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St. Michael's Church

Rochester, New York

1874 - 1949

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

**SAINT MICHAEL'S
PARISH**

1874-1949

ROCHESTER, N. Y.



Saint Michael's Parish Diamond Jubilee

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

CORAM EPISCOPO

Sunday, October 23, 1949 — 11:00 A. M.

<i>Presiding</i>	Most Rev. James E. Kearney Bishop of Rochester
<i>Diamond Jubilee Sermon</i>	Most Rev. Walter A. Foery Bishop of Syracuse
<i>Celebrant of Mass</i>	Rev. Arthur Florack
<i>Assistant Priest</i>	Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G.
<i>Assistant Deacons to Bishop</i>	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl
<i>Deacon of Mass</i>	Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. William Stauder
<i>Subdeacon of Mass</i>	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Baiert
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Rev. Dr. John E. Maney
<i>Assistant Master of Ceremonies</i>	Rev. Jerome F. Schifferli
<i>Acolytes</i>	Rev. John B. Kleintjes Rev. Edward A. Shamon
<i>Cross-Bearer</i>	Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer
<i>Censer-Bearer</i>	Rev. Joseph G. Gefell
<i>Book-Bearer</i>	Rev. Donald Lux
<i>Candle-Bearer</i>	Rev. Paul Wohlrab

Organist — Frederick C. Pohl

Staff officers of the First Regiment of the Knights of St. John, the drill corps of the Knights of St. George and Ladies Drill Corps, officers from all the societies connected with the church, and the Boy Scouts of the parish will act as a guard of honor to the Bishop and participate in the solemn procession to the church.

Sunday Evening, October 23, 1949

At 6:00 P. M.

St. Michael's Diamond Jubilee Dinner

Bausch and Lomb Cafeteria

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1949

Solemn High Mass for Parents and Children of St. Michael's
8:00 A. M.

Diamond Jubilee Play presented by St. Michael's School Children in
Parish Hall — 8:15 P. M.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1949

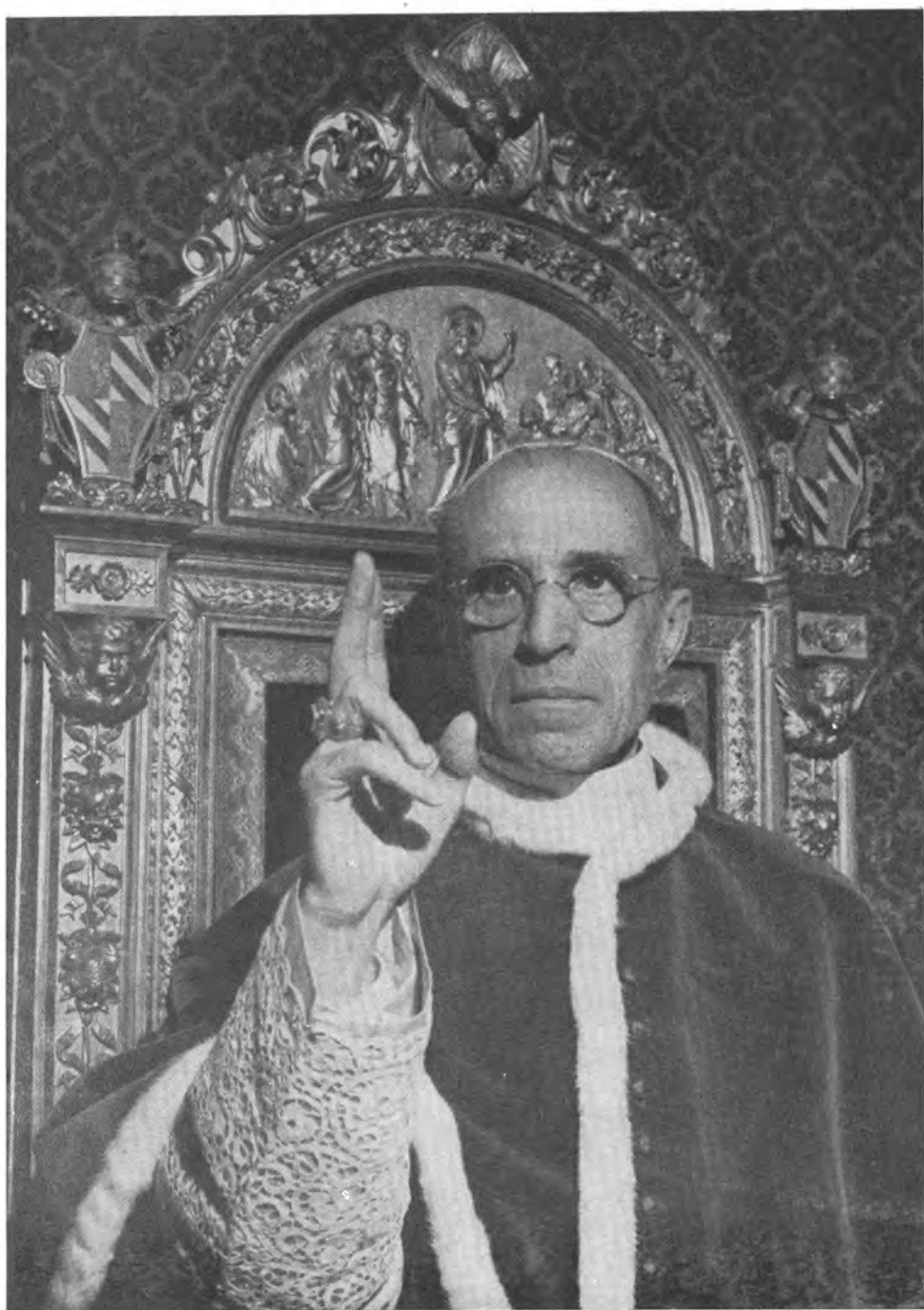
Solemn High Mass for Deceased Priests and People of the Parish
8:00 A. M.

