

- March —The church organ, which originally was a second-hand purchase from a Masonic Auditorium in Milwaukee was rebuilt and enlarged at the cost of \$3500.
- May 14 —Confirmation by Bishop McFadden.
- May 31 —First Mass of Father Christian Sell, O.F.M. who is now doing missionary work with the Franciscans in Mexico.

1943

- January —In January of this year the Diocese of Cleveland welcomed the newly-appointed Coadjutor Bishop Edward F. Hoban, who was transferred to Cleveland from the Diocese of Rockford.
- May 3 —Funeral of Miss Elizabeth Stockley, the faithful and well-beloved house-keeper for the priests at St. Clement's and for many other priests during her 62 uninterrupted years spent in the rectory, R.I.P.
- June 17 —The Rev. James B. Thornton who was with us for four years was transferred to St. Martha's parish in Akron.
- June 17 —Appointment of Rev. J. Leo Brennan as assistant to replace Father Thornton.
- June 27 —First Mass of Rev. Regis Watts, O.F.M. who was a graduate of our school and who at present is doing parish work in Texas.
- June —In June of this year the last item needed to finish our little "dream church" was added when Stained Glass Windows were installed at the cost of \$7200. The windows are all original designs, not photographs or copies of paintings, symbolical not real, but realistic nevertheless in portraying the life of Christ through the mysteries of the Rosary and other important events in His life as recorded in the Gospels. There are ten groups, three windows in each group. Beginning on the Gospel Side with the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel we find the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary; in the fourth group we are introduced to the public life of Jesus through the preaching of John the Baptist, the Baptism of Jesus and His temptations by Satan as

He came from the desert after the forty day fast; the fifth group portrays three great miracles in the life of Jesus, the first miracle at the wedding-feast at Cana, the miraculous draught of fishes and then the raising to life of Lazarus; then follow the events in our Lord's life from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the burial; then the Resurrection and Ascension and Pentecost indicating the very beginnings of the Church after the coming of the Holy Ghost by the election of St. Mathias to fill the Apostolate, and the first recorded miracle worked by the Apostles in the name of Jesus. This outstanding group of modern church windows, with a grayish back-ground that admits light without destroying the effect of the picture, were designed and executed by the Rambusch Decorating Company of New York.

- September 23 —The Rev. William A. Bachmann who was with us for nearly five years and who earned his Doctorate in Sacred Theology in Rome was chosen by the Bishop to teach Moral Theology in our Diocesan St. Mary's Seminary. His work here with converts, study-clubs and the Clementine Club will long be remembered by the people of this parish.
- November 23 —The parish was highly honored and deeply appreciated a visit from our Coadjutor-Bishop Hoban at the close of our Forty Hours Devotion on our Feast Day.

1944

There is little to record during these days of readjustment when victory was in sight and men began to talk and to plan about winning the peace. The Easter Collection this year jumped to \$5000. In June we organized the Boy Scouts. They were under the direction of Rev. Victor Cimperman, who had just been appointed assistant here. In October a Campaign for clothing on national lines for the needy in the liberated countries was ordered to be conducted in every diocese throughout the land. St. Clement's Parish sent 3000 pieces of clothing amounting to 2700 pounds. From October 13th to 22nd a Solemn Novena for peace was held in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. The services every night at 7:30 drew large crowds of worshippers.

1945

- March 4-25 —Mission conducted by the Paulist Fathers.
- March 11 —Another War Relief Collection.
- April 15 —Another Drive for used and worn clothing.
- July 1 —Establishment of St. Mark's Parish by our Coadjutor Bishop Edw. F. Hoban. For many years the western end of the parish had witnessed the building of homes and the Bishop felt that a new parish should be organized to care for the spiritual interests of the people in this outlying district. Nearly 500 families who had been loyal members of St. Clement's Parish, together with about 75 families from Our Lady of the Angels Parish were now to establish the new parish of St. Mark's. The Rev. James H. Downie, then pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Wadsworth, was appointed as the first pastor. In a stirring appeal to his new parishioners still attending at St. Clement's, he welcomed and invited them to the first Holy Mass which was to be offered in Hayes Elementary Public School Auditorium on August 12th. St. Clement's Parish donated \$10,000.00.
- September 2 —Official V-J Day. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered at all of the masses.
- October 7 —Another clothing drive. This time the appeal was especially for children and nuns who were in extreme need of clothing.
- October 12 —Began another Novena in honor of our Lady of Fatima.
- November 2 —Death of our beloved Archbishop Joseph Schrembs. It was Archbishop Schrembs who established St. Clement's Parish on April 27th, 1922, who officially dedicated the church in September 1923 and who consecrated the main altar and rededicated the reconstructed church in January 1932. The people of St. Clement's Parish should remember him in their prayers at every mass they are privileged to attend.
- November 12 —Another new parish—St. Mel's was officially established with services to begin at Riverside Public

School on December 2nd. Our Most Rev. Bishop Hoban appointed as its first pastor the Rev. John T. Murphy who had just returned from years of service as an Army Chaplain. The people living in the territory now constituting St. Mel's Parish technically belonged to the parish of St. Vincent de Paul but many of them with the permission of Right Rev. Monsignor M. J. Flanigan, Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, had been attending St. Clement's Church. For this reason the establishment of St. Mel's meant another cut in our membership. With the establishment of St. Mark's and St. Mel's our parish could with pride be referred to as the Mother-Parish.

December 9 —Another Drive—This time a Canned Food Drive. St. Clement's exceeded its quota—over 2 tons were shipped to the waiting galleons of mercy in the harbor of New York.

