter perches to

Best Wishes from
The Fields Family

Joan & Jack, Diana, Jack & John, Jill & Joe, Joanne & Mike, Jill & Tom

the Beginning Containing seventy seven Acres and eighty Perches (77 Acres & 80 perches) more or less and the usual allowance of six percent (6%) for roads and being part of a tract in the Warrantee name of Martha Johnson and also a part of the same premises which Elizabeth Tilghman and Benjamin Tilghman Executors of Edward Tilghman Esquire deceased by Indenture dated the eighteenth day of October A.D. eighteen hundred and twenty eight (Oct. 18, 1828) duly Recorded in the Office for Recording of Deeds and in and for said County of Wayne Granted and Conveyed to the Said Thomas Cadwalder his heirs and Assigns forever Together with all and Singular the improvements ways waters water courses rights liberties priveleges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the revisions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the Estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Parties of the first part in law equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same and every part thereof To Have and To Hold the said tract or parcel of land hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick Trustee as aforesaid his heirs and Assigns To and For the only proper use and behoof of the said Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick his Successors Heirs and Assigns for Ever. In Trust for the Roman Catholic Congregation worshipping at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Juliana Falconeri aforesaid in the Beech Woods Settlement in Mount Pleasant Township in Wayne County as aforesaid. And the said Parties of the first Part their Heirs Executors and Administrators Do by these Presents covenant grant and agree to and with the same Party of the Second part (Trustee as aforesaid) his Heirs and Assigns That they the said Parties of the first and their Heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the Said Party of the Second part Trustee as aforesaid his Heirs and Assigns, Against them the Said Parties of the first and their Heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof by from or under him them or any of them Shall and will Warrant and for Ever Defend. In Witness Whereof the said Parties of these Presents have hereunto interchangeably Set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. T. Cadwalder SS Mary Cadwalder SS Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Us, S. C. Cadwalder, Henry Cadwalder. Received the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named Right Reverend Francis Patrick Kenrick Bishop & the sum of One dollar (\$1.00) being in full of the consideration money above mentioned. T. Cadwalder Witness S. C. Cadwalder, Henry Cadwalder, Philadelphia SS On the eighth day of May A.D. 1839 before me the subscriber an Alderman of the City of Philadelphia came the above named Thomas Cadwalder and Mary his wife and acknowledged the above Indenture to be their act and deed and desire the same might be recorded as such. She the said Mary being of lawful age Separate and apart from her said husband by me examined the contents of the Said Indenture made known to her did declare that She did voluntarily and of her own free will and accord Seal and as her act and deed deliver the same without any coercion of her said husband whatever. Witness my hand and seal John R. Nogeles Aldm SS.

Deed Book 13, pp. 89 Wayne County Courthouse, Honesdale, Pa.

Baptism Register - 1842

In June of 1842 Father Henry Fitzsimons decided to open a separate Register of Baptisms for the Mission Congregation of St. Juliana's. He inscribed on the flyleaf in Latin the statement. . .

"The names of those baptized before this date (June 15th 1842) are to be found in the Register of Baptism for the Church of St. Rose of Lima in the town of Carbondale."

On June 13th, Father Fitzsimons celebrated the nuptials of a couple at St. Juliana's and baptized a child. For the marriage he wrote . . .

"June 13th 1842. I celebrated the nuptials between Andrew Lehlan and Mary Murray in the presence of John Dolan and Elizabeth Murray. Rev. Henry Fitzsimons."

He also entered the notice of the Baptism. . .

"June 13th 1842. I baptized Daniel, son of Patrick Kane and Bridget McGrath. Rev. Henry Fitzsimons."

These very precious Registers were carefully examined by the successive Bishops during their Canonical Visitations and contain their signatures and sometimes other notations of value to historians.

The following list of 60 baptisms were performed by the pioneer Pastor, Rev. Henry Fitzsimons at St. Juliana's, but recorded in the first Register of St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale; followed by the first 47 baptisms recorded in the first Register of St. Juliana's and also performed by Father Fitzsimons.

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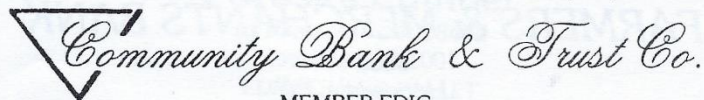
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**BAPTISMS OF ROCK LAKE RESIDENTS RECORDED IN THE
REGISTERS AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA, CARBONDALE, PA.**

These baptisms were found in the first Register of St. Rose of Lima and all were performed by the first assigned Missionary Priest, Father Henry Fitzsimons, during his visits to the Rock Lake Congregation.

Page	Baptized	Born	Named	Parents
3	Feb. 18, 1838	Dec. 22, 1837	Daniel	James Crosby & Catherine Reilly
3	Feb. 18, 1838	Aug. 9, 1837	John	Sponsors: Cornelius Reilly & Sarah McLaughlin Patrick Tully & Margaret McCollum
3	March 6, 1838	Feb. 24, 1838	John	Sponsors: James Tully & Mary Camerage Michael Reilly & Elizabeth Mulligan
3	April 22, 1838	March 3, 1838	Roseanna	Sponsors: James Kelly & Margaret Reilly William McAvoy & Mary McCollum
3	April 22, 1838	Feb. 26, 1838	Hellena	Sponsors: Cornelius McCollum McNeal Thomas McKee & Catherine Thaner
3	April 22, 1838	Feb. 8, 1838	Margaret	Sponsors: John O'Neill & Mary Connor Christopher Clark & Catherine Murphy
4	April 22, 1838	Feb. 26, 1838	Heliena (Ellen)	Sponsors: Paul O'Neill & Catherine Murphy Andrew McDermott & Elizabeth Reilly
4	April 22, 1838	April 1, 1838	Elizabeth	Sponsors: James Crosby & Catherine Reilly Patrick McDermott & Sarah Connor
4	April 22, 1838	April 5, 1838	Margaret	Sponsors: Arthur Connor & Catherine McKee Cornelius McCollum & Catherine Reilly
4	July 7, 1838	June 24, 1838	Anthony	Sponsors: Andrew Dunn & Sarah McKay Patrick Leonard & Briget Myles
5	Aug. 15, 1838	July 30, 1838	Elizabeth	Sponsors: Michael Leonard & Barbara Darcy Patrick McCabe & Rose Fox
5	Aug. 15, 1838	July 23, 1838	Sarah Johanna	Sponsors: Charles McCabe & Ellen Fitzpatrick James Kelly & Margaret McBride
5	Aug. 15, 1838	Aug. 14, 1838	Margaret	Sponsors: William Kelly & Johanna Kelly John Hughes & Sarah Conlon
5	Sept. 23, 1838	Aug. 21, 1838	William	Sponsors: Felix Dolan & Margaret Mullin Paul O'Neill & Catherine Hannagan
5	Sept. 23, 1838	Sept. 16, 1838	John Francis	Sponsors: Mark McGivern & Isabelle Murry Dominic Lloyd & Isabelle Tracy
5	Nov. 25, 1838	Nov. 2, 1838	Rosann	Sponsors: John Dolan & Catherine Dolan Michael McCormick & Margaret McAvoy
5	Dec. 30, 1838	May 19, 1838	Anna	Sponsors: William McAvoy & Catherine Hannagan Cornelius McCollum & Catherine Tully
7	May 21, 1839	May 14, 1839	Elizabeth	Sponsors: James Tully & Margaret McAvoy Hugh Kelly & Mary Boyle
7	May 26, 1839	May 6, 1839	William	Sponsors: Cornelius Connel & Catherine Feagan John Kean & Anna Cauly
7	May 27, 1839	May 12, 1839	Thomas	Sponsors: Dominic Llyod & Elizabeth Tracy Anthony Stevens & Johanna Kelly
7	May 27, 1839	May 19, 1839	Edward	Sponsors: Felix Dolan & Sarah McGivern Peter Fitzsimmons & Mary Keenan
7	May 27, 1839	Dec. 25, 1838	Elizabeth	Sponsors: Patrick McDermott & Sarah Connor Thomas Cronin & Anna McCann
8	June 30, 1839	May 2, 1839	Francis	Sponsors: James Murray & Elizabeth O'Neill Bernard Hatton & Hellena Connor
8	June 30, 1839	June 9, 1839	James	Sponsors: Arthur Connor & Mary Connor Cornelius Reilly & Sarah McLaughlin
10	Dec. 6, 1839	Nov. 24, 1839	Thomas	Sponsors: Reilly & Hellena Reilly Patrick Dunn & Margaret Kenny Sponsors: James Feenarby & Mary Flynn

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Page	Baptized	Born	Named	Parents
11	Jan. 26, 1840	Dec. 6, 1839	Cornelius Peter	James Crosby & Catherine Reilly Sponsors: Patrick Tully & Margaret McCollum
11	Jan. 25, 1840	Dec. 29, 1839	Thomas William	Dominic Lloyd & Isabelle Tracy Sponsors: Michael Murphy & Mary McKee
12	April 26, 1840	Feb. 13, 1840	Joanne	Cornelius McCollum & Catherine Tully Sponsors: Edward Maley & Catherine Maley
12	April 26, 1840	April 9, 1840	Edward	Edward Maley & Sarah Caligan Sponsors: Francis Tully & Catherine Dolan
12	April 26, 1840	April 13, 1840	Elizabeth	Christopher Clark & Catharine Murphy Sponsors: Bernard Hatton & Elizabeth Halligan
13	May 29, 1840	May 28, 1840	Daniel	William McAvoy & Mary McCollum Sponsors: William McAvoy & Catherine Murphy
13	May 29, 1840	May 17, 1840	Mary	Martin Carey & Margaret Flynn Sponsors: Robert Madigan & Mary Hart
13	June 12, 1840	May 22, 1840	James F. Norton	James Connor & Sarah Norton Sponsors: Peter McAnally & Mary Cavanagh
13	June 12, 1840	March 17, 1840	Eliza	Michael Maguire & Bridget Reynolds Sponsors: Thomas Reilly & Susan Connor
13	June 28, 1840	June 20, 1840	Cornelius	Bernard Reilly & Ellen Reilly Sponsors: Cornelius Reilly & Mary Madigan
14	Aug. 27, 1840		Susan	Adult conversion to faith Sponsors: Patrick O'Neill & Margaret McAvoy
14	Aug. 30, 1840	July 30, 1840	Catherine Teresa	Andrew McDermott & Elizabeth Reilly Sponsors: Matthew Fitzpatrick & Catherine Dolan
14	Aug. 30, 1840		Mary	Paul O'Neill & Catherine Hannigan
14	Aug. 30, 1840	Aug. 27, 1840	No entry on DOB or Sponsors Mary Ann	Edward Murray & Sarah Reilly Sponsors: James Baker & Mary Ann Reilly
15	Oct. 22, 1840	March 8, 1840	James	John McEntire & Margaret Reilly Sponsors: Francis Tully & Elizabeth Malloy
15	Oct. 22, 1840	Oct. 11, 1840	William	John Connolly & Anna Hughes Sponsors: Dominic Lloyd & Elizabeth Reilly
16	Nov. 27, 1840	Sept. 15, 1840	Bridget	Patrick Connor & Honora McKeag Sponsors: Edward Barrett & Bridget McCourt
16	Nov. 27, 1840	Sept. 7, 1840	William	John Murphy & Catherine Reilly Sponsors: Michael Farrell & Mary McDonald
16	Nov. 27, 1840	Sept. 22, 1840	Hellena	Patrick Quinn & Mary Mullin Sponsors: Cornelius Devir & Florence Birmingham
16	Nov. 27, 1840	Oct. 10, 1840	Terrance	James McCabe & Mary McCabe Sponsors: Lawrence Tierny & Rose Waters
16	Nov. 30, 1840	Nov. 15, 1840	Anna	Patrick McDermott & Sarah Connor Sponsors: Patrick Connor & Mary Rogers
17	Feb. 14, 1841	Feb. 11, 1841	Philip	Philip Brady & Mary Doherty Sponsors: Thomas Doherty & Bridget Monoly
18	Feb. 28, 1841	Feb. 4, 1841	Ellen	Cornelius Reilly & Sarah Lehlan Sponsors: James Murray & Elizabeth O'Neill
18	Feb. 28, 1841	Feb. 2, 1841	Margaret	Patrick Tully & Margaret McCollum Sponsors: James Crosby & Mary McPhillips
18	March 2, 1841	Feb. 26, 1841	James	Patrick Brady & Bridget Cassidy Sponsors: Phillip Owens & Rose Sheridan
20	May 13, 1841	April 11, 1841	Felice	John McAvoy & Catherine Reynolds Sponsors: John Farrell & Ellen Foley
20	May 13, 1841	May 7, 1841	Mary	Hugh McDonald & Mary Mallon Sponsors: Peter McDonald & Judith Lynch
20	May 13, 1841	May 10, 1841	Dominic	Edward McLehlan & Mary Burke Sponsors: William Porter & Catherine Reynolds

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Page	Baptized	Born	Named	Parents
21	May 29, 1841	April 23, 1841	Catherine	Michael McCormick & Margaret McAvoy Sponsors: Andrew Lehlan & Mary Ann Murray Thomas North & Bridget Reilly
21	May 29, 1841	May 3, 1841	John Frederick	Sponsors: Edward Reilly & Elen Hatton James McDermott & Rose Naulty
24	Sept. 26, 1841	Sept. 17, 1841	Mary Ann	Sponsors: James Tully & Catherine Dolan John O'Neill & Margaret Reilly
24	Sept. 26, 1841	Sept. 2, 1841	Isabella	Sponsors: Bernard Reilly & Mary Reilly Bernard Reilly & Ellen Reilly
25	Jan. 1, 1842	Nov. 29, 1841	Margaret Elizabeth	Sponsors: John O'Neill & Margaret Reilly Patrick Murphy & Elizabeth Halligan
28	May 3, 1842	April 6, 1842	John	Sponsors: Dominic Lloyd & Mary McKee Patrick Connel & Elizabeth Ward
28	April 28, 1842	March 3, 1842	Michael	Sponsors: Patrick Russell & Bridget McDermott

TABULAE MATRIMONIALES

FIRST MARRIAGE REGISTER OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA, CARBONDALE, 1836

These marriages were rites performed by the pioneer Resident Pastor, Father Henry Fitzsimons of St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale, on his missionary travels to St. Juliana's, Rock Lake. These records became a part of the first Register of St. Rose of Lima.

1836, Dec. 11	John Mulligan & Mary Farrell	Wit: Andrew Foley & Cecilia Foley
1837, Feb. 4	Michael Kane & Catherine Murphy	Wit: Patrick Murphy & Johanna O'Neill
1837, 23	Patrick Murphy & Elizabeth Halligan	Wit: John Reilly & Catherine Dolan
1837, Sept. 4	James Holly & Johanne O'Neill	Wit: Thomas Shea & Mary Leonard
1838, Sept. 5	Thomas Kane & Ann Fury	Wit: Michael Fury & Bridget Rearden
1838, Oct. 1	Edward Clark & Mary Leonard	Wit: Patrick Brady & Mary O'Neill
1838, Oct. 22	Thomas North & Bridget Mulligan	Wit: John O'Reilly & Bridget Carlton
1839, Aug. 24	Daniel McGivern & Isabelle Murray	Wit: John O'Neill & Sarah McGivern
1839, Sept. 28	John O'Neill & Margaret Reilly	Wit: John Murray & Catherine Dolan
1839, Dec. 23	Philip Brady & Mary Doher	Wit: Thomas Doher & Bridget Manley
1841, June 26	James Tully & Mary Daly	Wit: Hugh Kelly & Catherine Dolan
1841, Nov. 29	Michael Fury & Bridget Kane	Wit: Daniel McGrath & Mary Madigan
1842, Jan. 6	Thomas McGrath & Helen O'Connor	Wit: Thadeo Kearns & Mary Bradley
1842, April 4	Philip Brady & Mary Kearns	Wit: James Kearns & Mary O'Neill
1842, April 8	Dyonisium (Dennis?) Farrell & Mary Hussy	Wit: Daniel Farrell & Bridget Farrell
1842, May 1	John Shehan & Margaret Leary	Wit: Daniel Leary & Julia Leary
1842, May 6	Michael Farrell & Bridget McDermott	Wit: Michael Collins & Bridget Gallaher
1843, Feb. 15	Edward Linn & Catherine Brennan	Wit: William Brennan & Hellena (Ellen/Nell) Brennan
1843, April 3	William Kelly & Catherine Shelly (Sielly?)	Wit: Hugh O'Neill & Hellena (Ellen/Nell) O'Neill
1843, Oct. 30	James McKenna & Rosanne McKee	Wit: Hugh Kelly & Mary McKee
1843, Dec. 30	Thomas Plunkett & Mariam (Mary) McKee	Wit: Alexander Robison & Mary Ann Basater
1844, Sept. 9	Carolus (Charles) McAvoy & Bridget Clune	Wit: James Curran & Bridget Dolan
1844, Oct. 13	John Dolan & Mariam (Mary) Lloyd	Wit: James Curran & Mary Connor
1844, Dec. 30	Alexander Robison & Catherine Dolan	Wit: John Curran & Anna Murray
1845, Feb. 3	John Peel & Mary Farrell	Wit: Thomas Brennan & Margaret Reilly
1845, Feb. 3	Martin Clune & Elizabeth McAvoy	Wit: Carolo (Charles?) McAvoy & Bridget (Clune) McAvoy
1845, Feb. 9	Thomas Burke & Bridget Gallagher	Wit: Patrick Burke & Mary Bradley
1845, March 6	Charles McCormick & Bridget Gafney	Wit: Hugh Durkin & Dorothy Griffin
1845, March 20	Cornelius Kelly & Mary Reynolds, alias Keagan	Wit: Andrew McDermott & Rose McCabe
1845, April 25	Bartholemew Mooney & Ellen Brennan	Wit: Patrick Finagan & Catherine Brennan
1846, Oct. 8	Thomas Kain (Kane?) & Mary Keenan	Wit: Patrick Kevers & Catherine McGarry
1846, Nov. 3	Michael O'Neill & Sarah Ferguson	Wit: John Monaghan & Catherine Bolan
1846, Nov. 3	John Murphy & Mary Madigan	Wit: Daniel Ferris & Isabella Ward

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BAPTISMS — ST. JULIANA'S BOOK A — PAGES 3-4

These are the first baptisms ever recorded at St. Juliana's Church.

No. 1 Daniel	Born: 9 June 1842 Bapt: 13 June 1842	To: Patrick Kane & Bridget McGrath Sponsors: Daniel McGrath - Marie Madigan
No. 2 Catherine	Born 25 May 1842 Bapt: 13 June 1842	To: Paul O'Neil & Catherine Meadigan Sponsors: John Murray & Anna McDonald
No. 3 Sara	Born: 21 Nov. 1841 Bapt: 13 June 1842	To: Cornelius McCullum & Catherine Tully Sponsors: John McEntire & Maria Daly
No. 4 Eugene	Born: 8 June 1842 Bapt: 3 Aug. 1842	Parents: James McEntire & Mary Reilly Sponsors: James Tully & Sara Calgan
No. 5 Mary	Born: 15 Aug. 1842 Bapt: 28 Aug. 1842	Parents: Thomas McGrath & Marie Kane Sponsors: John Dolan & Elizabeth Murray
No. 6 Anna	Born: 10 Aug. 1842 Bapt: 28 Aug. 1842	Parents: James McGrath & Honora Fury Sponsors: Michael Clune & Catherine Dolan
No. 7 Charles	Born: 24 Aug. 1842 Bapt: 28 Aug. 1842	Parents: James Smith & Catherine Naulty Sponsors: William McAvoy & Mary McAvoy
No. 8 Thomas	Born: 22 Sept. 1842 Bapt: 24 Sept. 1842	Parents: James Farrel & Margaret Healy Sponsors: William Farrel & Bridget Farrel
No. 9 M. Elizabeth	Born: 27 Aug 1842 Bapt: 25 Sept. 1842	Parents: Andrew Dunn & Bridget Curran Sponsors: James Curran & Sarah Mulvany
No. 10 M. Elizabeth	Born: 27 Sept. 1842 Bapt: 21 Oct. 1842	Parents: Daniel McGivern & Elizabeth Murray Sponsor: Sarah McGivern
No. 11 M. Elizabeth	Born: 20 Jan. 1843 Bapt: 23 Jan. 1843	Parents: Cornelius Reilly & Sarah Lehlan Sponsors: Patrick Coffy & Catherine Dolan
No. 12 John	Born: 19 Jan. 1843 Bapt: 23 Jan. 1843	Parents: Patrick Tully & Mae McCullum Sponsors: James McCanna & Isabella Ward
No. 13 John	Born: 3 Jan. 1843 Bapt: 23 Jan. 1843	Parents: Thomas Madigan & Anna Follahy Sponsors: Michael Fury & Mary McGrath
No. 14 Francis	Born: 6 Nov. 1842 Bapt: 26 Feb. 1843	Parents: Michael Mallon & Catherine Harn Sponsors: John Conly & Elizabeth Murphy
No. 15 James	Born: 13 Feb. 1843 Bapt: 26 Feb. 1843	Parents: Patrick McDermott & Sarah Connors Sponsors: Malerhias Clark & Mary Tully
No. 16 Anna	Born: 26 Feb. 1843 Bapt: 25 March 1843	Parents: Thomas Cronan & Anna McCann Sponsors: James Cronan & Catherine Cronan
No. 17 J. Henry	Born: 29 Apr. 1843 Bapt: 27 May 1843	Parents: James Kelly & Margaret McBride Sponsor: Ann Kelly
No. 18 Mary	Born: 28 Feb. 1843 Bapt: 27 May, 1843	Parents: John O'Neill & Margaret Reilly Sponsors: James O'Neil & Eliza O'Neil
No. 19 John	Born: 6 May 1843 Bapt: 27 May 1843	Parents: Andrew Lehlan & M. Anna Murry Sponsors: James Murray & Elizabeth Murray
No. 20 J. Phillip	Born: 1 May 1843 Bapt: 27 May 1843	Parents: Andrew McDermott & Elizabeth Reilly Sponsors: Dominick Lloyd & Eliza Lloyd
No. 21 Mary	Born: 18 March 1843 Bapt: 27 May 1843	Parents: Thomas North & Bridget Mulligan Sponsors: Thomas Pluncket & Catherine Harragan
No. 22 Hariatus (?)	Born: 13 April 1843 Bapt: 29 May 1843	Parents: John McDonate & Anna Harragan Sponsors: Wm. Byrnes & Mary Byrnes
No. 23 Margaret	Born: 28 April 1843 Bapt: 29 May 1843	Parents: Edward Cand & Margaret Breartan Sponsors: Arthur Connor & Hanora McDonald
No. 24 Francis	Born: 21 June 1843 Bapt: 23 June 1843	Parents: John Hughes & Sarah Conlin Sponsors: James Curran & Roseana Lavery
No. 25 James	Born: 4 June 1843 Bapt: 25 June 1843	Parents: James Keinan & Elizabeth Farrel Sponsors: William Conly & Allicia Conly
No. 26 A. John	Born: 16 July 1843 Bapt: 30 July 1843	Parents: Anthony Stephens & Johanna Kelly Sponsors: Bernard Hatton & Marie Connor

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No. 27 Michael	Born: 25 July 1843 Bapt: 27 Aug. 1843	Parents: Phillip Brady & Marie Keinan Sponsors: Daniel Fitzpatrick & Mary McKee
No. 28 Hanora (Hannah)	Born: 19 Aug. 1843 Bapt: 27 Aug. 1843	Parents: Michael Clune & Bridget Kane Sponsors: John Clune & Margaretta Kane
No. 29 Hugh	Born: 9 Sept. 1843 Bapt: 29 Oct. 1843	Parents: John Kane & Sarah Hagerty Sponsors: John Dolan & Elizabeth Murray
No. 30 Cecelia (Sicilie? Latin)	Born: 3 Sept. 1843 Bapt: 29 Oct. 1843	Parents: James Casey & Mary McAvey (McAvoy) Sponsors: James Waters & Elizabeth McAvoy
No. 31 James	Born: 18 Sept. 1843 Bapt: 29 Oct. 1843	Parents: Michael McCormick & Margaret McAvoy Sponsors: Patrick Lavery & Sarah Lavery (McAvoy)
No. 32 Bridget	Born: 10 May 1843 Bapt: 26 Nov. 1843	Parents: Cornelius McCullum & Catherine Tully Sponsors: Patrick Tully & Catherine Tully
No. 33 Mathew	Born: 10 Dec. 1843 Bapt: 31 Dec. 1843	Parents: James McAully & Margaret Rodgers Sponsors: John Conly & Anna Conly
No. 34 Francis	Born: 21 Dec. 1843 Bapt: 31 Dec. 1843	Parents: Patrick Mulligan & Bridget Doherty Sponsors: Thomas Murphy & Mary Murphy
No. 35 Mary	Born: 19 Dec. 1843 Bapt: 31 Dec. 1843	Parents: Michael Fury & Bridget Kane Sponsors: Patrick McGrath & Mary Madigan
No. 36 Sarah	Born: 15 Jan. 1838 Bapt: 25 Feb. 1844	Parents: Henry McGary & Sarah McGary Sponsors: Hugh Hammin & Sarah McGuire
No. 37 Henry	Born: 14 Feb. 1841 Bapt: 25 Feb. 1844	Parents: Henry McGary & Sarah McGary Sponsors: Felix Dolan & Margaretta Dolan
No. 38 George	Born: 10 May 1843 Bapt: 25 Feb. 1844	Parents: Henry McGary & Sarah McGary Sponsors: Andries Keal & Bridget Kane
No. 39 John	Born: 1 Jan. 1844 Bapt: 25 Feb. 1844	Parents: Bernard Reilly & Elizabeth Reilly Sponsors: Michael Reilly & Catherine Dolan
No. 40 Mathew	Born: 21 Feb. 1844 Bapt: 25 Feb. 1844	Parents: Mathew Mulligan & Julia Darche Sponsors: Patrick Mulligan & Bridget Mulligan
No. 41 James	Born: 12 Feb. 1844 Bapt: 23 March 1844	Parents: Michael Mallon & Catherine Harn Sponsors: Thomas McKee & Catherine McKee
No. 42 Patrick	Born: 16 Feb. 1844 Bapt: 24 March 1844	Parents: Paul O'Neill & Catherine Harragan Sponsors: Thomas Cronan & Anna McDinato
No. 43 Francis	Born: 26 Feb. 1844 Bapt: 24 March 1844	Parents: Francis Tully & M. Dale Sponsors: Franis Tully & Mary McAvoy
No. 44 Mark (Marcus)	Born: 3 March 1844 Bapt: 26 May 1844	Parents: Daniel McGivern & Elizabeth Murry Sponsors: James O'Neill & Isabelle McGivern
No. 45 Rosa	Born: 13 April 1844 Bapt: 26 May 1844	Parents: James McDermott & Rosa Naully Sponsors: Felix Dolan & Margaretta Tobin
No. 46 Patrick	Born: 6 April 1844 Bapt: 26 May 1844	Parents: Partick Murphy & Elizabeth Harragan Sponsors: William Conly & Allicia Conly
No. 47 Michael	Born: 1 May 1844 Bapt: 26 May 1844	Parents: John McEntire & Margaret Reilly Sponsors: James McCanna & Marie Daly

All of these first recorded 47 baptisms were performed by the Pioneer Pastor, The Rev. Henry F. Fitzsimons, assigned to Carbondale and surrounding missions. The church in Carbondale was St. Rose of Lima.

Bishop Kenrick's 5th Visitation to Rock Lake

Bishop Kenrick undertook the eleventh annual Visitation of his Diocese in 1840 and this also marked his fifth Visitation to the Irish Settlement, now being called Rock Lake, in Wayne County. On the 21st of October 1840, he arrived at Mount Pleasant where he records in his diary . . .

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Made First Visit to the Irish Settlement June 27, 1834. Celebrated the first Mass in one room log cabin of William McAvoy. Dedicated the original St. Juliana's Church on June 20, 1838

"In the afternoon we made another jaunt of 26 miles, and I remained over night with William McAvoy, who lives near the Church of St. Juliana, in a place called Mount Pleasant Township.

October 22nd. I confirmed 13 in this Church. About 40 received Holy Communion. My Brother, (Rev. Richard Peter Kenrick), preached on the subject of the Holy Euchrist. The Rev. Henry Fitzsimons, who is Pastor of the Church of St. Rose of Lima, in the town of Carbondale, visits this Mission once each month, usually the last Sunday of the month. After dinner we went to Carbondale, a distance of 26 miles."

Bishop Kenrick made no Visitation out of the city of Philadelphia in 1841. However, worthy of note at Rock Lake was the death of Patrick Connor, a pioneer of the Irish Settlement who was born in County Down, Ireland in 1782 and came to Mount Pleasant Township in 1822. He was survived by his wife, Mary McGrory, (who died May 24th 1881 at age 89) and his children, Hugh, Sarah, Arthur, John, Henry and Mary. In this year also, on October 31st, General Thomas Cadwalader died at his mansion at the corner of 9th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. He had been the kind and generous benefactor to the Irish settlers by deeding 77 acres of his land to St. Juliana's. He was survived by his wife, Mary Biddle Cadwalader. During the 1840's and 1850's, the vast Cadwalader Equinunk tract was sold piecemeal by the widow Mary Cadwalader and her son George. A large number of the Irish Catholics of St. Juliana's purchased parcels of land in this tract.

ST. JULIANA'S CARE TRANSFERRED TO HONESDALE

Bishop Kenrick visited only two of Father Henry Fitzsimons' congregations in 1845, confirming 92 at the church of St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale, after which he went on to Honesdale.

Rev. Patrick A. Prendergast

In Honesdale he made the following entry in his diary . . .

"Sept. 10th 1845. I confirmed 42 in the Church of St. John the Baptist in the town of Honesdale. This church was erected a few years ago under the care of Rev. Henry Fitzsimons. At his own request, I relieved him of this charge, assigning the burden to the Rev. Patrick Aloysious Prendergast, who is also to have care of the Church of St. Juliana at Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County."

This entry marks an important stage in the growth of the Catholic Church in Wayne County, for by this appointment on the part of Bishop Kenrick, St. John's, Honesdale, and the congregation of St. Juliana's were separated from the parent church of Carbondale and placed under the care of a resident pastor at Honesdale. According to the entries in the Registers of St. John's, Honesdale, Father Patrick A. Prendergast was Pastor there from September 1, 1845 until August 1, 1847.

On Saturday, September 27, 1845, Father Prendergast united in marriage at St. Juliana's in Mount Pleasant Township, David Grimes of Honesdale and Elizabeth Murray of St. Juliana's; James Murray and Anna McDonald Being witnesses. On the same day he married James Norton and Mary Connor; John McLaughlin and Bridgett Kelly being witnesses. This is the first record of the ministry of Father Prendergast at St. Juliana's. Father Henry Fitzsimons' last entry in the Register here was on July 27, 1845.

Rev. James Forbes

In the Fall of 1847, Father Fitzsimons was transferred from St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale, to St. Patrick's, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, while Father Patrick A. Prendergast was sent from Honesdale to Carbondale as Pastor, and Father James Forbes was transferred from West Chester to St. John's, Honesdale, in moves made by Bishop Kenrick. Father Forbes now had the care of St. Juliana's, and according to the Parish Registers at Honesdale, he was Pastor of St. John's from August 1, 1847 to December 28, 1848. The Catholic Almanac for 1848 gives this listing. . .

Honesdale, Wayne County, St. John the Baptist - Rev. James Forbes Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County, St. Juliana's - once a month, Rev. Jame Forbes

Father James Forbes' signature appears in the Register of St. Juliana's Church for Monday August 2, 1847 for the first

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time, and thereafter through the year 1848.

BISHOP KENRICK'S SIXTEENTH VISITATION 1847

During the second period of the Visitation, from Sept. 4 - 28, 1847, he included the North District in his tour. The Bishop enters Wayne County and he records . . .

"Sept. 15th. I confirmed 50 in the Church of St. Juliana near the place commonly called Mount Pleasant. I baptized there an adult named James Lewis."

In the St. Juliana Register we find the entry . . .

"Sept. 15, 1847 I baptized an adult James Lewis; Archibald McCullom was the sponsor. Francis Patrick Kenrick, Bishop of Philadelphia.

On the maps of Damascus Twp., Wayne County for 1860 and 1872, the site of the farm of J. Lewis is clearly indicated on the east side of Township route 650, north of Laurel Lake and south of the N. McCullom farm.

Father James Maloney

About December 28, 1847, Father James Forbes departed from Honesdale and Bishop Kenrick transferred Father James Maloney from St. Mary's at Beaver Meadows in Carbon County to the pastorage of St. John's, Honesdale. St. Juliana, still under the care of St. John's, had yet another new priest. Father Maloney's priestly record for the next five years was exemplary. The winter of 1847-48 marked the period of the Great Irish Famine when immense numbers of able-bodied men and women fled the ravaged Counties of Ireland to seek haven and employment in America. The eastern part of the North District, especially Wayne County, offered many fields of remunerative labor. On the Erie Railroad, where work had been suspended, laborers were again being hired; The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company had begun to extend the canal and the Gravity Line to Hawley; The Pennsylvania Coal Company selected Hawley as the center of its new enterprise; in the northern townships tanneries were greatly expanded; agriculture, especially dairying, was being promoted. In consequence of all these factors, the task of Father Maloney was made very demanding. He enlarged the Church of St. John, adding the steeple which made it a landmark on the hillside. He built a new Church in Hawley in 1850, and in addition to his flock at Honesdale, Mount Pleasant and other places, he administered to the Catholics in the Delaware Valley in New York State from Deposit to Port Jervis.