Diamond Jubilee Play presented by St. Michael's School Children in
Parish Hall — 8:15 P. M.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1949

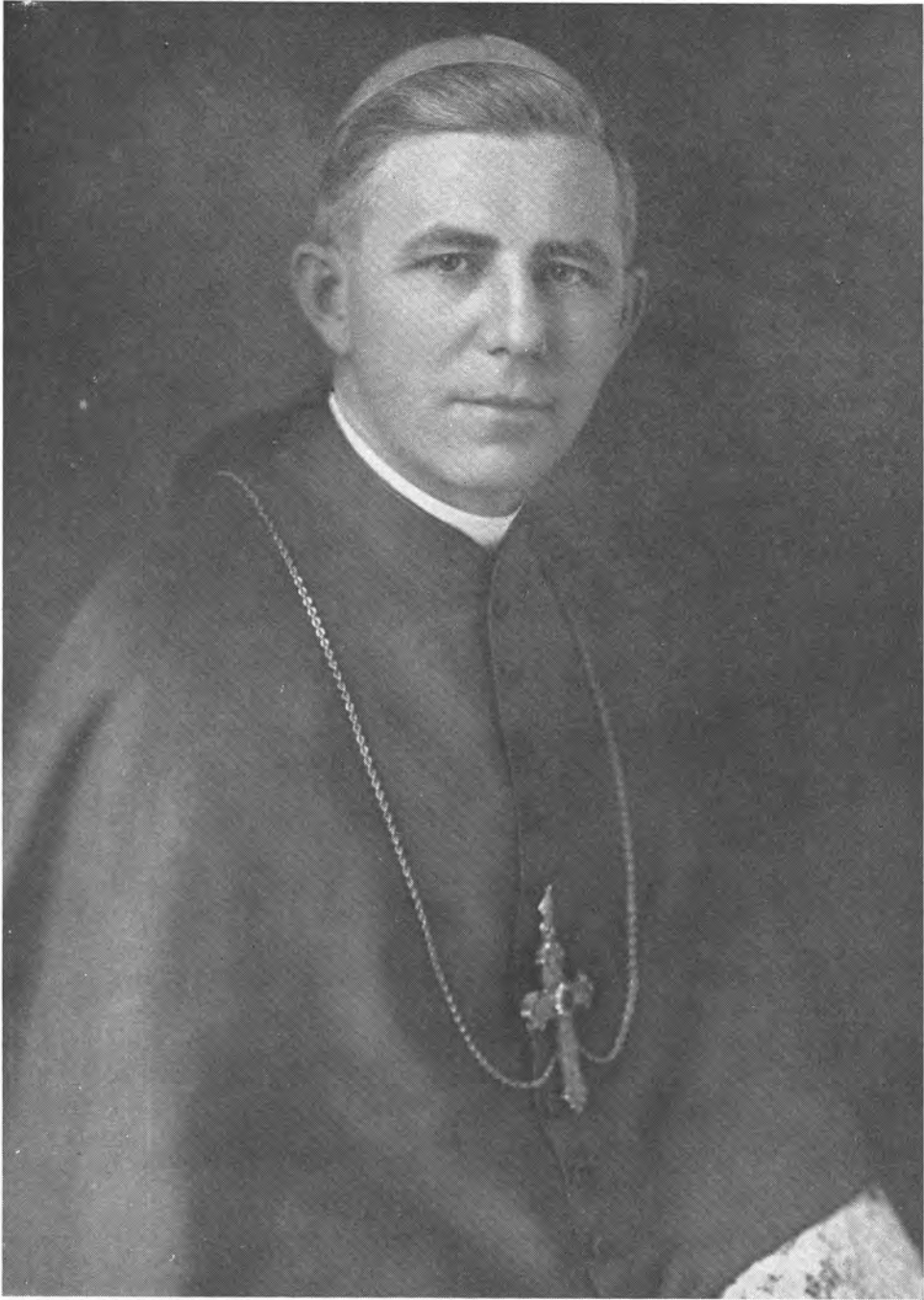
Free Day for St. Michael's School Pupils



