

## St. Michael's Long Ago

1872—Funding of St. Michael's Parish by German Immigrants

1874—Consecration of the first St. Michael's Church. (Presently our Parish Hall & St. Mike's Clothing Closet.)

1888—Petition to build our present Church.  
- Hiring of Alphonse Druiding as Architect.  
- Laying of foundation by volunteer parishioners.  
- Laying of the cornerstone.  
- Remortgaging of homes and farms to finance the Church.

1890—On St. Michael's Feast Day, Bishop McQuaid dedicated the new Church.

1903— Pipe Organ built by J.W. Steere & Son, Springfield, MA. It was paid for by the children as a gift to Fr. Hargather, Pastor. It has 36 stops comprised of 42 ranks of over 2000 pipes. It was rebuilt in the 1950's and refurbished in 2000—2003.

## St. Michael's Treasures

Stained Glass Windows—Were created in Innsbruck, Austria. The depiction are of Bible stories of angelic intervention.

South Wall—Old Testament stories, ending with The Nativity.

North Wall—New Testament stories, ending with The Second Coming of Christ.

Bells and Tower—At 225 feet, the tower is the tallest church steeple in Rochester. It has a clock with four faces that was restored in 2003. There are 13 bells, the largest weighing 4800 lbs. And the smallest is 127 lbs. They were christened and named by Bishop McQuaid. Each one was assigned a job—tolling for funerals, fire emergencies, etc. They were cast by The McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore, Maryland.

## Treasures from Germany

Processional Cross—Refurbished in 1986.

Pulpit—Beautifully hand carved.

Baptismal Font—Illustrations of the Seven Sacraments, the four Evangelists and topped by St. John the Baptist as he baptized Jesus. It was restored in 2003.

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# History of St. Michael's Church



*The Sacred Heart Altar and the South Wall*

Meet our Saints

St. John the Evangelist

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Agnes

Our Lady of Cobre (Patroness of Cuba)

Admire our Windows

Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Our Christmas/Epiphany Window\*

Abraham & Isaac

Daniel in the Lion's Den\*\*

Zechariah in the Holy of Holies

King David and the Angel

\*Notice the Magi with the red velvet and ermine shawl. His face is the portrait of Bishop McQuaid. Find the Shephard dressed in Green. His face is the portrait of Father Pascalar, our first pastor. Father Pascalar is 'adoring' Bishop McQuaid! There is a long story behind this work of art.

\*\*This window won first prize in the Religious Stained Glass Exhibit at the World's Expo in 1893 in Chicago.

*Main Altar and Sanctuary*

Meet our Saints

St. Joseph and the Child Jesus

Carving—'Let the children come unto Me'

St. Michael Archangel

Carving—The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

St. Anne and the Virgin Mary

Admire our Windows

The Guardian Angel and a young child

The Annunciation

St. Michael the Archangel

The Angel with Joseph Raphael and Tobias

Some Interesting notes:

1. Our stained glass windows were estimated at \$13,500,00 in 1981.
2. The wings of the St. Michael statue had to be cut off to fit the statue at the top of the main altar.
3. All the wood carving in our church was done by one man—Anton Holstrich.

*The Blessed Mother Altar and the North Wall*

Meet our Saints

St. Dominic (Note the Rosary)

Mother Mary

St. Cecilia

Our Lady of Providence (Patroness of Puerto Rico)

Admire our Windows

St. Gerard on his Death Bed

The Second Coming of Jesus

The Agony in the Garden

The Fountain of Siloam

The Resurrection

The Escape of St. Peter from Prison

The East Wall

St. Barbara

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

\*Donated by the congregation of St. Stanislaus Church. They used our Church while theirs was being built.