



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Office for Archives and Record Center:
RECORD GROUP: 13 Parishes

SUBGROUP: 000 General Information*

DESCRIPTION: The Parish General Information Files contain newspaper clippings, diocesan historical survey forms, anniversary books and other publications, and occasionally documentation on the establishment of the parish or the purchase of parish property. The Archives also has Sacramental Records older than 70 years from the parishes. The Archives have a file of Photographs from the parishes. In addition to this general information, the Archives has the following additional records from the following parishes.

SUBGROUP: 002 St. Agnes-Oakland

DESCRIPTION: Annual reports (1913-1965) consist of the number of families in the parish, number of marriages both Catholic and mixed, numbers of baptisms, deaths, souls in the parish, children in Catholic and public schools, debt, expenses, income, and balances.

SUBGROUP: 005 St. Ann-Hazelwood

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1951-1976) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish goings-on, Pulpit Announcements (1943-1982), Administrative Files (1932-1985 fragmentary) documenting the administration of the parish, Mass Intentions (1940-1992), Minutes (1911-1933), Account Books (1932-1975), and Liturgical Books which are in English, Hungarian, and Latin, and St. Ann's Closing (1998) contained in four videotapes documenting the closing Mass.

SUBGROUP: 022 Epiphany

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1959-1991) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish goings-on. Administrative Files (1903-1996 fragmentary) encompass annual reports, parish committee meeting agendas, parish and pastor celebrations, announcements, church construction contracts, blueprints and deeds for Epiphany and St. Regis Home for Girls, historical sketches of the parish, St. Regis Home for Girls constitution and by-laws, Reverend Lawrence O'Connell's Golden Jubilee, Epiphany Parish's celebrations. Parish Committee Minutes (1909-1969), Announcement Books (1932-1959), Building Committee Minutes (1901-1903), Precious Blood Society Register (1938-1943), Scrapbook (1910).

SUBGROUP: 035 Immaculate Conception-Bloomfield

DESCRIPTION: Annual Reports (1935-1976) and Bulletins (1984-1993).

SUBGROUP: 040 St. John the Baptist-Lawrenceville

DESCRIPTION: Property Deeds & Title Abstracts (1887-1924), a record of the diocesan ownership of the Church property.

SUBGROUP: 041 St. John the Evangelist-South Side

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1974-1983) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish goings-on. Holy Name Society Register (1950-1952).

SUBGROUP: 042 St. Josaphat-South Side

DESCRIPTION: Papal Blessing (1976) for Rev. Joseph E. Swierczynski.

SUBGROUP: 043 St. Joseph-Bloomfield

DESCRIPTION: St. Joseph's Casino Minutes (1955-1958) consists of reports from the treasurer, new applicants accepted, bids for equipment, complaints filed for using foul language, motions made and accepted for repair of damaged property, mention of basketball and softball games and tournaments, discussion and acceptance of closing the Casino owing to lack of participation.

SUBGROUP: 044 St. Joseph-Manchester

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1983-1987) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish goings-on, Correspondence (1883-1940 fragmentary).

SUBGROUP: 056 St. Mary Assumption-Lawrenceville

DESCRIPTION: Financial Reports (1950-1981) gives contributions made by individuals and organizations, and lists of totals. Statistical Report (1966) lists numbers of families and souls and students in Catholic, private and public schools are listed, as are the numbers of baptisms, marriages, deaths that took place in the parish for the year; an inventory of the pastor's personal effects is given, too. Lists of Grade School Graduates (1917-1967) contains the names of those who graduated from St. Mary Assumption School and in what year; included also are the Sisters who taught there and lists of students who finished different grades as of 1971. Ledger (1935-1951) contains receipts and expenditures and an inventory of the parish. Parish Inventory (1934) lists every item in each room, which include an electric refrigerator and washer. Holy Name Society Minutes (1939-1966).

SUBGROUP: 058 St. Mary of the Mount*

DESCRIPTION: Parish Family Register (1881-1922) gives the names and ages of the members of the parish. Owing to the confidential nature of the contents and fragility of the volume, this volume is unavailable for viewing.

SUBGROUP: 059 St. Matthew-South Side

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1988-1990) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish goings-on.

SUBGROUP: 060 Most Holy Name of Jesus-Troy Hill

DESCRIPTION: Announcement Books (1888-1914, 1939-1946) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish events, Pew Rent Books (1902-1919), Sunday Collection Records (1905-1923).