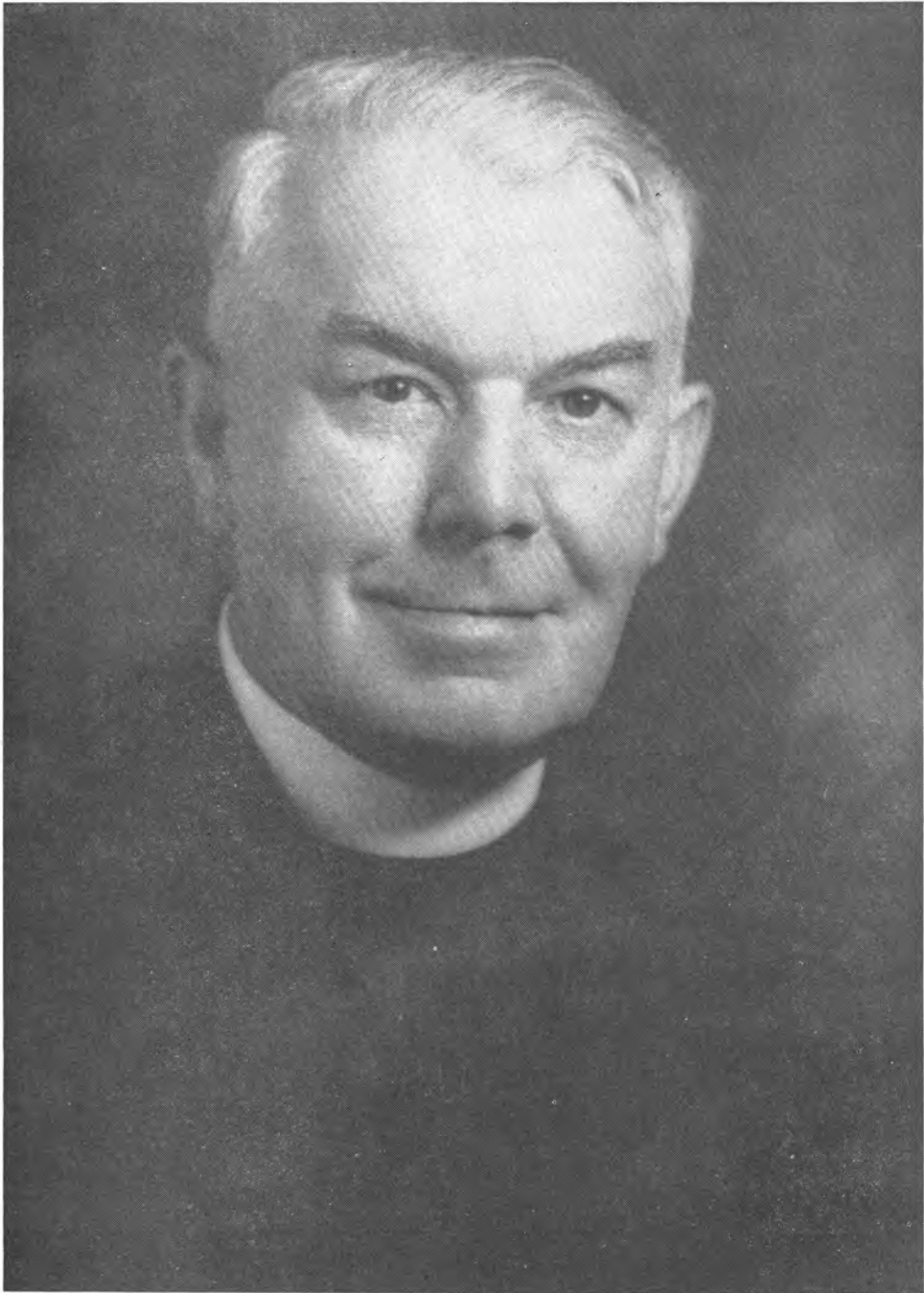
HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII



PRESIDING AT JUBILEE MASS
MOST REVEREND JAMES E. KEARNEY, D.D.,
Bishop of Rochester



PREACHER AT JUBILEE MASS
MOST REVEREND WALTER A. FOERY, D.D.
Bishop of Syracuse



CELEBRANT OF JUBILEE MASS

REVEREND ARTHUR F. FLORACK

Pastor of St. Michael's Church



REV. FRANCIS A. KLEEHAMMER
Assistant Pastor

REV. JEROME SCHIFFERLI
Assistant Pastor



Historical Sketch

of

St. Michael's Church

The Diamond Jubilee observance of St. Michael's Parish will be held on Sunday, October 23 when Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at eleven o'clock in thanksgiving for the many blessings which God has showered upon the parishioners of St. Michael's during the past seventy-five years.

In June of 1872 a group of men from St. Joseph's and Holy Redeemer Parishes began plans for the new St. Michael's parish. These gentlemen started a subscription fund, and when they had sufficient money, Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid authorized them to purchase two acres of land on Clinton Avenue North near Clifford Avenue. The Bishop next appointed the Rev. August Pingel, C.S.S.R. of St. Joseph's Church as temporary pastor.

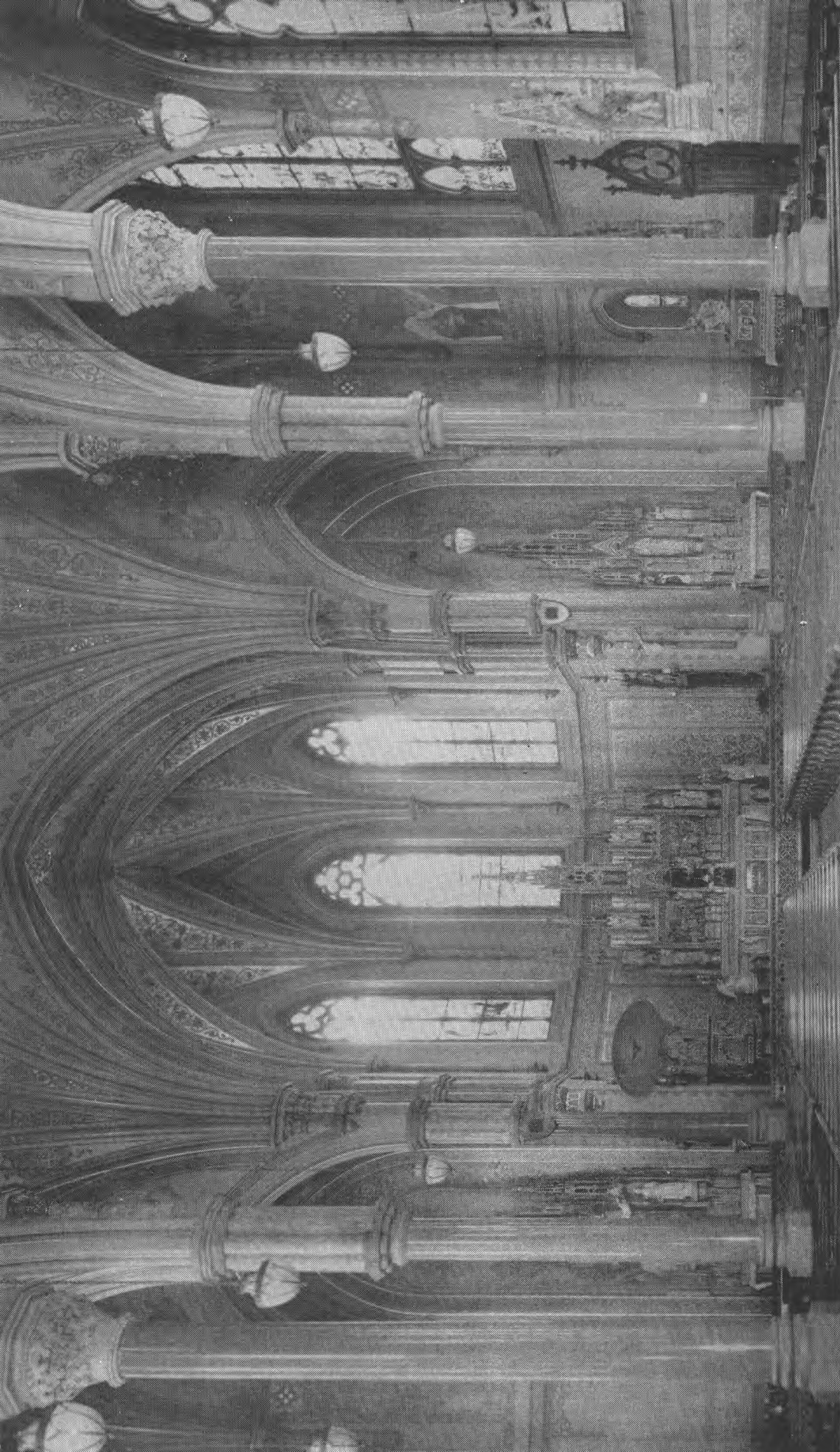
When Father Pingel took active charge of the parish in July, 1873, the congregation numbered two hundred families. The parish boundaries in those days were the Genesee River on the West, Lake Ontario on the North, Joseph Avenue on the East, and Gorham Street on the South. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Thomas and St. Margaret Mary Parishes have since grown up within these original boundaries.