Some extent of his labors may be gained from the Register of St. John's in which, for the year 1851, he entered 293 baptisms. In the Spring of 1852 an epidemic of typhus broke out in the United States, and Father Maloney, his frame already exhausted by overwork, contracted the disease on one of his sick calls, and died a victim of the malignant fever. In the Catholic Almanac for the year 1853 we find . . .

Rev. James Maloney, died April 27, 1852
at Honesdale, Pa., pastor of that place.

The burial site of Father Maloney is not known. He was the first Pioneer Catholic Priest to die in Wayne County.

On page 6, right side of the old St. Juliana's ledger book was recorded . . .

January 10th 1849

At a meeting held at the church of Saint Juliana, Mount Pleasant it was Voted that a Committee of thirteen men be appointed for the ensuing year to transact the business there of. Committee as follows:

Arthur O'Connor	John McLaughlin
Patrick Madigan	John Laughlin
John O'Neill	Alexander Robinson
John Conly	James Crosby
Bernard Reily	Patrick Mulligan
Cornelius Reily	Thomas Murphy

John Cain

Resolved that this Committee is empowered, to transact all Business belonging to said Church. Voted that Arthur O'Connor John Conly and John McLaughlin be a Committee to Collect all Monies belonging to Said Church for lumber.

President John Cain
Vice President Jame Crosbie
Secretary James Keenens

Page 7, left side stated . . .

John Cain President of the Committee for the ensuing year and Patrick Mulligan Secretary -

Voted that the present church building remain as it is for 3 years and that a Subscription be entered into

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for building a new church on the lot given to said church.

ENLARGING THE CHURCH

It appears from the minutes of this meeting that the need of a larger church to accommodate the growing Irish Catholic population in the area was becoming somewhat urgent. The old ledger book listed a committee that was selected by the Church Committee on January 1st 1850, consisting of James Murray, James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, Cornelius Reilly and Thomas Cronan. It is surmised that this Committee was to get subscriptions of money, material and work for the construction of an addition to the church. There were many subscriptions totaling \$223.25, 3500 feet of siding, 3700 feet of boards, 9000 shingles, 1000 feet of hemlock and 700 feet of basswood. The carpenter working on the addition was Mr. William W. Blazedell, who was paid \$133.00, and Mr. James Fox was paid \$34.00 on November 3rd 1851 for painting the church. It was also found that the frame timbers were hauled from Howell's mill. Because of the amount of lumber and 9000 shingles, it's estimated that the addition was one half as large as the original 24 x 40 foot church and that a new roof was installed on the entire roof. John McAvoy was paid \$9.50 to find material, brick excepted, and build a chimney. Thomas Fitzsimons purchased a stove and pipe so the church now required two stoves.

REMODELING INTERIOR OF CHURCH

The account book entry of July 12th 1851 . . . (written as found)

Agreement made between James Galliher of the one part and the Committee of the Church of St Julian of the other said Galliher Agrees to Buil A Sirkular Alter With railing and Enough of Benches to fill out in the Church at Eighteen Inch Space and Build a Confessional and paint the Church inside White With two Cotes and nee Benches and Seats Scrood to the floor and find all materials for the same and A Cross Included And for so doing Said Galliger is to receive the Sum of one hundred dollars.

(signed) James Gallagher

James Crosbie)
Patrick McDearmott) Committee
Thos Fitzsimons)

Recd May the 30/52 from James Crosbie & Thomas Fitzimons & Patrick McDermott the sum of \$100 on the above Contract in full of all demands up to this date.

(signed) James Gallagher

With these refurbishments, the Church was now furnished with permanent pews and kneeling benches, a confessional and altar railing. The inside as well as the outside was now painted.

THE END OF THE KENRICK ERA

During Bishop Kenrick's Seventeenth Visitation of the Diocese in 1849, he wrote in his diary . . .

July 12th. I confirmed in the Church of St. Juliana, in a place called Beech Wood.

Although the Bishop was not aware of it at the time, this visit turned out to be his last to the Irish Settlement, which he had first seen in 1834. By a remarkable coincidence, Father James Maloney, who had back in 1838, accompanied Bishop Kenrick to Mount Pleasant Township to dedicate the new Church there to St. Juliana, and was present at that memorable ceremony, was not that same who had the care of St. Juliana's from his residence in Honesdale. Since this was the last Visit of Bishop Kenrick to Wayne County, and although he maintained constant care over his Churches in the North District until his transfer to Baltimore, we now close the account of the Kenrick era.

By Papal Bulls dated August 29th, 1851, Pope Pius IX promoted Bishop Kenrick from the Diocese of Philadelphia to the Primatial See of Baltimore. He had just completed his Nineteen and final Visitation of his Diocese when the news of his appointment to Baltimore was received. One of his first acts as the new Archbishop of Baltimore was to visit the Rectory of the German Redemptorist Fathers in charge of the Church of St. Alphonsus on Saratoge Street and asked to see the Rector, Father Neumann. Thereafter, it is said, promptly at four p.m. each Friday, he came to the room of the saintly Father John Neumann, his spiritual advisor and confessor.

As the Metropolitan of the See of Philadelphia, Bishop Kenrick would have the task of presenting the names of candidates to succeed him in the vacant See of the Holy Father Pius IX. He presented three names: Father Edward Purcell, John Neumann, and William Elder. In a letter to Philip Cardinal Franzoni, Perfect of the Propaganda, dated November 17, the day following his installation at Baltimore, he wrote . . .

"Of the three priests I have recommended, Father John Neumann is certainly the most worthy as regards piety, learning, skill in performing ecclesiastical duties and other great qualification. He speaks both German and English fluently, but I cannot deny that the one thing against him in so great a City is the fact that he is a

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Bohemian and, because of this, not so eloquent and less likely to please the ear. His manners, like-wise, are different from those existing in our Country”.

By Christmas 1851 he received an answer from Rome: John N. Neumann was the favorite choice.

FRANCIS PATRICK KENRICK

Francis Patrick Kenrick, Archbishop and author, born in Dublin, Ireland on December 3, 1796 and died in Baltimore, Md., July 8, 1863, was the elder son of Jane (Eustace) and Thomas Kenrick, a successful scrivener. Their second son, Peter Richard, became the first archbishop of St. Louis. Francis was educated in local schools and under the tutelage of this pastor and uncle, Richard Kenrick, known as the Vincent de Paul of Dublin. At 18 he went to Rome to study for the priesthood at the College of the Propaganda, where he made a brilliant record in Scripture and theology. He was ordained on April 7, 1821 and shortly thereafter volunteered for the American mission in Kentucky, where his first assignment was to teach theology, Church history, and liturgy at St. Joseph's Seminary, Bardstown, Ky. He also taught history and Greek, and was pastor of the local congregation and acted as secretary to Bishop Benedict Flaget. In 1829 he went to the First Provincial Council of Baltimore as Flaget's theologian and was chosen secretary of that assembly. Among the problems faced by the Council was the difficulty with lay trustees in Philadelphia, which had proved too much for the aged Bishop Henry Conwell. The Council persuaded Rome to name Kenrick coadjutor of Philadelphia with full jurisdiction. He was consecrated in Bardstown cathedral by Flaget on June 6, 1830. The diocese of Philadelphia then included the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware and what was known as West Jersey. He had difficulty with his superior in assuming administration of the diocese which was not remedied until Bishop Conwell's death in 1842 when Kenrick succeeded him as Ordinary of Philadelphia.

One of his first acts as coadjutor in Philadelphia was to attack the lay trustee problem by placing St. Mary's Church under interdict until the lay trustees recognized his episcopal authority to name pastors. The following year (1832) he called the first diocesan synod, which enacted legislation that prevented the recurrence of trusteeism in the diocese. The policy was also adopted by other American bishops. Two later synods (1842, 1847) ensured uniformity of discipline within the diocese and confronted the problems arising from increasing immigration. The work of the Bishop, his priests, and the Sisters of Charity, during the cholera epidemic in Philadelphia, including the use of St. Augustine's school as hospital, won goodwill for the Church. He was interested in helping the poor and used the royalties from his writings for this purpose. He co-founded the diocesan newspaper *The Catholic Herald*, which avoided purely political questions and was criticized for being too conservative. He refused to become politically involved in the Irish Freedom Movement and consequently was not so popular as some of his Irish contemporaries in the American hierarchy.

He founded St. Charles Borromeo, the diocesan seminary. In order to provide textbooks for the seminarians he wrote extensively on theological dogma and morals. At the time of his promotion to Baltimore, he had translated all of the New Testament and most of the Old.

He fostered a parochial school system that embraced half of the parishes in the diocese and encouraged the founding of the Augustinian college (University), Villanova (1842), and the Jesuit College, St. Joseph's (1851).

In the 21 years of his administration of Philadelphia, he made 19 visitations by stagecoach and horseback over a territory extending from Lake Erie to Cape May, N.J., and from the southern boundary of New York to the eastern boundary of West Virginia, an area equal to that of England, Scotland and Wales. During his rule the number of churches increased from 22 to 92, priests from 35 to 101, and the Catholic population from 35,000 to 170,000, even though the new Diocese of Pittsburgh had removed the western part of the state from Philadelphia's jurisdiction.

Through his efforts the Forty Hours devotion was introduced into the U.S. As he had done in Philadelphia, he encouraged each parish to found its own school. In Baltimore he completed his translation of the Sacred Scriptures and continued writing in scholarly periodicals.

His cause for canonization was being considered by the Church authorities of Philadelphia when it was decided instead to promote that of his successor, John Neumann, who was beatified in 1963.

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**BISHOP
JOHN NEPOMUCENE NEUMANN**

Born: Bohemia,
Village of Prachatitz on
Holy Thursday, March 28, 1811
Died: Philadelphia, Pa.
Thursday, January 5, 1860
Bishop of Philadelphia from
1852-1860
Canonized Saint John Neumann
June 19, 1977
This is the only portrait ever made of
John N. Neumann. Taken in his home-
town of Prachatitz, at age 43.

THE NEUMANN ERA 1852 - 1860

During January and February of 1852 the proper procedures to appoint a successor to the vacant See of Philadelphia were in full motion. In January a plenary session of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, which had the proper jurisdiction to select Bishops to Sees in the Missionary Church of the United States met and after due deliberation cast a majority of ballots for the candidate, Father John Nepomucene Neumann, to be the Bishop of Philadelphia. Pope Pius IX, acceding to the will of the Proppaganda, confirmed the election of Neumann by Bulls dated February 1, 1852. Aware of the reluctance of Father Neumann to have such an honor conferred upon him, Pope Pius in the text of the documents, commanded the good Redemptorist Father to accept the high office of the Bishopric under holy obedience. Blessed Neumann's official biographer, Father Michael J. Curely, C.S.S.R. in his scholarly and beautifully written biography of his saintly confrere relates . . .

"The news of his selection was broken quietly to Neumann. Official confirmation of the appointment reached Archbishop Kenrick on March 1. Shortly afterwards the prelate walked down to St. Alphonsus' Rectory and went to Father Neumann's room, as was his habit when going to confession. Finding his confessor out of the house at the time, he laid on the Rector's table the episcopal ring and the pectoral cross he himself had carried for twenty-one years as Bishop in Philadelphia. Then he went home without saying a word to anyone. When the Rector returned to his room, the sparkle of the ring caught his eye; he asked the Brother Porter who had been to his room. Informed that the Archbishop had been there, the full significance of the episcopal ring and the pectoral cross broke in on the soul of the priest who had never wanted any position of authority. He was like a stricken man. He went down on his

knees in prayer. Still there and still praying, his brother Redemptorists found him next morning. But he could do nothing about his elevation. He was Bishop of Philadelphia by the Pope's command".

Bishop John Nepomucene Neumann, C.S.S.R., fourth Bishop of Philadelphia was beatified on October 13, 1863 by Pope Paul IV in an elaborate ceremony at St. Peter's in the presence of the assembled Fathers of Vatican Council II. January 7th was named as his Feastday to be celebrated in the Liturgy of the Church in the United States. A proper Feast Day Breviary Lesson was composed which contains the principal events of his heroic and saintly life, which is cited here with some added details.

"John Nepomucene Neumann, born in 1811 at Prachtitz, Bohemia, learned at an early age the spirit of piety which seemed to pervade the very atmosphere of his home."

John Nepomucene Neumann was born on Holy Thursday, March 28, 1811, the eldest son of a Bavarian father, Philip Neumann, and a Czech mother, Anges Lebis. He was baptized in the Parish Church of St. James, receiving is name in honor of the Patron of Bohemia from his godfather, John Mack, Mayor of the Village. Philip Neumann was a weaver by trade who turned out stockings in his combination house-and-shop on a narrow lane near the Jacobskirche, the principal Catholic Church of the village. Both of his parents were exceptionally devout. His mother attended morning Mass daily accompanied by her little son. At age seven John began his schooling in the care of the Parish catechist Father Peter Schmidt. In this same year he made his first Confession, first Holy Communion and was confirmed. He now began to serve Mass and showed signs of a future vocation to the Holy Priesthood. At a later date, Blessed Neumann wrote in his diary concerning this period. . .

"I cannot say I felt a decided inclination to the priesthood in my childhood. It is true I had an altar made of lead and that I served Mass almost every day, but the idea of being a priest was so exalted that it did not seem to be within my reach."

In 1828 Neumann was enrolled in the Secondary School or Gymnasium, (in Germany, a Classical school preparatory to the Universities) at the neighboring village of Budweiss, and was graduated in 1829, completing his studies at the Philosophical Institute in 1831. He applied for entrance to the Seminary at Budweiss and was accepted. He showed a marvelous facility in learning languages, being able to read and speak fluently German, Bohemian, French, Spanish, and Italian; besides his knowledge of Classical Latin and Greek. By 1834, when he began to keep a journal, he had acquired sufficient knowledge of the language from Arnold's English Grammar to write parts of his diary in English. In the Breviary Lesson we read . . .



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"Burning with a desire for missionary work, he went to North America where he was warmly received by the Bishop of New York, who ordained him to the priesthood."

Neumann's interest in missionary work in the United States was enkindled by reading the Reports of the Leopoldine Foundation, a German Branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. With great interest he read especially the letters of the famous Frontier Missionary, Father Frederick Baraga, the Apostle of the Chippewa Indians in the Mid-West. There were reports from Redemptorist missionaries and from Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick, Coadjutor to Philadelphia, stressing the need for more priests to serve the spiritual wants of neglected German emigrants. He secretly planned to answer this call and go to the United States and to prepare himself he began the private study of English. He did not reveal his plan except to a few fellow seminarians until April in 1835, on the eve of his scheduled ordination to the priesthood. However, ordinations for the year were postponed due to the serious illness of the Bishop of Budweiss.

Neumann received aid for his plan from the Canon of the Budweiss Cathedral, Father Herman Dichtl, who had learned of a special appeal from Bishop Kenrick for two German speaking priests to serve in the Diocese of Philadelphia. An attempt was made by the Canon to have Neumann accepted by Bishop Kenrick. By July, although an answer from Bishop Kenrick had not arrived, Neumann, who had passed the Canonical Examination of the Diocese for ordination, resolved to tell his parents and family of his desire to leave for America as soon as possible.

He recalled when he had first felt the prompting to become a missionary in America. It was during Father Koerner's Scripture course while listening to an explanation of St. Paul's second Letter to the Corinthians, that the Professor, remarking on the hardships encountered by St. Paul, said: "There are priests today, in America, who can match those hardships of St. Paul . . . And some of you may one day join them in the New World." On February 8th, the following year (1836), John Neumann packed his belongings and with but 200 franks (about \$40.00) departed from his home, not letting them know of his leaving until later by letter, and set out across Europe for America.

He set sail on the 210 foot three-masted sailing ship Europa, leaving the port of Harve on April 20th and arriving in the New York harbor on the evening of Trinity Sunday, May 28th. He soon learned from Bishop Dubois of New York, that three weeks previously, letters accepting him into the Diocese of New York were mailed for Europe, but being on his way, he missed the delivery of those important documents. Bishop Dubois told Neumann to prepare at once for ordination, saying, "I can and must ordain you quickly for I need you." In St. Patrick's Church on Mott Street, New York City, after being raised to the subdeaconate on June 19th, the deaconate on June 24th, John Nepomucene Neumann was raised to the dignity of the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Dubois on Saturday, June 25th, 1836.

By coincidence, the great missionary to the North District in Pennsylvania was ordained by Bishop Kenrick in St. Mary's, Philadelphia, on August 15 of the very same year. On Sunday, June 26th, Father John Neumann sang his first Mass in the German Church of St. Nicholas on East Second Street, New York City. Bishop Dubois assigned the newly ordained missionary to serve in the Buffalo District in Upper Western New York. John Neumann's apostolate had begun.

After four years as a Frontier priest in the Diocese of New York, he applied for admission into the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, and was invested with the garb of the Redemptorists becoming the first novice to be received by the Redemptorists in the United States on November 30, 1840. Becoming known to his superiors abroad and at Rome, he was appointed Vicegerent of the American Province, which post he held from 1847 to 1849. In 1851 we find him Rector of St. Alphonsus German Church in Baltimore, and the spiritual advisor of the newly appointed Archbishop Kenrick.

When the news of Neumann's appointment was confirmed by the reception of the Papal Bulls from Rome, Archbishop Kenrick decided that the consecration should take place as a special mark of courtesy toward Father Neumann, now Bishop elect, in his own Redemptorist Church of St. Alphonsus in Baltimore, and on his birthday, March 28th, which that year fell on Passion Sunday. On March 30th, Bishop Neumann arrived by train in Philadelphia. The Breviary Lesson for Blessed Neumann concludes . . .

"He was sent to labor in the vicinity of Niagara where he preached the Gospel. Longing, however, for a more perfect life, he made his profession in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. He at once became a model of regular observance, vigorous missionary work and austere living, and when appointed superior he was no less remarkable for virtue in the government of his subjects. When he was appointed Bishop of Philadelphia, he unceasingly sought to protect his flock from all that was harmful and was ever zealous to provide for it whatever was conducive to salvation. Thus, among other things, he built the cathedral and eighty other churches, he founded the Philadelphia branch of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, he introduced the Forth Hours' Devotion into his diocese, and finally he is rightly called the Father of parochial schools in America, having labored so much for the promotion of them. In 1860, on the vigil of Epiphany, while on his way home, he was stricken with apoplexy, and gave his soul back to God. Since he was famous for virtues and miracles, Pope Paul VI listed him among the Blessed".

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BISHOP NEUMANN'S FIRST AND SECOND VISITATION TO THE NORTH DISTRICT, 1852, 1854

The Metropolitan Catholic Almanac for 1852 carried this notice for the Diocese of Philadelphia.

"The diocese of Philadelphia includes the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, West New Jersey, and the State of Delaware. The See of Philadelphia is now vacant, by the translation of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kenrick to the Archiepiscopal See of Baltimore. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 13th St. near Chestnut - Very Rev. E. J. Sourin, Administrator of the Diocese . . .

Listed among the Churches of the City of Philadelphia we find . . .

St. Patrick's, Schuylkill 3rd, near Spruce Street - Rev. D. F. Devitt, Rev. W. O'Hara, D.D.

St. Paul's, Christian Street, between 9th and 10th - Rev. P. F. Sheridan, Rev. James Power, Rev. Mr. (Charles Anthony) Della Nave.

For the Catholic Congregations in Wayne County we find that Rev. James Maloney is in charge of St. John's, Honesdale; St. Juliana's, Mount Pleasant Township; and the new Church at Hawley. During the outbreak of the typhus epidemic at the time of Bishop Neumann's consecration in March, many priests and nuns fell victims to the malignant fever. Among the casualties immediately affecting the new Bishop was the death of the valiant priest and tireless worker, Father James Maloney, on April 27, 1852. Not having as yet the opportunity of visiting his Diocese, but having before him the diary of Bishop Kenrick and, in all probability, the Catholic Almanac containing the official Ordo for the year and the above mentioned church and clergy listings, made the prudent move of sending priests from Philadelphia and its vicinity to Honesdale to care for the Catholics of Wayne County until a permanent replacement to Father Maloney might be selected.

Among the priests who came to Honesdale during the Summer of 1852 were the following: Father Daniel F. Dade Devitt, Pastor of St. Patrick's; Father William O'Hara, D.D., a Professor of the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo in residence with Father Devitt at St. Patrick's; and Father Hugh P. Kenney. None of these priests were considered as pastors of St. John's, Honesdale. Father Devitt, whose name appears in the Honesdale Register from April 30th to May 15th, 1852, remained as Pastor of St. Patrick's until his later departure for the California Missions.

Father William O'Hara, whose name appears on the Wayne County Church Registers from May to July 20th, 1852, and who, while in the area performed seven Baptisms at St. Juliana's and supervised the completion of the new Church at Hawley, was induced by Bishop Neumann to accept the Presidency of St. Charles Seminary before the end of the Summer of 1852. Father Hugh P. Kenney, whose name appears on the Hawley Register for June 23rd and about the same time in the Register of St. Juliana's (ordained by Bishop Kenrick, September 21, 1845) was appointed to the Pastorate of St. Mary's Church, Mount Holly, New Jersey after its separation from Philadelphia in 1853.

During May, Bishop Neumann attended the First Plenary Council of Baltimore, called into session by Archbishop Kenrick. On June 11th, Bishop Neumann ordained his first class of candidates. Included among the six raised to the priesthood was the Rev. Moses Whitty who will be mentioned again later.

Bishop Neumann decided to make his first Visitation during October and early November before the winter weather might make travel difficult. Like his predecessor, he began to keep a Visitation Record in a small ledger. Here he recorded the origin of parishes, laying of cornerstones, building and dedications of churches, blessings of cemeteries, construction of rectories, appointments and transfers of priests, lists of pastors, and dates and details of confirmations. This was apparently to be a working draft to be expanded later, but the Bishop's premature death prevented him from accomplishing this work.

The First Visitation started from Philadelphia on October 1st 1852 through November 9th, during which time he confirmed a total of 1244 persons at the following places: Easton, Mauch Chunk, Nesquehoning, Tamaqua, Minersville, Beaver Meadows, Rockport, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Slocum Hollow (Scranton), Archbald, Carbondale, Honesdale, Mount Pleasant, Susquehanna, Frenchville, Silver Lake, Towanda, Dushore, Bastress, Milton, and Danville.

Since Bishop Neumann did not make a detailed entry concerning each visit except to give the briefest notice that he was present at the given date, it is not possible to elaborate on these events. However, his visit to each church was thorough as he preached and heard confessions in many languages with which he was familiar, and interested himself in the personal concerns of the members of each parish, reconciling to the Church many persons married outside the faith, whom he found in remote districts.

The Pastorate of Rev. James Power at Honesdale 1852 - 1855

As related in the previous section, Father Devitt, Father O'Hara and Father Kenney had been temporarily assigned to St. John's after the death of Father Maloney to take care of the needs of Wayne County until a new pastor could be

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assigned. Bishop Neumann appointed Father James Power as Pastor of St. John's, Honesdale sometime during the summer of 1852. Father Power's signature appears in the Register of St. John's beginning July 20, 1852 and in St. Juliana's Register from August 1852 to July 1, 1855.

Father Power had a large area of Wayne and Pike Counties that he visited. There is a noticeable innovation in the listing for the congregations in the State of Pennsylvania, outside the City and County of Philadelphia. For the first time, the list will include those congregations having no church and Mass was celebrated by the visiting priest, most often in the home of some member of the congregation. Those congregations visited occasionally by Rev. James Power in Wayne County were: Aldenville, Canaan, Cherry Ridge, Damascus, Equinunk, Hawley (new church), Starrucca, and St. Juliana's in Mount Pleasant was visited one Sunday of each month. In addition to Masses celebrated in Honesdale by Father Power or Father Whitty, the Germans of this parish were also visited on the 3rd Sunday of each month by Rev. Severinus Rudolph Etthoffer of Easton. In Pike County, visited occasionally, were: Jannet's Hollow and Lackawaxen.

What is very obvious is that the care of the congregations in Wayne County is becoming too much of a burden to be handled adequately by one resident priest; and there was an urgent need to expand or rebuild the present small frame structures at Honesdale and Mount Pleasant and that in the near future plans must be considered to build new churches in this area.

The Congregation of St. Juliana's had faced this problem early by enlarging their Church in 1850 as previously mentioned. Then in July of 1851 they made improvements to the interior of the church with the satisfaction that these two steps would suffice until the day came when they would build a larger church on part of the 77 acres of land donated by General Thomas Cadwalader in May of 1839. Father James Power impressed upon the Congregation that they must first build a priest's house before a resident priest could be assigned to the parish. A step in this direction was taken at the meeting on January 23rd 1853. In the Account Book there is a notation of the minutes of this meeting as follows:

A Subscription for the Preat's House			
Revern Mr Powers	Paid 10	Dinnis Madagan	5.00
Manus Burk	Paid 1	Thomas Pritchard	5.00
Patrick Tully	Paid 5	Thomas Mc kee	10.00
John Bloomer	10	James McCanna	5.00
Bernard Reilly	10	Dinnis Baxter	5.00
Patrick Mulligan	5	James O'Donohy	5.00
Bernard Mulligan	5	James Kenan	Work 5.00
Henry Caffry	5	Edward Maloy	5.00
Henry McGary	5	Mathu Mc quincy	6 days in laying the seller wall
John McLaughlin	5		
David Bloomer	5	James Tully	5 double windows
Michal Reilly	5	Manus Burk	4.00
John McAvoy	5	Patrick O Brine	Work 5.00
James O Neal	10.00	Michal Fury	5.00
James Mckenna	10.00	Martin Clune	5.00
Patric Mckenna	10.00	John McGraw	5.00
Mathuw Mckenna	10.00	William McCormick	2.00 Paid
James O Donnable	10.00	John McCormick	2.00
John O Nail	10.00	Andrew McDermott	5.00
Thommis Mc gaugh	5.00	Felix Dolin	5.00

From this list it is evident that Reverend Mr. Power was present at the meeting and his name appeared at the top of the list with a paid donation of ten dollars. The list also contained the names of many new settlers that had arrived over the past fifteen years since the building of the first Church in 1838. There also appeared the names of some of the sons of the very early settlers.

The Committee for 1853 was listed as: Christopher York, Cornelius Reilly, John McLaughlin, and Thomas Cronan.

Bishop Neumann could see the heavy burden imposed on Father Power so he assigned Father Moses Whitty to become assistant to Father Power, with the special charge of St. Juliana's, which he was to visit one Sunday each month from Honesdale. Father Whitty's signature appears for the first time in the Register of St. Juliana's on May 14th 1853 and his last entry was February 20th 1854. Bishop Neumann notes in his Visitation Record in the entry for St. Vincent's, Scranton, (then Luzerne, since 1878 Lackawanna County), "The church was built by Father James Cullen. Father M.

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Whitty completed the work of construction and also constructed the Rectory. Pastors: Rev. J. Cullen; Rev. M. Whitty from April 13th, 1854." Father Moses Whitty became one of the 28 pioneer priests of the Scranton Diocese when it was established on March 3, 1868. He became Vicar-General to Bishop O'Hara. He died in Scranton on September 15, 1886, at the age of 62.

It would seem appropriate to add here two entries found on the inside of the front cover of the Account Book . . .

February 14th 1853 Thomas Murphy agrees to keep the Church clean and make fires for one year for 10 Dollars. and.

Mount Pleasant February the 5th 1854

Thomas Murphy agrees to get wood and make fires and keep the Church clean for one year for twelve Dollars.

These were the first entries showing that the Congregation was paying a Sexton to care for their Church. Money to pay for this service came from the Penny Collections taken on those Sundays when Mass was celebrated or the Congregation gathered at the Church for prayer and Bible readings. Father Moses Whitty was scheduled for visits one Sunday per month and yet, in the Account Book on page 8 starting on July 17th 1853 is a listing . . .

The Penny Collection		
July 17	Sunday	\$1.16
Aug. 7	Sunday	1.30
Aug. 21	Sunday	2.02
Sept. 4	Sunday	1.57
Sept. 18	Sunday	1.15
Oct. 2	Sunday	1.85
Oct. 16	Sunday	1.75
Nov. 6	Sunday	1.72
Nov. 20	Sunday	1.22
Dec. 4	Sunday	1.12
Dec. 18	Sunday	.76

In 1854 the same sort of schedule prevailed and from January 1 through December 10th, only 15 Sundays were listed. The total amount of cash received by Penny Subscription was \$34.87 or an average of \$1.34 per Sunday for the 26 Sundays listed.

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The first subscription list was started on January 23rd 1853 with donations of money, work and material. There were lists from Kinneyville donors from Stockport, Equinunk, Brownville, and from all the far corners of the Congregation, including \$17.29 from the Bishop Neumann Collection, given by him to the finishing of the house.

On page 30 of the Account Book was the Treasurer, John McLaughlin's account . . .

To Cash by Subscription	\$486.09
by Penny Subscription	34.87
	<u>520.96</u>
By Cash Paid out	497.48
By Furniture	15.87
by Cash to Thos. Murphy	<u>15.72</u>
	529.07
	<u>520.96</u>
Balance Due	8.11

There was a long Subscription List of lumber and work . . .

Work Subscriptions	
Clearing a place for the Priest House	6 days work
Chopping in woods for timbers	3 days
Cellar Wall, three men worked total of	11 days

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Hauling timbers out of woods	2 days
Haying	1 day
Road to Priest Houst	1 day
Piling Lumber	1 day
Scoring Lumber, 2 men total of	5½ days
Fencing around Priest House, 7 men total of	11 days

Lumber Subscriptions

Twenty-six people donated by Subscription, thousands of feet of basswood, hemlock and pine siding and boards, pine for paneling, ash for flooring, joists, rafters and studs, along with some cherry boards, keg of nails and 5 double windows.

In addition to the subscription of lumber and work, additional lumber and material had to be purchased and many received pay for their work, usually at the rate of one dollar per day.

The work began with the clearing of the land where the house was to be erected; the cellar was dug and a number of men put up the cellar wall; the bank was leveled and a road made to the house. There were a number of entries in the Account Book for banking the house. In addition to the Work Subscriptions of 11 days for the cellar wall, \$69.00 was paid to William Conly and Mathew Mulquincy for work on the cellar. One interesting entry was for \$2.50 for whiskey for a mowing bee and raising the house. It is a marvelous example of camaraderie and fellowship in the way a group of the Congregation got together and in a few days, albeit a lot of hard work, raised the house, installed the siding and put a roof on the structure. This particular house-raising was accomplished by the people of St. Juliana's Parish in 1854 and it has stood proudly on the hill for 134 years.

The inside of the house had an ash flooring. The walls were plastered using lime, sand and hair. The hair was hauled from the Mumford tannery then located at the bottom of the West Hill of Pleasant Mount on the Lackawaxen Creek. The cost of the hair was 50 cents. Many different people used their teams to haul sand and lime and William Reilly was paid to do the plastering. Sand was brought from the Dominic Lloyd farm in Niagara, the same farm where the Wildenstein's live today. It cost two dollars to haul two stoves and pipes from Honesdale, where they were purchased for \$41.00, and set them up in the house. The furniture came from Pleasant Mount.

Some other interesting items as written in the Account Book . . .

Bt of Hand & Kirtland, 5-12-light windows 8x10 one Dollar per window	\$ \$5.00	Paid to John McLaughlin Ten Dollars for Shingles 4000 for Priests house	10.00
8 nine lighted 8x10's	6.12	Bot of Bennitt and Moor, Door Trimings	6.75
7 three lighted sash 8 x 10 ..2/6 2/6 = 2 shillings and 6 pence or 31½ cents)	2.19	Paid to R. Spencer 50 cents for steeling the church Pick. (Spencer is a blacksmith in Pleasant Mount Village)	.50
Paid to Paul McAvoy for one barl of lime and halling it from Honesdale (the \$1.62½ is equivalent to 13 shillings at 12½ cents per shilling, an Irish coinage carryover)	1.62½	Paid to David Cory seven Dollars and fifty cents for 6 Barls of Lime	7.50
Paid to Hand & Kirtland for sash	1.75	Paid to T. Fittsimons 2\$ & 75 cents for hauling fifteen hundred weight of lime from Honesdale	2.81
Paid to AM Atwater for one paper of brads	.12	To E M Atwater twelve Dollars & twenty five cents for lath (Atwater ran a merchantile in Pleasant Mount.)	12.25
Paid to Cornelius Reily 2 Dollars for Banister posts got by him in Honesdale	2.00		
April 16, 1854 Paid to Wm W. Blasdell 35.\$ in full sum of 180 Dollar contract on said house. (This was the same carpenter who was paid \$133.00 to enlarge the Church in 1850.)	35.00	Paid H. Brown Eighty cts for Stove pipe tubes (Thomas H. Brown owned a merchantile in Pleasant Mount.)	00.80

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There are many more interesting entries but time and space restricts their use. It is difficult to determine exactly when the priest's house was completed. It would seem likely that it was around April 16th 1854 when the carpenter, Mr. Wm. Blasdell, was paid the last of the money on his contract. One cannot use the date a bill for service was paid to say that is when the service was performed. A good example - Dominic Lloyd supplied the brick for the chimney in the church expansion in 1850 but received the \$2.50 payment on May 15, 1854. The priest's house was, however, completed in the year 1854. It was a jewel of beauty, setting alone in the wilderness.