SUBGROUP: 061 St. Michael-South Side

DESCRIPTION: Annual Reports (1892-1953), Sketches & Charters (1848-1996), Historical Records Files (1853-1983 fragmentary) consist of an appraisal of the property, histories, correspondence, deeds, information about St. Michael's Orphan Asylum and St. Michael's Cemetery, information about the Passionists. Bulletins (1960-1964). Lithograph Reproduction of the Church, Holy Name Society Charter (1949), Trustee Minutes (1860-1871, 1923-1950), Announcement Book (1936-1939), Ledgers (1900-1968), Monthly Record (1923-1934). St. Michael's Lyceum Minutes (1937-1950) document nominations and elections of officers; reprimands of members; purchase and sale of farm; purchase of equipment and upgrading and repair of facilities.

SUBGROUP: 072 St. Patrick-Strip District

DESCRIPTION: Board of Trustees Minutes (1815-1833).

SUBGROUP: 073 St. Paul Cathedral

DESCRIPTION: The records of St. Paul's Cathedral include records of the old cathedrals (1830-1903)

and the new cathedral (1906-). The old St. Paul's Cathedral records include Trustees Agreement (c1830), Yearly Reports (1832, 1838), Construction (1841-1873), Annual Reports (1891-1901), Liability Reports (1881-1893), Expenditure Reports (1876-1900), Church Committee Minutes (1891-1903), Sales Document (c1901), Parish Collections (1830-1832), Pew Rent (1839-1891), Authentics for Relics (1877), Forms for Riots (c1855), Article (1903), Miscellaneous Legal Documents (1887-1892), Bills (1886-1903), Newspaper Clippings (1855), St. Paul's Cathedral Account Books (c1870-1898), St. Paul's Orphanage Account Books (1869-1884), Miscellaneous Account Books (1850-1898), Title Deeds (1833) to the property, Catholic Institute (1843-1850) combined by-laws and minutes of a literary society, South Side Property (1873-1923) assessments and mortgages, Maps of Property (1839-1885) showing property owned by Diocese, Allegheny Diocese Property Transfer (1877) properties transferred to Bishop of Pittsburgh. The new St. Paul's Cathedral series include Construction (1899-1926), History (1846-1992), Bulletins (1931-1992), Anniversaries (1957-1981), Programs (1916-2001), Miscellaneous Correspondence (1923-1938), Cathedral Record (1895-1921), Building Fund Contribution Book (n.d.), Authentics for Relics, South Side Property (1912-1932) is a list of properties and tax statements, Miscellaneous consist of coat-of-arms, Cathedral seating plan, Catholic Historical Society life membership.

SUBGROUP: 076 St Peter-South Side

DESCRIPTION: Plans and Specifications (1952), Bulletins (1991) and Financial Journal (1871-1897)

SUBGROUP: 085 St. Richard-Hill District

DESCRIPTION: Ledger (1894-1912).

SUBGROUP: 090 St. Stephen-Hazelwood

DESCRIPTION: General Ledger (1904-1919) consists of monthly and special collections, records of donations, church expenses, pastors' and employees' salaries, insurance and taxes paid, church property income and utilities paid.

SUBGROUP: 093 St. Walburga-East Liberty*

DESCRIPTION: Administrative Files (1903-1966) consist of annual and financial reports, correspondence, agreements, and construction specifications. Pre-nuptial Agreements (1904-1950) consist of pre-nuptial agreements and marriage returns, unarranged.

SUBGROUP: 094 St. Wenceslaus-North Side*

DESCRIPTION: Administrative Records (1964-1990), Payroll Register (1983-1989), Annual Financial Reports (1948-1989), and Budgets (1981-1990).The payroll register is closed.

SUBGROUP: 095 St. Wendelin-Carrick

DESCRIPTION: Cemetery Lot Purchase Records (n.d.) list date of purchase and by whom, lot number, amount paid and amount owing. Included also is whether a full lot is purchased and whether a deed is issued.

SUBGROUP: 112 SS. Peter & Paul-Beaver

DESCRIPTION: Construction specifications (1971) for the Church heating and cooling system, plumbing, general construction and electrical systems.

SUBGROUP: 126 St. Brendan-Braddock

DESCRIPTION: Annual Reports (1940-1967). Braddock Catholic Schools Merger (1973-1975) which consists of a proposed agreement to consolidate the Catholic schools in the Braddock area.