FATHER FRIDOLIN PASCALAR

On March 8, 1874 the first edifice, a combination church and school, was finished and dedicated, and in November of that same year, Rev. Fridolin Pascalar was appointed the first resident pastor of St. Michael's Church.

In the spring of 1888 the present church building was begun, and on St. Michael's Feast Day, September 29, 1890, it was dedicated. The Church cost about \$160,000. The present rectory was built at the same time at a cost of \$10,000.

Father Pascalar remained in charge of St. Michael's as pastor until early in April, 1896 when he resigned his pastorate in order to take up his permanent residence in his native Germany where he died in 1899.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH — INTERIOR

During the twenty-two years of Father Pascalar's pastorate, the following priests ably assisted him in the work of the parish: Rev. Frank Rippin, Rev. Joseph Ruby, Rev. John B. Ege, Rev. H. J. Straten, and Rev. H. Regenbogen.

FATHER HARGATHER

Bishop McQuaid appointed the Rev. Mathias J. Hargather as Father Pascalar's successor. Prior to his appointment to St. Michael's, Father Hargather was founder and pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church on Bay Street in Rochester.

The need for a larger, more modern school was satisfied by the erection of the present school building in 1898 at a cost of \$32,000. The old school was remodeled into a parish hall. In 1899, a Catholic Young Men's Club was organized, and the Rev. John P. Schellhorn, who had been appointed assistant pastor shortly before, became its moderator. In the same year the Silver Jubilee of the Parish was celebrated. In 1901 the Sisters' Chapel was built.

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

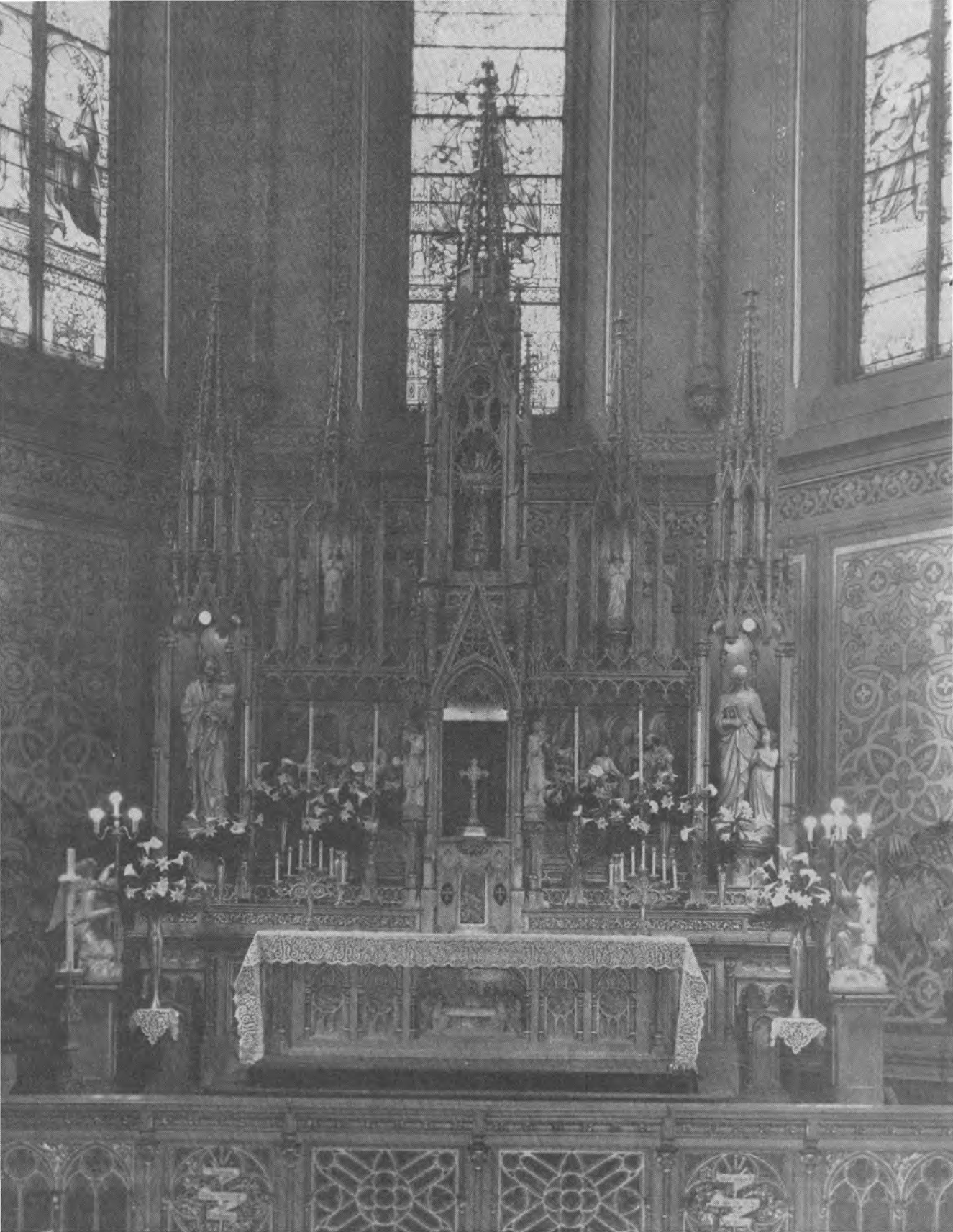
St. Michael's School has always been known for its high standards of education. The teachers are the School Sisters of Notre Dame, women of the broadest intellectual culture who have dedicated their lives to the religious and secular education of the young. Words cannot express the feelings of gratitude of the people of St. Michael's towards the Sisters for the noble work they have done for the children of the parish for the past seventy-five years. May God bless their labors abundantly both here and hereafter.