BISHOP NEUMANN'S SECOND VISITATION

Bishop Neumann undertook his Second Visitation of the Northern Counties in 1854, beginning June 10th and ending October 18th. He visited a total of 39 Congregations during this tour. On Sunday, June 18th, he confirmed 79 persons in the Church of St. John, Honesdale. He seems to have conferred upon Father James Power at this time, the title and duties of Vicar General for this area. The Bishop scheduled no confirmations at St. Juliana's; however, he did examine the Parish Registers and Books. His delicate and neatly written signature appears there in Latin . . .

"Vidi in Visitationis Canonica. Die 22 June 1854, Joan. N. Ep, Phila."

(I have seen, ie., examined (this Register) during the Canonical Visitation, The 22nd of June, 1854. John N., Bishop of Philadelphia.)

BISHOP NEUMANN GOES TO ROME 1854

Upon receiving a formal invitation to attend the ceremony of the Solemn Proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception at Rome, scheduled for December the 8th, Bishop Neumann set out from Philadelphia for New York on October 9th, one day after completing his Visitation and set sail on the S.S. Union on Saturday, October 21st. Bishop Neumann had applied for a Passport, which was issued October 1854 and depicts a detailed description of Blessed Neumann at this time:

"Rt. Rev. John Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia, aged 43 years; stature 5 ft. 3¼ inches; forehead, high; eyes, hazel; nose, broad and short; mouth, large; chin, ordinary; hair, dark brown; face, broad; native of Austria."

After the magnificent ceremony at St. Peter's, the Bishop returned to his native Village of Prachatitz to visit his family, whom he had not seen since his departure as a young Seminarian 19 years before. During the visit, he was persuaded by a friend to sit for a photograph which was to be sold locally and the proceeds given to the poor. The Bishop posed for the only known photograph, which is now the official photograph used in his biographies. Returning by way of Munich he reached New York on March 27th and was home in Philadelphia for his 44th birthday and the 3rd Anniversary of his Consecration, on March 28th, 1855.

FATHER DANIEL KELLY 1854 - 1855

During his absence in Rome, Bishop Neumann had requested the new Bishop of Newark, Rt. Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley to ordain the class of four Seminarians, which he did on October 30, 1854. Among them was Father Daniel Kelly who was given the assignment as assistant at St. John's, Honesdale to replace Father Moses Whitty. He arrived in Honesdale sometime in November 1854. He had the charge of St. Juliana's from Honesdale from December 1854 to November 1855, when he was transferred to Towanda. He died at St. Michael's, Philadelphia, on March 30th, 1864.

THE PRIEST'S BARN

The next step after the Priest House was completed was the need for a barn in which to keep a horse and buggy for transportation and an area for the storage of hay and grain for use during winter months. Early in 1855 plans were made to build the barn as noted by an entry in the Account Book on January 26, 1855, which showed the Reverend Father Power and his newly assigned assistant Reverend Father Kelly each donated \$10.00 toward the building of the barn. A total of \$31.00 was donated on that day. Other money was also received from collections taken on July 8th and 22nd. On August 5th, 1855 a dinner party was held that netted a tidy sum of \$53.00. Again, the men of the congregation came forward to donate work-days and the barn raising was completed. St. Juliana's could now boast a Church, a Priest house (Rectory) and a new barn but still no assigned priest.

Late in 1855 Bishop Neumann made the notation in his Visitation Record that the 'Priest's House' (domus pastoralis) had been built in Mount Pleasant Township at St. Juliana's.

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BISHOP NEUMANN RAISES ST. JULIANA'S TO THE RANK OF PARISH 1855

REVEREND JOHN SHIELDS, RECTOR 1855 - 1856 — FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR

Information concerning Father John Shields is quite scarce. It is believed he was born and ordained in Ireland as his name does not appear in any list of ordinations for the Diocese of Philadelphia. He is listed for the first time in the Catholic Almanac for 1852, which reads . . .

"Kellyville, St. Charles Borromeo's: - Rev. J. Shields."

In the Almanac for 1853, we find . . .

"Kellyville, Delaware County, St. Charles Borromeo's: - Rev. John Shields of Haverford."

Since Bishop Neumann was not consecrated until March 28th, 1852, when Father John Shields was already in charge of Kellyville for at least four months, he must have been an appointee of Bishop Kenrick or the Very Rev. Edmund J. Sourin, Administrator of the Diocese after the departure of Arch-bishop-elect Kenrick for Baltimore. Since Bishop Neumann confirmed at Kellyville on November 18, 1854 and on June 1, 1855, it is more than probable that he became acquainted with Father Shields well enough to appoint him to St. Juliana's by November of 1855, thus becoming the first Pastor. The first baptism recorded by him was on November 11, 1855 and the last on April 27, 1856.

An article concerning St. Juliana's in the Anniversary Edition of the Catholic Light for 1916 we find . . .

"Rev. John Shields was the first resident priest, Mrs. McCaffrey being his house-keeper. Father Shields stayed about a year, when he was succeeded by Rev. C. A. Della Nave."

Rev. John Julius Doherty, Pastor of St. John's, Honesdale from 1859 to 1896, in his historical sketch "The Catholic Church in Wayne County", wrote . . .

"In the summer of 1854 (should read 1855) Rock Lake and the Tanning Villages (Tanners Falls & Equinunk) in the northern part of the County were set aside from Honesdale, and Father Shields was placed in the new charge. He stayed but a few months (5 months) when it reverted to Honesdale until the appointment of Father Della Nave to that Mission."

From this article we learn it was in the summer of 1855 that Bishop Neumann raised St. Juliana's to the rank of a Parish. No exact date is found but it would seem to be in July 1855 when the Bishop was making major transfers and changes in his many assigned congregations. In the Catholic Almanac for 1856, Father John Shields is listed as in charge of St. Juliana's, Mount Pleasant Township.

Bishop Neumann undertook his Third Visitation of the North District in April and early May 1856. No confirmations had been scheduled for St. Juliana's at this time and only two brief notations are recorded regarding St. Juliana's in his Visitation Record during this visit. He states . . .

"The Archconfraternity of the Sacred Heart of Mary was erected (established) on April 9th, 1856";

and the second entry, without any further explanation, that he . . .

"suspended the pastoral faculties of Father John Shields on April 16th, 1856."

It was written by Father Curley in his biography of Bishop Neumann that the reason for this action concerned the administration of parish finances. Father Curley states . . .

"Several priests left the diocese at this time, two for financial reasons, at least finances were involved in their departure."

Father Shields, upon his departure from the Diocese of Philadelphia, was listed as assistant at St. Peter and Paul's, Diocese of Quincy, Illinois, until 1859, when he is listed as Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus at Independence, Diocese of Dubuque, Iowa. No date for his death had been found.

From the time of Bishop Neumann's visitation when he suspended Father Shields (April 1856) until April 1857, St. Juliana's reverted to the care of the Pastor of Honesdale, Father Jeremiah Ahearn.

Another item of interest during this Visitation was that the new Church of St. Simon at Dunmore, with Father Edmund W. Fitzmourice in charge, was first opened for Divine Service on April 20, 1856. The new frame church was 76 x 45 feet. Two of the Irish-born carpenters who built the structure were the Brehony brothers, James and Thomas, who later entered St. Charles Seminary and were subsequently ordained for the Philadelphia Diocese by Bishop Wood. Father Thomas Brehony will eventually become pastor of St. Juliana's (1864) and build the Church of St. Cecelia at Hill Top.

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REV. JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

On December 9, 1856, Rev. James Frederick Wood of the Diocese of Cincinnati was selected to be Coadjutor with the right of succession to Bishop Neumann of Philadelphia. Notification of the appointment was sent to the Bishop elect on February 17, 1857. The consecration of James Frederick Wood, titular Bishop of Antigonina took place in the Cathedral of Cincinnati on April 26, 1857. Bishop Neumann was sent, acting as co-consecrator on this occasion, after which he escorted his new Coadjutor to Philadelphia. At a meeting of the Clergy in Philadelphia in June, Bishop Neumann announced that he had placed the task of the completion of the new Cathedral in capable hands of Bishop Wood, an accomplished expert in finances. Bishop Wood also aided Neumann by visiting many churches and institutions and giving confirmation. It has been estimated that Bishop Neumann in 1856 visited 52 churches, laid cornerstones and dedicated a great number of Churches.

AGRICULTURAL GAINS 1850 - 1855

During the expansion of the Church and the building of the Priest's house and barn, the people of the Congregation donated larger amounts of money and materials, proof that their farms were now more productive, larger herds of cattle inhabited the pastures, farm machinery drawn by oxen and teams of horses eased the back-breaking toil of the hand tools used in the earlier days, and more of the wilderness was becoming productive land. The children of the families had grown into young adults and could provide helpful hands to their once overworked and struggling pioneer parents. The greater part of the inhabitants of Mount Pleasant Township were engaged in agricultural pursuits, especially those settlers of the Rock Lake area. Butter production alone in 1850 was 35 tons and by 1855 that was increased to 70 tons. When Patrick Connor, the second settler in Rock Lake, died in 1841, the inventory of his goods and chattels showed his dairy herd at seven cows, four heifers, four Spring calves, and one bull. He had on hand 267 pounds of butter - total worth \$29.37 or eleven cents per pound. This was an amazing growth on just one farm in 19 years starting from nothing.

For the benefit of the younger generation, the production of one pound of butter meant many hours of work, beginning with hand milking the cows. The milk was then poured into large shallow pans and left to set until the cream content came to the top and thickened, after which it was skimmed off and placed in an earthen jar until a sufficient amount was accumulated to churn. The mother or children then hand-churned the cream until butter curds formed; the liquid content was then strained off and utilized as buttermilk and the butter was put in a large wooden bowl and worked or kneaded to press out the excess water; salt was added and it was formed into a ball of butter and placed in butter crocks, stone jars or small wooden tubs called firkins. The finished product was then stored in the "spring-house", a storehouse built over a creek, to keep it cool.

In addition to the production of butter, they also grew oats, Indian corn, buckwheat, wheat, flax, potatoes and turnips. In 1850 there were 21,000 bushels of oats, 5400 bushels of Indian corn and 6831 bushels of buckwheat raised in Mount Pleasant Township. There also were ten sawmills which cut two million feet of lumber annually; three flour and grist mills that ground 30,000 bushels of grain annually; three turning mills which used 225,000 feet of lumber; two wagon shops, five blacksmith shops, two tanneries, one carding and cloth dressing machine shop, and five merchantile or general stores. The people of Rock Lake did most of their trading in the Village of Pleasant Mount. A review of some pages in an old store ledger of E. M. Atwater showed the names of O'Neill, McDermott, McAvoy, Connor, McLaughlin, Reilly, Crosbie, Pritchard, Plunket, etc., as trading there.

SCHOOLS

In 1834 the State passed a general system of education by Common Schools. In the same year, a Board of School Directors was chosen in the Township. The first officers were Truman Wheeler, President, and William R. Stone, Secretary. By the year 1855, there were fourteen Common Schools in the Township with 500 students enrolled. Twelve were made of wood, one was of stone, and the one of brick, which still stands today beside Route 371 east of Pleasant Mount, is an historic landmark. It was closed as a school in the Spring of 1941. As the schools were built, they were given a number denoting the order in which they were established. Later, they acquired name designations, i.e., The Brick School mentioned above was first known as Common School No. 6. The schools in the Rock Lake area were: Gates School (no common school number); The Rock Lake School (No. 9) and Common School No. 15 or Chipmunk School on the Rock Lake Road near the Leonard Place. The Gates School was located near the entrance road to the old Andrew McDermott farm on Perham Road. Records show that Thecla McAvoy (later a Nun of the IHM Order), daughter of Paul A. and Hannah Kane, McAvoy, taught there in 1907. Her end of term examination report stated she had two students, both in the 6th grade. The Gates School closed in 1938 with Veronica Viney being the last teacher. Lourdes O'Neill, of Pleasant Mount, was a teacher at Rock Lake School. The foundation walls of School No. 15 can still be seen on the Rock Lake Road northwest of Julia Leonard's home. This is believed to be the last of the Common Schools built in Mount

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Pleasant Township. The first school in Rock Lake was a log school built along the west side of what is today Route 247, about 1¼ miles South of St. Juliana's Church. It has been recorded that a second log school was built near where the first school stood. Washington Kennedy was the first teacher at this second school. He received \$12.00 a month and boarded around. The next school building was located on the incline near the ruins of the first one-room school. In 1858 Richard McAvoy built a school on the site of today's ruins, but this structure burned to the ground in 1883 and Denison Wheller built the last Rock Lake School on the same site in 1884. This school remained until 1941 when it was closed. Richard McGivern was the last teacher. The ruins of the last Rock Lake school can be seen today in a field along Route 247 on the opposite side from Hillcrest Farm riding stable. The foundation, which contained a half cellar with an outside entrance, has a group of trees growing inside the walls. Many of the older and former residents of Rock Lake attended this school, along with others who received their education at Gates and Chipmunk School (No. 15). The first Catholic school teacher in Rock Lake was Charles Mallon, brother of Mary Ann Mallon who married Patrick O'Neill in Canada and who leaves many descendants still living in Wayne County.



**MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL
(3-Year)**

Originally a Presbyterian Church and then for many years the renowned Pleasant Mount Academy. After its years as a school, it was used as a glass factory. The Academy was first a Private School started and run by E.M. Atwater and ran from 1874 to 1900. It then became a 3-year high school and only higher educational school in Mt. Pleasant Township for many years.

EARLY MAIL ARRANGEMENTS & FIRST POST OFFICE

There were no post offices in the vicinity of Wayne County when the county was established, and none in what is now Wayne County earlier than 1811. The early settlers sent and received most of their letters through acquaintances traveling to where the letters were desired to go.

In 1797 and 1798, residents of Mount Pleasant directed their correspondants to address their letters to Beech Woods, Northampton County, which was to remain in the Wilkes-Barre Post Office until called for. The first post office established in Wayne County (then including Pike) was Milford established about January 1, 1803.

In 1810, as the turnpikes from Newburgh, N.Y. to Great Bend, Pa. were being completed, a mail route was established "from Danbury, Conn. by Fishkill Landing and Newburgh to Chenango Point." This was designed to follow the newly created turnpikes. In February 1811, post offices were established on this route, at Cochection on the New York side of the Delaware, and at Mount Pleasant, in Wayne County, John Granger being the first Postmaster at Pleasant Mount. Once Paul McAvoy and his compatriots had settled in the Irish Settlement starting in 1818, any mail to or from there went through the Pleasant Mount Post Office seven miles away. Damascus was assigned a post office in 1824 with William H. Clark designated Postmaster; Rileyville followed in 1832 with John C. Riley as Postmaster. The 35th post office to be established in Wayne County was in 1854 and was named Rock Lake Post Office. It was in the home of Arthur Connor, who was its first Postmaster. No longer would there be any doubt about the name of this settlement often called Beech Woods, The Irish Settlement, Bangall, but from now on known as Rock Lake. By the year 1879 Wayne County had 67 post offices.

FATHER CHARLES ANTHONY DELLA NAVE

**Pastor - St. Juliana's
March 1857 - June 1864**

In the latter half of March 1857, Bishop John Neumann appointed the Italian-born priest, Father Charles Anthony Della Nave, as the second Resident Pastor to the parish of St. Juliana. He had previously been the pastor of St. John's Church in Bellefonte in Centre County. Father Della Nave's first entry in the Register of St. Juliana's is for Sunday, April 26, 1857. A notice in the Catholic Almanac for 1858 for St. Juliana's reads . . .

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"Mount Pleasant, Wayne Co., St. Juliana, Rev. Anth. Della Nave, (Rock Lake P.O., Wayne Co.)."

Sources concerning the career of Father Della Nave before 1851 are quite vague. According to some accounts these facts seem probable: He was born, educated and ordained in Italy. He seems (from the U.S. Census of 1860) to have been about 32 years of age and ordained about seven years when appointed by Bishop Neumann to the Charge of St. Juliana's. Since he was listed in the Catholic Almanac from 1851, we may assume that he was admitted into the Diocese of Philadelphia at the end of Bishop Kenrick's term.

1851-1852 Served as assistant at St. Paul's, Philadelphia

1853-1855 Had charge of the "Tool Shed" Chapel, St. Gregory's in West Philadelphia or Blockley

1855-1857 Pastor St. John's, Bellefonte, Centre County

Mar. 1857-June 1864 Pastor, St. Juliana's Rock Lake, Wayne County

During Bishop Neumann's Visitation to the North District in 1858, he stopped at St. Juliana's in July and on Tuesday July 13th confirmed a class of 22 boys and 34 girls. It appears that the Bishop at this time discussed with Father Della Nave the possibility of scheduling Mass in a private home in nearby Hill Top. In the Listing of the Diocese for the 1859 issue of the Catholic Almanac, the entry for South Pleasant Mount (or Hill Top) appears for the first time. The listing reads

"Wayne Co.: Mount Pleasant, St. Juliana of Falconieri, Rev. Ant. Della Nave, Pastor (Rock Lake P.O.)

Equinunk, Starucca, Damascus, South Pleasant Mount, visited monthly by the Rev. Ant. Della Nave."

In Damascus, Mass was celebrated in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty. They lived almost opposite of where St. Joseph's Church in Rileyville stands today. In Equinunk, it was celebrated in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Crosbie. It is presumed Daniel Crosbie is the son of James Crosbie, the pioneer, who was born in Scotland in 1801, arrived in the U.S. on Nov. 1, 1829, became an American citizen Nov. 16, 1835, married Catherine Reilly (1818-1890), purchased lot No. 50 of the Cadwalader Equinunk Tract in Preston Township, and died in 1888. There is a record of the marriage of Daniel Crosbie and Isabella O'Neill which occurred at St. Juliana's on August 7, 1863, Rev. C. A. Della Nave as officiating priest, and John O'Reilly and Ellen Crosbie as witnesses. It is not known where Mass was celebrated in Equinunk previous to the above named location.

According to a traditional account (See Catholic Light, 1916) Mass was celebrated in Hill Top in the old days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire. The site of the McGuire residence can be fixed with certainty by reference to documented sources. On February 10, 1855, John McGuire purchased a piece of property situated on the southeast corner of the junction of present Routes 670 and 247, directly across from the front of the Red Schoolhouse tavern. He bought the land from Henry B. Gleason and his wife, Catherine. The Deed is in Wayne County Deed Book 23 p. 396. John McGuire sold the property and buildings to Michael Kelly by Deed dated November 18, 1871 and recorded in Deed Book 40, p. 510.

Since Bishop Neumann prepared the listing of this Station at South Pleasant Mount for the Almanac of 1859, the year following his visit to St. Juliana's, we may assume that he sponsored the first scheduling of the celebration of Mass in the close vicinity of the Church of St. Cecelia at this early date. The property upon which St. Cecelia's was built was purchased by Thomas Caveny and bequeathed to his son, Patrick, who sold 3 acres to Blessed Neumann's successor, Bishop James Frederick Wood, of Philadelphia, by Deed dated February 27th, 1861. The plan to purchase property was delayed in its execution by the sudden death of Neumann in 1860. The Deed was entered in Deed Book 28, p. 215, on Friday, March 1st, 1861, three days before the first Inauguration of President Abraham Lincoln. By April the Civil War had broken out between the North and South, and the plan to build a new church in South Pleasant Mount on this site was postponed for the duration of the war.

ST. JULIANA'S CEMETERY EXTENDED - 1859

It was during Father Della Nave's tenure that the Kelly/Reynolds to Bishop Neumann land transaction was completed. On November 4th, 1859, Mary Kelly, widow of Cornelius Kelly and her son by a previous marriage, Patrick Reynolds, deeded 104 perches (.65 acres) to Bishop John Neumann for the consideration of \$40.00 to be held in trust for the Catholic Congregation of St. Juliana's, (Deed Book 27, pp. 134 & 135). By this Deed, the original 1.2 acre plot was extended to the east about another 125 feet along the North boundary to the center of the present-day highway.

THE END OF THE NEUMANN ERA

In the summer months of 1858, Bishop Neumann undertook what was to prove to be the last of his biennial Visitations of the North District. His biographer, Father Curley, in describing the Bishop's travels to the Northern Counties, writes...

"The northeast section of the State of Pennsylvania where the influx of immigrants was greatest, saw him at his zealous best. To give confirmation and conduct visitations he traversed the Poconos over and over. Honesdale, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Carbondale, Summit Hill and the neighboring hills where the men went down into the

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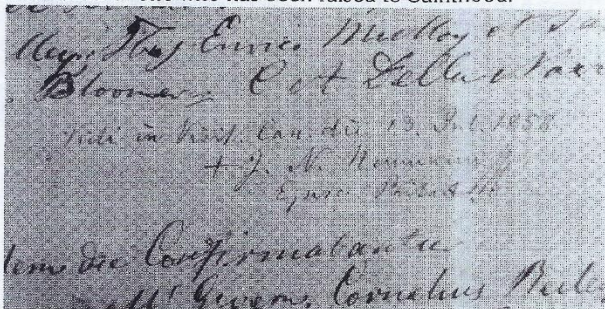
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coal pits witnessed his coming frequently... Tracing these journeys on a map, one sees the constant, steady heroism of his endeavor. Every summer and every fall, and sometimes far into the winter months, he was on the march through the mountainous stretches of his diocese on confirmation tours... Any valid appraisal of Neumann's life and works will always rate these confirmation and visitation trips as the greatest manifestation of his apostolic work... If today Catholic life is strong in these country regions, no little share of the merit goes to the bishop, who had watchful eyes and pastoral zeal for all churches, no matter where they lay in this far-flung diocese."

Bishop Neumann began his visitation for 1858 on May 28th and ended it on August 15th, visiting in turn each of the following: Tremont, Lewistown, Bellefonte, Williamsport, Cascade, Ralston, Troy, Bloosburg, Wellsboro, Tioga, Towanda, Ridgebury, Overton, Sugar Ridge, Dushore, Forks Settlement, Mehoopany, Auburn, Friendsville, St. Joseph's (P.O.), Silver Lake, Montrose, New Milford, Susquehanna, Hawley, Ledgeville, Mount Pleasant, Athens, Waymart, Canaan, Carbondale, Archbald, Gouldsboro, Moscow, Harrison, Honesdale, Dunmore, Scranton, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre again, White Haven, Filmore, and Rockport (Lowrytown).

According to his notations made at the time, Bishop Neumann visited St. John's, Susquehanna, on Sunday July 11th where, in the new church of Very Rev. John Vincent O'Reilly, who he had appointed his Vicar General of the North District, he confirmed 55 persons. The Bishop then made what was his last visit to the good people of Mount Pleasant Township.

On Tuesday, July 13th, 1858, he confirmed a Class of 22 boys and 34 girls, whose names were duly recorded and are presented here. The list includes names of the children of the earliest settlers and some present members of the parish can undoubtedly trace some of their family relatives to these fortunate few who were blessed in receiving confirmation at the hands of one who has been raised to Sainthood.



THE SIGNATURE
(SAINT) BISHOP JOHN NEUMANN
as it appears on page 25 of St. Juliana's 1st Register. Translation of the Latin: I have seen (the Register) during the Canonical Visitation 13 July 1858.

J.N. Neumann
Bishop of Philadelphia

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| Boys: | 1. John McGivern | 9. James Loughlin | 17. Michael Mulquinney |
| | 2. Cornelius Reilly | 10. John O'Neill | 18. John McCabe |
| | 3. William Field | 11. Isaac Cumiskey | 19. Edward Corrigan |
| | 4. Michael Reilly | 12. John Cumiskey | 20. Patrick Murphy |
| | 5. John Carey | 13. Joseph Keenan | 21. Martin Carmody |
| | 6. Barnabas Reilly (Bernard) | 14. Charles Smith | 22. James McCabe |
| | 7. Daniel McVey | 15. Peter Brady | |
| | 8. John McGrath | 16. Terrance O'Neill | |
| Girls: | 1. Catherine Mulligan | 13. Ersilia Leary | 25. Margaret McGraw |
| | 2. Ann Cain | 14. Juliana Tully | 26. Joanna Ward |
| | 3. Elizabeth O'Neill | 15. Mary Ann McKenna | 27. Catherine Burns |
| | 4. Anne Clune | 16. Frances Philips | 28. Theresa Cain |
| | 5. Margaret Fox | 17. Bridget McGrath | 29. Anna Ward |
| | 6. Mary Ann Hughes | 18. Mary Ann McDermott | 30. Margaret Ann Connor |
| | 7. Mary Jane Murphy | 19. Rose Ann Delaney | 31. Margaret Smith |
| | 8. Sarah McCabe | 20. Mary McGivern | 32. Mary Ann McGrath |
| | 9. Anne Clune | 21. Jane McGivern | 33. Mary Burns |
| | 10. Margaret Ann Burke | 22. Catherine O'Neill | 34. Lucinda Antonia McDermott
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| | 11. Margaret McGrath | 23. Mary O'Neill | |
| | 12. Mary Ann Casey | 24. Catherine Ward | |

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Bishop Neumann's delicately written signature appears accompanying the confirmation list. This marked the second time Bishop Neumann's signature appears in the Parish Records. The first was for the confirmation held June 22, 1854.

The Bishop remained busy and active with the many duties and obligations of his office for the remainder of 1858 and throughout 1859. On January 5th, the eve of the Epiphany, the news that Bishop Neumann was dead was flashed by telegraph to the remotest parts of his beloved and bereaved Diocese. His death was announced in all of the Catholic Churches at the Masses on the following morning and on Sunday, January 8th, funeral sermons were preached throughout the City and in the Diocese.

For an account of his death, we read from Father Curley's biography . . .

"John Neumann appeared in no way unusual as the year 1859 ended. Christmas Eve found him hearing confessions in the Bishop's Chapel until 11 p.m. At midnight he pontificated at St. Peter's Church before an immense congregation. After that, he returned to say a private Mass in the Bishop's Chapel. At ten o'clock on Christmas morning he pontificated at St. John's Church, leaving the functions at the cathedral chapel to his coadjutor. As the new year dawned, he was full of plans for his diocese. More churches were already in the process of building . . ."

On Wednesday, January 4, 1860, he was penning the letter about the transfer of Mother Theresa (C.I.M.) from Reading, and saying, "I am not feeling well these last few days, otherwise I might have gone up to see Mother Theresa." The sick feeling persisted, but Neumann had often experienced it before and continued working . . . At lunch the next day the bishop was telling his coadjutor an anecdote about the simplicity of life in his Bohemian homeland. After lunch the Redemptorist Father Urban paid a hurried call . . . Noting the lackluster look in the prelate's eyes, Urban asked him how he felt. "I have a strange feeling today," replied Neumann, "I feel as I never felt before, but I have to go out on a little business and the fresh air will do me good." The Bishop added a strange sentence, the significance of which came home to Urban only later, "A man must always be ready, for death comes when and where God wills it."

Death came to John N. Neumann that very afternoon as he was walking in the snow crossing Vine Street at Fifth in old Philadelphia. Father Curley relates . . .

"as he gained the sidewalk and reached a stoop in front of a residence, he began to stagger. The walk was glassy with ice, but the bishop's unsteadiness was not due to the slippery ice; the cold hand of death was on him as his knees buckled and he fell over, an inert form. Two men rushed to help him, lifted him from the sidewalk and carried him into the house of a non-Catholic. A sigh or two escaped the prelate's lips - and the soul of John Neumann left Philadelphia forever. Bystanders could see that he was a Catholic Bishop by his pectoral cross, and they quickly informed Bishop Wood. A priest hurried with the holy oils to give extreme unction and found John Neumann dead."

On Monday morning, January 9, 1860, the remains of the beloved Bishop were brought from Logan Square to St. John's pro-Cathedral. In the black hearse drawn by four black horses decked with sable plumes, the purple clad body of the venerable little Bishop was visible to all through the glass sidewalls of the vehicle. Bishop James Frederick Wood, now Bishop of Philadelphia by right of succession, sang the Requiem Mass, while Archbishop Francis Patrick Kenrick of Baltimore preached the eulogy. The bells of the Catholic Churches then began to toll as the body of the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia was again borne through the streets to the Redemptorist Church of St. Peter on Fifth Street, where it was interred in the floor of the sanctuary of the lower Chapel.

In 1855 a petition was sent to the Holy See asking for the introduction of the Cause of Bishop Neumann's beautification, and on December 15, 1896 Neumann was declared Venerable by Pope Leo XIII. Pope Benedict, on December 11, 1921, declared him heroic in virtue and during Vatican Council II, on October 13, 1963, Pope Paul VI declared Bishop John Nepomucene Neumann, Blessed. Fourteen years later, on June 19, 1977, on the Feast Day of St. Juliana Falconieri, Pope Paul VI officially proclaimed Blessed John Nepomucene Neumann a Saint. The Canonical process for his elevation to Sainthood was now complete. The exhumed body of Blessed Neumann rests in the cavity beneath the altar where the faithful may obtain a clear view of the vested remains through a glass panel, in the lower church, the Shrine of Blessed Neumann at St. Peter's, 1019 N. Fifth Street, Philadelphia.

The Congregation of St. Juliana's today and for generations to come will always feel a special blessing knowing that is was Saint John Neumann who elevated St. Juliana's to a Parish. A statue of Saint John Neumann was presented to the present Pastor, Rev. Bernard Shepulis, a short time after his assignment to St. Juliana's on September 6, 1984. It is proudly displayed above the center aisle of the Church so that all who enter or leave may see the saintly image.



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**THE BISHOP WOOD ERA
1860 - 1890**

Immediately upon the death of Bishop Neumann on January 4th, 1860, the Rt. Rev. James Frederick Wood, his coadjutor with the right of succession took charge of the Diocese of Philadelphia. The new Bishop was born in Philadelphia, April 27th, 1813. His father, James Wood, was an auctioneer. The child was baptized on October 11, 1813 by Rev. James Taylor, Minister of the First Unitarian Church, receiving the name James Frederick Bryan. The family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1827 where the young James F. Wood became a clerk in a bank. On April 7th, 1838 he was received into the Catholic Church by the Rt. Rev. John Baptist Purcell, then Bishop of the Diocese of Cincinnati. Desiring to study for the priesthood, he was sent to the College of the Propaganda in Rome, where he was ordained a priest by Philip Cardinal Franzoni on March 25th, 1844. Upon his return to America on October 1, 1844, he was appointed to the Cathedral in Cincinnati, and later became Pastor of St. Patrick's church there. He was appointed titular Bishop of Antigonina, and Coadjutor Bishop of Philadelphia and was consecrated at Cincinnati on April 26, 1857 by Bishop Purcell, assisted by Bishops John N. Neumann of Philadelphia and Richard Vincent Whelan of Wheeling W.V. Bishop Wood was then escorted to Philadelphia by Bishop Neumann, where he performed his first function as a bishop at Confirmation at old St. Mary's on Sunday, May 10, 1857. At the Diocesan Synod held in mid-June of the same year, Bishop Neumann announced that he had appointed Bishop Wood to take full charge of the completing of the new Cathedral. The Bishop's early training in the career of business and banking fitted him well for administrative work in the financially difficult years of the end of the Neumann episcopate and through the period of the Civil War.

When Bishop Wood assumed the charge of the Diocese of Philadelphia at the death of Bishop Neumann, the Catholic population of the See which consisted of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware, was 200,000. There were 131 churches and 17 chapels attended by 137 priests. The proposal to divide the Diocese was still pending, awaiting the next meeting of the Council of Baltimore, scheduled for 1862. On the National scene, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the U.S. in November of 1860 and was inaugurated on March 4, 1861. Fort Sumter fell beneath the bombardment of Confederate forces on April 14, 1861 and President Lincoln declared that a state of war existed between the North and South. A vivid description is given by Father Kirlin in his classic history of "Catholicity in Philadelphia" (pp 374-375)...

"At President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers, April 15th, Philadelphia resounded to the tramp of armed men and the roll of drums, as the troops of the East, North, and West assembled in the city, to take trains for Washington from the old Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station at Broad and Pine Streets. During the anxious months that followed, the Diocese of Philadelphia was not behind in supplying patriots to defend the Union. Governor Curtin applied to Bishop Wood for the names of priests who could be assigned as chaplains, and of these the Rev. John McCusker, Chaplain of the 55th Pennsylvania, died in the service (June 2, 1862), while Father Martin, Chaplain of the 69th, went through McClellan's campaign. The Sisters of Charity and Sisters of Mercy were summoned to act as nurses to the sick and wounded in the hospitals and on the battlefield."