SUBGROUP: 128 St. Isidore-Braddock

DESCRIPTION: Annual Reports (1949-1957)

SUBGROUP: 129 St. Joseph-Braddock

DESCRIPTION: Ledgers (1877-1937). St. Joseph's Young Men Society (1888-1890) the first part of this

volume is in German, the rest in English. Included are the rules, names of individuals who joined, the constitution and by-laws which are in English. Holy Name Society Minutes (1922-1923) consist of elections of officers and ways to become affiliated with the Diocesan Union of the Holy Name. St. Joseph School Specifications (c.1909) include types of materials to be used and methods of construction.

SUBGROUP: 130 St. Michael the Archangel-Braddock

DESCRIPTION: Architectural Records (1904-1959) consist of contracts between the church and the architect and contractors, blueprints of the school, agreements of sale for property owned by the parish, and a mortgage for the church built in 1904. Ledger (1959-1973). Monthly Record (1924-1926) was a newspaper which was distributed free to parishes. The issues contain articles about religion and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, saints, reports of collections for St. Michael the Archangel Parish and advertisements.

SUBGROUP: 131 St. Mary of Mt. Carmel-Braddock

DESCRIPTION: Annual Reports (1903-1959)

SUBGROUP: 132 St. Thomas-Braddock

DESCRIPTION: Property Files (1894-1964) documenting construction and repairs; St. Vincent de Paul Society Minute Book (1951-1971)

SUBGROUP: 175 St. Joseph-Coraopolis

DESCRIPTION: Cemetery Records (1905-1953) consist of date of interment, name of deceased, and lot number and cemetery. Not all named are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery located in Moon Township, (Allegheny). The death records are typewritten copies from the death register, which we do not have. This material is most useful for genealogical purposes; however, parents' and spouses' names and cause and date of death are not given.

SUBGROUP: 182 Assumption-Daisytown

DESCRIPTION: Announcement Book (1951-1974)

SUBGROUP: 226 St. Mary Magdalene-Homestead

DESCRIPTION: Cash Day Book (1881-1897) and Announcement Book (1915-1916)

SUBGROUP: 231 St. Timothy-Indianola

Description: Church bulletins (1934-1935), Histories (1935-1988) consist of histories of the church and church chapel, St. Timothy's Club Newsletters (1932-1988), St. Francis of Assisi-Harmarville Bulletins (1935-1936).

SUBGROUP: 250 St. Mary Czestochowa-McKeesport

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1959-1969) are written in Polish and English; they document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish events.

SUBGROUP: 268 St John the Baptist-Monaca

DESCRIPTION: Announcement Book (1919-1924)

SUBGROUP: 270 Transfiguration-Monongahela

DESCRIPTION: Building Committee Minutes (1905-1911), Holy Name Society Register (1956-1965), Holy Name Society Minute Book (1957-1965), Journal (1896-1922, 1951-1954), St. Vincent de Paul Society Minute Book (1956-1958, 1961-1969), Bulletins (1952-1987), Annual Reports (1954-1984) and 125th Anniversary (1990-1991).

SUBGROUP: 309 St. Joseph-O'Hara

DESCRIPTION: Holy Name Society Register (1947-1949) which gives the names and addresses of the members. Bulletins (1951-1972). Miscellaneous (1973-1996) includes Sesquicentennial celebration book-

lets and VHS videotape, a Parish Directory (1995) and Constitution and By-Laws of the parish council (1973). Architectural Drawings (1957-1991) for the new parish and school, convent and proposed changes to the church.

SUBGROUP: 313 St. Teresa of Avila-Perrysville

DESCRIPTION: Day Book (1884-1886) contains a record of cash receipts and cash disbursements.

SUBGROUP: 316 St. Michael-Pitcairn

DESCRIPTION: Church Bulletins (1956-1976) and Financial Reports (1959-1961) which document monies collected from offerings.

SUBGROUP: 322 St. Januarius-Renton

DESCRIPTION: Records include Administrative Files (1943-1966) containing correspondence, financial reports, building fund, history, and dedication materials. Religious School Programs (1953-1965) comprise handbooks, correspondence, roll books, reports. Church Bulletins (1943-1966) which document Mass and confession times, special collections, the present pastor, fund raisers, notices of baptisms, and other parish goings-on.

SUBGROUP: 356 St. Ann-Waynesburg

DESCRIPTION: Church Minutes (1927) included as part of the sacramental register.