Since the first graduation, 2,422 pupils have graduated from the St. Michael's School. This figure includes only those who graduated, not those who were in the school for short periods of time. St. Michael's graduates have been a credit to their religion and their country. In 1918 some 235 of the boys of the parish helped defend their country, four of them making the supreme sacrifice. In the Second World War, 398 fought for the United States on the world's battlefronts and nine gave their lives for the cause of peace.

THE TOWER CLOCK

On the feast of St. Michael in 1903, Father Hargather celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. It was at





ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH — HIGH ALTAR

this time that the tower clock, the elaborate chimes and the new organ were installed.

In the year 1910, the parish for the first time was free from debt, a splendid monument to the generosity of the parishioners, a generosity that has continued to the present time.

In 1912 the building on the corner of Clifford and Clinton Avenue was erected and in 1921, the parish purchased the Langknecht block on the corner of Clinton Avenue and Evergreen Street.

In the fall of 1921, the church was redecorated and equipped with electrical lighting.

Three years after the celebration of Father Hargather's twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor, the priests and people of the parish celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the parish. During those fifty years there had been 6,910 Baptisms, 1,752 marriages and 2,990 deaths recorded in the parish.

In 1928, one year after Father Hargather celebrated the fiftieth year of his ordination to the priesthood, he died after a lingering illness. He had served as pastor of St. Michael's for thirty-three years, and his memory is still fresh in the minds of the parishioners.

During Father Hargather's pastorate from 1896 to 1929, the following priests very ably assisted him in the parish and school work: Rev. John P. Schellhorn, Rev. L. G. Hofschneider, Rev. Joseph J. Baierl, Rev. Francis J. Hoefen, Rev. Otto Geiger, Rev. Joseph Gefell, Rev. Adolph F. Edelman, Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth and Rev. Howard W. Geck.

FATHER SCHEID

After a month of mourning for the loss of Father Hargather, Bishop John F. O'Hern sent the people of St. Michael's, the Rev. Ferdinand Scheid as their new pastor. Father Scheid had received his early education in the very church over which he was now placed in charge.

During his pastorate, the convent was completely repaired at a cost of over \$25,000. This was money well spent for those who have done and are doing a most important parish work, the training of the children in the school.

On November 29, 1934, after serving as pastor for only a little more than five years, Father Scheid, then sixty-one years old, died in St. Mary's Hospital. This priest of charity died poor, but he ful-

EARLY
PASTORS
of
ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH



REV. FRIDOLIN PASCALAR
First Resident Pastor
1873-1896



REV. MATHIAS HARGATHER
Second Pastor
1896-1929



REV. FERDINAND SCHEID
Third Pastor
1929-1934

filled the high obligations of his spiritual office by bringing the riches of his good works to many who were unfortunate.

FATHER FLORACK

On January 23, 1935, Archbishop Edward Mooney, then the Bishop of Rochester, appointed the Rev. Arthur F. Florack as the fourth resident pastor of St. Michael's. The parish was then sixty-one years old, and very well established, having all the buildings necessary for parish work.

Father Florack's task has been the upkeep and the repair of the beautiful Gothic Church, work that is costly and at times dangerous, as witness the steeple jacks' removal of the ornamental stone from the steeples and the rebuilding of the tower cross. Father Florack has also directed renovation of the rectory, the convent, the parish hall and the club. All the buildings were painted in 1937 and are again being painted this year.