As a result of the outbreak of the War, Bishop Wood was obliged to announce in his report on the Cathedral drive that because of the strained circumstances of the faithful and generous congregations who were contributing to the erection of the Cathedral, the usual collection would be postponed, but with the fervent hope that when the present crisis was past, peace was restored, and the commercial and manufacturing interests had resumed their customary activity and prosperity, that the faithful and generous friends would find themselves in a position to make up all the deficits. The shortages of labor and material caused by the war prevented the Bishop from completing the interior of the Cathedral and interfered seriously with the building of new churches and the establishment of new parishes, including the plans for the new church on the 3 acre parcel of ground on the Bethany and Dingman's Choice Turnpike in Mount Pleasant Township, now known as St. Cecelia's.

The precise dating of the events during the episcopate of Bishop Wood are not as easily obtainable as were those during the time of Bishops Kenrick and Neumann, both of whom left a record of events in their diaries and journals. The main source for events of an ecclesiastical nature is the Catholic Herald of Philadelphia, begun on January 3, 1833, but this periodical and the annual issues of the Catholic Almanac were forced to suspend publication for a part of the war period; hence there is a gap in the source of news. Although the Catholic Almanac was not issued for 1862 and 1863, Peter Cunningham was able to issue a local Catholic Directory in 1862 in which is found the following listed for Wayne County . . .

Honesdale, St. John Evang. Rev. John Doherty, Pastor.
 Honesdale, St. Mary Magdalene's, attended from St. Nicholas', Wilkes-Barre.
 Hawley, St. Philomena's, Rev. Michael Filan, Pastor.
 Cherry Ridge, visited monthly from St. John's, Honesdale.
 Mount Pleasant, St. Juliana of Falconieri, Rev. Anthony Della Nave, Pastor, (Rock Lake P.O.)
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**THE LAST YEARS OF THE FATHER DELLA NAVE
PASTORATE, 1860-184**

The pastorate of Father Charles Anthony Della Nave has proven to be a highly controversial affair. After examining all available accounts, many of which are founded on hearsay, it appears most likely that the causes of the complaints eventually brought against him were rooted in a clash of national temperaments, the Irish versus the Italian. Some of the members of the Rock Lake Congregation took kindly to their Italian-born Pastor. This view of Father Della Nave is presented in Father John J. Gaffney's History of St. Juliana's Parish, where we read...

"Father Della Nave came to St. Juliana's from Bellefonte, Pa. on April 26, 1857. He was born in Italy, and naturally spoke with a deep Italian accent. He is well remembered by some of the older members of the parish for his great piety, priestly zeal and great humility. His last entry recorded in the Baptismal Registry was on June 19, 1864. Father Della Nave returned to his native land where he suffered death at the hands of assassins shortly after his arrival in Italy."

Father John Julius Doherty, who had been accepted into the Philadelphia Diocese in 1852 by Bishop Neumann, and assigned by him to St. John's Honesdale in July, 1859, and who was a neighbor and contemporary of Father Della Nave, presented a less kindly account of the latter in the historical sketch of "The Roman Catholic Church," in Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties in 1886, where we read...

"In the Summer of 1854 Rock Lake and the tanning villages in the northern part of the county were set aside from Honesdale, and Father Shields was placed in the new charge. He stayed but a few months, when it reverted to Honesdale until the appointment of Rev. Father Della Nave to that mission. He, being Italian and unable to speak the English language intelligibly, of course, accomplished nothing, and was relieved of the charge by Bishop Wood on the occasion of his first visitation, in the summer of 1864, when Rev. Thomas Brehony was sent to replace him. Della Nave persisted in hanging around the settlements for a long time, to the no small embarrassment of the new incumbent." (See History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, p. 409.)

In the Anniversary edition of the Catholic Light in 1916, an article concerning St. Juliana's Rock Lake appeared which read...

"Father Della Nave was appointed by (then) Venerable John Nepomucene Neumann. He was an Italian and came from Bellefonte in the western part of the state. He spoke English imperfectly and from all reports paid very little attention to the performance of his religious duties and acted peculiarly. On Bishop Wood's first visit, the parishioners arranged a meeting with Bishop Wood for the purpose of lodging complaints against their pastor. Father Della Nave knew of this meeting, but did not attend. He did request three members of the congregation to appear for him, Patrick O'Neill, Patrick Mulligan and Arthur Connor, but these men refused to interfere. While they would enter no protest, they refused to do as requested. The meeting was held and Bishop Wood was convinced that the complaint of the people was justified, for in a short time a notice was brought to Father Della Nave to report to Philadelphia within a week.

The person who brought this notice was Rev. T. J. Brehony and he was accompanied by Rev. Moses Whitty. Father Della Nave was in New York at the time. When he returned he was given Bishop Wood's message, which he did not receive in a kindly spirit. He did not respond to the notification but gave every evidence of his displeasure. It was early summer and he had a beautiful garden of growing vegetables. One of his first acts was to trample this garden so completely as to destroy all vegetation. People who saw him in this performance state that he acted like an insane person. When he went to Philadelphia in the course of a month, Bishop Wood would not recognize him and he returned to Rock Lake, where he began to sow seeds of disaffection, making trouble for his successors. He remained in Rock Lake till 1880, when he was upwards of 75 years of age. That year he returned to Italy, taking with him four large and heavy trunks. He was murdered by his nephew in Pisa, Italy."

There are conflicting stories found as to the age of Father Della Nave at the time he returned to Italy. From two different sources, he would have been 55, which seems to be a more accurate determination.

Many stories without valid verification have been told concerning Father Della Nave and one such story was found on page 258 of the Coe F. Young Account Book, edited and reprinted by Edwin P. Kilroe which reads...

"There are many legends concerning Father Delanav (sic) which still survive in the vicinity of Tanners Falls; one is that those who preferred charges against him were punished by the Lord and various calamities happened to them. A man named McAvoy, who Father Delanav claimed was one of his detractors, suffered a severe accident when the horse he was driving ran away. McAvoy's jawbone was broken and his mouth twisted out of place. He was thereafter known as "Scarface McAvoy". When Father Delanav was told of the accident, he remarked: "That must be one of the men who made false charges against me."

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An invaluable source of information concerning the Catholic settlement in Mount Pleasant Township during the pastorate of Father Della Nave is discovered in the U.S. Census of 1860 and is listed below...

Catholic householders, Mt. Pleasant Township, Wayne Co., 1860

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| 1. Dennis Baxter, 45, farmer, Ireland | 47. John Kane, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 2. Patrick Brady, 32, farmer, Ireland | 48. James Kelly, 31, farmer, Ireland |
| 3. Philip Brady, 60, farmer, Ireland | 49. James Kelly, 55, farmer, Ireland |
| 4. Thomas Broderick, 47, farmer, Ireland | 50. James Kelly, 45, farmer, Ireland |
| 5. David Cassidy, 53, farmer, Ireland | 51. Mary Kelly, widow, 40, farmer, Ireland |
| 6. James Carlin, 28, farmer, Ireland | 52. Michael Kelly, 31, farmer, Ireland |
| 7. James Carlin (Kerlin), 40, farmer, Ireland | 53. John Keenan, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 8. John Carney, 70, farmer, Ireland | 54. William McAvoy, 64, farmer, Ireland |
| 9. Patrick Caveny, 30, farmer, Ireland | 55. William McAvoy, 30, farmer, Penna. |
| 10. Christopher Clark, 36, farmer, Ireland | 56. Patrick McCabe, 45, farmer, Ireland |
| 11. John Connolly, 60, farmer, Ireland | 57. Patrick McCabe, 58, farmer, Ireland |
| 12. John Connolly, 70, farmer, Ireland | 58. Hugh McCann, 36, farmer, Ireland |
| 13. Arthur Connor, 44, farmer, Ireland | 59. Patrick McKane, 35, farmer, Ireland |
| 14. James Connor, 36, farmer, Ireland | 60. Barney McCluskey, 30, farmer, Ireland |
| 15. James Connor, 60, farmer, Ireland | 61. Michael McCormick, 70, Ireland |
| 16. John Connor, 30, farmer, Ireland | 62. Andrew McDermott, 60, farmer, Ireland |
| 17. John Connor, 60, farmer, Ireland | 63. Sarah McDermott, 47, widow, farmer, Ireland |
| 18. Patrick Connor, 40, farmer, Ireland | 64. Patrick McCulley, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 19. Thomas Cronan, 38, farmer, Ireland | 65. Daniel McGraw, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 20. Thomas C. Cullen, 60, farmer, Ireland | 66. William McGraw, 60, farmer, Ireland |
| 21. James Curran, 25, laborer, Ireland | 67. John McLaughlin, 45, farmer, Ireland |
| 22. Michael Dayley, 54, farmer, Ireland | 68. Ann McNally, 55, widow, farmer, Ireland |
| 23. Owen Delaney, 50, farmer, Ireland | 69. John McNamara, 38, farmer, Ireland |
| 24. Charles Anthony Della Nave, 35, Catholic Priest, Italy | 70. Bernard Megivern, 33, farmer, Ireland |
| 25. Andrew Derrick, 40, farmer, Germany | 71. Marcus Megivern, 40, farmer, Ireland |
| 26. Michael Doyle, 50, farmer, Ireland | 72. Michael Monahan, 45, farmer, Ireland |
| 27. Patrick Dunn, 40, farmer, Ireland | 73. James Murphy, 21, farmer, Penna. |
| 28. Patrick Fagan, 40, farmer, Ireland | 74. Thomas Murphy, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 29. Francis Farrell, 30, farmer, Ireland | 75. James Murray, 48, laborer, Ireland |
| 30. Charles Fitzpatrick, 60, farmer, Ireland | 76. Thomas North, 55, farmer, Ireland |
| 31. Daniel Fitzpatrick, 70, farmer, Ireland | 77. John O'Hara, 33, farmer, Ireland |
| 32. Francis Fives, 48, farmer, Ireland | 78. John O'Hara, 45, farmer, Ireland |
| 33. John Fives, 45, farmer, Ireland | 79. Michael O'Hara, 31, farmer, Ireland |
| 34. Thomas Flynn, 50, farmer, Ireland | 80. Hugh O'Neill, 35, farmer, Ireland |
| 35. James W. Fowler, 54, farmer, Ireland | 81. Hugh O'Neil, 35, farmer, Ireland |
| 36. Edward Gardner, 30, farmer, Ireland | 82. James O'Neill, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 37. Patrick Gordon, 36, farmer, Ireland | 83. John O'Neill, 57, farmer, Ireland |
| 38. Patrick Gordon, 40, farmer, Ireland | 84. John O'Neill, 52, farmer, Ireland |
| 39. James Haggerty, 40, farmer, Ireland | 85. John O'Neill, 54, farmer, Ireland |
| 40. John Haggerty, 43, farmer, Ireland | 86. Patrick O'Neill, 35, farmer, Ireland |
| 41. John Haggerty, 35, farmer, Ireland | 87. Paul O'Neill, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 42. Patrick Haggerty, 30, farmer, Ireland | 88. Thomas O'Neill, 50, farmer, Ireland |
| 43. William Haggerty, 50, farmer, Ireland | 89. Thomas Plunkett, 46, farmer, Ireland |
| 44. William Haggerty, 45, farmer, Ireland | 90. Thomas Pritchard, 50, farmer, England |
| 45. Bernard Hatton, 60, farmer, Ireland | 91. Anthony Stevens, 65, farmer, Ireland |
| 46. Edward Hatton, 22, farmer, Ireland | 92. John White, 40, farmer, Ireland |

It should be noted that this list represents only the Catholic householders residing in Mount Pleasant Township and does not list the Catholics belonging to St. Juliana's but residing in Preston, Scott, Buckingham, Lebanon, Damascus, and Clinton Townships. Truly there was a pressing need for a larger church at Rock Lake and a division of the parish, or at least another church in the vicinity.

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There was sufficient property owned by the Bishop in trust for the Congregation of St. Juliana's at Rock Lake due to the generous donation of the 77 acre parcel of land from General Thomas Cadwalader on May 7, 1839. The Priest's House, as it is called on the Map of 1860, had been built on this land in 1854. The problem was to find some available and conveniently located property in the southeast part of the Township. This was solved when Patrick Caveny agreed to sell 3 acres of his land near the intersection of the Bethany and Dingman's Choice Turnpike and the road north to the Coshecton and Great Bend Turnpike and Rock Lake.

According to available sources, Bishop Wood did not visit Mount Pleasant Township until June 1864. The exact date may be definitely fixed as June 3rd, as it appears in the Registers of St. Juliana's when he confirmed the following: Thomas Moran, Mary Elizabeth Monahan, William Murphy, Peter Dunleavy, Charles McVey, Thomas Reilly, John O'Neill, and Stephen Burns.

It was during this Visitation that the reported meeting of the Bishop and the parishioners concerning Father Della Nave took place. The result was that the Bishop removed the unfortunate pastor and appointed the newly ordained Father Thomas J. Brehony in his place, the latter becoming the third resident Pastor of the parish. The last entry by Father Della Nave in the Register was Sunday, June 19, 1864 and the first entry by Father Brehony was Saturday, July 9, 1864.

The year 1864 is memorable in the annals of the history of the Catholic Church in Wayne County because it marks the beginning of the second great era of growth and expansion. The great pioneer Bishops, Kenrick and Neumann, whose tireless apostolic efforts had contributed to the origin and steady growth of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Philadelphia, were now dead. The Catholic Almanac for the year 1864 carried the obituary notice for Archbishop Francis P. Kenrick, who died in Baltimore on July 8, 1863 during the height of the battle of Gettysburg, his end being hastened by the news reports of the terrible slaughter that was going on in what was his former diocese in the very place made so dear to him from the earliest days of his episcopate. He had blessed the Church of St. Francis Xavier and its cemetery at Gettysburg on October 2, 1831; he had ordained there and confirmed there; and visited there so many times on his trips to the Western District. James Frederick Wood, as fifth Bishop of Philadelphia, attended the Kenrick funeral.

A problem existed at St. Juliana's as the newly assigned priest, Rev. Thomas J. Brehony, moved into the Priest's House (Rectory) and Father Della Nave, who refused to leave the parish, was forced to move out. It has been told he at first moved into a small area above the sacristy room behind the altar, (there was a small trap door in the ceiling) and that he remained there for a short while. It is also said that some of his loyal and loving parishioners would send up food and drink to him in a basket that he pulled up by a rope. This is merely heresay and no proof in writing has been found, a story where the exact truth will probably never be known. During the Church renovation in 1986, there were fire ashes found in that space, possibly from a fire built in a metal container by which to keep warm.

THE LEGEND OF THE PRIEST HOUSE

It has been told by many of the oldest members of the Congregation that the first priest house was down the Rock Lake Road on the Leonard farm. After many questions were asked, it was found that a small house did exist in a field on the Leonard place some distance from the road. It was moved about 1864 to a new site near the road. This house is where Father Della Nave stayed from 1864 after Bishop Wood removed him from the pastorate of St. Juliana's until he left the country in 1880. There were parishioners who cared about their ousted priest and allowed him to carry on unofficial priestly duties; to visit and administer spiritual guidance for the next 16 years to those families still loyal to him. Because this priest lived in the small house on the Leonard farm for so long a time, it became known to all as the 'Priest house'. The present Rectory, then also called the Priest's House, was completed in 1854, ten years before Father Della Nave moved into the Leonard place. The deteriorating ruins of that house can be seen today on the left side of Rock Lake Road about one fifth of a mile beyond Julia Leonard's home.

REV. THOMAS J. BREHONY THIRD RESIDENT PASTOR, 1864-1871

On May 15th, 1864, before starting on his Visitation to the North District, Bishop Wood ordained in the Cathedral Chapel, Thomas J. Brehony, whose brother, James A. Brehony had been ordained on May 24th, 1863, by the Bishop in the third ordination ceremony to take place in St. Patrick's Church, where Dr. William O'Hara, Rector of St. Charles Seminary was then pastor. Father Thomas J. Brehony (1830-1908), the builder of St. Cecelia's Church, was born in Athlone, County Galway, Ireland, on February 2nd, 1830. He and his brother, James, came to this country as young men and were engaged in the trade of carpentry. Both James and Thomas were hired to build the first Catholic church in Dunmore, Luzerne County. They later entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and both were ordained for the Diocese of Philadelphia. Father James remained in the Philadelphia Diocese after the division in 1868, but Father Thomas elected to serve in the newly created Diocese of Scranton.

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Father Brehony's first entry of a baptism is dated July 9th 1864. On Saturday, August 6th, he officially performed his first marriage, between Elias Burns and Jane Dunleavey, Charles and Helen Dunleavey being witnesses. Again on August 27th, he officiated at the wedding of Arthur Mooty and Bridget Delahanty, with James Farrell and Alice McCabe as witnesses. On September 21, 1865, he officiated at the wedding of James Reilly and Rose Ann McAvoy, daughter of the pioneer Catholic, William McAvoy and Mary McCollum. The last marriage performed by Father Brehony at St. Juliana's was on December 16th, 1871 between Christopher McAvoy (the convert son of the first pioneer, Paul McAvoy (1799-1882) and Susan Rutledge of Damascus (1803-1881) and Catherine McDermott, daughter of pioneer Andrew McDermott (1800-1877) and Elizabeth Reilly (1815-1875).



ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH
Hill Top
Built in 1865 during the
pastorate of
Father Thomas J. Brehony

**ST. CECILIA'S
SOUTH PLEASANT MOUNT (HILL TOP)**

No detailed accounts can be found concerning the actual building of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. In the Catholic Almanac for the year 1865 we find the listing...

"Wayne County.

Mount Pleasant, St. Juliana of Falconieri, Rev. Thomas J. Brehony, Pastor, (Rock Lake P.O.)

So. Pleasant Mountain, St. Cecilia's, (near Red Schoolhouse,) attended once a month by Rev. Thomas J. Brehony. Equinunk, Starrucca, Aldenville, Lake Como, and Damascus, stations visited four times a year by Rev. Thomas J. Brehony. Susquehanna County, Herrick Centre, attended four times a year by Rev. Thomas J. Brehony, of Wayne County.

This notice is the earliest contemporary record presently known concerning the founding of St. Cecilia's. All later references state that this church was built one year before the second St. Juliana's, which displays over the front portal the date of its building, 1866. No contemporary notice of the dedication has been found. Father John J. Gaffney, Pastor of Rock Lake during the Centennial Celebration in 1938, after carefully interviewing the parishioner, John P. Connor, then in his 90th year, wrote the following account...

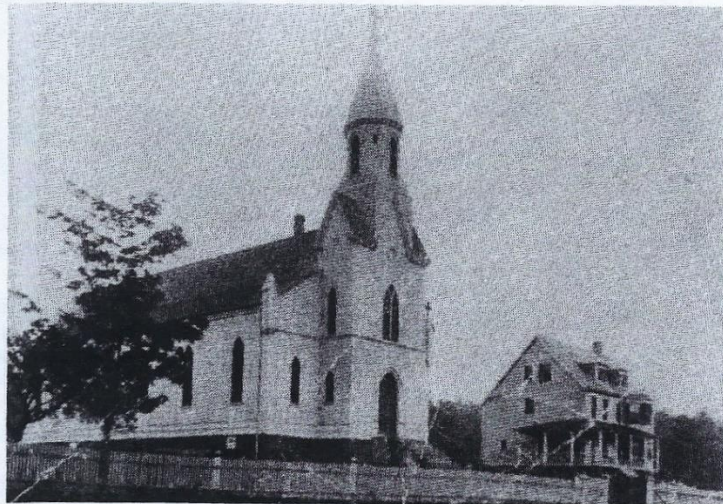
"However, because of the number of men working at the Tannery at Tanners Falls, the church of St. Cecilia at Hill Top was built first in the year 1865, and dedicated by Bishop Wood."

Father Brehony's knowledge and experience as a carpenter is reflected in this beautiful church to this day. At the beginning, it was a Mission Church under the care of St. Juliana's, Rock Lake.

THE SECOND ST. JULIANA'S CHURCH

With the Civil War over and the Mission Church of St. Cecilia completed, Father Brehony and the Congregation of St. Juliana's decided it was time to build the much needed larger church that had been delayed "for three years" back in 1850. There are no entries in the old Account Book to show any of the subscription, work, and material donations for this new church. Throughout all these years, the first Church in the cemetery was in use.

Henry Heath, who owned a lumber yard and resided on Second Street (now Church Street) in Honesdale, was hired as the contractor. He already had a fine reputation as a designer and builder, having designed and built the Grace Episcopal Church at the corner of Church and 8th Street in 1853. He also designed and built the famous Allen House at Church and 9th, which was the first concrete hotel built in Pennsylvania. It was



ST. JULIANA'S (Built 1866) PRIEST'S HOUSE (Built 1854)
Exact date of picture is not known but believed to be ca. 1870.

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opened to the public on June 30, 1858. St. Cecilia's, built in 1865, was also a product of Henry Heath's talents and all three are certainly historic landmarks today.

St. Juliana's was extremely fortunate to get this talented person to build the Church in Rock Lake, which has remained a remarkably beautiful edifice for the past 122 years. Both St. Cecilia and St. Juliana are the oldest surviving Catholic Churches in Wayne County.

It was from the Henry Heath lumber yard in Honesdale that the big posts, window frames and all the finished lumber came. The lumber was probably hauled in over the canal. The planks and rough wood came from William's Mill. All the people who could, helped to draw the lumber. The two huge hemlock trees, being the main church supports and spaced one third of the distance in from each side wall, were probably cut right on the church property. They were hand-hewn on one side and with much effort and planning were placed on the footings. Father Brehony, the carpenter Priest, personally directed and watched over every detail, walking up and down while reading his office, he would stop to point out the correct laying of this board or the proper beveling of that cornice so that everything would fittingly find its setting in God's house.

Tradition among some of the older generation has it that the altar was built right there under the direction of Father Brehony. The church was 100 feet long and 42 feet broad. The flooring was of hard maple donated by Hugh Kane and sawed at the William's Mill. The contractor, Henry Heath, put in the pews. The total cost of the church was \$8000 with some of the parishioners donating as much as \$100 each. The rest of the money was raised on picnics and little get-togethers at people's homes. The small sign over the door reads "1866", the year St. Juliana's was built but apparently was not completely finished at the time the Church was dedicated on New Year's day 1867.

Father Thomas Brehony remained as Pastor of St. Juliana's for seven years (1864-1871). The parish now comprised the Mission Church of St. Cecilia's at South Pleasant Mount (Hill Top) and nine Stations where Mass was celebrated at some designated home or public place. Father Brehony visited Aldenville, Damascus, Equinunk, Lake Como, Little Equinunk, Starrucca (in the hotel of Thomas Carr) and Herrick Centre four times a year. Beginning in 1866, Father Brehony visited the congregations of Lebanon and Pleasant Mount twice a year. At Lebanon Mass was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick LeStrange, north of Cold Springs.

The following article was found in the Wayne County Herald newspaper on Wednesday, July 11, 1867 and was perhaps the precursor of today's annual Rock Lake picnic...

"The pic-nic at Rock Lake on the 4th for the benefit of St. Juliana's (Catholic) Church was not withstanding the torrents of rain that fell, a great success both socially and pecuniarily. The attendance was very large, and the receipts reached the handsome sum of \$650. St. Juliana's Church is probably the largest place of worship in the County, being 100 feet long by 42 feet broad. It is now approaching completion and is encumbered by very little debt."

As a result of finding this article, it is a logical conclusion to state that this was the first Rock Lake picnic. The second part of the item must have presented a most satisfying feeling to the entire Congregation to know this beautiful big Church, only 6 months since being dedicated, is almost free of debt.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE

The matter of dividing the Counties of the Northern Districts from the Diocese of Philadelphia had been pending since the ninth Provincial Council of Baltimore held in May 1858. It was nearly 10 years later, in 1867, when Bishop Wood was invited to Rome to attend the Eighteenth Hundredth Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Apostles Peter and Paul to be celebrated on June 29th, that he petitioned Pope Pius IX for the erection of the new Sees for the Northeast and Northwest Districts of Pennsylvania and one for the State of Delaware, which his failing health made physically impossible for him to visit and superintend. Dr. William O'Hara was appointed Administrator of the Diocese of Philadelphia during Bishop Wood's absence.

On March 3, 1868, at the Consistory held that day, it was voted affirmatively to erect the three new Sees from the Diocese of Philadelphia. Pope Pius IX confirmed the act of the Consistory and by an Apostolic Brief given at St. Peter's, Rome, in the 22nd year of his Pontificate, created the Diocese of Scranton. The Summary of the Brief in English reads...

"Pius IX: March 3, 1868.

The Fathers of the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore have petitioned us to erect a new episcopal See in the city of Scranton. In compliance with their request, We hereby erect the city of Scranton into an episcopal See. The diocese shall embrace the counties of Bradfor, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming in the State of Pennsylvania."

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The Very Rev. William O'Hara, D.D., Rector of St. Patrick's, was named the first Bishop of Scranton. The Apostolic Briefs were received in Philadelphia on Thursday, July 2nd. Bishop-elect O'Hara was born on April 14, 1816, at Dungiven, County Derry, Ireland, the son of Thomas O'Hara and Mary Louisa Miller, an Episcopalian at the time of her marriage, but soon after, a convert. In 1820, Thomas O'Hara brought his wife and four year old son to America and settled in Philadelphia. Educated at a private school in Philadelphia; Georgetown College, D.C.; Urban College of the Propaganda at Rome; William O'Hara was ordained on December 21, 1842, at Rome, by Phillip James Cardinal Franzoni, for service in the Diocese of Philadelphia. He engaged in pastoral work in the Diocese between 1842 and 1856.

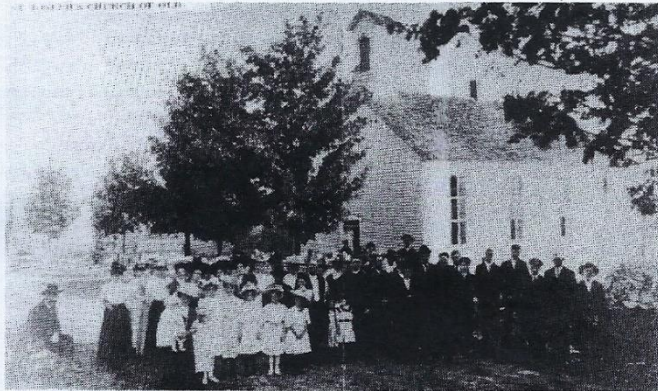
As an assistant at St. Patrick's in the City he was sent north on a Summer missionary visit to the vacant parish of St. John in Honesdale, where his name appears in the Registers of St. John's, St. Juliana's, and the church at Hawley from May to July 20th, 1852. He performed seven baptisms at St. Juliana's, Rock Lake at this time. He returned to St. Patrick's and his teaching post at the Seminary where he taught the course in Moral Theology. In 1856 Bishop Neumann appointed him pastor of St. Patrick's. He was appointed Rector of the Seminary in the same year. In 1860, Bishop Wood appointed him Vicar General of the Diocese. Bishop Wood consecrated him as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton on Sunday, July 20, 1868 in the newly opened Cathedral at Philadelphia.

With the Catholic Congregation steadily expanding in the North District, Father Brehony next began a new church in Rileyville in 1869. Thus in his 6½ years at the parish of St. Juliana's, he is credited with building St. Cecilia's Mission Church at Hill Top (1865), St. Juliana's Parish Church at Rock Lake (1866) and St. Joseph's Mission Church at Rileyville (1871). These fruits of Father Brehony's labor are all in use today and stand as beautiful monuments to his care and concern for the faithful who were put in his charge.

It was in January that Father Brehony was transferred to the pastorate of the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Friendsville. His last entry in St. Juliana's Register was January 8, 1871. In 1875, an eye ailment developed which impaired his pastoral activities. He was transferred to St. John's, Susquehanna, where he served as assistant from 1875 to 1878. His next assignment was in Hawley at the parish of St. Philomena where he was assistant until 1881 when he became the Pastor of the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Eckley and remained there for 20 years. In 1901, Father Thomas Brehony became the first Pastor of St. Aloysius with the added responsibility of building the new church.

On May 25, 1905, Father Brehony resigned owing to the infirmities of age and retired as Pastor Emeritus to his private residence at 154 S. Hancock Street, Wilkes-Barre. During his last few years, he was afflicted with cancer. He died on Wednesday, February 12, 1908 at 5:15 p.m. at his home. The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton was at his bedside when death came. He is buried in the Brehony family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avoca.

ST. JOSEPH'S, RILEYVILLE



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rileyville
 Dedicated in 1871, it was a Mission Church of St. Juliana's
 Young girl standing on left is Marion A. Osborne, Hellmers, now in her 87th year.
 The man on extreme right is Archibald McCollum and his brother, Jim
 is seated on right. Picture taken 1907.

It was in 1869 that Father Brehony began to make plans to build a new church in Damascus Township opposite the farm of James Dougherty. This was to be St. Joseph's Mission Church and a parish cemetery. It was recorded as officially established in 1871. The property was purchased from Isaac Dougherty by Bishop William O'Hara of the Scranton Diocese but the Deed has not yet been located. The Dougherty farm was later known as the Steffen place and the home of Margaret Steffen Hill.

Some of the original members of this parish and those dating up into the early 1900's were, along with their families: the four Burke brothers Peter, John, Thomas and Walter; Anthony Burke; James J. Doherty; the Dougherty brothers Isaac, John and William; John H. Flynn; Anthony Gill; Owen Gilroy; Thomas Hines; John Kirk;

John McIntyre; Michael McIntyre; John McCormick; Hughie McDevitt; John McLain; Archibald McCollum; Patick Osborne; the Spratts; Fred Smith; and James Weathers. Three of the most active members of the parish were John H. Flynn, Peter Burke and James J. Doherty.

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The original property was fenced off by stone walls and later followed by an elegant fence which was needed to keep cattle out of the cemetery since years ago it was common for farmers to let their cattle roam over the countryside. This fence has since been torn down. The original building was a typical white country church with the sacristy added later in the back and a part of the front of the church partitioned off to make a vestibule. The original double doors still serve as the entrance and are opened by a large brass key, which generations of children thought to be the "key to heaven".

Transportation to the church was by horse and wagon, if one were fortunate to own them, but many walked to Mass or rode with a neighbor. The roads were dirt with plenty of stones and ruts. Later, a strip of land across from the church was bought from Chris Henderson and individual parishioners built sheds to shelter their horses during Mass. The land still belongs to the church, but in the event the church is ever abandoned, the land will revert to the property owner.

The church bell, still in use today, was donated by James J. Doherty. It came from Canada to New York City by boat, from New York to Honesdale by train, and finally horse-drawn to Rileyville.

In June of 1944, St. Joseph's Mission was turned over to St. Mary Magdalen's Parish in Honesdale, Father Linus Fricke, Pastor. Under his pastorate, on May 4, 1947, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop William J. Hafey to a group of parishioners. It is believed to be the one and only time confirmation was held in St. Joseph's. In September of 1947, St. Joseph's became a part of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale.

**REV. JOHN HENRY JUDGE
FOURTH PASTOR OF ST. JULIANA'S
ROCK LAKE, 1871-1890**

The fourth resident Pastor of St. Juliana's was Rev. John Henry Judge. Born in County Mayo Ireland, on December 16, 1832, he spent his boyhood and early manhood there and in England, where for some years he was a school teacher. Coming to America, he settled near Philadelphia where he worked as an itinerant book-seller or drummer, in which capacity he often visited the present Scranton Diocesan area. He entered St. Vincent's College at Altoona, Pa., for the purpose of preparing for the priesthood, and completed his theological studies at other seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. William O'Hara, First Bishop of Scranton, at St. Peter's Cathedral on December 27, 1870 at the age of 38, and was immediately assigned the charge of St. Juliana's. He assumed his duties there on January 12, 1871. Father Brehony had departed for Friendsville on the previous Sunday, January 8th. Father Judge retained the same schedule of Masses for St. Juliana's parish, the Mission Church at St. Cecilia's at Hill Top and the nine Stations.

St. Joseph's Mission Church in Rileyville, Damascus Township, was now completed and placed under the charge of St. Juliana's Parish. Father Judge was able to celebrate Mass in the new frame church instead of in private homes as had been the previous practice. He traveled to Rileyville on horseback, and since there were no regularly scheduled Masses at first, he would sometimes appear on a weekday. Upon his arrival at the Doherty's, McDevitt's or McCormick's home, where he took his meals and spent the night, the boys of the family would start out on foot to spread the word to the parishioners that there would be Mass the next day. Later on, Father Judge scheduled Mass for the last Sunday of each month having five Sundays. There were not too many five-Sunday months during the year and some of those came in the winter and early spring when roads and trails were drifted shut with snow or were impassably muddy in early spring. Mass was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. with confessions before Mass. Usually most of the day was spent at church.

