

PARISH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

If we place everyting within the context of God's Holy Will, we realize that we are uniquely priveleged to live at this moment in history in this part of the Hudson Valley. One hundred years ago, it was Gods' Will that our parish have its beginnings as the mission church of the Sacred Heart in Barrytown attended by the priest from St. Joseph's in Rhine-cliff.

Since then much has happened, and you can learn of some of the intervening events by reading the history of the parish contained in this Journal. But, history too frequently does not tell the whole story. It details happenings but can never bring out the inner feelings of those involved in those happenings. A parish is a community, a family; and it is very difficult to appreciate the relationships which exist within it.

It is our prayer that we will learn from the spirit of co-operation which was so evident on so many occasions in the past one hundred years in this parish, so that, reflecting on our present dedication to St. Christopher, all of us will be resolved to bring Christ into our own lives and the lives of those around us by a Christlike concern for others. Let us learn from the past so that the life of St. Christopher Parish now will be a solid foundation for the next 100 years of its growth.

May God fill you with all His choicest blessings as we wish each other a very happy 100th birthday.

Sincerely yours in Christ

*Therese J. Schuly*

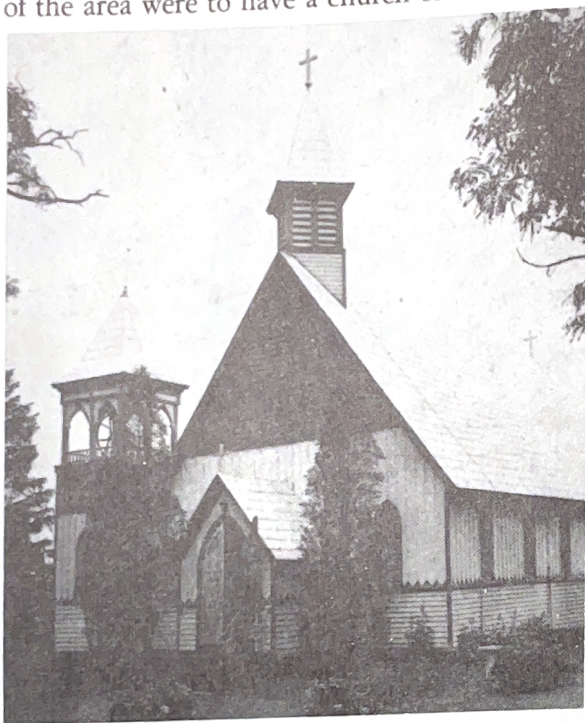


# A PARISH HISTORY

by WALTER V. MILLER

"On Sunday last, the 24th inst., the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new Catholic Church at Barrytown, took place. The edifice is to be named the Church of the Sacred Heart, and will be as pretty a structure as any village can boast of in the way of churches. . . ."

So in part reads the story published in the Rhinebeck Gazette a century ago, telling all the welcome tidings that at long last the Catholics of the area were to have a church of their own.



Sacred Heart Church, Barrytown, Built in 1875

To grasp fully the significance of this happening that brought such joy to the hearts of the Faithful, one must have some knowledge of conditions prevailing in our portion of the Hudson Valley at that time. The area was discovered by Hendrik Hudson and settled by the Dutch in the 17th century. They, and the English who succeeded them, were Protestant in background, and did not look with any great favor on Catholics. In fact it was not until after the Revolutionary War that the first Catholic church in New York, St. Peters on Barclay Street in New York City, was consecrated. This was in 1784.

Catholics in this new nation were few in number and scattered. The future of the Catholic Church in America was apparently very bleak. But, the picture was to change.

Should one of the old timers who lived in this part of Dutchess County return to the area now, he would be confronted by the paradox that the place has changed and yet remained the same.

There would be the same gently rolling countryside, some of it still heavily wooded, even as it had always been. The waters of the lordly Hudson would still be lapping the western shore, and, beyond the river, the Catskills would still rise to meet the western sky.

One change noted would be the manner in which the area had been settled and developed. The old Upper Landing would be the Tivoli area, the Lower Landing would be the hamlet of Barrytown. Cedar Hill would be Annandale, seat of Bard College. Farms and residences, old and new buildings, schools and land developments would dot the area.

It would be over along the course of the Post Road, now highway No. 9, that one of the greater changes would be noted. In the early days Red Hook Village had been located along the Post Road not too far south of what later became the Columbia County line. This was a posting station with the post office of the name located there, and a center of things generally. Today the little village is still there, but would be known as the Upper Village, or Upper Red Hook. The Red Hook of the present time is some three miles or more to the south along the Post Road, on the site of the hamlet of "Hardscrabble."

Some have it that this transition began during the closing years of the 18th century or early in the 19th when David Van Ness moved into "Maizeland," the fine Federal styled brick house still standing on West Market Street near the west line of the present village. This change of residence on the part of Van Ness would



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 Rev. Matthew J. F. Scanlon ..... 1901-1919  
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Phillip Sandstrom ..... 1962-1963  
 John Monahan ..... 1963-1964  
 George Kuhn ..... 1964-1965  
 Donald Malone ..... 1964-1965  
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