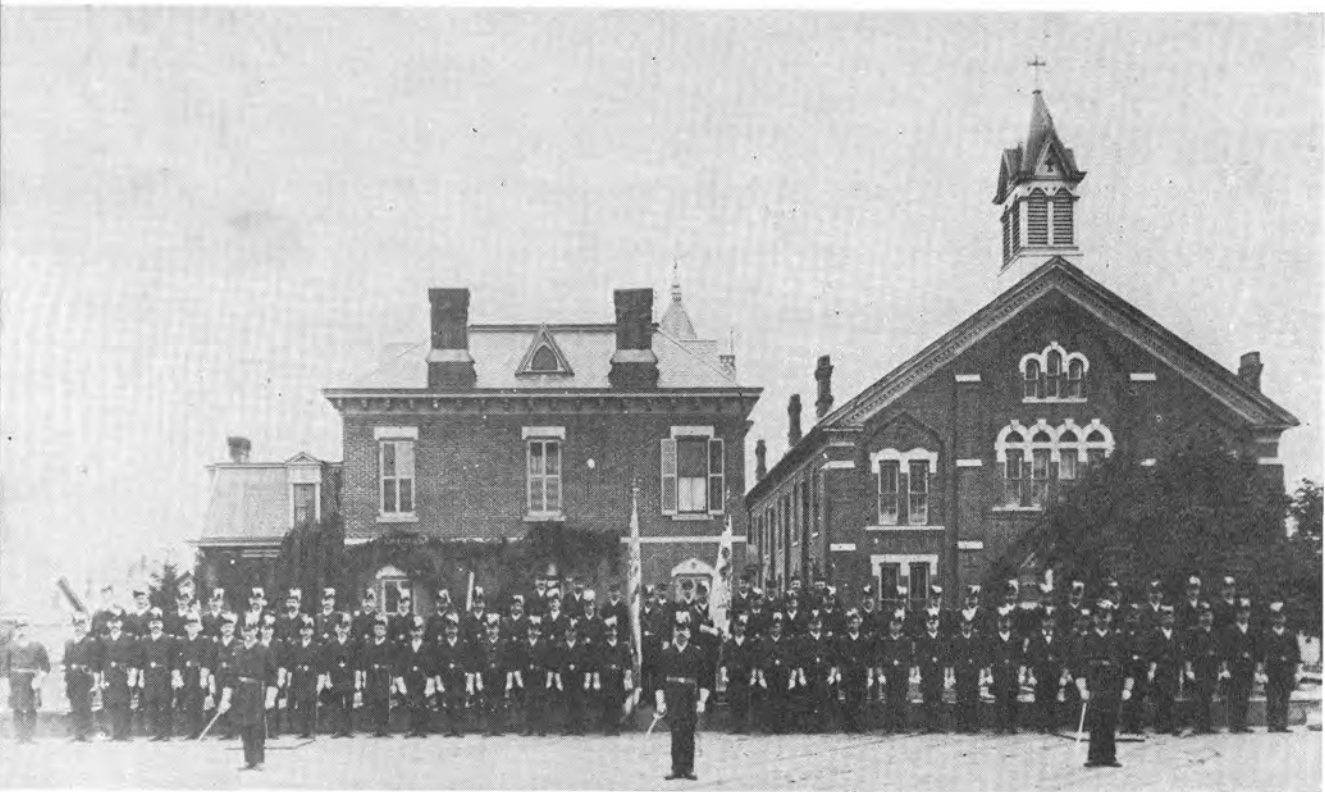
A group of men from the parish spent the greater part of last year in completely renewing the interior of the school—a splendid example of parish cooperation. The tower chimes have been completely electrified, making the playing of them much less restricted than formerly. An asphalt parking lot was made to take care of the growing parking problem. The latest additions are the rubber tile throughout the church and the new rug for the Sanctuary. The House of the Lord truly has been kept beautiful for Him.

The parish societies have continued to flourish, with special emphasis being placed on the spiritual objectives of each. They still enjoy the social benefits for which they were partly created, but presently the emphasis is on the spiritual. The Holy Name Society, the Daughters of Mary, the Young Ladies Sodality, the League of the Sacred Heart, the Knights of St. John, the Benevolent Societies, the Ladies Auxiliaries, and the Boy Scouts—all have their place in the formation and growth of good solid Catholic life in St. Michael's parish.

The people of St. Michael's have always been known for their hearty cooperation with their pastors in all that concerns the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of the parish. Missions, Novenas, and other public devotions have kept alive a splendid religious spirit among the people. The feeling of confidence which is mutual between people and pastor is amply justified. The pastors of St. Michael's have cared faithfully for both the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people, and the parishioners are equally faithful and generous in return.



First St. Michael's Church — March 8, 1874



Knights of St. George on Floor of Present Church — 1888

During the last twenty-five years there have been about 2,300 baptisms, 1,100 marriages and about 9,200 baptisms, about 2,850 marriages, and about 4,350 deaths. The figures had to be approximated, since this year's records are not completed.

During the past fifty-six years Professor Frederick Pohl has had his place directing activities in the choir, a position which he most faithfully is still filling. The school childrens' choir is carrying on the tradition that has been established for fine music at the Divine Services.

The splendid order which is observed in St. Michael's during the services on Sunday is a credit to the faithful church officials, who, under the leadership of our trustees, Mr. Frank Koch and Mr. Edwin Metzger, take special pride in providing for the convenience and comfort of the people.