The years in Rock Lake passed slowly for Father Judge and although he dispatched his duties zealously, boredom haunted him, as his fondest wishes were to move to a more urban setting. By 1887, he had lost all hope of ever leaving St. Juliana's and Rock Lake. He began to believe Bishop O'Hara had completely forgotten him and now, at age 54, he had lost that enthusiasm for the mission work he once possessed at the time of his ordination. He found his once-a-month visits to the Village of Pleasant Mount for the purpose of celebrating Mass there in an upstairs room over the Thomas Clark store more pleasing to the mind. This merchantile was a business endeavor operated by John D. Brennan, a very influential citizen of that village. Pleasant Mount had all the conveniences of a prosperous village, with a number of stores and shops, a blacksmith shop, wagon shop, three hotels: the Pleasant Mount Hotel run by John Riley, the Eagle Hotel with Cornelius Reilly as operator and the American House Hotel with Patrick Cheevers, proprietor. It is not known which



THOMAS CLARK STORE on west end of Main Street in Pleasant Mount. Mass was said once a month in Clark's Hall, upstairs over the store by priests from St. Juliana's at Rock Lake. J.D. Brennan, Sr. was proprietor at this time.

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hotel Father Judge stayed at on his once-a-month visits. There also was a Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Church, but no Catholic Church.

Father Judge gradually began to increase the length of his visits to Pleasant Mount so as not to hurt the feelings of those parishioners back in Rock Lake. By winter he had taken a long-term lease on a room in one of the hotels and there seemed to be no secret to anyone as to what he was up to, with the exception of Bishop O'Hara. He had celebrated Mass in a number of the Catholic homes over the years and when Pope Pius IX died on February 7th, 1878, Father Judge held a solemn service in the Academy Hall on February 10th. He liked his new surroundings and friends in Pleasant Mount and before long was returning to his Rock Lake parish only twice a month to say Mass.

BUYS PROPERTY TO BUILD CATHOLIC CHURCH

The following article appeared in "The Honesdale Citizen" Thursday morning October 7, 1886, written on October 4th from Pleasant Mount:

"The Catholics of this village contemplate building a Church here, for which purpose they have purchased a lot of Mrs. M.E. Lake, with 100 ft. front, lying between Mrs. Lake's residence and Jas. P. Riley's hotel, consideration \$200. It is the best building site in town, and the church will occupy a commanding position."

The signing of the purchase was dated October 11, 1886 and was between Maria Eveline Lake of Mount Pleasant Township and Thomas Clark, Hugh O'Neill and John J. O'Neill, Committee on Church Property. It contained 21,400 sq. ft. of land having 100-foot frontage by 214 feet deep, containing one half acre of land, and was recorded in Deed Book 64, p. 317. This piece of property was situated west of the present St. James Church. It was actually the first purchase of land within the village for the Catholic Congregation and showed the intention of Father Judge to acquire property on which to establish a residence and perhaps a new church there. In the course of events that followed, this property had no significant utility to the Diocese of Scranton and was sold in 1923 to William F. O'Hara.

THE PRIEST'S RESIDENCE, PLEASANT MOUNT

Eldad Atwater, an early resident of Pleasant Mount, and his son, Edward M. Atwater, purchased a piece of property in the village on January 16th, 1852, from Eliphalet Sherwood, situated between the David Lake land and the Jonathan Miller property on the north side of the Great Bend and Cocheton Turnpike. Eldad Atwater died on Tuesday, December 13, 1887, at which time William Partridge brought suit against his estate for a debt of \$861.13. By a decision of the Court, the property, with a two-story house on it, was put up for public sale by Sheriff Thomas Medland on December 1, 1888. The property was acquired at the Sheriff's sale by Henry Wilson and Alonzo T. Searle, both of Honesdale. Less than three weeks later, on December 19th, 1888, they resold the property to Father John Judge for \$2400, on which he immediately paid the sum of \$1500 and signed a mortgage to secure payment for the remaining \$900. (Deed Book 66, p. 354). Father Judge then moved from his hotel room and took up residence in the former Atwater home in the heart of the village. This structure was later torn down and a new Rectory built on the same site.

The Atwater house was a very desirable addition to the fulfillment of Father Judge's plan. It contained four rooms on the ground floor and five bedrooms and a closet (bathroom) on the second floor. He was very pleased with his new accommodations, but the parishioners at St. Juliana's were dismayed and chagrined at the move and now found the beautiful "Priest's House" they had worked and sacrificed to build was sitting empty in their midst. In early 1889 Father Judge converted one of the ground-floor rooms into a Chapel. He also built and filled a new ice-house in February and March. Relations with the people of St. Juliana's had cooled considerably. By this time, St. Juliana's was no longer looked upon as the Mother Church as it had been for years. It was, instead, considered a Mission of Pleasant Mount even though that Village still had no church.

A SECOND SITE FOR A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PLEASANT MOUNT

On October 10th, 1888, the young widow of Dr. Rudolph Harmes, Katherine Atwater Harmes, conveyed the piece of property known as the triangle plot (today, the Samuel Meredith Park) to Rt. Rev. William O'Hara, Bishop of Scranton, for the price of \$1000. Father Judge made an immediate cash payment of \$100, and proposed to build a church on the site, which met with opposition on the part of the majority of the parishioners of St. Juliana's and the members of St. Cecilia's Mission Church.

From the Honesdale Citizen of June 20, 1889, we find the item...

"The work of excavating for the foundation of the Catholic Church in Pleasant Mount, to be under the charge of Rev. J.H. Judge, was commenced yesterday morning. The main building will be 41 by 76 feet, with a verstry 20 by 28 feet."

Without the full support of St. Juliana's and St. Cecilia's, Father Judge was in need of funds to go ahead with the building

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of this church. Again, We find from another article printed on June 27, 1889...

"A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the picnic which is to be held in Moase's Grove on the Fourth of July, for the benefit of the new Catholic Church in this Village. It has been announced that if the day is wet, it will be held on Saturday the 6th."



TRIANGLE LOT AT THE CROSSROADS - PLEASANT MOUNT
The site of the Catholic Church proposed by Father John Judge. The present Catholic Church can be seen on the very right. Building on left is Morgan's store and Post Office. Meredith Monument and Park in triangle lot. Picture taken in 1904.

"Work on the church will be resumed but it will be a brick edifice instead of a wood structure."

Father Judge's vision of his new church had grown as his funds dwindled. No further work was ever done on this proposed church, and then during the winter of 1889/1890 Father Judge was stricken with a severe case of influenza.

All entries of baptisms and marriages up to this time, it should be noted, were recorded in the St. Juliana's Registers. However, Father Judge started a new Register for Pleasant Mount in 1887. The very first entry was on January 23, 1887, with the baptism of Frederick Leonard, son of John Leonard and Mary Ann Flynn of Rock Lake. All baptisms took place at Rock Lake until the construction of St. James Church. In 1899, this registry became the first volume of the official St. James Registry.

Father Judge's ill health persisted and he remained bed-ridden for long periods. He did, however, travel to New York and Philadelphia to find relief from his illness. It was found that his last entry in the St. James Register was dated February 19, 1890.

In the Wayne Independent newspaper of September 11, 1890, under Pleasant Mount news, it states...

"Rev. J. Judge has had some thoughts of going in some southern clime for the benefit of his health."

On November 6, 1890, after the assignment of Rev. J. W. Healy to the charge of Rock Lake and the missions attached to it, Bishop William O'Hara transferred Father Judge from Pastor of Rock Lake to Pastor of St. Philomena's at Hawley, where he remained for the next nine years (1890-1899). During this time, from 1896 to 1899, he took an extensive tour of Ireland, leaving his assistant, Father James L. Shanley, in charge at Hawley. Upon his return he spent a few months in charge of St. Francis parish, Nanticoke, then went to St. Charles Borromeo, Sugar Notch. At age 87, he died at the Rectory on Sunday morning, February 29, 1920 after a two day illness of pneumonia. His funeral was conducted from St. Charles with interment in the parish cemetery, where a Celtic Cross carved from stone marks his grave.

The following excerpt on Father Judge's unilateral decision to relocate the pastorate from Rock Lake to Pleasant Mount, is taken from Rev. John P. Gallagher's "A Century of History, Scranton Diocese 1868-1968, page 174, and details Bishop O'Hara's dilemma in dealing with his flock.

"By laying stress on the importance of having a priesthood with roots grounded in the area itself, the risk of dissatisfaction arising from assignments to lonely outposts was progressively minimized. And as the shepherds of the flock evidenced a greater contentment in their vocations, more effective parochial relationships followed as a matter of course....Meanwhile individualism was a fact of life with which he had to painfully contend. Despite his every effort to channel constructively the varied talents and abilities of his subordinates, he was periodically reminded by the foreign-born that his powers were limited in their minds. After 1875, the challenges to his authority came with increasing frequency from the Polish, the Slovak, and the Lithuanian priests who descended upon the diocese in force as their countrymen took over the coal fields. ...Yet, difficult as his dealings were with the assertive eastern Europeans, he was not thereby freed from the fear of attack by the very men who shared his own ancestry. In many respects, the Irish caused him more grief than any other immigrant group."

As late as 1887, one of them, Father John H. Judge, took matters into his own hands and in effect created a new parish for himself. The story of his novel approach to and within episcopal concerns began seventeen years earlier when he was accepted as a candidate for the Diocese of Scranton. Although he was already thirty-eight, he assured Bishop O'Hara of his eager willingness to undertake the rigors of the missionary life wherever an appointment might take him. Convinced of his sincerity, the prelate ordained him on December 27, 1870, and assigned him that same day to the pastorate of St. Juliana's Church, Rock Lake. True to his work, Father Judge plunged enthusiastically into the demanding work of the upper Wayne County mission

Also in the Honesdale Citizen on the same day as above...

"A party from Carbondale, whose name we have not learned, has taken the contract to dig the cellar and build the foundation for the new Catholic Church. He has a number of men employed and work is progressing finely."

The contractor from Carbondale was M. P. Crowley, and by August 15, 1889 the basement was completed. The proposed wooden church had a foundation of hammered stone. The actual building was then delayed and on October 9th, 1889, The Wayne Independent reported...

field. As the years rolled by, the reports of his performance remained consistently good.

To all external appearances, the pastor of St. Juliana's was a happy and contented man. But beneath the surface, the reality was something else again. As the novelty of his clerical experiences wore off, boredom became his constant companion. After he passed the twelve year mark, the continuing slow pace of his activities turned them into drudgery. Moreover, a sense of frustration kept building up. It seemed to him that he alone among the Irish was being denied the opportunity to move on to a better parish. When his sixteenth anniversary passed without a change, he convinced himself that Bishop O'Hara had forgotten him. At that point, he was fifty-four years old. Without any other alternative, Father Judge decided to make the best of his seemingly permanent appointment. But if he could not look forward to a life in the city, then he was entitled to choose some better spot within the limits of his parish in order that his declining years would have some measure of happiness. Rock Lake had outlived its usefulness insofar as he was concerned.

In the ensuing months, his gaze narrowed down to the advantages to be had at Pleasant Mount. Because he had been accustomed to the celebration of Mass at Clark's Hall on every fourth Sunday, he knew the Catholics of the village quite well. They were the type of people who were to his liking and with whom he could feel at ease. That they possessed neither a church nor a rectory was unimportant to him at the moment. What was appealing to him was the fact that Pleasant Mount had the appearance of a developed area rather than the rural setting afforded by its neighboring community of Rock Lake. Furthermore, it was located a few miles closer to Carbondale as well as to the hub of the region, Scranton. As such, it did not project the image of isolation, a factor which never escaped his attention at St. Juliana's. After weighing the pros and cons of both places, he decided that Pleasant Mount offered him the best chance of breaking out of the mold of the past.

Choosing to make the transition gradually so as not to unnecessarily wound the feelings of the people of Rock Lake, Father Judge stepped up the frequency of his visits to his outlying mission station. Through the summer and into the fall of 1887, each trip was prolonged a shade longer than its predecessor. When the wintry weather made further travel hazardous, he merely formalized what everyone already suspected. Instead of renewing on a weekly basis his hotel room, he took a long-term lease upon it. The management was assured that he would remain as their guest until such time as his flock could afford to build a church and a rectory or until he was transferred to another appointment. Having successfully carried out his coup, Father Judge began to enjoy day-to-day living again. When the ice and snow receded, he resumed his relationship with his Rock Lake parishioners, but the renewal was on a substantially altered basis. They saw him only on alternate weekends and were informed that should they need his services at any other time they could easily reach him at Pleasant Mount.

Later in the spring of 1888, Bishop O'Hara discovered purely by accident the changes which had taken place in Wayne County during the previous year. In an effort to drum up support for a diocese-wide collection in behalf of his proposed St. Thomas College, he addressed a routine letter to Father Judge and sent it off to his Rock Lake address. Since it expressly called for an answer within a week of its receipt, he was quite surprised to note that, when the reply finally came, it was two weeks overdue. On further investigation, he found that the envelope was postmarked from Pleasant Mount. His curiosity piqued, the bishop summoned Father Judge to his office for an explanation.

There, to his dismay, he learned for the first time that upper Wayne County had not but two pastoral residencies. Even worse to his point of view, the offending priest was unaware of his intrusion into episcopal prerogatives. Understandably, his initial reaction was one of anger and he was tempted to order Father Judge to return permanently to St. Juliana's Rectory. But when it was pointed out to him that no complaint had been forthcoming from the Rock Lake congregation, he had to admit that the most his long-suffering subordinate could be accused of was the fault of imprudence. Since there was no evidence of malice, Bishop O'Hara chose to let bygones be bygones. With a well-phrased warning never to assume episcopal authority again, he dismissed the chastened Irishman and allowed him to stay on in his rented quarters at Pleasant Mount. In a happy postscript to the entire affair, Father Judge emerged a winner after all. Having attracted attention to himself, he eventually gained the bishop's sympathy. On November 6, 1890, his dreams of an urban pastorate came true. Leaving Wayne County behind him, he embarked upon a second career which was to include three Luzerne County assignments over the remaining thirty years before his death at the age of eighty seven on February 29, 1920.

In retrospect, Father Judge deserved far more than a tongue lashing for his rash display of imprudence. Shorn of its attractiveness as an imaginative solution to a personal problem, his action threatened the very structure of the diocese itself. If the right to overthrow the traditions of the past was granted to him, then every priest could do likewise. Consequently, existent parishes would be exposed to the dangers of the auction block should their buildings or their locations prove displeasing in any way to the current tenants in their rectories. Anarchy would have resulted if the Rock Lake-Pleasant Mount switch had been viewed as a precedent rather than as a by-product of eccentricity. Conversely, the maintenance of order demanded that the bishop would retain control of every aspect of parochial development. In that light it was a mark of how far William O'Hara had mellowed when Father Judge was not summarily relieved of his pastorate in the aftermath of his offense."

BAPTISMAL RECORDS January 1887 - May 27, 1899

It was noted in the book "A Century of History, The Diocese of Scranton 1868-1968" by Rev. John P. Gallagher, Ph.D. (page 149)...

"Bishop O'Hara was blessed with success yet never for a moment did he stand upon his laurels. Forging ahead he continued to expand the parochial effort while he multiplied the manpower resources at his disposal. A quarter of a century later, as a result of his drive and determination, the Diocese of Scranton was bequeathed to Bishop Michael J. Hoban with an integrated network of 100 parishes staffed by 131 priests. From 1874 on, every sector benefited. In the regions given over to farming, twelve new parishes were formed."

Only one is listed here - St. James, Pleasant Mount, 1887.

Father John Judge, assigned to St. Juliana's but residing in the Atwater residence in Pleasant Mount, took note of the forming of St. James parish by starting a new Baptismal Register (1887). All baptisms within his wide-spread congregation were entered in this new register and although the baptisms were performed elsewhere, the Register Book was kept in Pleasant Mount.

The last entry in the St. Juliana's Register A was December 24, 1886 and signed by J. H. Judge, Pastor. The next entry was found on Page 1 of the 1899-1931 Baptismal Register dated May 28, 1899 and signed by the newly assigned pastor to St. Juliana's, Rev. John Miles Smoulter, appointed May 3, 1899. There are no baptismal records at St. Juliana's from January 1887 through May 27, 1899. Those records are in the St. James Register at Pleasant Mount. These would include any baptisms from Rock Lake (St. Juliana's), Damascus (St. Joseph's) Lakewood, Lebanon, Winwood, Union, High Lake, Lake Como, Galilee, Tully Settlement, Equinunk, Brownsville, Preston, Hill Top (St. Cecilia's), Lookout, Rileyville, Crooked Creek, Duck Harbor, Flat Rock, Lordville, Garteen, Sly Lake, Poyntelle, Cold Springs, Preston Park and Starlight. These were all settlements within the care of the St. Juliana parish.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

"The Catholics are holding Forty Hours devotional exercises in St. Juliana's Church in Bangall." This item was printed in the Honesdale Citizen on October 26, 1882. Ten years later, on October 20, 1892, the Honesdale Citizen printed the article, "The Forty Hours devotional exercises in St. Juliana's Church closed Wednesday, October 5th. There was an unusually good attendance. The visiting clergy were Rev. J. V. Hussie and Rev. Curran of Carbondale; Rev. J. Shanley of Hawley; Rev. J. McCabe of Avoca and Rev. Father Fagan of Susquehanna. Mass was celebrated at 7 o'clock by Rev. Father Healy and at 8 o'clock by Rev. Father Hussie. There was a solemn High Mass at 9 o'clock, Father McCabe was celebrant. At the conclusion of the Mass the Litany of the Saints was chanted by all the clergy and thus closed the service."

Through the efforts of Bishop Francis Kenrick, the Forty Hours devotion was introduced into the United States and it was (Saint) Bishop John Neumann who established the devotion on a diocesan basis. Over the years, the practice of Forty Hours Devotion gradually waned to the point it was no longer on St. Juliana's calendar. In 1985, the present Pastor, Father Bernard Shepulski, re-kindled this age-old spiritual tradition by again scheduling Forty Hours Devotion at St. Juliana's, after a lapse of 20 years.

ST. JULIANA'S REFURBISHED

An item was found in the Honesdale Citizen newspaper, dated from Rock Lake October 8th, 1892 stating..

"St. Juliana's Church is being treated to a new coat of paint and other repairs. Mr. Alexander of Carbondale has charged of the work."

This was done during the pastorate of Father John Healy.

REV. JOHN W. HEALY (1863-1924)

FIFTH PASTOR OF ROCK LAKE (1890-1899)

The Rev. John William Healy became the fifth resident pastor of St. Juliana's at Rock Lake. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 4, 1863, the son of James J. and Ann Gurrell Healy. In 1866 his parents brought him from Boston to reside in West Scranton. He attended St. Cecilia's Academy, Scranton; Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; and St. Bonaventure's Seminary in Allegheny, N.Y.



He was ordained at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton by Bishop William O'Hara on October 17, 1890. Father Healy, like his predecessors Father Thomas J. Brehony and Father John Henry Judge, never served as curate but received a pastorate immediately after ordination, being assigned to the care of the Mount Pleasant Township congregations. Father Healy did not take up residence in the Rectory at St. Juliana's in Rock Lake but resided in the Atwater home that Father Judge had purchased at the crossroads in Pleasant Mount and established his residence and served the many Catholic congregations in his extensive parish from there. The first Baptism recorded by Father Healy after his arrival at Pleasant Mount was that of Joseph Michael O'Hara, son of Michael O'Hara and Bridget Lowe of Egypt, on November 10, 1890.

The picture of St. Juliana's buildings taken prior to 1900 shows closed shutters on the windows of the Rectory, except for one window on the porch, which indicates the Rock Lake Rectory was not being used at that time. Actually, it was not in use from the winter of 1887/1888 when Father Judge went to Pleasant Mount and took a long-term lease on a room in one of the towns hotels until 1899 when Father Smoulter became the sixth Resident Pastor of St. Juliana's.

Father Healy was in charge of three churches: St. Juliana's, the Parish Church at Rock Lake, and the two Mission Churches - St. Cecilia's at Hill Top and St. Joseph's at Rileyville. He also regularly visited several Stations in the vicinity to celebrate Mass, mostly in homes; Aldenville at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fleming and later in the old Alden Mason; Equinunk on the Delaware, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crosbie; Lebanon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick LeStrange; and at Herrick Center, in the home later owned by Katherine Flynn in 1965. From 1890 until 1899, Mass was celebrated twice a month at St. Juliana's, once a month at St. Cecilia's, and once a month in Clark's Hall over Tom Clark's store in the west end of the village, which was leased by J. D. Brennan, Sr. at the time.

In 1896, Father Healy made the decision not to build on the three-cornered Atwater lot which had been purchased by Father Judge some eight years earlier for a church site. Instead, a plot of land west of the Priest's residence (Atwater House) was purchased for Father Healy by John Dunn Brennan and his wife, Mary Ann Kerlin Brennan, from Martha M. and Ray Wheeler, heirs of Maria Emiline Lake. John D. Brennan then conveyed the property to Bishop O'Hara.

BISHOP MICHAEL J. HOBAN (1853-1926)

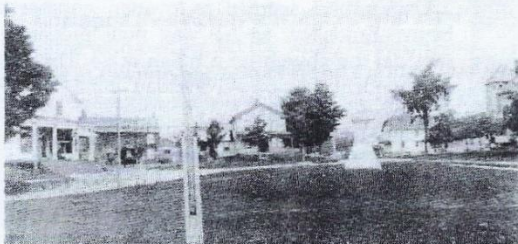
Michael J. Hoban was born at Waterloo, N.J., on January 6, 1853, the first-born child of Patrick Hoban and Bridget Hennigan, his wife. The family moved to Hawley in the fall of 1853 where the father secured the contract of loading the coal stored during the winter months, or while the canal navigation was closed, from the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Michael attended private school in Hawley until about 15 years of age, when he entered St. Francis Xavier School in New York City for one year, then to Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., for three years. After three years at home, he entered Fordham College, and one year later, in 1874 enrolled at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Pa. He was sent to Rome in 1875 by Bishop O'Hara to attend the American College, where he was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1880.

Returning from Rome he was appointed assistant at Towanda, Pa., and then transferred to Pittston. Four years later he was assigned to St. John's at Troy in Bradford County, Pa. On December 8, 1887 he received a pastorate at Ashley, and while stationed here, the church of St. Leo's and the present rectory were built.

In 1895, owing to the advanced age of Bishop O'Hara, it was necessary to have a Coadjutor appointed for the large diocese of Scranton, and Father Michael J. Hoban was selected. He was consecrated in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on March 22, 1896, and upon the death of Bishop O'Hara, February 3, 1899, he automatically succeeded to Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton.

On November 6, 1926, Bishop Hoban was taken ill and developed pneumonia and on November 13, 1926, he passed into eternity, honored and loved by all, regardless of their affiliations.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, PLEASANT MOUNT



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pleasant Mount Church dedicated on July 22, 1899.
On right is the Rectory, formerly the Atwater Home

The crowning achievement of Father Healy's pastorate was the completion of the present Church of St. James, Pleasant Mount, and the ceremony of the Blessing of the Corner Stone, which took place on July 23, 1899, was also the same day as the dedication of the new church.



FATHER JOHN MILES SMOUTER (1861-1937) **SIXTH RESIDENT PASTOR OF ROCK LAKE (1899-1903)**

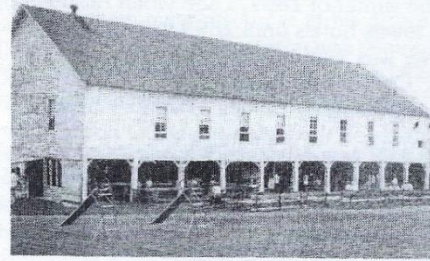
One of Bishop Hoban's first acts concerning the Catholic Congregation in Wayne County was to separate the two congregations of Pleasant Mount and St. Cecilia's at Hill Top (South Pleasant Mount) from the parish of St. Juliana's in Rock Lake.

Bishop Hoban promoted Father Smoulter from assistant at St. Patrick's Church at Olyphant to the pastorate of St. Juliana's on May 3, 1899, and by the same action he relieved Father John W. Healy as Pastor of St. Juliana's and named him Pastor of St. James parish at Pleasant Mount, which had been formed in 1887 by Bishop William O'Hara.

Father Smoulter was born in St. Mary's parish, Wilkes-Barre on January 21, 1861. He was the son of Frank and Mary Slavin, Smoulter. He was ordained by

Bishop O'Hara at St. Nichols Church in Wilkes-Barre on June 7, 1891. He was assistant at St. Patrick's, Olyphant, from July 10, 1891 until May 3, 1899. Father Smoulter was an ambitious Pastor and was very zealous and devoted to St. Juliana's and her parishioners.

When Father Smoulter arrived at St. Juliana's, he moved into the 45-year-old rectory that had been vacant for the past thirteen years. His first project was to repair and remodel the house. He also envisioned a need for a parish hall where all the people of the congregation could gather socially. The top part of the horse and carriage barn seemed to be the ideal place. Plans were made and work was begun. Nothing has been found in writing as to the date this took place. It is assumed a new floor was put down and rows of windows installed on both sides of the building. The wide staircase for access to the hall was built. It is also surmised the kitchen area and stage were also built at this time. The spacious Hall was completed and ready for use as indicated by an article found in The Wayne Independent on Wednesday, June 11, 1902, dated from Rock Lake on June 7th...



PARISH HALL

The upstairs portion was made into a spacious parish hall CA. 1901/1902 during pastorate of Father Smoulter. The lower half was a horse and carriage shed. Annual Rock Lake picnic held here today.

The follow-up story to this gala social event was found in The Wayne Independent on Friday June 27, 1902; from Rock Lake June 23...

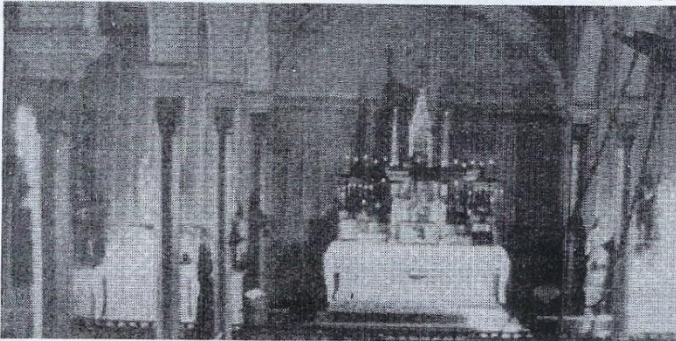
"Follow the crowd to Rock Lake, June 16, where a great Minstrel Show is to be given in St. Juliana's Hall for the benefit of St. Juliana's Church. Tickets, 50 cents. Social and refreshments afterwards. All who enjoy a good laugh should endeavor to be present."

The follow-up story to this gala social event was found in The Wayne Independent on Friday June 27, 1902; from Rock Lake June 23...

"Monday evening, June 16, will be an event long remembered by the people of Rock Lake and vicinity. Regardless of the rain, the large hall was filled with people from far and near to listen to the great Trans-Atlantic Minstrel Company of Wilkes-Barre. An excellent program was rendered. After the performance, a grand Social was held which, like the show, was enjoyed by all. The jolly Minstrel Company departed for home Tuesday morning after giving an open-air concert on the lawn."

So by now, Father Smoulter not only satisfied the congregation's spiritual desires in God's house, he also brought them all closer together with their social gatherings in the Parish Hall.

REMODELING ST. JULIANA'S CHURCH



ST. JULIANA'S 1902

Taken after the restoration & re-decoration in pastorate of Father Smoulter:
Note pressed metal walls & ceilings installed at this time.

One project seemed to overlap another with Father Smoulter, as he was now preparing to remodel the church on a major scale. The Wayne Independent tells on Wednesday, June 11, 1902; from Rock Lake June 7...

"Work has begun on St. Juliana's Church which will take nearly three months to complete. When done, we hope to say we have one of the finest churches in Eastern Pennsylvania."

The work progressed on schedule and was completed in three months, almost to the day. The interior of the church was done in Gothic design throughout and finished with steel ceiling and side walls. The pressed metal panels were newly designed and very popular wall and ceiling coverings

of that era. This work was done by Mr. A. G. Hall of Scranton. The beautiful decorating was done by Mr. T. F. Walsh, also of Scranton. The most outstanding of Mr. Walsh's works of art in the renovation project was his painting of the "Ascension" which forms a center panel in the ceiling. Today, this painting which has adorned St. Juliana's for the past 86 years, continues to fill her parishioners with awe at its grace and beauty.

RE-DEDICATION OF ST. JULIANA'S

The Wayne Independent on Friday, September 19, 1902, carried an item on the re-dedication:

"Rock Lake: Sunday, Sept. 14th was the banner day in the festivities of St. Juliana's congregation of this place, the event being the re-dedication of their church which has been undergoing a thorough renovation for the past three months. The only regrettable, though unavoidable, feature was the absence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban through the death of his beloved mother, which prevented his conferring the sacrament of



THE ASCENSION
Painting in the center of St. Juliana's Church ceiling. Painted by: Mr. T.F. Walsh of Scranton, Pa. in 1902.

Confirmation upon about 300 children who were instructed by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Smoulter, and his corps of able assistants. Among the clergy present were Very Rev. T. F. Coffey, V.G., of Carbondale; Rev. P. J. Murphy, of Olyphant; Rev. Thomas Hanley, of Honesdale; Rev. J. W. Healy, of Pleasant Mt. In the absence of Bishop Hoban, Very Rev. T. F. Coffey, V.G., performed the services of blessing the church, after which the confirmation class marched from the parish hall to the church and took up a position assigned to them in the center aisle, to the strains of a march played by Nettie McDonald, of Olyphant, who presided at the organ, accompanied with a violin solo by James McDavitt. The singing of the choir was fine. Rev. Thomas Hanley, of Honesdale, sang the Mass and Rev. J. W. Healy acted as deacon. Rev. P. J. Murphy preached the sermon taking his text from the gospel of the day: "What think you of Christ," which was a scholarly and eloquent discourse. Among the several subjects treated upon by the reverend speaker were the Unity, Holiness, Apostolicity of the Church as founded by Christ and extended through the apostles whom He delegated and sent forth to christianize, preach and teach the nations of the earth. He spoke of Raven and Stross who wrote so beautifully of the life of Christ, showing the human side of the Messiah but ignoring his divine origin; they claimed He was a manifestation of the God-in-man, but

not a man-God; stating also that the whole world realizes the necessity of coming closer to the life of Christ. The Christian religion consists of the elimination of the animal in man and the development of his spiritual life; as St. Paul cried for liberty from the animal man when he says, "Who shall deliver me from this body of death." And Tennyson says, "Would, man that I am could cease to be, and that a spiritual man would be given unto me." St. Paul desires freedom from the animal man by death, and Tennyson desires freedom from the earthly man by higher life. He also showed that the rural districts were conducive to the spiritual and intellectual life, and that city life was certainly enriched by the continual stream flow to the city of intellectual ability and moral virility. God made the country but man made the city. There is no occupation more conducive to independence and happiness than the life of the farmer; no man can own him; he is independent of all syndicates and bosses. In conclusion he congratulated the congregation and the pastor, Father Smoulter, who was his assistant for eight years, in the grand and noble work that they have accomplished in the erection of a parish hall, refurbishing of the parochial house and the renovation of the old church. Rev. T. F. Coffey, Vicar General of the diocese, who acted in the absence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban, complimented the pastor and congregation upon their achievements and made special mention of the interior decorations, saying, "I do not know the artist who performed the work; nevertheless, I must compliment him upon his harmony of coloring throughout as the tints are beautiful and the lines perfect, which shows that he has an eye for art." In all, the church will compare favorably with any in the diocese outside of the cities, and the people of Rock Lake have just cause to be proud of their efforts. The church was dedicated to St. Juliana's parish, Jan. 1st. 1867."

CHURCH IS DEBT FREE

A follow-up article was published in the Wayne Independent on Friday, October 3, 1902...

"Rock Lake - At the rededication of St. Juliana's church the receipts of the day amounted to \$450. Rev. J. M. Smoulter deserves much credit for his untiring efforts to make everything connected with the services a success. He had a great deal of hard work to do all through the occasion and now he is proud to say that the church is free from debt.

Bishop Hoban will be here Sunday, October 5, to administer the sacrament of confirmation."

Father John Smoulter will always be fondly remembered because of his pastoral love for his congregation and the many material accomplishments he achieved. The parish hall stands today as a tribute to him. The hall is always filled to capacity for the social events and old-timers still come from all corners of the United States to renew memories and friendships at the Annual Rock Lake Picnic and to dine on the delicious home-cooked foods prepared by the gracious ladies of the parish. A published item was found about a Rock Lake picnic held on July 4, 1867, probably the forerunner of the famous annual event. It was planned to get the newly-built church free from debt.

Father Smoulter's many accomplishments were recognized when Pope Pius XI elevated him in June of 1931 to the rank of Domestic Prelate of the Papal Household with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. At his death, which occurred suddenly on August 16, 1937, Monsignor Smoulter was a Consultor and Official of the diocese.

FATHER PATRICK E. LAVELLE
SEVENTH PASTOR MAY 12, 1903 - JANUARY 1912

Father Lavelle came from St. Patrick's Church in Scranton to his first pastorate at St. Juliana's at Rock Lake in May 1903. He was most devoted to his flock and accomplished much for their spiritual betterment. While acting as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Minooka in 1930, he suffered injuries in an automobile accident which resulted in his death. The names of Rev. John J. Hurst and Rev. John C. Carey appeared in the Baptismal Register during his pastorate. Father Lavelle was the seventh Resident Pastor of St. Juliana's.



