

Church of rare beauty with a distinctly devotional atmosphere. Wooden parts of the original structure were removed and replaced with stone; the front and side porches of wood were changed to stone. A new sanctuary was added with a new main altar, communion-rail and pulpit all of marble. The new decor embodies many of the features of the ancient church of "San Clemente" in Rome. And on January 17, 1923 Bishop Schrembs consecrated the main altar.

In 1945, the Fatima Shrine was built in front of the school as a Holy Name project.

Since St. Clement's school started, the Sisters of St. Joseph who staff our school, had been riding a bus from the Motherhouse on Rocky River Drive to the school and returning in the evening. For years they hoped and prayed for a Convent on the grounds near the school. Their prayers were answered and in July 1947, construction was started on the corner of Madison and Marlowe, a fitting finale to the building program in the year of our 25th Jubilee.

The last permanent building to be erected was the addition of six classrooms which now comprise the Junior High School. These buildings were completed by September of 1958. In order to expand our parking facilities, it was necessary to purchase seven homes adjacent to the parish property.

In accord with the Liturgical Directive of Second Vatican Council, the Sanctuary of the Church was renovated with a new marble altar and the beautiful mosaic of the Risen Christ. It was completed in 1972.

During the summer of 1978, new energy-efficient windows were installed in the school.

To answer the needs of the present congregation, in October 1982, plans were designed for the renovation of the church hall. Included is the installation of new kitchen facilities, new church entrances to enable the elderly and handicapped access to the church and hall without climbing steps, and additional meeting room space.

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

November 23, 1982

10:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

CONCELEBRANTS

Rev. Joseph A. Sweeney, Pastor

Rev. Bernard J. Tierney

Rev. John F. Wessel

Rev. Francis M. Bednar

Rev. Mr. John Sutter, Permanent Deacon

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our celebration of sixty years as a parish community. We invite you to share in the joy of this occasion by joining with us in praise and thanks to God for the blessings of these last sixty years.

ENTRANCE HYMN: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him
Who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
In ev'ry heart that sings.
2. In his wisdom he strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save.
3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Our God is waiting to save
Always ready to the last
To answer those who pray.
4. God has watered our barren land
And spent his merciful rain
Now the rivers of life run full
For anyone to drink.

PENETENTIAL RITE

On this feast of our patron, St. Clement, we gather together in joy to celebrate the Love of God our Father. Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries by recalling our personal need for Christ's forgiveness and love.

Celebrant:

... for failing to recognize the workings of God's grace in ourselves and in others,

... for our insensitivity to the elderly of the parish,

... for not supporting the youth of our parish as we should, we ask:

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant:

...for failing to take the necessary time for prayer in order to deepen our knowledge of Christ,

... for avoiding those activities and persons that would demand more of us,

... for being critical and impatient with human weakness yet unwilling to challenge apathy, we ask,

ALL: CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Celebrant:

... for failing to recognize the workings of God's graces in ourselves and others,

... for the self-centeredness of our response to God and others,

... for our refusal to believe in the possibility of new beginnings - in our prayer, in our work, and in our life in this parish, we ask,

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY.

GLORIA: GLORY OF THE BELLS

(Adult Choir - Jr. High Choir)