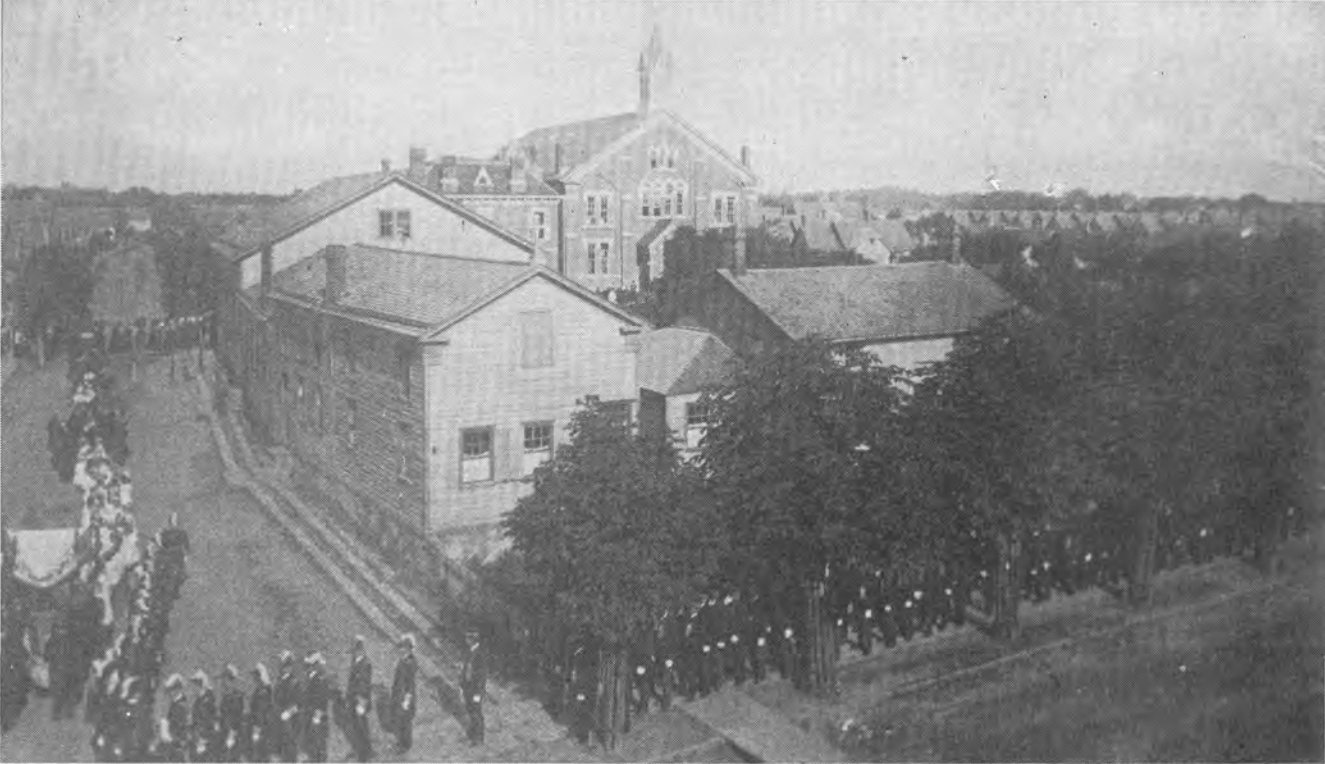
Priests who have assisted Father Florack during the fourteen years he has been at St. Michael's are: Rev. Theodore Winteroth, Rev. Herbert Stummer, Rev. Donald E. Lux, Rev. Lawrence Horton, Rev. Francis Waterstraat, Rev. John B. Kleintjes, Rev. Paul Wohlrab, Rev. Edward A. Shamon, Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer and Rev. Jerome F. Schifferli.

PASTORS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

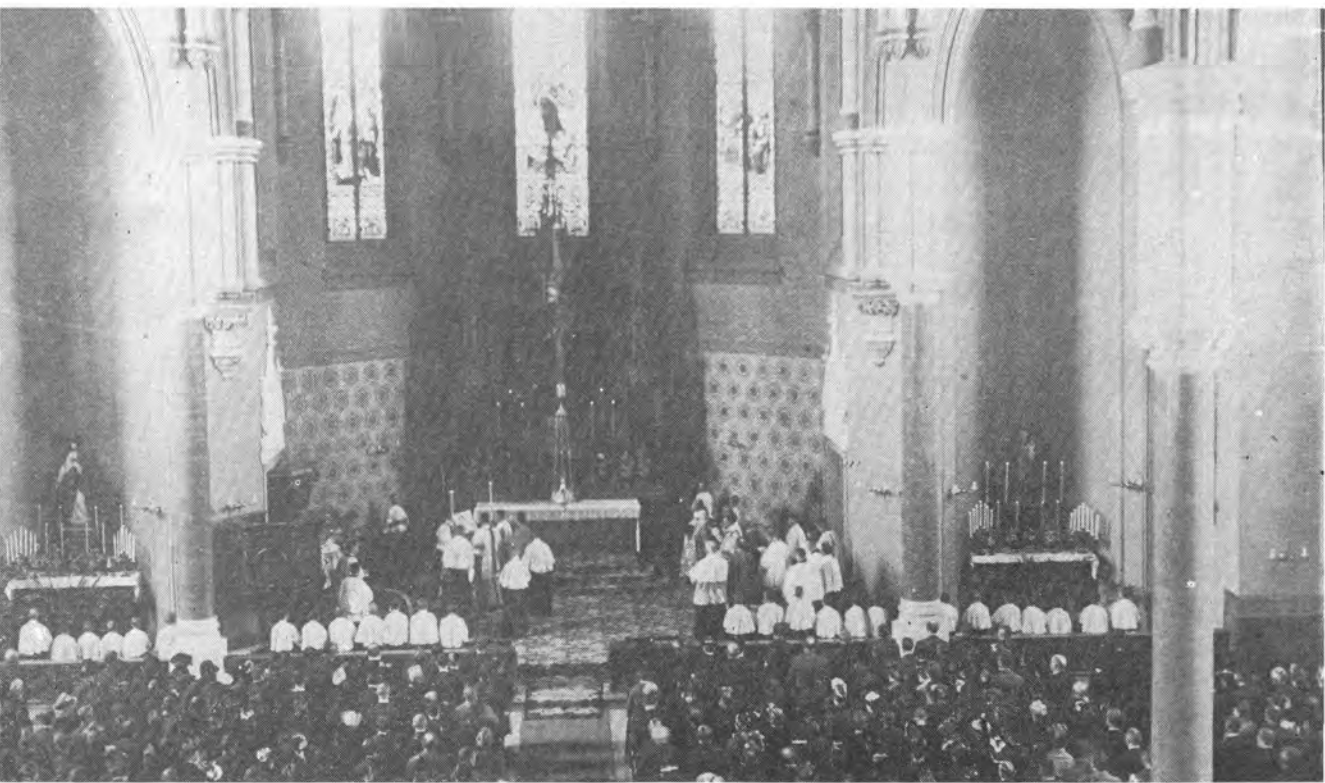
- Rev. August Pingel, C.S.S.R.—1872, while establishing parish.
- Rev. Fridolin Pascalar—1873-1896, resigned 1896, went to Germany, died Feb. 13, 1899.
- Rev. Mathias Hargather—1896 until May 6, 1929.
- Rev. Ferdinand Scheid—1929-Nov. 29, 1934.
- Rev. Arthur F. Florack—Jan. 23, 1935.