FATHER JOHN J. HEFFERAN
EIGHTH PASTOR JAN. 1912 - JUNE 1920

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 1914



Father John Hefferan was appointed the eighth pastor of St. Juliana's in January 1912. He worked faithfully and well during his eight years at Rock Lake. The most outstanding work of his pastorate was the building of the modest but lovely church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lake Como for the benefit of the many summer visitors who frequented Lake Como, Poyntelle and the surrounding areas. Its realization began on February 25, 1914, when a Deed was formalized by the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton, Trustee for the Church of the Assumption B.V.M. of Lake Como, Wayne County; and for the consideration of \$200, a piece of property with a frontage of 100 feet and 280 feet in depth, containing a little under a half acre was purchased. It is recorded in Deed Book 106, page 236, Wayne County Courthouse, Honesdale, Pa. The church was completed and dedicated in the Fall of 1914, the exact date is not known at this time. The church of the Assumption B.V.M. will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 1989. It has been a Mission Church under the parish of St. Juliana's since its origin. Father Hefferan's last entry in the Baptismal Register was May 30, 1920.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY, Lake Como**
A mission church of St. Juliana's at Rock Lake.
Dedicated in June 1913 under the pastorate of
Father John Hefferan.



REV. WILLIAM A. HEALY
NINTH PASTOR JUNE 1920 - OCT. 1924



Father Healey was assistant at St. Mary's Church at Wilkes-Barre when he received the appointment as ninth pastor of St. Juliana's. His four years were filled with fruitful work for the people of St. Juliana's and the Mission churches of St. Joseph's, Rileyville and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lake Como. Lake Como, like Poyntelle, was a summer resort area and Father Healey enjoyed the many visitors who supported his beautiful Mission Church. Research has indicated that a boarding house once stood on the site of the now Catholic Church. An unusual feature of this boarding house was the one and one half inch thick boards of the house that were painted with tallow and lime and were well finished on the inside. A store, built in 1860, was located at the four corners and stood until it was destroyed by fire in 1971. Father Healey enjoyed his visits to Lake Como and its assemblage of people from different areas and diverse walks of life that added a measure of excitement to his daily ministrations to his flock. After he left St. Juliana's, he served as Chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre for several years.



**FATHER M. H. CORGAN
TENTH PASTOR OCT. 1924 - 1931**

Father Corgan was transferred from the pastorate of Our Lady of the Snows Church in Clarks Summit, Northwest of Scranton, to become the tenth Resident Pastor of St. Juliana's in October 1924. He was an outstanding preacher and scholar, and although not enjoying good health, he accomplished a great deal for the members of his flock. He performed the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony for the people, not only in Rock Lake, Rileyville, and Lake Como, but throughout the entire area including Equinunk, Duck Harbor, Crooked Creek, High Lake, Winwood, Flat Rock, Lordsville, Galilee, Sly Lake, Preston, Damascus, Lakewood, etc. The last entry signed by Rev. M. H. Corgan in the Baptismal Register was April 26, 1931. Father Corgan died on November 9, 1932.

**FATHER JOHN J. GAFFNEY, M.A.
ELEVENTH PASTOR SEPTEMBER 1931 - 1942**

Reverend John J. Gaffney, the eleventh pastor of St. Juliana's came from St. Ignatius Church in Kingston in September 1931. Since coming to St. Juliana's, Father Gaffney has enjoyed the whole-hearted cooperation of his parishioners. In 1939, he had the interior of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lake Como redecorated and had handsome new mahogany pews installed. It was during his pastorate that St. Juliana's celebrated its Centennial Anniversary and Father Gaffney put together a most interesting and informative 22 page booklet on the History of St. Juliana's Parish 1838-1938. It was from this 100th Anniversary issue that much of the information for the annual August Picnic Issue of the Petros has been garnered. Father Gaffney is also responsible for extensive repair and redecoration work done in St. Juliana's.

During his tenure a number of priests were assigned to the parish during the summer months as assistants, including the following: Father Joseph Zdunski (1932); Father Michael Polcha (1933); Father Charles A. Zawol (1934); Father Miles McAndrew, SS. (1935-36); Father Michael Krupar (1937); and Fathers James Francis Follard, C.P., and Theophane Kapcar, C.P. (1938).

After leaving the parish, Father Gaffney was later assigned as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Athens.



**REV. JAMES P. FLYNN
TWELFTH PASTOR 1942-1947**

Father Flynn was the twelfth pastor of St. Juliana's Church and its Missions. It was during his pastorate in June 1944 that the care of the Mission Church of St. Joseph's in Rileyville was transferred to the charge of St. Mary Magdalen in Honesdale, thus becoming the last Pastor of St. Juliana's to ever have charge of the Rileyville Mission Church. St. Joseph's charge was again re-assigned in September 1947, going under the charge of Rev. Peter S. Kane of St. John the Evangelist Church, Honesdale.

Father Flynn is listed in Rev. John P. Gallagher's book, A Century of History - The Diocese of Scranton 1868-1968, as being assigned as assistant at St. Ann's at Tobyhanna, located South of Scranton. St. Ann's also had charge of three Mission Churches.

**REV. FRANCIS J. MERKEL
THIRTEENTH PASTOR MAY 8, 1947 - MAY 2, 1959**



The thirteenth pastor assigned to St. Juliana's was Father Francis J. Merkel. He had assistant priests assigned to him during the summer months. These were generally newly ordained priests with the two-fold purpose of relieving Father Merkel of some of his duties, and giving them some practical experience. Among them were: Rev. Michael Penn, June 15 to October 1, 1954; Rev. Robert J. Gardzalla, June to October 1956; and Rev. Mark J. Borhinski, the summer of 1958. During Father Merkel's 12 years as pastor at St. Juliana's, he was instrumental in founding the Northern Wayne Fire Company in Lakewood and served as Honorary Fire Chief. He was also President of the Wayne County Fireman's Association, in addition to being associated with other civic, fraternal and community organizations. After leaving St. Juliana's, Father Merkel was installed as pastor at the Sacred Heart Church in Duryea.

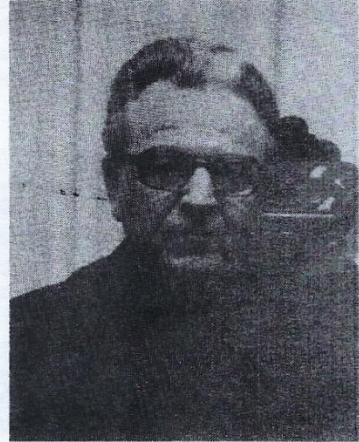
The parishioners of St. Juliana's were thrilled when Father Merkel, together with his sister Miss Elizabeth Merkel, returned to the parish for the Sesqui-centennial

Mass and celebration on Sunday, June 19, 1988. Father preached the homily at Mass, and in so doing gave the congregation and guests a run-down on 150 years of history.

**REV. FRANK P. MIKUS, PH.D.
FOURTEENTH PASTOR 1959-1966**

The fourteenth pastor of St. Juliana's parish was Father Frank P. Mikus. During his pastorate, Rev. Francis Castellani was assigned to the parish from June until September of 1960. Father Castellani was ordained in June and came directly from his ordination to assist in the parish for the summer.

It shall always be remembered by those parishioners who lived here twenty five years ago that it was not the church or rectory or parish hall that would undergo restoration, but the cemetery, which was in a deplorable and unsightly condition from rampant overgrowth.



CEMETERY RESTORATION 1963

For years, efforts to do something to restore the cemetery were always pushed aside, but now, the determined and dedicated parishioners refused to take no for an answer. The men of the parish met with Father Mikus on August 15, 1963 to again discuss the matter and despite some negative attitude, the men formed the Rock Lake Catholic Cemetery Association and elected officers. The President was Oscar Flynn; Vice President, Thomas Leonard; Secretary, Donald F. McLean and Treasurer, Al Marsinkus. The Priest and eight Board Members were placed on the Association rolls. A letter was drafted and sent to all members of the parish and to all outlying villages and towns and to those staunch older members who had moved to other towns and states. The response was most gratifying and the donations generous - so generous that the company that had been contacted was told to begin the work.

The contractor was Thomas Tully, son of Ben Tully, and owner of the Tully Drilling Company. Tom is a Graduate Engineer of Notre Dame. He began by making a detailed layout of every grave and stone in the cemetery. Once this was completed, he had his workers remove each and every headstone in the cemetery. The trees, brush and debris were removed and a bulldozer was used to level the surface of the ground. The gravestones were then replaced on their original sites. This was a truly remarkable accomplishment, as much as were their generous contributions of the people. One list, containing three pages, showed contributions received totaled \$5953.00. There were other gifts, but the value is not known - a \$500 bond to be given later plus two shares of Farmers and Merchants; another of ten shares of Farmers and Merchants, Honesdale, Pa.

Mrs. Margaret Leonard wrote personal letters to many out-of-towners and received letters in return containing contributions. From the listing, we find a collection from the people of St. Juliana's amounted to \$700.00; the Altar and Rosary Society gave \$200; two families gave \$150 each; thirty-three families and individuals donated \$100, with most of the remaining giving fifty and twenty-five dollars. When all was completed and the winter of 1963 was nearing, St. Juliana's Cemetery was a splendid place of repose for all the dear departed souls buried there.

More recently, Frank Ignatovich and Joseph Myskiew took over the care of the cemetery. For health reasons, Mr. Ignatovich could no longer carry on and Joe Myskiew enlisted the help of his son, Tony, and they again reset and evened up all the broken, fallen and tipped stones, so the cemetery today is again meticulously groomed and all the monuments stand erect and well-seated once more. Those who tend the cemetery today in mowing, trimming and cleaning up are to be commended for its beautiful appearance. The parish family can take great pride in the efforts and sacrifices spent on this worthwhile project.

A copy of the Association letter was located and is included herein, but there is not space nor time to mention all of the contributors.

When Father Mikus left St. Juliana's in 1966, he was assigned as pastor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Duryea, a short distance Southwest of Scranton.

Rock Lake Catholic Cemetery Association

PRES. OSCAR FLYNN
VICE PRES. THOMAS LEONARD

SEC. DONALD F. McLEAN
TREAS. AL MARSINKUS

Dear Friend:

For many years fruitless effort has been made to restore and maintain the Rock Lake Cemetery. The cemetery has been and is now an unpleasant sight.

On Aug. 15, 1963 a meeting of the men of St. Julian's Parish was called together by Father Frank Mikus. At this meeting a Cemetery Association was formed with officers including the Priest of the Parish and eight Board Directors, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer - All voting members.

The purpose of this association being to restore and beautify the cemetery (old and new sections) and to arrange for a system whereby perpetual care will be guaranteed.

As you may know, we need funds desperately.

Will you help???

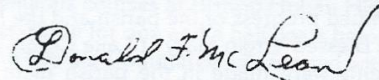
The project will take several thousand dollars this fall - several parishioners and friends have started the fund by generous donations. We have a contractor who is ready to start the work which must be done before winter weather.

We pray that this effort to respect our loved ones will not fail.

Send any contribution to treasurer Al Marsinkus,
R.F.D., Pleasant Mt., Pa.

Yours Respectfully

For a More Attractive Cemetery,



Donald F. McLean

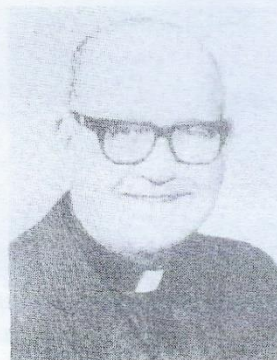


FATHER JOHN J. KELLEY
FIFTEENTH PASTOR SEPT. 1966 - SEPT. 1967

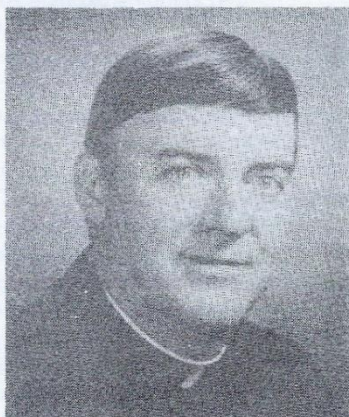
Father Kelley took over as pastor of St. Juliana's after Father Mikus was re-assigned to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Duryea. His tenure as the fifteenth pastor of the Rock Lake parish was quite brief. He did, however, conform to the new Liturgy as directed by the Second Vatican Council by remodeling the sanctuaries in both St. Juliana's and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lake Como. He departed Rock Lake in September 1967 with his new assignment as pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church at 213 E. Main Street, Miners Mills, a section of Wilkes-Barre. Today, Father Kelley is pastor of St. Patrick's in Olyphant.

FATHER JOHN F. McLAUGHLIN
SIXTEENTH PASTOR SEPT. 1967-1970

The sixteenth pastor, Father McLaughlin, served Rock Lake and Lake Como with distinction. The parish continued to flourish even though the number of parishioners reflects a gradual decline of the area population. Father McLaughlin gave much credit and gratitude to the many and faithful "Summer People" who for years had supported the parish by their patronage and donations. The parish merited Diocesan recognition during Father McLaughlin's pastorate by the generous response of the Faithful to the Diocesan campaign called "Project Expansion". Two assistants were assigned during his tenure: Rev. Walter Plominski from June to August 1968 and Rev. M. J. Gaiardo, who served from June to September 1970. Last assistant to date!



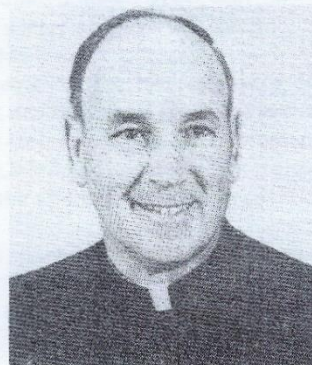
REV. JOSEPH P. BONNER
SEVENTEENTH PASTOR 1970-1972

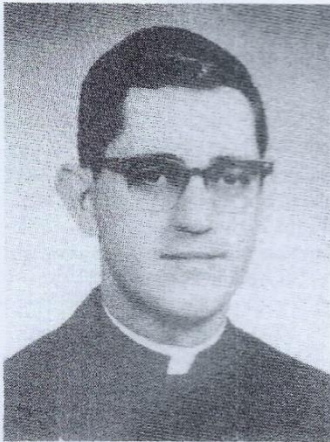


Father Joseph P. Bonner, the seventeenth pastor to shepherd St. Juliana's people, was a former Chaplain for a National Guard unit at the time of his appointment. Over the next three years he gave exemplary service to the parishioners in his charge. Filled with piety and faith, he diligently worked to bring the Church close to his people. During his tenure he made many improvements in the rectory. He also had a number of improvements and changes made to the kitchen in the Parish Hall. This kitchen has always been the scene of those dedicated and hard-working parishioners who prepare and serve the wonderful meals that attract large crowds from near and far. In 1972 Father Bonner was transferred to the Church of the Resurrection in Muncy. Ten years after his departure from Rock Lake he was again assigned to Mount Pleasant Township, this time to St. James' Church in the Village of Pleasant Mount, a former Mission of St. Juliana's, where he served for three years.

REV. ROBERT E. BURNETT
EIGHTEENTH PASTOR 1972-1976

Father Burnett, the eighteenth pastor, devoted himself to the preservation of the faith and the continued progress of the parish and the Mission Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lake Como. During his pastorate, major improvements were made in the parish plant. One that has brought much pleasure over the years to those attending the Assumption at Lake Como was the purchase of a new organ. Father Bob also arranged for a new floor in the Parish Hall, which was installed by Tom Dixon, and was a great improvement over the old one. He also had the Parish Hall painted. Despite the continuing decline in members, his leadership has seen the parish thrive. He was later assigned as an assistant pastor to the Immaculate Conception Church in Scranton.





**REV. PETER V. HERHENREADER M.S.
NINETEENTH PASTOR 1976-1979**

Father Peter Herhenreader became the nineteenth pastor in 1976. He had been elected as the Recording Secretary to Bishop J. Carroll McCormick's Senate of Priests on November 7, 1967, a very distinctive honor. In 1968, he was an assistant pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Scranton and now, in 1976, he was assigned pastor to the rural Rock Lake parish. He was a local priest, having been born in Carbondale. Once settled in the rectory at St. Juliana's, he acquired the services of a housekeeper, Marie Kelch of White Mills. Father Peter was an excellent orator and preacher of the Gospel. He emphasized a deep commitment to Christian doctrine and education, and did an admirable job of keeping the faith going with summer school in Religious Education and an adult education program. As custodian of the parish property, Father Peter did major repairs to preserve the beautiful stained glass windows in both churches. (A list of St. Juliana's stained glass windows will be listed later.) He had a new stone porch built at St. Juliana's church, had the Parish Hall painted and improved the interior of the rectory. To the sorrow of all of his parishioners, he left Rock Lake in 1979, taking his loyal and efficient housekeeper with him. Today he is stationed at St. John the Baptist (German) Church at 410 S. Main Street, Scranton.

**FATHER CHARLES J. KRINGE
TWENTIETH PASTOR SEPT. 1979 - NOV. 1983**

Father Charles Kringe, "Father Chuck", came to shepherd the flock at St. Juliana's in September 1979 being the twentieth resident pastor to be assigned. There was a need for a place to hold social events at the Lake Como church, so during his tenure, Father Chuck had a Church Hall added to the back of the church.

Another outstanding event happened in December 1982 when several women of the parish joined to form the St. Juliana's Altar and Rosary Society. The first officers were: President, Elinore Rogers; Vice-President, Mary Smith; Treasurer, Stella Deschak and Secretary, Elizabeth Sowizral. There were 28 original members. The Altar Rosary Society has put on many fund raising programs in their effort in financially help their church. The 1st Polish Ethnic Dinner was held on September 18, 1983 and entailed a tremendous amount of preparation - 21 hours spent just on making pierogies alone. Thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society, the ethnic dinners have become very popular.

In November 1983, Father Chuck regretfully left St. Juliana's at Rock Lake and was escorted by a caravan of loving parishioners to his new assignment at St. Mary's Assumption parish in Pittston.

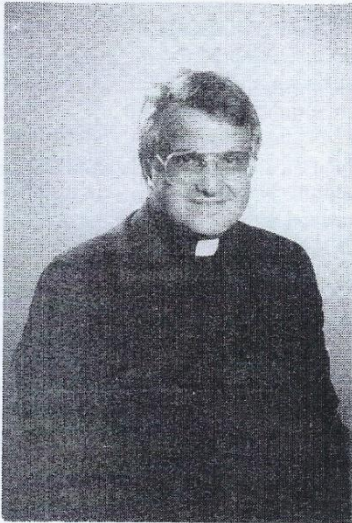


**FATHER MICHAEL LITCHECK
TWENTY-FIRST PASTOR NOV. 1983 - SEPT. 1984**



Father Litcheck, ordained on December 11, 1971, was the twenty-first pastor of St. Juliana's and had previously worked twelve years in several parishes within the diocese. He taught religious courses at Bishop Hoban High School; and had been at St. Boniface, Wilkes-Barre for one and a half years before coming to Rock Lake. During his pastorate, a Pro-life Committee was formed with Frank Rogers as President. Other members were: Stanley Sowizral, George and Mary Reyes and Kim Poppo. During his short stay at St. Juliana's, Father Litcheck had additional work done on the rectory heating system plus new rear doors and a burglar alarm installed. A new bathroom was also installed on the second floor. Shortly after the annual Rock Lake picnic in 1984, Father Litcheck was transferred, after a stay of only 10 months.

REV. BERNARD P. SHEPULSKI
TWENTY-SECOND PASTOR SEPT. 6, 1984 - PRESENT



Father Bernard P. Shepulski was born on April 28, 1945 in the Tyler Memorial Hospital in Taylor, Pa. to John Anthony Shepulski and Mildred Knitowski.

The family belonged to Holy Rosary Parish, Duryea, where Father Bernard attended the parochial school from kindergarten through 8th grade. His higher education included 9th grade at Lincoln School, 10th and 11th at Duryea High School and 12th grade at Northeast High School, graduating in 1963. In the summer of 1963, he attended Scranton University. From 1963-65 he attended Mount St. Paul College Seminary in Waukesha, WI., under the direction of the Salvatorian Fathers, enrolled in Liberal Arts. During 1963-65 Father Bernard attended Pious X Seminary in Dalton, PA in the Scranton Diocese. Between 1969-1971 he attended a group of learning institutions centered around Albany: Our Lady of Angels, staffed by the Vincentian Fathers; St. Anthony on the Hudson; Immaculate Conception Seminary and Sienna College. He was assigned for the summer of 1969 to St. Patrick's, White Haven, Pa. and was a Deacon at St. John the Evangelist at Wilkes-Barre in 1970.

Father Bernard was Ordained on May 1, 1971 at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and offered his first Mass in Holy Rosary Church in Duryea on May 2, 1971. He was assigned as assistant at Visitation of the B.V.M. Church in Dickson City, Pa. and at St. Patrick's, Milford.

The following are his assigned assistant pastorates until his arrival here as Pastor in September 1984: 1973-Sts. Peter and Paul, Towanda; 1975-Holy Trinity, Nanticoke; 1980-Sts. Peter and Paul, in Plains, Pa.

Father Shepulski, also known as Father Bernie or Father Shep, was transferred from Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Plains, Pa., on September 6, 1984 and given a grand welcome as the twenty-second pastor of St. Juliana's. Two months later, on November 4th, a large welcome party was held in his honor at the Parish Hall following the outdoor All Soul's Day Mass celebrated in the cemetery. He was presented with a cash gift and later, from the Altar and Rosary Society, a statue of St. John Neumann, which he generously donated to the parish and which now occupies a place of honor on a shelf attached to the choir loft above the main church aisle. Father is very proud of this gift and prays that the Blessings of St. John Neumann will always be showered upon this beloved congregation.

Father Shep admitted that he was spoiled when he came to St. Juliana's. At his previous assignment there were housekeeper(s), cook(s), administrator(s), and janitor(s), but at St. Juliana's he was faced with all of these responsibilities himself, in addition to satisfying the spiritual needs of the parishioners of two churches.

Father Shep is a down-to-earth, lovable, T-shirted work-a-holic; devoted to his parish family and always found in the thick of every event. He is the type of person who is planning a new project before the present one is completed. He is a master of perfection and cannot bear to watch a single detail go unattended. His maintenance and restoration programs over the past 45 months have enhanced both the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lake Como and the 122-year-old St. Juliana's. Father doesn't just do a cosmetic improvement, his repairs reach those unseen problems that will preserve the parish buildings for decades to come.

The water drainage problem at the church was completely solved by excavating around the building, repairing the walls and under-pinnings and then installing drain tile, followed by filling with 338 tons of gravel. The area was then beautified by the application of top-soil and shrubbery. And who but Father Bernie would go into the bell-tower steeple to clean, repair and remove more than 30 garbage bags of accumulated birds' nests and droppings! The task of cleaning the church basement was not an easy job, but with the help and support of many of the parishioners it was accomplished.

Upon entering the newly renovated St. Juliana's Church, one cannot help but be awe-struck by the beauty and grace that greets the eye. It is difficult to find the proper and fitting words to explain the loveliness and magnitude of the flowers and decorations that suddenly appear at Advent, Easter, the May Crowning, Christmas, and especially this year for the celebration of St. Juliana's 150th Anniversary when she will be resplendent in all her shining glory. But as Father Bernard himself has said, "More important than the physical improvements, we have grown spiritually by the enhancement of our devotions to God, to Mary and to the Saints. Through your cooperation and kindnesses, the Christmas and Easter liturgies help us to grow closer to God's Son. The May devotions give special tribute to Mary as our Queen and Mother. The Forty Hours devotion gives us a chance to unite ourselves more closely to Christ. Our Memorial Day services and All Souls Day service recall our loved ones and how they affect our lives and our prayers for them in the cemetery show us the meaning of our lives here on earth. Our CCD program and our teachers services help the youth of our parish to come to a better understanding of their relationship to God and to those with whom we live. The preparation of the Holy Communion Class and Confirmation Class help in the advancement of our childrens' sacramental life. The new music books and missalettes made available to the parishioners enhance their individual participation in the Liturgy. Our Ecumenical Services with our Protestant Brothers and Sisters for Thanksgiving and Unity Prayer week has also helped us grow spiritually."

A popular high-light of the Christmas Liturgy is the beautiful event that takes place at the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, known as the Posada. The children, in costume, re-create the Nativity story and during the presentation of the gifts, the Three Kings come forward with their gifts for the Christ Child. This event is an elaboration on the Posada Procession held at Lake Como during Father Charles Kringe's pastorate.

The lists that follow show just what Father has been up to since his arrival here in September 1984. On April 28, 1985, a surprise party was held at Villa Como for Father Bernard, observing his 30th birthday and 14th Anniversary of his Ordination. He was presented with a rocking chair but to date has never had the time to enjoy it. After reading the lists, you will understand why!

This is a good place to give special acknowledgment to Father Bernie's Uncle Joe Starzec, a guy with unlimited energy who seems to be always around fixing, mowing, planting, painting or whatever needs doing. Whenever Father has enough work for six men, he calls Uncle Joe. If Uncle Joe is Father Bernie's right-hand man, then Sophie Swiecicki is his indispensable right hand. She was employed as sacristan at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Plains when Father Bernard was stationed there. Now Sophie spends many hours and days at St. Juliana's on a voluntary basis. They are both wonderful people and deserving of our highest accolades.

Another devoted and likeable parishioners, Al Marcinkus, also deserves special thanks for his many hours of hard work doing all the plumbing and electrical work on the parish buildings. It takes special skills and patience to do either of these trades on St. Juliana's century-old buildings.

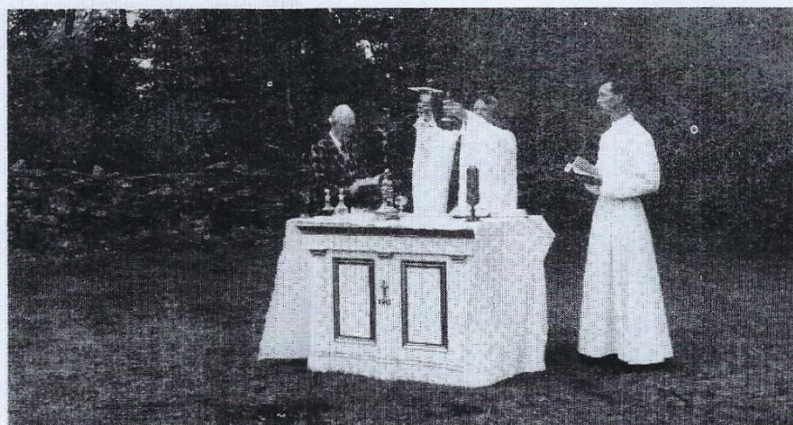
Also deserving of much thanks and praise is Gerard O'Neill, who has been chairman of the annual Rock Lake picnic for the past twelve years and is always on hand whenever anything needs doing. John Petroski, who can be seen with his tractor and brush-hog mowing the parish acreage to keep it handsomely groomed, is another faithful helping-hand. The list could go on and on but time is running out so we hope a big "Thank You" to all who serve the parish in whatever capacity will be acceptably received.



ST. JULIANA'S
Interior of Church before the 1986 Restoration & Re-Decoration by Father Bernard Shepulski



ST. JULIANA'S 1986
The church interior after 1986 restoration by Father Bernard Shepulski. Taken Sunday, November 2, 1986. All Souls Day.



MEMORIAL DAY 1987
Mass celebrated in old cemetery on site of 1st church built 1838. Here Father Bernard Shepulski at Elevation, assisted by Girard O'Neill on right and Frank Rogers left. Monday, May 25th, 1987.





ROCK LAKE, PA — JUNE 19, 1988

The Priest House (Rectory) as it was called when erected in 1854 when St. Juliana's was under the care of Father James Power Pastor of St. Johns, Honesdale. St. Juliana's was then a Mission Church. (First Church built in the Cemetery in 1838).

**REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS
1984 through 1988
THE RECTORY - BUILT IN 1854**

1. Jacked up rectory and placed new underpinning.
2. Insulated entire rectory and Chapel.
3. Complete new roof and chimney installed.
4. New back section put on Chapel, and replaced windows and door.
5. New wiring and dry-wall installed on 3rd floor.
6. Installed new ceilings and light fixtures in 3rd floor bedrooms.
7. Recarpeted rectory, 2 bedrooms and 3rd floor stairs and hallway.
8. New light fixtures installed.
9. Restored furniture in dining and living rooms, and purchased 3 new bedroom suites and office equipment.
10. New drapes and rods.
11. New linen closet and bathroom on 1st floor.
12. New shelving in storage room and basement.
13. Repainted kitchen cupboards.
14. Installed new ceiling and paneling in Priest's study and restored fireplace and chimney.
15. Replaced crystal and china.
16. Removed diseased tree in front of rectory.
17. New drainage system and septic system overhauled.
18. Installed new water pump at well.
19. Realigned front sidewalk.
20. Replaced broken windows and screens.
21. New outside cellar door made and installed (done by Uncle Joe Starzec).
22. Had meadows brush-hogged.
23. New lights and shrubbery for outdoor shrine, and new shrubbery around house.

THE PARISH HALL

1. New plumbing and electrical work in kitchen.
2. Installed new outside door to kitchen and repaired rear steps.
3. Two new stainless steel sinks, new refrigerators, new steam tables, second-hand stoves. Donated by Altar & Rosary Society.
4. New freezer donated by Stella Deschak.
5. New windows and screens.
6. New outside and wiring and lighting for same.
7. New roof for Parish Hall (in process). Donated by Altar and Rosary Society.

THE BARN - BUILT IN 1855

1. New roof and shingles.
2. Two new tractors for mowing church property and cemetery.
3. New trailer for tractor.
4. Cleaned out 3 floors of barn.

LAKE COMO - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

1. Altar of Sacrifice rearranged and new Tabernacle (St. Francis Church, West Hazleton, Pa.).
2. New confessional.
3. New door in Priest's sacristy; new vestment closet.
4. All doors repainted.
5. New CCD closet.

6. New bulletin racks.
7. Insulation and new windows in basement.
8. New Nativity set, Christmas and Easter decorations; figure of Resurrected Christ.
9. New drainage system from Hall and basement; repaired septic system.
10. New attic flooring, retractable attic stairs, lights and insulation in Church Hall.
11. Wood flooring and congoleum in Church Hall.
12. Repaired and re-aligned flagstone sidewalk in front of Church and repaired steps to Church Hall.
13. Removed trees bordering property.
14. New roof on Church Hall (in process).

ST. JULIANA'S ROCK LAKE CHURCH - BUILT 1866
CHURCH RENOVATION STARTED MAY 1986
COMPLETED NOVEMBER 1986

1. Cleaned basement, foundation repaired, new drainage tile system and shrubbery installed.
2. Sub-floor and flooring installed and alteration of sanctuary flooring.
3. Restoration of pressed tin walls and ceilings (marine paint) and cleaning of the painting of the Ascension (Bill & Mary Ann Hughes, Archbald, Pa.).
4. Choir loft paneled, stairs repaired, floor leveled and new pews and fixtures installed (lumber donated by Puchalski Lumber in Downton, NY).
5. Pews (formerly used in a Protestant Church), kneelers and wooden panels in front of the first pews were hand made (Bill Hughes, Uncle Joe Starzec & Father Bernie).
6. Statues and original Stations of the Cross repaired and repainted (Bill & Mary Ann Hughes).
7. Two new pedestals were crafted (Stanley Deschak) and all pedestals re-painted.
8. Ballustrade and railing and choir loft railing (built by Antonio Vera).
9. All Altars and Credence table restored and repainted.
10. New Confessionals (Waverly, NY).
11. Partitioned off new sacristy room for Altar boys with new door & carpeting; lockers and vesting cases (from the Cathedral in Syracuse, NY).
12. New Albs for Altar boys: new Sepulchre and Cross.
13. New Altar cloths and draperies and new linen case.
14. Refinished cadelabras, Chalices, Vessels and Monstrance.
15. New sanctuary lamps.
16. Main aisle chandeliers (from ocean liner Chapel).
17. Side arch chandeliers (Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Avoca, Pa.).
18. Vestibule fixtures and Holy Spirit medallion above Altar (St. Anthony's Church, Dunmore, Pa.).
19. Baptismal Font and Organ (St. Francis Church, West Hazleton, Pa.).
20. Holy Water Fonts (St. Paul's Church, Scranton, Pa.).
21. Votive stands (Most Holy Rosary Church, Duryea, Pa.).
22. Repository for Holy Thursday (Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton, Pa.).
23. Seasonal decorations: Advent, Christmas, May, Easter, and new Nativity set.
24. Repainted steps; installed new porch and entrance ramps for physically impaired. (Outer ramp railing donated by Eleanor Leonard O'Neill and installed by Albin Marcinkus, Jr.).
25. New pad and carpeting installed.
26. New shelving in storage area.
27. Windows repaired, new screens and winter storm shutters obtained.
28. New vacuum cleaners.
29. Lighted glass display case (donated by Gary P. Kilpatrick, Syracuse, NY, 3rd great-grandson of Paul McAvoy, the original settler).
30. Framed painting (artist's conception) of the original St. Juliana's Church in the cemetery, (donated by Harry & Patricia Kerlin, Kilpatrick, No. Syracuse, NY.).
31. Repository donated by Our Lady of Grace, Hazleton, Pa.

