



Saint Joseph Parish February 19, 1949 – 2024

PARISH HISTORY Part 8

1951: January 8 – Joint installation of officers of Holy Name Society and Altar Society.

January 28 – Saturday, 8pm – Parish Hall – Mardi Gras Party. All Parishioners welcome including high school students. Prizes for the best and most original costumes. music, entertainment, refreshments.

February 8 – Confraternity class on Friday at 11am – tournament.

April 2 – Parish Hall will be open to Confraternity Class and their guests on Monday and Wednesday evenings during April –Chaperoned by members of the Holy Name and Altar Societies.

April 15 – Parish Hall – Kitchen Shower. All women and young ladies of the Parish are invited.

April 29 – Holy Year Jubilee visits to four churches with Fr. Massicotte leading the group.

May 20 – Monday – 6pm – Start painting the church.

May 27 – Painting of the church continues.

June 3 – Tuesday, 7:30pm – Parish Hall – meeting of the Parish committee for the lawn party. Raffle tickets will be distributed to each family . Communion for the graduates next Sunday at 8am Mass.

Lawn Pary – sorry weather only permitted one evening. Lawn party is postponed until Thursday – Saturday, July 12, 13, and 14.

July 29 – Next Sunday: Services – Mass will be held in our new Chapel at Winnisquam at 7 and 10am..Bishop came to visit the Chapel yesterday and was pleased with it. Open air bingo on grounds of new the Chapel in Winnisquam every Saturday at 8pm (weather permitting).

August 12 at 11am Mass. Dedication and blessing of the new Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winnisquam by the Bishop of the Diocese. NB People stay outside the church for prayers said by the Bishop and enter the church after the Bishop (except in case of rain). There will be three Masses – 7, 10, 11am at the Chapel now through Labor Day.

August 15 – Wednesday, Feast of the Assumption – Day of Obligation for all. Masses in Belmont at 5:30am, 7:30am; Chapel at 8 and 9am. No seat offering will be taken, but there will be a collection for the Sanctuary and Altar.

August 22 – Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Patron Saint of the Chapel in Winnisquam. Mass there at 8am. No masses at Saint Joseph.

August 23, 24, 25 – Lawn party was a real success notwithstanding poor weather.

October 14 – All parishioners are invited to participate in a pilgrimage to the La Salette Shrine in Enfield. It is sponsored by the Parish societies. Departure after the 10am Mass. May bring lunch.

Under the direction of Father Massicotte, the women of the Parish organized themselves as the ALTAR and ROSARY SOCIETY. Mrs. John (Claire) Moynihan was their first president.

The Altar and Rosary Society: notes from the Diary of Mrs. Yvonne Vaillancourt: “There were 48 members registered.” In her diary, she wrote about their putting on “Church spaghetti suppers with price of \$1.00 per person and children under 12 half price.” The meal consisted of spaghetti and meat balls, French bread and butter, apple pie and ice cream, and coffee.

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