

Historical Facts – St. Peter Parish, Antioch Illinois
(compiled May 2008)

1843: Town of Antioch founded, named for the ancient Assyrian city that respected humanity and history

1897: 1st church of St. Peter
dedicated October 31, 1897
mission church of St. Patrick Wadsworth (Rosecrans)
located on Victoria St. (between 1037 & 1049)

One room church
white frame building
about 25 pews either side of a center aisle
2 pot belly stoves heated the church
had a front porch the width of the building
maybe 15 foot wide (porch) used for overflow in summer

1st Pastor – M. A. Bruton (1900-1904)

Rev. J.P. Joyce – Pastor of St. Patrick and St. Peter
(1904-1909)
Purchased a house - 341 Harden St. (from Charles Thorn)

1909: St. Peter separated from Rosecrans
St. Mary (Fox Lake) became mission church of St. Peter

1909: (February)
Rev. James E. Lynch became pastor and remained
pastor until his death on January 19, 1929 (age 65)

1912: Church bell was donated by the Venn family
so large that a bell tower had to be built and placed in the
front yard of the church
later it was transferred to the new church (Lake St.)
still hangs in our church but now electrified

*in the summer a large tent was used for Masses
- where Hamlin Accounting is located or at Channel Lake
Pavilion

- 1928: Cardinal Mundelein divided the territory again and created St. Bede (*later divided again in 1955 to create Prince of Peace in Lake Villa)
- 1929: (March) Rev. Daniel Frawley was appointed as Pastor asked 55 parish members if they needed a new church \$21,000.00 was in the church fund when Father Frawley arrived
- 1929: (June) Ground broken for new church All land was donated by Bernard F. Nabor (Barney)
- 1929: (July 1) Cornerstone laid by Bishop Bernard Sheil Cost of church: \$250,000.00, by 1931 debt has been reduced to \$70,000.00
- 1930: (August 10) New church and rectory was dedicated by George Cardinal Mundelein
- 1931: (Easter) The chimes located in the altar were dedicated in memory of Isabelle Rooney
- (September) Father Frawley was named as Pastor of St. Jerome in Chicago
- Rev. Francis Morgan Flaherty was appointed as Pastor (from 1931 through the winter of 1951)
- 70 permanent families/parishioners at this time
- 1939: First associate was appointed – Father W. Morris (1939-1941)
- 1939: (September 3) 10th Anniversary of laying the cornerstone 100 families belonged to the parish Number of parishioners increased after the war Father Flaherty made plans for a school \$50,000.00 was raised
- 1948: (October 1) Ground was broken for school at 900 St. Peter St.

1949: (May 29) Cornerstone laid by Vicar General Monsignor George Casey

(September 19) School opened with 213 students under the direction of the BVMs out of Dubuque, Iowa
Sister Mary Clare Ellen – superior, 6th – 8th
Sister Mary Julius – 4th thru 6th
Sister Mary Nora – 2nd and 3rd
Sister Mary Joan – 1st grade
Sister Mary Rose Cecile – music

School building contains: a convent with chapel, community room, kitchen, and six individual livingrooms

(October 16) dedicated by Samuel Cardinal Stritch

1950: 500 families in the parish

1951: (November) Rev. Alfred J. Henderson was appointed Pastor former professor at Quigley Preparatory Seminary remained as Pastor until his death on December 6, 1971
*Assisted by Father Francis Gilbride
*Assisted by Father Francis Johnson (in July 1952)

1952: 450 families

1956: (May 4) Ground broken for convent by Father Henderson, Sister Mary Joseph, Edmund Vos and Bernard F. Naber
Cost of \$150,000.00

1956: (October) Cornerstone laid

1957: (April 28) Convent dedicated by Samuel Cardinal Stritch

1960: (July 24) Pledges taken for new social center and school addition

1961: (August 13) Ground broken by Father Henderson, Father Hanley, Sister Mary Joseph, Robert Berg, and Edmund Vos

- 1963: (September 23) Albert Cardinal Meyer dedicated the \$300,000.00 Social Center *later named Father Hanley Center
- 1969: 900 Families
- 1972: (February 23) Rev. Francis Johnson was appointed Pastor and served until his death in September of 1981
- 1981: (November) Rev. Lawrence Hanley was appointed Pastor now our Pastor Emeritus – since December, 1996
- 1998: (February) Rev. Ronald Anglim was appointed Pastor
- 2000: (April 9) Renovation of Father Frawley Hall and the elevator dedicated by Francis Cardinal George

Buildings:

Church and Rectory: constructed of Lannon stone
Church buildings were designed by Leo Strelka in a Normal Gothic style of architecture
William Lynch & Company, General Contractors

School Building: Pirola and Erbach, Architects
Tonyan Brothers, General Contractors
*basement of the church eventually was named after Rev. Frawley

Social Center: Belli and Belli, Architects
*center included: roller rink, basketball and volleyball courts, lockers, showers, teen canteen and four extra classrooms

Money used to build the church donated from all over the U.S.

Stations of the Cross were carved by the Passion Players of Oberammergau, Germany

The stained glass windows were designed by Rambusch Studios of New York. They developed the iconography with Father Francis

Morgan Flaherty and created sketches for the stained glass windows. The windows were then crafted by a stained glass studio in Munich, Bavaria.

Stained Glass Windows: All Biblical in theme

Contain 125 figures and modeled after the 13th century windows of Chartres Cathedral, France

Present a panoramic view of the 15 windows on the Gospel side donated by Patrick Joyce in memory of his aunt, Sister Mary Aimee, BVM

3rd Window in the memory of Father Lynch donated by the Ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society of the parish (The Nativity)

4th Window was donated by Arthur Wallace in memory of his sister, Luella LaFleur (The Presentation in the Temple)

5th Window was donated in memory of William J. Rooney (Jesus in the Temple)

Sanctuary window in memory of Edward and Ellen Frawley (the parents of Father Daniel Frawley)

Behind the altar: pictures the life of St. Peter
the draught of fishes

Christ's promise to Peter catching men

the promise of primacy

threefold denial of Peter in courtyard

threefold promise

heroic martyrdom

Back window (choir loft): "The Communion of Saints"

The marble for the altar as well as the stained glass was imported from Italy