HISTORY OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ST. JULIANA'S PARISH

The present Altar and Rosary Society of St. Juliana's Church was organized December 8, 1982, at the Rock Lake Church. The first meeting on record was held on December 19, 1982. The following members were present, Theresa Marsden, Emily Partyka, Lottie Urban, Elizabeth Sowizral, Margaret Sienko, Rose Funke, Stella Deschak, Helen Lopota, Eleanor Rogers, Lee Syzmkiewz, and Evelyn Mazzenga. The following objectives were set up. To promote love of God and neighbor, to sustain and encourage the love of family to become more involved in the needs of the community, to render assistance whenever necessary. The regular duties of the members were: The cleaning and care of the Altars in both the main church at Rock Lake and the mission church at Lake Como.

The members decided to hold their meetings on the first Thursday of each month with dues set at \$1.00 a month. Each meeting was to start with the recitation of the Rosary. They discussed the possible formation of a Junior Altar and Rosary Society.

The society became very active in deciding money had to be raised to buy equipment for the church halls. The one in Rock Lake and Lake Como.

The first Polish Ethnic dinner was held at the Assumption Hall, in Lake Como on April 17, 1983. The dinner proved to be a great success. A check of \$500.00 from this dinner was donated to Father Charles Kringe to purchase dining room tables for the Rock Lake Hall. It was also decided to hold the Polish Ethnic Dinner annually, to be held on the last Sunday of September.

During 1983 the members made baptismal bibs for infants and also donated Baptismal Candles.

On September 18, 1983 an "Old Fashion Dinner" was held at Rock Lake Hall. Then on November 27, 1983 a Sportsman Chili and Spaghetti Supper was held at the Assumption Church Hall in Lake Como.

In February 1984 at the Assumption Hall the Snowmobile Poker-Run luncheon was served.

In March 1984, was the beginning of the St. Patrick Day Ham and Cabbage dinners - which is also an annual event.

As monies were made from the various fund raisers, they were deposited in special bank accounts in the Farmer's and Merchants Bank in Honesdale, Pa. and were to be used as needed in the Parish. The Altar and Rosary Society members were to make the decision as to how the funds should be used with the helpful advice of their pastor.

On September 6, 1984 the Parish welcomed a new pastor, Father Bernard Shepulski from Plains, Pa. A welcome party was held for him on November 4, 1984 in the Rock Lake Hall. Father Bernard said mass at the cemetery on All Soul's Day and now mass is held there annually.

Each year a Christmas Party is held by the members for the members. All of the money earned from these fund raisers was used to purchase equipment needed in the kitchen of both Church halls.

When the Altar and Rosary Society was first organized a Junior Altar and Rosary Society was also formed and remained active for 2 years, with Rose Funke as coordinator. A special program of Career Counseling for girls through High School age was organized for the whole year at each month's meeting. A talk was given by a member of a different profession or businesses such as a Doctor, Nurse, X-Ray Technician, Banker, Beautician, Certified Public Accountant, etc. These programs were very informative and well received, however, the second year not enough girls showed up at the program and regular meetings and the Junior Altar and Rosary Society gradually became inactive. During this time Rose Funke became ill and Karen Myskiew and Peggy James became coordinators of the Junior Society.

The present officers of the Altar and Rosary Society are: Eleanor Rogers, President, Sophie Deschak, Vice-President, Mary Smith, Acting Treasurer, and Lottie Urban, Secretary. Present Members of the Society are: Helen Culuis, Theresa Marsden, Betty E. Anitsky, Connie Wolfe, Lottie Urban, Elenor O'Neill, Marge Sienko, Stella Deschak, Sophie Deschak, Julia Kuliowski, Julia Leonard, Stella Malinski, Elinore Rogers, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Sowizeral, Pearl Todd, Louise Watson, Lila Zagardo, Clara Porosky, Antoinette Nowgaroski, Jeanne Ward, Kuni Holbert, Maggie Hand and Florence Brennan.

New members are welcome at any time. Come out and get to know your fellow parishioners. Get in on the action. There is always something going on.

Up to date the Society has donated money for the stone steps and iron railings for the Lake Como Church costing \$5,500. Installation of Electric lines for stoves in the kitchen and the Rock Lake Hall, two steam tables, freezer, stainless steel sinks, electric broiler, meat slicer, stoves for both halls, \$1000.00 towards the building fund. Flatware, three pedestals, two bulletin boards, food processor, pots, pans, cutting boards, kitchen utensils, etc. totaling \$2,625.00.

Although originally the purpose of the Altar and Rosary Society was to nurture the spiritual life of the people of the parish and care for the altars in both churches, the main function of the group has involved into organizing and working at fund raisers to help finance necessary improvements in the Parish as well as the altars. The goals of these fund raisers, as stated in the minutes of the society, were to fully build a healthy account in the bank to help with the needs of the Parish and improvements to all buildings of the Parish. This hard working organization continues to be the back bone of our country Parish.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF ST. JULIANA

The Holy Face — In memory of Patrick F. O'Neill
St. John — Gift of Fred Evans

St. Matthew — Gift of Fred Evans
 Symbol of Penance — In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fitzsimmons
 St. Luke — In Memory of John B. Connor
 St. Mark — In Memory of Daniel Crosbie
 Christ the King — In Memory of Patrick Furie & Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Crosbie
 Paschal Lamb — In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McGranaghan
 Holy Water — In Memory of Deceased relatives of Mr. & Mrs. John O'Hara
 Precious Body — In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Connolly
 Holy Eucharist — In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Stephens
 Holy Orders — In Memory of Connor & McGrath Families
 Faith, Hope and Charity — In Memory of Alice R. Crosbie
 Sacred Heart — In Memory of Leo Leonard
 Mystical Rose — In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. James McKenna
 Eucharist — In Memory of all the Priests of this Parish

STATUES

St. Rita: donated by the Spratt family in honor of their brother, Elmer, who was killed in World War I.
 St. Juliana: donated by Mame Keegan Carey in honor of her husband.
 St. Anthony: given by Mrs. Kathryn McKenna in honor of her sister.
 Sacred Heart:
 Blessed Virgin Mary: presented by Mildred and Irene Gaffney in loving memory of their sisters, Margaret and Mabel.
 St. Joseph: presented by the Gaffney family in memory of their beloved father.
 St. Vincent dePaul: donated by Convent Station, N.J.
 St. Patrick: found in antique store in Waverly, NY. New wooden staff made by Uncle Joe Starzec.

THE CATHOLIC LIGHT 1916 ST. JULIANA'S ROCK LAKE

In 1916, The Catholic Light recorded the history of St. Juliana's from its origin up until 1916. The first part of the article, concerning the lives of the first settlers, Paul and William McAvoy, Patrick Connor, and their families; the early pioneer priests; the assigned priests at St. Juliana's and all events leading up to 1916, has already been covered in this present history. The second part, listing the known settlers and their families, now follows.

Henry Connor (son of Patrick) married Mary Kelly in Wilkes-Barre. They had seven daughters, Lucy, Alice, Cecilia, Anna, Elizabeth and Mary. Mr. Connor is still alive and was 90 years of age on May 2, of this year.

Mary Connor married James Norton of Carbondale. Sarah, Matthew, Mary A., Margaret, Charles, James and Elizabeth Norton are their children.

Patrick McDermott married Sarah Connor. Their children were: Mrs. Hugh Brennan, Mrs. Patrick McCabe, Mrs. John Stephens (Lucinda).

Bernard Reilly married Ellen Reilly, their children being Bernard, Jr., John, James, Michael, Thomas, Margaret and Ellen. Michael was murdered, James P. McCabe paying the death penalty.

Patrick McCabe married Rose Fox. Their grandchildren are: Mrs. Catherine Realy, Charles and Rebecca McCabe, Forest City.

William McAvoy married Mary McCollum. Mrs. Delos Bigelow (Loretta), Thecla (Order IHM), Sarah, and Josephine (Mrs. Matthew McGarry) are grandchildren. Mrs. Frank McCloskey (Mary R.), Mrs. Frank Hood (Catherine A.), and Mrs. John O'Neill (Elizabeth) all of Forest City are also grandchildren.

James Murray married Betsey O'Neill. Their children were Isabelle, John, Mary Ann, Margaret, Sarah, Jane and Paul. Isabelle married Dan McGivern. Daniel McGivern, Jr. is their son. Sister Boniface, I.H.M., deceased, was their daughter. John Murray was drowned in the Equinunk Creek during some logging operations. Mary Ann was twice married, first to Andrew Locklin. They had three sons, John, James and William. After Mr. Locklin's death, Mrs. Locklin married Michael Monohan. Mrs. Lahey, Binghamton, Laurence, Michael, John, Richard, Mrs. Finnegan and Louise Monohan are their children. Margaret Murray married Michael McElhone and moved to Philadelphia. Sarah married Michael Reilly, Mrs. James McKnight, Michael, William, Joseph, Patrick, Mrs. Jerome Kane and Ellen Reilly were their children.

Patrick O'Brien married a woman named Rogers. This family moved to New York.

Henry McGarey and wife were married in Ireland. Henry and Bernard are surviving sons. Henry married the daughter of Thomas Pritchard.

Cornelius Reilly married Sarah McLaughlin their surviving children are: John, James, Mrs. Thomas Clarke, Mrs. Thomas Clune, and Edward.

James Crosbie married Catherine Reilly. Mrs. Michael Fitzsimmons, Daniel, Cornelius, John, Mrs. Charles McCabe, Mrs. Charles Meehan, Mrs. John Duffy, Mrs. Elizabeth Milady, James and Thomas Crosbie were their children. Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Milady and Mrs. Meehan survive.

Peter Fitzsimmons married a girl named Keenan from Philadelphia, Joseph, James and Anna Fitzsimmons living on the old Crosbie place are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons.

John O'Neill married Margaret Reilly. Their survivors are Mary, John and Paul O'Neill.

Mr. & Mrs. McLaughlin were married in Ireland. Their daughter, Sarah, married Cornelius Reilly.

Patrick Mulligan married Bridget Dougherty. William Mulligan is a surviving son.

Matthew and Dan Fitzpatrick were brothers. Matthew married Margaret Clune. Charles Fitzpatrick is a son. Daniel Fitzpatrick went West.

Thomas McKee was married in Philadelphia. Frank McKee of Lakewood is a grandson.

James, Hugh and Cornelius Kelly were brothers. James married Margaret McBride in Philadelphia. Hugh died a bachelor. Cornelius married Mrs. Reynolds (nee Mary Keagan). Mrs. McDermott of Lake Como is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly.

Anthony Stephens married Jane Kelly. Mrs. Louis Dequino is a granddaughter.

James Smith was married in Ireland, his wife being Kitty McNutly. Charles Smith residing on the homestead, and Mrs. William Davey of Hawley are surviving children.

Andrew McDermott married Elizabeth Reilly. Thomas McDermott, Rock Lake; Mrs. Christopher McAvoy (Catherine), Pleasant Mount; and Cornelius McDermott, West Scranton (Dunmore), are their children.

Patrick LeStrange was married in New York. Michael and Matthew, Mrs. John Reilly in Rock Lake and Mrs. Patrick Quinn, South Scranton, are surviving children.

Hugh and William McGraw were sons of Mrs. Nancy McGraw, who was a McAvoy. Hugh married in Philadelphia, his son Hugh, living on the old homestead. William McGraw died a bachelor.

Dominic Lloyd married Isabelle Tracy. Mr. Lloyd had a brickyard and built a brick house, the second in the parish, Patrick McDermott having built the first brick building.

James Kerlin married Bridget Halligan. Mrs. John D. Brennan (Mary Ann); Mrs. Charles H. O'Neill (Sophia), Scranton; and Mrs. Peter McGranaghan (Nell) are surviving daughters; James, Richard and Edward residing in Ohio.

Frank Halligan married Winifred Connolly. Thomas, a son, is on the homestead. Other children are John, Edward and Mrs. Bernard Potter (Jane), Scranton; Richard and Ann, wife of John Roney.

Edward, Thomas and Michael Moran were brothers. Mrs. James McDermott (Mary), Pittston, is a daughter of Thomas Moran. Edward Moran married Ann McCabe. Mrs. Wivell, Hyde Park, and Mrs. McLaughlin, Forest City, are daughters. Michael Moran, Honesdale, is a son of Michael Moran.

John and Patrick McLaughlin were brothers. John married Catherine Bloomer, his second wife being Margaret Hughes. Mrs. Fred Kane is their daughter. Patrick McLaughlin married Margaret Hannon. They had no children.

William Connolly was married in Ireland. His second wife was Alice Hughes. Mrs. Andrew Doersch, John and James Connolly of Scranton are grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy were married in Philadelphia. Fred Clune is a surviving grandson.

James and Patrick Tully were brothers. James Tully married Mary Daley. Mrs. James McCabe, Forest City, is a daughter. Frank Tully, a son, lives on the homestead. Patrick Tully married Margaret McCollum. Thomas Tully, their son, married a daughter of Patrick Caffney, their five children living on the Tully homestead.

James Connor married Bridget Kane. John, nicknamed "Bishop," is a surviving son and he is 92 years old. Benedict Connor, a son of John, married a girl from Omaha and settled in Wilmington, Ill. Rev. Frederick Connor, son of Benedict, celebrated his second Mass in St. Juliana's Church last July.

George Bloomer was married in Ireland. James Bloomer is his son, Mrs. John Fitzsimmons and Mrs. John McLaughlin, both dead, were his daughters. They are all dead. Michael, a son of George Bloomer, married in Philadelphia. Their children are: George and James Bloomer, Mrs. John Morley and Mrs. Austin Smith.

Daniel Leonard's wife died in Ireland. Their children were Christopher, Matthew, Thomas, Michael, John and Mrs. Bernard McGarey. John Leonard married Mary Ann Flynn. Sister Boniface. I.H.M., and Mrs. Fred Clune (Genevieve) are daughters. Benedict Leonard, a graduate of St. Thomas' College, studying for the priesthood, is a son.

James Keenan's wife's name was Farrell. They went West.

John Curran and wife, Susan, are both dead. They had no children.

Philip Brady married Miss Mary Doherty from Archbald. His second wife was Mary Kearns.

Hugh McCann and his mother were early settlers. Hugh's wife died in Ireland and he never married again.

Hugh McGranaghan married Isabelle O'Neill. Mrs. Hugh McGraw, Mrs. Stack, Mrs. Peter Gill, Mrs. Michael Clune, William, Paul, and Hugh, are their children.

Mr. and Mrs. William Farrell were married in Ireland. They had one son, who was taken ill and died very suddenly in the night time.

Daniel McGrath married Margaret Kane. Their descendants have all moved away from the parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Kane lived down towards Equinunk. Their daughter, Mary Kane, married John McGraw. Mrs. David McLaughlin is their daughter.

John, Daniel and Thomas McGraw were brothers. John McGraw married Mary Kane; Daniel married Margaret Kane; and Thomas married Mary Furie. Mrs. David McLaughlin is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGraw.

Michael Furie married Bridget Kane. Tom Furie in Hancock is a son.

Michael Madigan lived in Stockport which was fourteen miles from Rock Lake, and he walked this distance to go to church; so did Mary Merrigan. On one Sunday, Michael sat on a log by the roadside and waited for Mary, who was some distance behind him. As the story goes, Mary was invited to a seat on the log, and as soon as she was seated, Michael made a proposal of marriage and was accepted.

Dennis Madigan married Mary Kearns. Patrick and John Madigan are surviving sons.
 Patrick O'Neill married Mary Ann Mallon in Canada. John S., Charles Hilros, and Sylvester O'Neill are surviving sons.
 The first Catholic school teacher in Rock Lake was Charles Mallon, brother of Mrs. O'Neill.

Hugh McGranaghan married Mary Dunn, their children were Mrs. McKenna, Thomas, William and Raymond, Jersey City.

Mass was celebrated in Hill Top in the old days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire, this family later going to Paterson.

In Damascus, Mass was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty. At Equinunk, Mass was celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crosbie. Equinunk was the seat of a tannery. At Aldenville Mass was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, parents of Rev. M. J. Fleming, Moscow. In Lebanon Mass was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick LeStrange. The Gettings, Morans, Halligans and Wades were old Lebanon settlers. At Starrucca Father Brehony built a mission church, that is now served from Susquehanna.

Patrick Coffey was an uncle of Msgr. T.F. Coffey, V.G. He married a sister of Michael Furie. Thomas Coffey of Mt. Pleasant is a son. Mrs. Michael Pritchard (Catherine) is a daughter.

Arthur Mooty married Bridget Delehanty, and of this union there are no survivors.

Thomas Pritchard was an English Catholic, his wife being an Irish Catholic, Julia Devlin. John Pritchard, a son, lives near the church. Mrs. Henry McGarey is a daughter. Sister Antonette, I.H.M. was a sister of Mrs. Pritchard. Sister Antonette was in charge of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum when the institution was burned.

Patrick Flynn married Winifred Dwyer. Of this union surviving children are: Patrick H. Flynn, Herrick Center; William, and Mrs. John Leonard (Mary Ann), Rock Lake; Luke and Michael, Endicott, NY., Mrs. John Carey (Bridget), High Lake.

FAMILIES OF ST. JULIANA'S PARISH IN 1938

Arnoldini, A	Hagenmeier, Mr. & Mrs.	McGrath, John
Bigelow, Mrs. Loretta (McAvoy) & Vincent	Heesh, Mr. & Mrs. Charles	McGrath, Michael
Bigelow, Nellie	Hempstead, Mr. & Mrs. Charles	McGraw, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Brennan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Hood, John	McKenna, Mr. & Mrs. M. B.
Carey, Mr. & Mrs. L.A.	Hughes, William	McKenna, Mr. & Mrs. James P.
Chicosky, Mr. & Mrs. S.	Kaminski, Eva	McKenna, Mr. & Mrs. William
Clune, Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. (Genevieve Leonard)	Kane, Mrs. Jerome and Son	McKnight, Mrs. Mary
Clune, Mr. & Mrs. Edward	Kane, Mr. & Mrs. Fred V.	McLean, Mrs. E. F.
Clune, Mr. & Mrs. A. F.	Kane, Mr. & Mrs. Miles	McVeigh, James
Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Bert	Kane, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Noragosky, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Connolly, Patrick	Kane, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond	O'Hara, Mr. & Mrs. John
Corcoran, Robert	Keegan, Thomas, Sr.	O'Neill, Thomas
Dailey, Alice (McDermott)	Kennedy, Cecil	O'Neill, Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Eleanore Leonard)
DeQuino, Mr. & Mrs. L. W.	Kilgallon, Ben	O'Neill, C.W.
Dempsey, Mr. & Mrs. James	Kulakowsky, Joseph	Petah, Mr. & Mrs. M.
Donaldson, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick	Kulikowski, Mr. & Mrs. John	Reckoski, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Duffy, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	Leonard, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel P.	Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. M. E.
Duffy, Mrs. Rebecca	Leonard, Mr. & Mrs. John R. (Sadie O'Neill)	Roark, Martin
Evans, Fred	Leonard, Mrs. Margaret (O'Neill)	Roark, Mr. & Mrs. T.
Evans, Mrs. Margaret	Leonard, Mr. & Mrs. M. F.	Rutkowski, Mr. & Mrs. A
Fields, Mr. & Mrs. John	Leonard Bros.	Sienko, Mr. & Mrs.
Fitzsimmons Family	Madigan, Dennis & Mary	Sowinski, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Flannigan, Mr. & Mrs. Edward	Malinski, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Simpson, Mr. & Mrs. G. A.
Flynn, George A.	Manley, Gertrude	Schreifer, George
Flynn, Mae W.	Mozelewski, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	Shoemaker, Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Flynn, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar	McCloskey, Mr. & Mrs. B. A.	Spratt, Mr. & Mrs.
Flynn, Mr. & Mrs. Roy	McDermott, Stasia & Thomas	Tarabulski, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Furie, Mrs. Emma	McGarry, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew J. (Josephine McAvoy)	Tully, Mr. & Mrs. John L.
Garvey, Mrs.	McGranaghan, Mrs. Mary B.	Tully, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Gill, Mr. & Mrs. Peter	McGranaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh	Tully, Joseph H.
Gleason, Mr. & Mrs. P. F.	McGranaghan, Mrs. Mary	Turner, Bessie M.
Gray, Mrs. Etta	McGranaghan, Mr. & Mrs. E. H.	Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Haggerty, Mr. & Mrs. Leo	McGrath, Mr. & Mrs. James	Warwick, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh
		Watson, Mr. & Mrs. James A.

FAMILIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION, RILEYVILLE 1938

Acker, Mrs. Frank	Burke, Lizzie, J.	Doherty, Mr. & Mrs. J. J.
Burke, Mrs. Catherine	Burke, Mr. & Mrs. P. A.	Flynn, Joseph M.

Flynn, Maurice J.
 Flynn, Matilda
 Gartland, Mr. & Mrs. Edward
 Helmers, Mr. & Mrs. Carl
 Layton, Mr. & Mrs. David
 Murray, P. J.
 Murtha, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph

McCormick, Ella
 McNamara, Mrs. M.
 Ohlman, Mr. & Mrs.
 Osborne, Mrs. James
 Rutledge, Mrs. Floyd E.
 (Mary Gilroy)

Rutledge, Mrs. Harold
 (Elizabeth Flynn)
 Stalker, Mr. & Mrs. Ray
 Steffen, Mr. & Mrs. George
 Watson, Mr. & Mrs. William
 Whiteleigh, Dr. & Mrs. George

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 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, LAKE COMO

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Mrs. Mary Adams	Preston Park	Kevin Gooler	Pleasant Mount
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Mr. & Mrs. Fred Barreiro	Preston Park	Mrs. Janice Gooler	Pleasant Mount
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Mrs. R. J. Brennan	Preston Park	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Greber	Lakewood
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Mr. James A. Callan	Preston Park	Ruth Hall	Lakewood
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Mrs. Lillian Curtis	Preston Park	Mr. Edward Ignatovich	Lake Como
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Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas DeLucia	Preston Park	Kathleen Kaczka	Lakewood
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Deschak	Lakewood	Stephen Kane, Jr.	Lakewood
Mrs. Sophie Deschak	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Karcher	Starlight
Arlene Diehl	Lake Como	Mr. Ben Kawalko	Lake Como
Mr. William Diehl	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. John King	Binghamton
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Diehl	Lake Como	Anna King	Binghamton
Patricia Diehl	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. John Korkes	Orson
Thomas Dixon, Jr.	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kreese	Lake Como
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dixon	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kulesza	Lakewood
John Dixon	Pleasant Mount	Mrs. Jean Kulesza	Poyntelle
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Mrs. Arthur Ehret	Ridgewood	Susan Kulikowski	Lakewood
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Mr. & Mrs. John Evanitsky	Lakewood	Josephine Lasek	Lake Como
Winifred Flannigan	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. John Laskowski	Poyntelle
Mr. Thomas Flannigan	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Law	Lakewood
Mr. David Flynn	Lakewood	Patrick Leonard	Pleasant Mount
Mr. Roger Flynn	Lakewood	Mr. Thomas Leonard, Jr.	Pleasant Mount
Lavonne Flynn	Lakewood	Mary Leonard	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Flynn	Lakewood	Margaret Ann Leonard	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. George Flynn	Lakewood	Mrs. Julia Leonard	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Funke	Lake Como	Mr. Paul Leonard	Pleasant Mount
Mary & Rita Furie	Honesdale	Mr. Henry Link	Starrucca
Mr. Vincent Geraghty	Uniondale	Mrs. Alan Llewellyn	Orson
Mrs. Gordon Giles	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Lopata	Lakewood

Mr. & Mrs. John Malinski	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Puchalski	Lakewood
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Malinski	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Puchalski	Lakewood
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Malinski	Lakewood	Mr. William Quaglio	Pleasant Mount
Mrs. Frank Malinski	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Quaglio	Pleasant Mount
Mr. Frank Malinski	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Rajoppi	Equinunk
Mr. James Marcinkus	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rapkowicz	Starlight
Mr. Edmund Marcinkus	Pleasant Mount	Mr. Paul Redzich	Preston Park
Mr. David Marcinkus	Pleasant Mount	Mr. Richard Redzich	Preston Park
Mr. Albin Marcinkus, Jr.	Pleasant Mount	Mrs. Anna Redzich	Preston Park
Mr. & Mrs. Albin Marcinkus	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Redzich	Preston Park
Theresa Marsdan	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Jorgen Reyes	Preston Park
Sonia Mason	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Rimpotti	Lakewood
Mr. & Mrs. George Materese	Poyntelle	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Rogers, Jr.	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo Mazzenga	Lake Como	Mrs. Francis J. Rogers	Pleasant Mount
Patricia McCloughan	Starrucca	Mr. Francis J. Rogers	Pleasant Mount
Mr. William McGraw	Starrucca	Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Roney	Lakewood
Mr. Joseph McGraw	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rutkowski	Lake Como
Paul McGraw	Pleasant Mount	Frank Rutkowski	Uniondale
Mr. Mark McGraw	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sienko	Lake Como
Mr. Patrick McGraw	Lakewood	Mr. Robert Sienko	Preston Park
Mr. & Mrs. Leo McGraw	Lakewood	Mr. Daniel Sienko	Preston Park
Mr. Jerome McGraw	Pleasant Mount	Mr. Chester Sienko	Preston Park
Margaret McGraw	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Simpson	Lakewood
Joan McGraw	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Simpson	Lakewood
William McMahon	Starlight	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Skoski	Lake Como
Mr. & Mrs. Jack McMahon	Starlight	Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Slifko	Lakewood
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Medved	Uniondale	Mr. Eric Slifko	Lakewood
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Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Miller	Lakewood	Gail Smith	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. John Miller	Lake Como	Mrs. Elizabeth Sowizral	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Muller	Pleasant Mount	Mr. Stanley Sowizral	Pleasant Mount
Robert Murphy	Lakewood	Mr. David Spencer	Lake Como
Karen Myskiew	Lake Como	Mrs. Theresa Spencer	Lake Como
Mr. Charles Nicholson	Glendale	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sprovkin	Poyntelle
Mrs. Nowogorski	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Stinavage	Thompson
Mrs. Henry Nyberg	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Stinavage	Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Benedict O'Neill	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Al Szymkiewicz	Pleasant Mount
Mr. Gerard O'Neill	Pleasant Mount	Mrs. Warren Todd	Lake Como
Mrs. Eleanor O'Neill	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. James Tyson	Lakewood
Mr. & Mrs. Francis O'Neill	Honesdale	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Urban	Lake Como
Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Offringa	Lake Como	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Valentino	Pleasant Mount
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Passaniti	Lakewood	Raymond & Darlene Vaughn	Preston Park
Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Passaniti	Lakewood	Mrs. Jeanne Ward	Pleasant Mount
Mr. John Petroski	Pleasant Mount	Fawn Watson	Lakewood
Mr. Don Pfeufer	Pleasant Mount	Mr. & Mrs. Barry Watson	Lakewood
Barbara Poppo	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Watson	Poyntelle
Mr. Gerard Poppo	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Watson	Lakewood
Mrs. Theresa Poppo	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. James Watson	Uniondale
Mr. James Poppo	Poyntelle	Wetherall	Starrucca
Lillian Poppo	Lakewood	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Wolfe	Starlight
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Mr. Theodore Porosky, Sr.	Lake Como		

TRIVIAL TIDBITS

Interesting excerpts discovered about Rock Lake and its people while researching ledgers, account books and old newspapers ie., Honesdale Citizen (HC), and Wayne Independent (WI).

(from Account Book of E.M. Atwater):

- Friday, March 24, 1871/Andrew McDermott sold 112 hams for \$17.92 and 6 seven inch shoulders for \$9.38 to Mr. Edward M. Atwater in Pleasant Mount. His account was credited with \$27.30. He also purchased 4 buttons .06¢, 2 years material .40¢, 1 spool thread .08¢, 1 nutmeg .13¢, 1/2 pepper .14¢, 1 box expresso \$1.00. A few other Rock Lake resident

entries: Thursday, April 6, 1871: Thos. Pritchard son 2 ax handles \$1.00; Friday, April 7, 1871: Arthur Connor 1 single plow \$7.50; Friday, April 7, 1871: Thomas Plunkett 2 dozen eggs .36¢ and 1 pouch (tobacco) .75¢; Monday, April 11, 1871: Patrick O'Neill Boy 1 cud (tobacco) .75¢.

No money exchanged hands on any entries. Each person had an account number and was given a credit on selling and a debit on buying. This was trading. Periodically accounts were settled.

- Interview: William and Jim Carley, Egypt. The Rock Lake one-room school house was taken down in 1947 and moved to the Edward Kelly property located between the Red School House and St. Cecilia's Church along Rte. 670. It was rebuilt and used as part of the Kelly home.
- The Dixon Valley Road was formerly the Turner Road and before that, an Indian trail. The original settler, Paul McAvoy, settled along this trail above the Dyberry Creek, but on his 1820 Deed, this stream was called the Lackawaxen Creek.
- The lumber for St. Joseph's Mission Church in Rileyville was sawed by John Martin Pollock, father of John Rutledge Pollock of Honesdale. The mill was in Galilee.
- December 23, 1871 Tanners Falls (from Coe F. Young Ledger): Hugh Connor was paid \$121.00 for 22 cord of bark @ \$5.50 per cord.
- September 11, 1890 (WI) Mrs. J. P. Madigan, of Forest City, formerly of this place, is visiting her old friends here who were very much pleased to see her.
- June 30, 1881 (WI) Strawberries are selling at 10¢ a quart.
- January 26, 1881 (HC) Dominic Lloyd died two weeks ago, age 81. (He supplied the bricks for the chimney during the expansion on the first church in 1851 and when the Priest House was built in 1854. He received \$2.50. The bricks were made by him on his farm.)
- July 17, 1881 (HC) Farmers in the area have just commenced haying.
- (HC) Dreaded diseases of 1870-1880: Cholera; Diphtheria; Consumption; Quinsy; and Cholera Morbus.
- August 23, 1883 (WI) Good teachers are wanted in the District. Wages are \$26.00 per month.
- August 29, 1902 (WI) The hail storm of the 21st was more destructive than any of the former ones. Stones fell on that day which measured two inches across.
- August 29, 1902 (WI) Wonder why the young people can find no other amusement than destroying platforms where milk is placed for carting. Think a mild reproof would not be amiss.
- March 22, 1888 (WI) Blizzard of "88": The snow drifts hereabouts beat anything on record, being 10 to 20 feet high.
- In spite of the early settlers' hardships, they never turned a friend or stranger from their door. Even in their one-room log cabins they managed a way to feed and bed-down callers for the night. Many times it was only cornmeal bread or mush they could offer and the accompanying drink was water or "Slap-Jack Coffee". On researching the origin of this term we were rewarded with the formula. The drink was prepared thus: Buckwheat flour was made into a batter and not only baked but burnt to a crisp. These charred crusts were then soaked in boiling water and the resultant liquid was sweetened with maple sugar - Slap-Jack Coffee! Try it...you won't like it!
- Sept. 11, 1890 (WI) Our school here opened two weeks ago. Miss Mary Kelly is employed as teacher.
- Christopher McAvoy worked on installing piers for the D&H Canal in Honesdale and also was part of the river crew that rafted logs down the Delaware from Equinunk.
- Interview: When Thecla McAvoy (later a Nun of I.H.M. Order) had to go to Honesdale her walking route would take her from Rock Lake along the Egypt Road to Tanners Falls, then to Dyberry and into Honesdale - a long trek. She would stop at McGivern's for lunch.
- March 7, 1899 (HC) Miss Mary Kane of Honesdale, is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. J. Bloomer.
- March 7, 1899 (HC) We are glad to note that our friend J. S. Crosbie, who has been seriously ill, is able to be around again.
- October 14, 1886 (WI) Richard McAvoy raised a winter squash that weighed 88 pounds.
- March 7, 1889 (HC) Patrick McLaughlin, an old and highly respected citizen, died at his home in this place (High Lake) on Friday, February 22d after a brief illness of peritonitis, aged 79 years. He leaves an aged wife who has the sympathy of the community in her affliction.
- October 2, 1890 (WI) Genseng has raised from \$2.75 to \$3.80 and is expected to raise to \$5, so says Paul A. McAvoy, the most experienced gensenger in this section of Wayne. (Genseng, an aromatic root used for medicinal purposes, was a highly profitable and important export product from this area until over harvesting depleted and extinguished the supply).
- Thursday, November 11, 1886 (HC) Frank Kerlin and a daughter of Richard McAvoy passed from the state of single blessedness to the realm of connubial bliss on Thursday of last week. Bride and groom will accept our congratulations.
- September 4, 1890 (WI) One of the most attractive excursions of the season is to be held at Poyntelle, September 11th. Excursionists from all points on the O&W RR, but especially from Scranton, will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting this delightful resort. A beautiful lake which is plentifully equipped with pleasure boats, is one of the most attractive features of the excursion.
- September 11, 1890 (WI) Miss Ella Fitzsimmons has commenced a term of school at High Lake.
- December 8, 1881 (WI) Mrs. McAvoy (Ellen McDermott) died on Friday last after a very painful illness. She was the mother of 15 children, eight of whom, with their bereaved father (Richard) are left to mourn their loss.