1946

The year 1946 was marked mostly by Post-War activities, welcoming our returned servicemen and women and helping the starving millions in war torn lands. We record a War Relief Collection in April; another Canned Food Drive in May; another Canned Food Drive in June which netted 3700 pounds of food and \$215.00 in cash; another Drive for clothing and food in December and a Fall Festival for Relief which this time reached the proportions of earlier years, netting \$7000.

As a matter of record we note a Confirmation, this time by our Most Rev. Bishop Hoban on May 19th.

On July 7th our assistant, Rev. Victor Cimperman, who had been with us since July 1945 was transferred to St. Mary's Church in Collinwood. On the same day Rev. Walter Lechtenberg, recently returned from service as Chaplain in the Navy, was appointed assistant. On September 28th we received the sad news of the death of Most Rev. Bishop John R. Hagan, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland. Bishop Hagan had been consecrated only four months. He will always be remembered for his kindly interest in St. Clement's school. R.I.P.

In October, Rev. J. Leo Brennan who had been with us for three years, and who will be remembered for his eloquent sermons and caustic wit, was transferred to St. Philip Neri parish in Cleveland.

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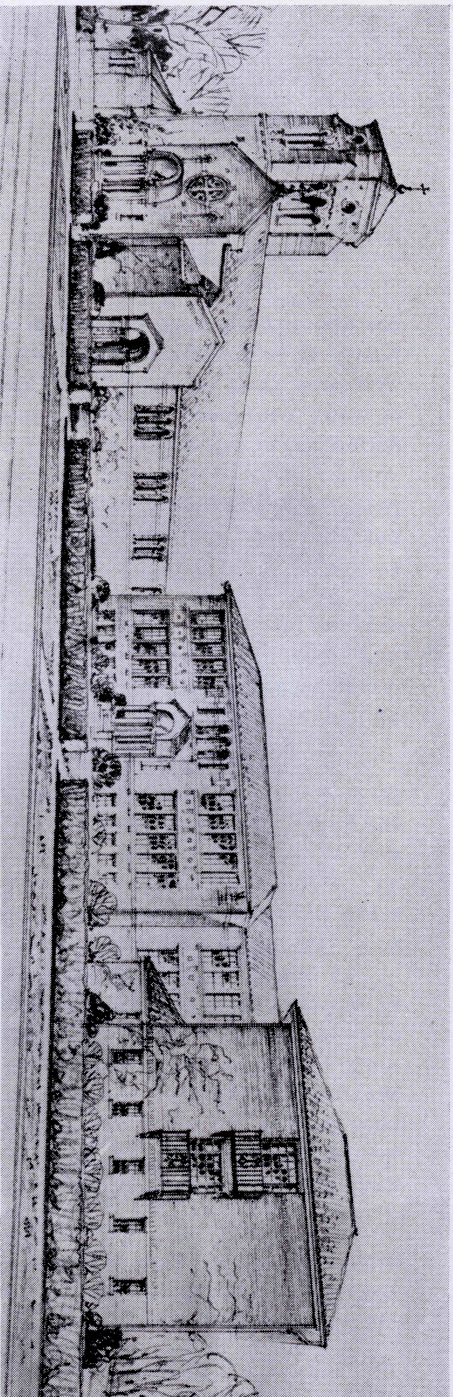
The Last Chapter of the Story

Our Jubilee Year.

On January 8, the Rev. Jos. C. Dempsey was appointed assistant, to succeed Father Brennan.—In March another special Relief Collection was ordered by the Bishops. Our quota was \$1700—we sent \$2060.

May 25th will be gratefully remembered by the pastor, for on this day in the year 1907 he was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Ignatius F. Horstmann, the third Bishop of the Cleveland Diocese. The first ten years of his priesthood were spent as assistant at Holy Trinity Church, the next five as pastor of St. Paul's in North Canton, Ohio, and the remaining twenty-five as pastor of St. Clement's. The occasion called for a celebration to commemorate the Ruby Jubilee of his priesthood and the Silver Jubilee of his pastorate. About ninety priests and the Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, who on May 1st was consecrated as auxiliary-Bishop of Cleveland were present at the solemn mass of Thanksgiving in the morning. It happened to be Pentecost Sunday, and therefore our beloved Bishop Hoban, who pontificated at the Cathedral on that day, could not be present, but honored us by attending the festive banquet for the clergy after mass. Rt. Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonough, Vicar-General of the Diocese, and an old friend of the pastor dating back to Seminary days, preached an eloquent sermon on the occasion. In the evening there was a parish celebration under the general chairmanship of Mr. Leo Doyle, in which all of the parish organizations participated, and which was planned and engineered by the assistants, Fathers Dempsey, Lechtenberg and Murney. The pastor was presented with a purse of generous proportions, and as he listened with a quizzical look as one speaker after another said nice things about him, he cherished the secret hope that St. Peter, who is reported to be quite rigid in his requirements for admission into heaven, was listening in and was making a record of them. That record might be useful some day when the pastor is asked for his passport as he knocks at the pearly gates.

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| June | 1 | —First Mass of the newly-ordained Rev. John R. Storey. His appointment was to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cleveland. |
| June | 15 | —Our assistant, the Rev. Wm. J. Murney who was with us for six years was transferred to St. Paul's Church in Euclid, Ohio. Father Murney's work with the Madonna Club and especially his work in caring for the sick at Lakewood Hospital was outstanding. A farewell reception was held for him on June 24th. |



Church, School and Sisters Convent
as viewed from Madison Avenue

Sisters Convent now
under construction

