

PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR PARISH AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR HISTORY

Mission Priests

Rev. John Martin Henni.....	1830-1834	Organized parish in 1831
Was Resident Pastor of St. John in Canton		Founded first school in 1832
Rev. Francis de Sales Hoffman.....	1836-1837	Log chapel/school built in 1835
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Rev. Matthias Wuerz	1838	2 nd church built and burned down
Attended from Louisville, Stark County		
Rev. J. S. Alemany, O.P.	1841	
Rev. John N. Neumann, C.S.S.R.	1841	Reorganized congregation
Rev. Peter McLaughlin.....	1841-1843	
Attended from Cleveland		
Rev. Basil Schorb	1842-1843	3 rd church built
Attended from Chippewa, Wayne County		

Priests from the Society of the Precious Blood.....1844-1851

Very Rev. Francis de Sales Bruner, C.PP.S.		
Rev. Jacob Ringely, C.PP.S		
Rev. P. A. Capeder, C.PP.S.		
Rev. John Van den Brock, C.PP.S.		
Rev. John Wittmer, C.PP.S	1846	First Resident Pastor
Rev. John H. Luhr, C.PP.S.	1847-1848	Became Mission of St. John, Canton
Rev. Peter Weber, C.PP.S.....	1848-1851	Second Resident Pastor

Priests from the Diocese

Rev. George Stein.....	1852-1857	
Rev. John Hackspiel	1857-1861	
Rev. Victor Haussner.....	1861-1868	4 th church built
Rev. A. Herbstritt.....	1868-1869	
Rev. J. Koehn.....	1869-1875	
Rev. N. Kirch.....	1875-1885	New school built
Rev. Sylvan Rebholz	1885-1891	Rectory built
Rev. J. P. Gloden	1891	
Rev. Joseph Romer.....	1891-1892	
Rev. John Thein.....	1892-1903	Cemetery enlarged
Rev. George Vogt.....	1903-1910	5 th church built
Rev. George Reber.....	1910-1926	New school and Sisters' house
Rev. Edward Spitzig.....	1926-1927	Grotto built
Rev. Franz Feinler	1927-1928	
Rev. Frederick Bertram.....	1928-1956	Beautified grounds and the grotto
Rev. Edward Dierker	1956-1961	School enlarged
Rev. John Pertz.....	1961-1967	Addition to school built
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Galganski.....	1967-1972	Implemented Vatican II changes
Rev. Timothy E. Kenney	1972-1977	
Rev. Joseph Martin	1977-1982	
Rev. John P. Ashton.....	1982-1985	
Rev. Robert J. Novotny.....	1985-1986	
Rev. Gerald X. Curran (Adm)	1986-1987	
Rev. Thomas P. Dyer.....	1987-1995	
Rev. Edward R. Wiczorek.....	1995-.....	Renovated church, treatment plant

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Robert Sfara..... 1962-1964
Rev. Patrick Tierney 1965-1966
Rev. Msgr. Glenn Holbrook 1972-1976
Rev. Louis Santucci..... 1976
Rev. Henry Lileas 1976
Rev. Gerald X. Curran..... 1980-1986

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. James White 1982-present
Rev. Mr. Thomas Shay 1991-1992
Rev. Mr. Steven Geis..... 2000-present

RELIGIOUS COORDINATORS

Sister Genevieve Skerk, H.M 1972-1978
Sister Judith Nero 1978-1981
Ms. Linda Shaw..... 1988-present

BISHOPS WHO ADMINISTERED

CINCINNATI DIOCESE

ESTABLISHED IN 1822

Bp. Edward Fenwick 1822-1832
Bp. John Baptist Purcell..... 1833-1921

CLEVELAND DIOCESE

ESTABLISHED IN 1847

Bp. Amadeus Rappe 1847-1870
Bp. Richard Gilmour 1872-1891
Bp. Ignatius Horstmann 1892-1908
Bp. John Farrelly 1909-1921
Bp. Joseph Schrembs 1921-1943

YOUNGSTOWN DIOCESE

ESTABLISHED IN 1943

Bp. James A. McFadden..... 1943-1952
Bp. Emmet M. Walsh 1952-1968
Bp. James W. Malone..... 1968-1995
Bp. Thomas J. Tobin..... 1996-2005

Auxiliary Bishops

Bp. William A. Hughes..... 1974-1979
Bp. Benedict C. Franzetta..... 1980-1996

PERMANENT DEACONS

The Order of Deacons was instituted by the Apostles. It was restored as a permanent and public ministry in the Roman Church as a result of a decision made by the bishops at the Second Vatican Council. The restoration of the permanent diaconate was authorized in the United States in 1968.

The aims of the diaconate are to enrich and strengthen the works of service being performed by the Church, to enlist a new group of devout and competent married and single men in the active ministry of the Church, and to aid in extending needed charitable and liturgical service to the faithful. Wives of deacons assist in many of these areas.

The number of deacons in the United States has continued to grow steadily with more than 10,000 permanent deacons ministering in over 140 dioceses in the United States.

At the ordination of a deacon, one of the most beautiful rituals is the presentation of the Book of Gospels. At its presentation the bishop speaks the following words to the candidate: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you are, Believe what you read, Teach what you believe, and Practice what you teach."

We are extremely blessed to have James White as our deacon since 1982. He has been involved in many facets of church service including the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and assisting in liturgy and sacramental .

In 1991, Thomas Shay, a member of the parish, became a deacon and ministered at St. Joseph until he was transferred to St. Peter of the Fields Church in 1992.

Steven Geis who was ordained in 1999 came to St. Joseph in 2003 and has these thoughts: Being the newest deacon on the block so to speak here at St. Joseph's Parish, I have come to witness a community of faith, a community called to be witnesses to what we believe, a community rich in tradition yet strong in living out their faith for all to see.