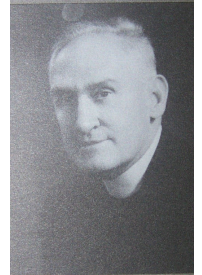


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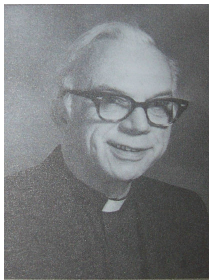
Third of a 4 part Series

From 1960 to 1995

After the 1950's, the Parish began many transformations. The existing buildings could not accommodate the growing needs of the Parish. Monsignor J. Ambrose Quinn was Pastor of St. Joseph's. In the late 1950's he established a building fund for a new church. By 1966, the building fund grew to a point that it became economically feasible to begin construction plans. Monsignor Quinn retired in 1967 after serving as Pastor for 25 years. Unfortunately, Monsignor Quinn died in 1970 before he could see his dream of a new St. Joseph's Church realized.



Fr. Raymond W. Gribbin was assigned Pastor in 1967 and he saw the need to establish the first Parish Council. On April 12, 1970, construction of our current church and rectory was begun with an opening prayer and ground-breaking by Pastor Fr. Ray Gribbin. Two months later on June 3, 1970, during a severe thunder storm, lightning struck the church steeple and forced plans for the new church to move forward more quickly. While the church was under construction, Masses were held at the Perry Hall Sr. High School.



On November 20, 1971, the parish priests concelebrated the first Mass in the new church. The following month, the people of St. Joseph's Church joined his Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan in dedicating our new, modern, larger church. This new church was designed and constructed with exceptional faceted windows by Roy A. Calligan, then a 44-year-old artist and parishioner of St. Joseph's.

Before his death in late 1981, Fr. Ray Gribbin completed a two-story addition to the school that added two classrooms, a small conference room, and a new library. On October 28, 1981, Father Ray Gribbin died suddenly and quietly in his sleep at the rectory.

Fr. F. Dennis Tinder became Pastor of St. Joseph's in January, 1982. Early in his assignment Fr. Tinder relinquished the rectory's carport area to add office space to the rectory for the parish staff. Father Tinder also had the foresight to initiate a long term strategic plan for the Parish which included buildings for growth. Included in this plan was a School Endowment Fund which is still in use today.

On May 23, 1984, a much needed traffic light was installed on Belair Road in front of the school. In the spring of 1989, Kaleidoscope was instituted at St. Joseph as a Summer FUN Raiser. This fundraiser greatly benefited the school. And, in 1990, a parcel of land on the south side of the school was purchased from the county for school use. In July of 1991, Fr. Dennis Tinder was transferred to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish in Pasadena. Reverend Dennis Tinder died suddenly on December 5, 2009.



During this time period, Carolyn Szekalski was hired as the first lay Administrator of Religious Education to the young children of the parish. Later, her title was changed to Youth Minister to include religious education to high school age students. In 1991, Joyce Thaler was hired as the first lay Principal of the school; a title held by the Franciscan Nuns since 1877.

At the direction of the Archbishop of Baltimore, Fr. Stephen R. Sutton, an Anglican priest, was assigned to St. Joseph's Parish as a Lay Minister. Fr. Steve is the first married Anglican priest who converted to and was ordained in the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He was assigned as an Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's on August 4, 1984. Father Sutton remained at St. Joseph's until July 1, 2002, when he was transferred to St. Ignatius in Hickory.



In October, 1991, Father Richard E. Cramblitt was assigned Pastor to St. Joseph's Parish. He re-instituted the tradition that Altar Servers wear robes during Mass. It was through the work of Fr. Cramblitt and the Parish Committee that plans to expand and build on the parish property was initiated. These initial sessions eventually led to the plan for the new parish center. But, before any plans were instituted Fr. Cramblitt was transferred to The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Washington in July of 1995.

Before leaving, Fr. Cramblitt approved the purchase of a renovated pipe organ to serve our large church. After months of installation the pipe organ was blessed and dedicated on Sunday June 9, 1996. This organ replaced an electronic organ installed in 1970.