ASSISTANTS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

- Rev. Francis Rippin—Apr. 1881-died May, 1881.
- Rev. Joseph J. Ruby—July, 1885-Nov., 1885. Died 1929 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.
- Rev. John B. Ege—Dec., 1885-1887. Died in California.
- Rev. H. J. Straten, C.S.B.—1887-1890. Joined Jesuits and finally Benedictines.
- Rev. Herbert Regenbogen—1890-1896. Died Jan. 17, 1924.
- Rev. J. P. Schellhorn—1896-1904.
- Rev. Leo Hofschneider—1904-1909.
- Rev. Joseph J. Baierl—1909-1913.
- Rev. Frank J. Hoefen—1913-1923.
- Rev. Otto Geiger—1913-1914. Died Oct. 30, 1918.



Corpus Christi Procession — 1876



Dedication Ceremony of New St. Michael's Church
September 29, 1880

Rev. John F. Gefell—1914-1915. Died 1930.
 Rev. Adolph Edelman—1915-1922.
 Rev. Theodore Winterroth—1923-1935.
 Rev. Howard W. Geck—1923-1928.
 Rev. Herbert Sturmer—1928-1929.
 Rev. Adolph Edelman—Oct., 1930-Nov., 1930. Died 1932.
 Rev. Herbert Sturmer—June, 1935-Nov., 1936.
 Rev. Donald E. Lux—July 1935-1945.
 Rev. Lawrence Horton—Nov., 1936-June, 1937.
 Rev. Francis Waterstraat—June, 1937-June, 1939.
 Rev. John B. Kleintjes—June, 1939-1942.
 Rev. Paul G. Wohlrab—1941-1942.
 Rev. Edward Shamon—1942-1944.
 Rev. Francis Kleehammer—1943-
 Rev. Jerome Schifferli—1945-

PRIESTS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Rev. Bernardine Deisch, C.P., (Carson Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.)
 ordained Union City, N. J., 1884. Died 1931.
 Rev. John B. Ege, ordained Rochester, N. Y., 1885. Transferred
 to Greenbay Diocese. Died in California.
 Rev. Ferdinand Scheid, ordained Rochester, June 12, 1897.
 Rev. Aloysius Meyering, ordained Louisville, Ky., June 11, 1898.
 Rev. Edmund Wirth, D.D., ordained Rochester, June, 1899. Died
 August 28, 1932.
 Rev. John M. Petter, S.T.B., ordained Rochester, N. Y., June, 1901.
 Died 1938.
 Rev. Bernard Gefell, ordained Rochester, June 1902.
 Rev. Michael Kreig, ordained Rochester, June, 1902.
 Rev. William Rice, ordained Wichita, Kans., June, 1902.
 Rev. Frank Trompeter, ordained in Oklahoma, June 6, 1903.
 Rev. George Reinschmidt, ordained Wichita, Kans., 1903.
 Rev. Francis Hoefen, ordained Rochester, 1911.
 Rev. J. Edward Bayer, ordained Rochester, June 7, 1914. Drowned
 in Canandaigua Lake, 1929.
 Rev. Edward M. Scheid, ordained Rochester, June 8, 1918.
 Rev. Richard Harold, O.F.M., ordained Buffalo, May 29, 1926.
 Rev. Jacob Rauber, ordained Rochester, June 11, 1927.
 Rev. Maurice J. Miller, S.J., ordained Woodstock, Md., June 21,
 1936.
 Rev. Walter J. Miller, S.J., ordained Woodstock, Md., June 20, 1937.
 Rev. Gerard Joseph Gefell, ordained June 7, 1941, Rochester.
 Rev. Joseph Gerard Gefell, ordained June 7, 1941, Rochester.



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Fifty-Six Years Organist at St. Michael's

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SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Sister M. Benitia Hoefen	Sister M. Frederick Frisch
Sister M. Tertia Hoefen	Sister M. Lucinda Whitman
Sister M. Fridolin Leidecker	Sister M. Designata Michel
Sister M. Simeona Fichtenmaier	Sister M. Leander Kuter
Sister M. Anna Kupferschmidt	Sister M. Laurita Gund
Sister M. Cantalicia Magin	Sister M. Gonzales Claesgens
Sister M. Lactitia Magin	Sister M. Eugene Wahl
Sister M. Violentia Magin	Sister M. Evina Wahl
Sister M. Stilla Pascalar	Sister M. Hortense Wahl
Sister M. Alena Pascalar	Sister M. Fabiola Pohl
Sister M. Consilio Schneeberger	Sister M. Aquinette Orco
Sister M. Ewald Pfrang	Sister M. Alacoque Thomas
Sister M. Benigna Heberger	Sister M. Justene Boehly
Sister M. Giovanni Klein	Sister M. Carl Trott
Sister M. Vitus Rett	Sister M. Josepha Semmelmayer

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Sister M. Pancratia Messmer	Sister M. Helen Cecilia Berwind
Sister M. Amata Winter	Sister M. Clementia Koch
Sister M. Hortense Schenk	Sister M. Joan Marie Wegman
Sister M. Amadeus Geisler	Sister M. Paul Margaret Wolter
Sister M. Edmund Stockschleader	Sister M. Irene Wolter
Sister M. Ernest Saenger	Sister M. Theresa Gerard Specksgoor
Sister M. Rosalia Maier	Sister M. Helen Roberta Hendrick
Sister M. Joanne Schoenherr	Sister M. Therese Martin Auberger
Sister M. Fidelis Kausch	Sister M. Paulita Leta
Sister M. Miriam Merkel	Sister M. Cordis Leta
Sister M. Cecilia Bullinger	Sister M. Celine Auberger

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

Sister M. Dominica Enders	Sister M. Helen Rauber
Sister M. Teresita Scheid	

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Sister Mary of the Ascension Kleinhaus

SISTERS OF DIVINE COMPASSION

Sister M. Albert Bossert	Sister M. Joseph Scheur
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Sister M. Boniface Hetzler	Sister M. Eymard Hyland

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Sister M. Peter Leidecker

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Brother Leander, C. SS. R.	Brother Jude Heeks, S. V. D.
Brother Joseph Valenti, S. M.	Brother Jude Geihl, C. SS. R.