- Wednesday, June 11, 1902 (WI) Hello Central! A new telephone line has just been completed between Niagara and Rock Lake. (This is the first evidence ever found of a telephone line in Rock Lake).
- Wednesday, June 11, 1902 (WI) We are pleased to see John Leonard able to walk out among his many friends after his long siege of sickness.
- May 22d, 1882 (HC) Paul McAvoy, an old and highly esteemed citizen of this town died at his residence on Saturday last, May 20th. He was one of the pioneers of that portion of the town called "Bangall". His funeral was attended in the Methodist Church today by a large congregation. Rev. J. B. Sweet officiating. He was 83 years old.
- Wednesday, June 11, 1902 (WI) Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mary Kane, of New York City, and Hugh McGranaghan of this place.
- April 18, 1889 (HC) Frank and Fanny Kerlin have moved into the E. E. Lloyd house. (E. E. Lloyd being the son of the deceased Dominic Lloyd).
- April 19, 1883 Tanners Falls (from Coe Young Ledger: Patrick McGranaghan was paid \$6.95 for hauling lumber.
- October 2, 1890 (WI) Matthew McAvoy, second son of Paul A. and Hannah Kane McAvoy, died suddenly September 26 at the home of his parents. A thorough drenching while witnessing a game of ball is said to be the cause of the unexpected calamity. His sudden death is very much lamented by his relatives and the community at large. He was only 19 years old and was esteemed and loved by everyone for his many excellent qualities. No one had a more warm hearted disposition than Matthew McAvoy.
- One of the notable events during the pastorate of Rev. J. Judge was the beginning of a new weekly newspaper. The Wayne County Independent, whose first issue appeared on Thursday, February 7, 1878. One of the principal events reported in the next week's edition was the death of Pope Pius IX (reigned from 1846 to 1878).
- August 16, 1890 (HC) Mrs. Michael Arrigan (Ann Carey) of Egypt was killed by lightning during the storm last Thursday morning.
- Friday, October 3, 1902 (WI) Alice Crosbie, Patrick and Frederick Leonard are attending Pleasant Mount High School.
- In the history of the township, the earliest date of importance is the date of the "New Purchase," and the treaty of Fort Stanwix (Rome, NY) dated November 5, 1768, when the Penn title was acquired from the Six Nations of the Iroquoian Confederacy. On November 2, 1774, the proprietaries, Thomas and Richard Penn, issued ten warrants granting 300 acres of land each, which tracts were situated in (then) Northampton County (now Wayne) on the West Branch of the Lackawaxen Creek.
- Wednesday, February 7, 1894 (WI) While returning from Pleasant Mount the other day, Mr. McKean of Rock Lake, was tipped out of his sleigh and the horses ran away. They started by the Falls in Niagara and went as far as J. Bigelow's when Mr. McGranaghan stopped them by throwing a blanket over their heads.
- October 3, 1902 (WI) Lake Como: The season which has just ended has been the most prosperous which the locality has experienced for many years. The crops have been abundant and prices good. The creamery is being successfully operated by Emmett McCabe and his assistant Cornelius Reilly.
- Obit Notice: Sister M. Thecla McAvoy, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, died Wednesday, May 20, 1981, in the Marian Convent in Scranton, in the 60th year of her religious life. (Sister Thecla was an Aunt to Johanna McGarry Fairchild, wife of Francis Steven Fairchild of Endicott, NY, and well known in Rock Lake circles).
- Marion Osborne, daughter of James and Maria Burke, Osborne of Galilee and Karl Hellmers, son of Dietrik and Anna Sundeman, Hellmers of Lookout were married by Rev. M.H. Corgan in St. Juliana's Church, Rock Lake on June 20, 1928. Their attendants were David and Elizabeth Layton. Marion Osborne who lives at the Seven Maples in Honesdale today, said they were married at St. Juliana's because they had no priest assigned to their St. Joseph's Mission Church at Reilyville.
- Wayne Independent 1938 Century Anniversary Observance for Rock Lake Church Formal observance of the parish's century anniversary has been deferred to Sunday August 14th because of repair work underway. Rev. John J. Gaffney is the present pastor. Rt. Rev. William J. Hafey, Bishop of the Scranton Diocese will celebrate the anniversary Mass on Aug. 14. On the day following, the congregation will hold its annual picnic in the Church Hall. Chicken dinner will be served and entertainment provided. Paul McGraw and Mrs. Fred Kane are in charge of this feature.
- Feb. 26, 1939 Rock Lake Church Fire Damage \$500 An overheated hot air furnace in St. Juliana's Catholic Church, Rock Lake, Sunday morning, Feb. 26, resulted in a fire which did approximately \$500 damages to this beautiful edifice.

George W. Kinsman, engineer, Hose Co. 1, Honesdale fire department, received a telephone call shortly after nine o'clock from the pastor, Rev. John J. Gaffney, that the church was on fire. With three other firemen, Vincent Martone, Ambrose and Ray Smith, left immediately with the pumper for Rock Lake. After they reached Bethany the road was in very icy condition and it was with difficulty that the truck was kept on the highway. When the firemen reached the church, parishioners had formed a bucket brigade and had the fire under control.

Two hot air furnaces were in the basement of the church, with one register over each. One of the furnaces became overheated, resulting in burning of woodwork and flooring around the register. A hole approximately eight feet square was burning directly above the furnace, and floor joices were destroyed from twenty-five to thirty feet in opposite directions toward the walls of the structure.

- Between 1976-79, (during pastorate of Fr. Herhenreader): \$1,000 Oriental Rug Taken From St. Juliana's Church
Thieves made off with a 9 by 12 foot oriental rug from the altar of St. Juliana Roman Catholic Church, Rock Lake, Mt.

Pleasant Township, between Saturday night and early Sunday. The rug is valued at \$1,000 or more and is a maroon flower print and scroll. It was the only thing missing from the church.

According to the Rev. Peter Herhenreader, pastor of the church, there was no forcible entry, as the church was left open. Chalice and other religious articles were left undisturbed. Father Herhenreader was last in the church on Saturday at 8:45 p.m., and returned early Sunday morning to prepare for Mass when he noticed that the rug was missing.

State police trooper Robert Fuehrer conducted the preliminary investigation.

• The Parish Hall has always been a center of Parish events since the pastorate of Father Smoulter when the upstairs of the horse and carriage shed was converted into the Hall. On Wednesday evening, April 14, 1918, "A KENTUCKY BELLE" A Southern Comedy in Three Acts was staged for the benefit of St. Juliana's Church. The Cast of Characters of eight males and seven females were as follows:

Miss Mariah Douglas, a maiden lady with aristocratic tendencies	Miss Rose Fitzsimmons
Isabel Douglas, niece of Miss Douglas, with democratic tendencies	Miss Josephine McAvoy
Marie Van Harlinger, a friend of Isabel	Miss Margaret O'Neill
Col. Wm. McMillen, Suitor to Isabel	Thomas Boyle
Dr. Blake, Middle-aged Practitioner	Louis DeQuino
Miss Madden, a Trained Nurse	Mrs. Robert Peel
John Cason Gordon, alias Jackson Cason	Fred Kane
Mrs. Gordon, Jack's mother	Mrs. Peel
Miss Gordon, Jack's sister	Statia Connor
Four telephone Linemen	Joseph Fitzsimmons, Fred McAvoy, Paul O'Neill, Chas. A. Fitzpatrick
Cindy, Negro Maid	Thecla McAvoy
Henry, Negro Servant engaged to Cindy	F. P. McLaughlin

Music by Caufield's Orchestra

• June 16, 1988 As witnessed and related by Uncle Joe Starzec:

A black bear with two cubs came down across the meadow behind the Rectory, checked out the trash cans and proceeded on to the highway. The cubs became playful in the middle of the road and as a result caused traffic to back up. Finally the mother bear nudged the little ones off into the brush. A rare and exciting experience.

VOCATIONS FROM ST. JULIANA'S

A list of the names of those who have been called to the Holy Priesthood or to the Religious Life, whose parents lived within the limits of the Parish of St. Juliana's and its Missions; the most notable is the Most Reverend Thomas Brennan, D.D., first Bishop of Dallas, Texas.

The Most Reverend Thomas Brennan, D.D.	The Reverend Hubert McGranaghan
The Reverend James Brennan	The Reverend Martin Fleming
The Reverend Thomas B. Dougherty	The Reverend Raymond O'Neill
The Reverend J. Benedict Leonard	The Reverend Brother Paul Brennan
The Reverend Paul O'Neill	The Reverend Brother Aloysius, F.S.C.
The Reverend Joseph McGranaghan	

A list of the names of those who have entered the various Sisterhoods:

Mother Anna Doherty, Sisters of the Cenacle	Sister Mary Alphonsus Fitzsimmons, Sisters of St. Joseph
Sister Regina O'Neill, I.H.M.	Sister Saint Francis Kennedy, I.H.M.
Sister Boniface Leonard, I.H.M.	Sister Columba Leonard, O.P.
Sister Thecla McAvoy, I.H.M.	Sister Mary Hubert McGranaghan, Sisters of the Good Shepherd
Sister Regina O'Neill, I.H.M.	Sister Lawrence O'Neill, Sisters of the Good Shepherd
Sister Romaine O'Neill, I.H.M.	Sister Clare Gartland, Sisters of the Cenacle
Sister Aloysius O'Neill, I.H.M.	Sister Virginia Gartland, Sisters of the Cenacle
Sister Beatrice O'Neill, I.H.M.	Sister Beatrice McCabe, Sisters of Saint Joseph
Sister M. Boniface Murray, I.H.M.	

THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS BRENNAN, D.D.

Thomas Brennan was the youngest of five sons, born to James Brennan and Margaret Dunn in the Parish of Drangan in Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland, on October 10, 1855. The father, a school teacher, died when Thomas was eleven years old. The widow Margaret, with her sons, came to America in 1868 and settled in Egypt near Tanners Falls where she had a brother, Patrick Dunn. In their early years here, all five boys worked in the bark fields and tannery and held other jobs in the industries of the area.

Thomas was educated at the celebrated Philosophical and Theological School in Innsbruck, Austria, where he spent five years, graduating with highest honors, and in Rome, where he also won the highest distinctions. He was an accomplished linguist and orator, being thoroughly acquainted with the classic tongues of the ancient Hebrews, Greeks and Romans and also spoke fluently the tongues of French, German, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Bohemian and other languages.

He was ordained at Brixon in the Tyrol of Austria on July 4, 1880 for the Diocese of Erie, Pa. In 1882, he was assigned, together with his brother, Rev. James Brennan, to St. James Church at Driftwood, Cameron County, Pa., where he remained for the next nine years.

Rt. Rev. Thomas Francis Brennan, D.D. was consecrated a Bishop on April 5, 1891 and was the youngest Bishop in the Catholic Church in America at that time. He became the first Bishop of Dallas, Texas with charge of Northern and Northwestern Texas. He resigned the See in 1892 and left on February 1, 1893. While on a personally requested official visit to Rome, he was named Coadjutor to the Diocese of St. John's N.F.L., and assigned to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at St. John's City, Newfoundland, Canada. His episcopacy was an extremely active one and he had to overcome financial difficulties resulting from a depression that was active when he arrived. He remained in Newfoundland into 1895. There was no mention of him in the Catholic Directory of 1896. He subsequently renounced the episcopacy bestowed upon him and withdrew to the Monastery of Grotto Ferrato where he lived piously and modestly for some time. He died on the 13th day of April 1916 in the 61st year of his age, and is buried in Rome, Italy, where a marker denotes his last resting place.

PRIESTS OF ST. JULIANA'S ROCK LAKE

Father William J. Clancy 183__	Pioneer priest visited Irish Settlement between 1830-1833. Baptized the children of Catholics there and gave First Communion to Connor children.
Rev. Henry Fitzsimons Sept. 15, 1836-July 27, 1854	Pioneer Mission priest. Pastor of St. Rose, Carbondale, with care of the Irish Settlement and Mount Pleasant Township.

ST. JULIANA'S CHURCH DEDICATED JUNE 20, 1838

Rev. Aloysious Prendergast Sept. 1, 1845-Aug. 1, 1847	Pastor of St. John's Honesdale, and care of St. Juliana's Mission Church
Rev. James Forbes Aug. 1, 1847-Dec. 28, 1848	Pastor, St. John's, Honesdale, and Mission Church of St. Juliana's.
Rev. James Maloney Dec. 28, 1848-April 27, 1852	Pastor, St. John's Honesdale, and care of Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County. Died while still Pastor.

The following priests were temporarily assigned to St. John's Honesdale with the care of St. Juliana's Church as a result of the sudden death of Father Maloney.

Rev. Daniel F. Dade Devitt April 30th to May 15th, 1852	
Rev. Willian O'Hara D.D. May 15th to July 20th, 1852	
Rev. Hugh P. Kennedy July 23rd and August, 1852	
Rev. James Power July 1852 - July 1855	Pastor of St. John's, Honesdale, and Mission of St. Juliana.
Rev. Moses Whitty May 14, 1853 - Feb. 20, 1854	Assigned assistant pastor to Father Power and given the special charge of St. Juliana's which he was to visit one Sunday each month from Honesdale. His signature appears in the St. Juliana's Register first on May 14, 1853 and last, Feb. 20, 1854.
Rev. Daniel Kelly Nov. 1854 - July 1, 1855	Assigned as assistant pastor to St. John's, Honesdale, to replace Father Whitty.

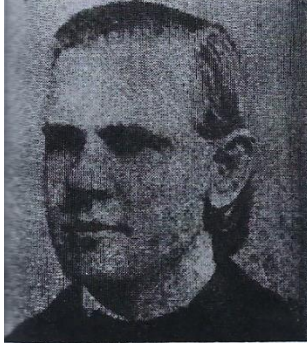
ST. JULIANA'S CHURCH RAISED TO RANK OF PARISH JULY 1855

Rev. Jeremiah Ahearn July 1, 1855 - Nov. 1855	Pastor, St. John's, Honesdale with care of St. Juliana's parish until Nov. 1855 when a priest was assigned.
Rev. John Shields Nov. 1855 - April 16, 1856	First Resident Pastor of St. Juliana's. After 5 months, he was suspended by Bishop John Neumann.
Rev. Jeremiah Ahern April 16, 1856 - March 1857	As a result of the suspension of Father Shields, St. Juliana's reverted to the care of St. John's, Honesdale.

Rev. Charles Anthony Della Nave
March 1857 - June 1864

Second Resident Pastor. Remained pastor for 7 years and was defrocked by Bishop Wood in June 1864. He remained in Rock Lake of his own choosing until 1880.

Rev. Thomas J. Brehony



June 1864 - Jan. 8, 1871

Third Resident Pastor, with care of St. Cecilia's (built 1865) and other assigned stations.

Rev. John Henry Judge
(assigned upon Ordination
Dec. 27, 1870)
Reported, Jan. 12, 1871 -
Nov. 6, 1890

Fourth Resident Pastor, with care of St. Cecilia's and St. Joseph's, Rileyville and assigned stations. Resided in St. Juliana's Rectory until the winter of 1887-88 when he took up residence in a hotel room in Pleasant Mount on a long-term lease. He maintained his residence in Pleasant Mount through his transfer to Hawley, 1890.

Rev. James L. Shanley
May 1890 - Oct. 1890

Assistant pastor of St. Philomena's, Hawley. Had the care of St. Juliana's during Father Judge's extended illness.

Rev. John William Healy
(assigned on Ordination day)
Oct. 17, 1890 - May 3, 1899)

Fifth Resident Pastor. He took up residence in the Atwater house in Pleasant Mount, acquired by Fr. Judge.

Rev. John Miles Smoulter
May 3, 1899 - May 12, 1903

Sixth Resident Pastor. Took up residence at Rock Lake. The Priest's House had been vacant for 12½ years.

Rev. Patrick E. Lavelle
May 12, 1903 - Jan. 1, 1912

Seventh Resident Pastor.

Rev. John J. Hefferan
Jan. 1, 1912 - June 1920

Eighth Resident Pastor.

Rev. William A. Healey
June 1920 - Oct. 1924

Ninth Resident Pastor.

Rev. M. H. Corgan
Oct. 1924 - 1931

Tenth Resident Pastor.

Rev. John J. Gaffney
Sept. 1931 - 1942

Eleventh Resident Pastor.

Rev. James P. Flynn
1942 - 1947

Twelfth Resident Pastor.

Rev. Francis J. Merkel
May 8, 1947 - May 2, 1959

Thirteenth Resident Pastor

Rev. Frank P. Mikus, Ph.D.
1959 - 1966

Fourteenth Resident Pastor

Rev. John P. Kelley
Sept. 1966 - Sept. 1967

Fifteenth Resident Pastor

Rev. John F. McLaughlin
1967 - 1970

Sixteenth Resident Pastor

Rev. Joseph P. Bonner 1970 - 1972	Seventeenth Resident Pastor
Rev. Robert E. Burnett 1972 - 1976	Eighteenth Resident Pastor
Rev. Peter V. Herhenreader 1976 - Sept. 1979	Nineteenth Resident Pastor
Rev. Charles J. Kringe Sept. 1979 - Nov. 1983	Twentieth Resident Pastor
Rev. Michael Litcheck Nov. 1983 - Sept. 1984	Twenty-first Resident Pastor
Rev. Bernard P. Shepulski Sept. 6, 1984 - Present	Twenty-second Resident Pastor

BISHOPS OF SCRANTON

A listing of the Bishops of Scranton since the origin of the separate See of Scranton.

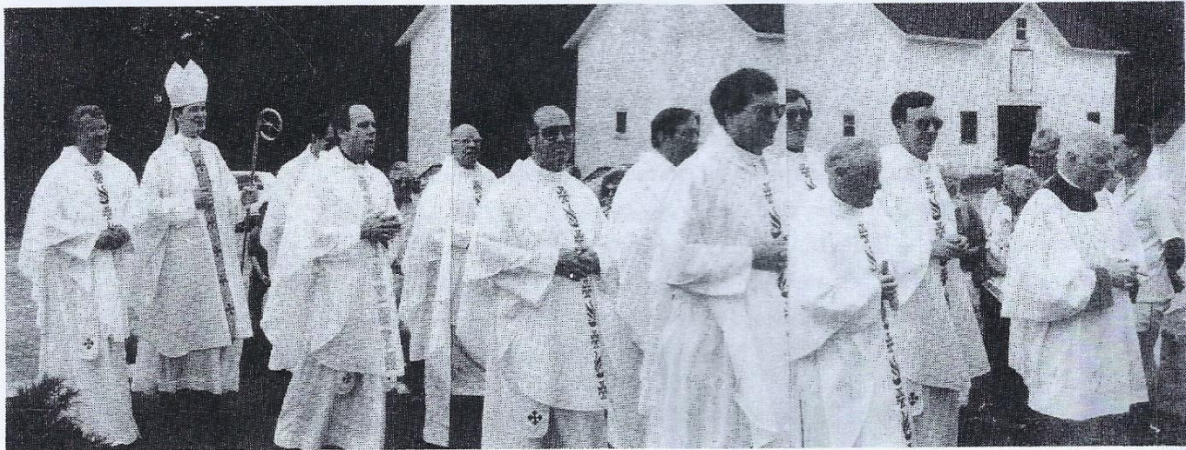
Bishop William O'Hara (1868-1899)	Bishop Jerome D. Hannon (1954-1966)
Bishop Michael J. Hoban (1899-1928)	Bishop J. Carroll McCormick (1966-1983)
Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly (1928-1938)	Bishop John J. O'Connor (1983-1984)
Bishop William J. Hafey (1938-1954)	Bishop James C. Timlin (1984-Present)

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CELEBRANTS: James Clifford, Timlin, Bishop of Scranton.

CHAPLAINS: Father Bernard P. Shepulski, Pastor of St. Juliana's Church; Father Peter V. Herhenreader.

HOMOLIST: Father Francis J. Merkel.

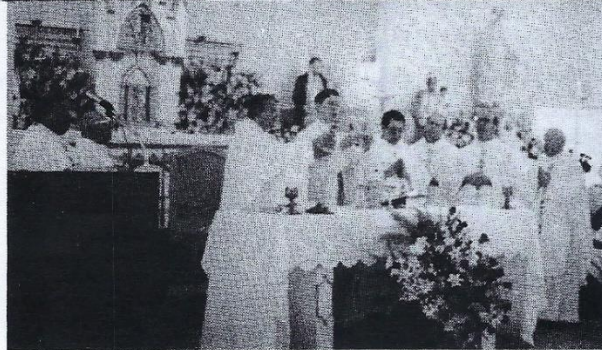
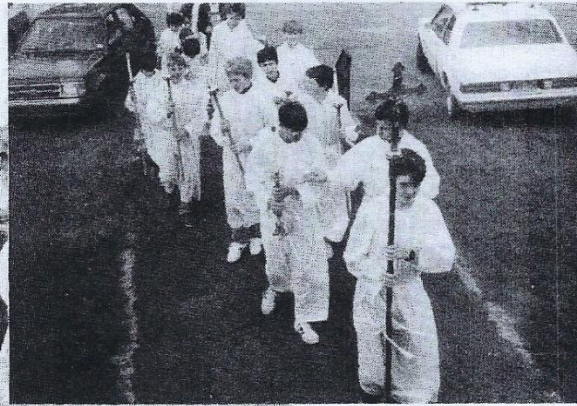
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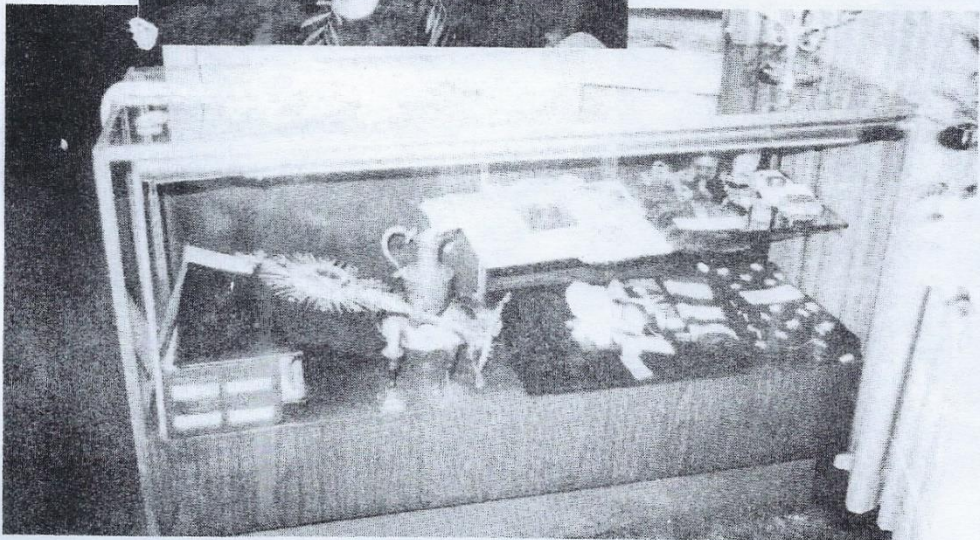
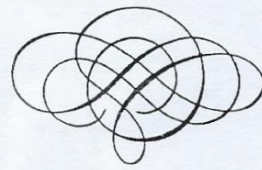
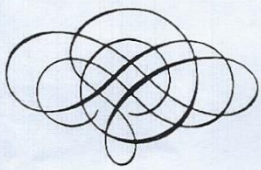
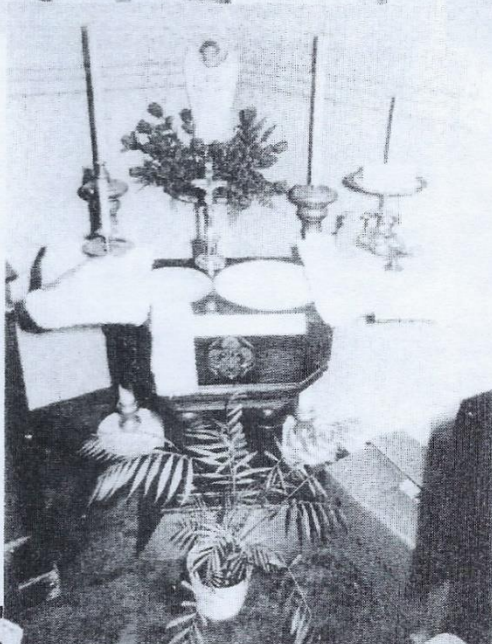
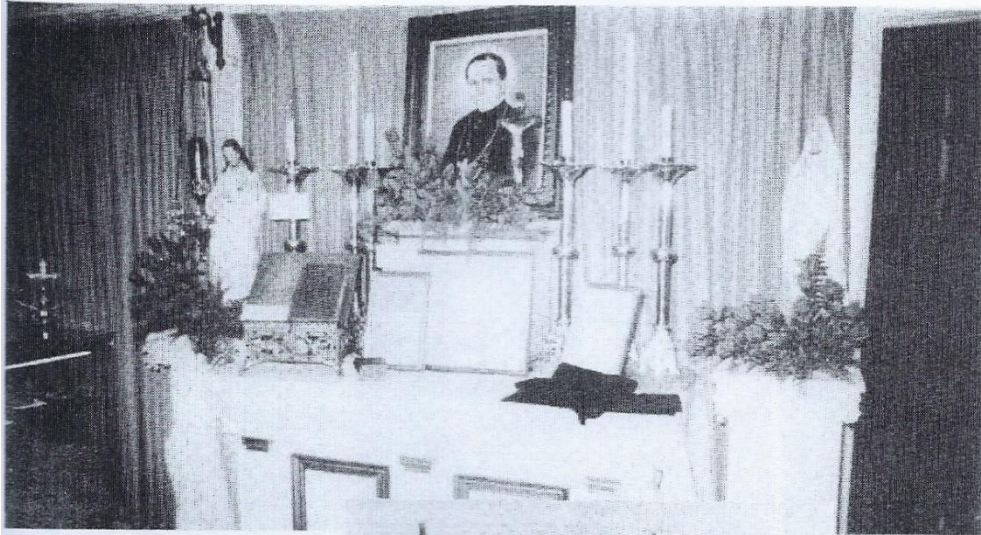
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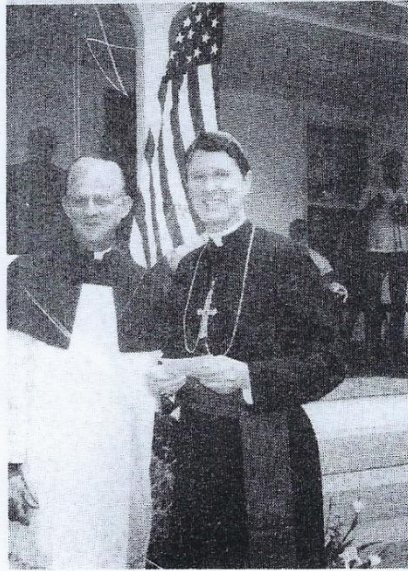
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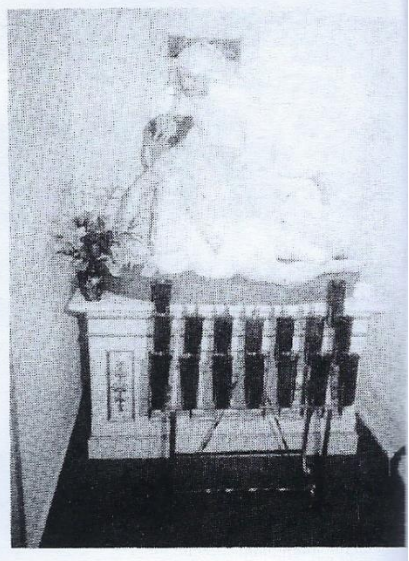
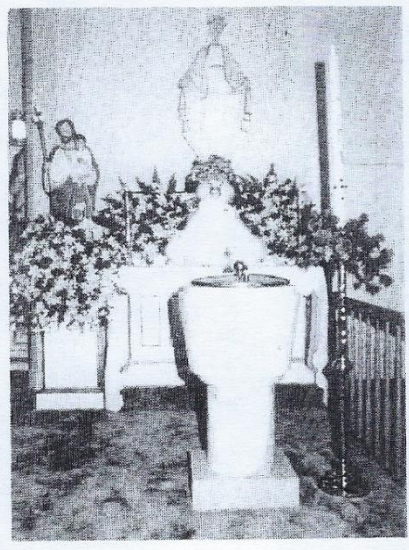
LECTORS: Peggy James, Casey Offringa.











1:20 P.M. June 19, 1988

Bishop James Clifford Timlin was greeted at Ben O'Neill's home approximately one and a half miles from the Rock Lake Church of St. Juliana. Ben's family and a few neighborhood folk graciously accepted the Bishop with warm smiles and friendly handshakes. After the Bishop greeted everyone present, he ascended the carriage drawn by two horses. In the carriage were the driver, John Peters; Francis Rodgers - Father Bernard's faithful daily Mass attendant; Eleanor O'Neill - president of the Altar & Rosary Society; Bridgit O'Neill - Eleanor O'Neill's granddaughter and Mary Murphy and Ben O'Neill's daughter; Frank Ignatovich - former caretaker of the cemetery; Father Bernard and Bishop Timlin. All were fashioned in pioneer country style.

The carriage was preceded to the church by antique cars of the early 20th century. Upon arrival the Bishop was greeted with applause by clergy, Knights of Columbus from Honesdale and parishioners dressed in native pioneer costumes, friends and benefactors of the parish. The Bishop proceeded directly to the priest house after greeting and congratulating parishioners.

The procession to the church was composed of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Honesdale Council, altar servers, lectors (Casey Offringa and Peggy James), Eucharistic Ministers, clergy, concelebrants, Master of Ceremonies, Bishop Timlin and Chaplains. The visiting clergy consisted of Revs. John Kowalkiewicz, James Walsh, Anthony Urban, John Jackson, Joseph Sitko, Msgr. John O'Brien, Msgr. Francis Kane, Msgr. William Paqutka and Francis Kolwicz (Pastor of St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church in Duryea, Pa.). Concelebrants were Very Rev. William Feldcamp, Dean of the Honesdale Deanery, Revs. Joseph Manarchiuck, Martin Gaiardo, John Doris, Gerard Gannon, Mark Bochinski, Frank Kelly, Msgr. Donald Deule and Rev. Francis Merkel (homilist), Rev. Peter Herhenreader and Father Bernard Shepulski (Chaplains to the Bishop), Rev. Neal VanLoon (Master of Ceremonies).

The combined choirs of St. Juliana's, St. Joseph's of White Mills, Pa. and St. Bernard's of Beach Lake hailed the beginning of the Pontifical Mass. Father Francis Merkel delivered the homily incorporating the beginnings of the parish and the faith and devotion of the early settlers to God and their church. He reminded us of the great number of vocations that were brought forth from the parish as well as the hard work and sacrifice produced by the laity in sustaining the parish growth both then and now. Father Merkel also stated the importance of not forgetting devotion to St. Juliana our Patronness and praying to her for God's assistance to carry on all the traditions of prayer, work and enthusiasm for years to come.

Outside, sounds of the horses and carriage could be heard by all in the church which added a sense of nostalgia for years to come. The gift bearers for the Liturgy were Al Marcinkus, Frank Ignatovich, Eleanore O'Neill, Theresa Marsden, Sophie Swiecicki, Sister Mary Rose, Anna Rezdick (oldest member of the parish), Lillian Curtis (oldest female baptized member of the parish), Tom Flannigan (oldest male baptized member of the parish), Jerome Manarchuck was violin soloist for the Liturgy.

The Mass was followed by thanks and words of appreciation by Father Bernard. All the parishes that contributed to St. Juliana's in making it a gem of beauty were thanked as well. He expressed thanks to his family which had supported him and members of the parish who had greatly helped him to make the day festive. Special thanks was given to the combined choirs. Thanks to Theresa Marsden - the parish bookkeeper, Mary Marcinkus - the parish secretary, Al Marcinkus - the parish plumber and electrician, Stanley Kovalchic - the present caretaker of the parish cemetery, Mike Rapowicz - supplies supervisor, the Altar and Rosary Society and to all who had anyway contributed to the support of the parish and the success of the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

The festivities continued on the grounds with Blue Grass Music, games, and refreshments. The chicken barbeque with all its trimmings was enjoyed by all. Even the Bishop and the visiting Priests could not let such a dinner pass. Rides on the buggy were had by clergy and laity alike, who wished to get in the full merriment of the days of olde.

As night fell upon St. Juliana's, another day was added to its annals. Peace, quiet and solitude were restored with the memories of the grand celebration which tingled everyone's senses and feelings of great anticipations of the next expectations of the wonders that lie ahead.

... The Beginning ...

**St. Juliana
Pray for Us**

