

Brief History of the Church of the Holy Name

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In 1891 a group of local men, lead by John Hurd, requested permission of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts to form a parish in the growing town of Swampscott.

1891 The Church of the Holy Name was founded and held its first service at Odd Fellows Hall on Elmwood Road, June 7, 1891 with Dr. Andrew Gray officiating .

1892 Sought donations to fund the purchase of land and construction of a church building.

1892 Mr. Charles Henry Joy, son-in-law of Enoch R. Mudge, initially donated the sum of \$2000, but then decided to donate a lot from the Mudge Estate or Swampscott Land Trust.

1892 Three months after giving the land for the Church of the Holy Name Mr. Joy passed away. Mrs. Joy (Marie Louise Mudge) decided to build the church in memory of her husband and her father Enoch Redington Mudge.

1892 Mrs. Joy engaged Henry Vaughan, foremost church architect of the day, to build our church.

1893 Construction begins April 1, the cornerstone being laid on the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist June 24.

1893 September 29, on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, the church was consecrated by Bishop Huntington of New York, as the diocese of Massachusetts was without a Bishop at this time. The future Bishop Lawrence was in attendance.

1891-1894 First Rector Arthur Papineau (Swampscott resident).

1895-1897 Second Rector H.L.C. Braddon (from the mid-west).

1898 Church purchases its first organ for \$500 from the Belmont School.

1898-1902 Third Rector Wm. E. Gardner - formed the boys choir.

1900 Original Parish House constructed - cost \$3317.

1903-1905 Fourth Rector Richard E. Armstrong.

1905-1929 Fifth Rector Edward Tillotson from St. Paul's Boston (prior to its becoming a Cathedral). The church really grew under his guidance developing into a family parish rather than just for summer residents. The rector became very active in the community, was on the School Committee and was known as the Dean of the Swampscott Clergy.

1907 Rectory (Vaughan design) was constructed - cost \$7418. First residents were Rev. Tillotson and his new bride.

1914-1917 World War 1 - fifty six men from this parish go to war - two giving their lives.

1920 Parish Hall enlarged (creating two floors supper room and kitchen) the gift of the Remick Family - Parish Hall becomes known as Remick Hall - cost \$10,000.

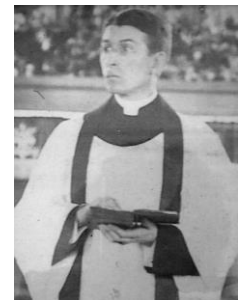
1920 The first five of our stained glass windows were installed. They were from C. E. Kempe studios of London, England - Henry Vaughan had worked very closely with Mr. Kempe so the plan was already in place.

1. Chancel window on right "The Resurrection" in memory of our first Senior Warden - James Valentine Warren.

2. Nave window on right next to the pulpit "Preaching at Athens" given by Benjamin Shelton in memory of his parents Philo and Georgiana Shelton who were Swampscott summer residents since 1852.



*Third Rector
William E. Gardner*



*Fourth Rector
Richard E. Armstrong*

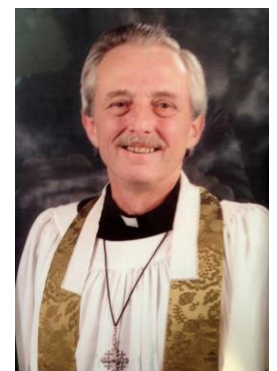


*Fifth Rector
Edward Tillotson*

3. Nave second window on right "Christ with the Children" given by Dorothy Sears Watters in memory of her daughter who died at the age of five.
 4. Nave third window on right "The First Miracle at the Wedding Feast" given by Dorothy Sears Watters in memory of Marion Watters Walker who died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. The Watters family were longtime summer residents.
 5. Nave first window on the left side "The Raising of Jairus' Daughter" given by the Stephenson, Edgar, and Mower families.
- 1923 George Shelton gives to the Church an E.M.Skinner organ - our existing organ was given to St. John's in Sanbornville, NH.
- 1927 Mr. Shelton establishes a fund for the maintenance of the Skinner Organ.
- 1929 Rev. Tillotson dies from a serious heart attack.
- 1930-1950 Sixth Rector James D. Cummins.
- 1932 Church in need of expansion - Henry Sill Baldwin (well known Swampscott resident and member of our Parish) submits plans following Mrs. Joy's wishes not to vary from the Henry Vaughan design. The times were not right so the plans were set aside.
- 1937 Nave window on the left was installed (with some mystery as it varies from the other window designs) "Tribute to Caesar" given by Mrs. Alden Garland in memory of her husband.
- 1937 Rear window "Te Deum" Burnham studios of Boston given by the Parish in memory of their beloved Rector, Edward Tillotson.
- 1939 Installation of Chancel Window above the altar "Adoration of the Magi" Reynolds studios of Boston - given in memory of Mrs. Charles Henry Joy by her children.
- 1940 Mr. Baldwin's plans are accepted and the expansion at the rear of the Church begins, being completed in early 1941 - (expansion being from the existing cross aisle back).
- 1920 - 1950 Church is known for its large men and boys choir.
- 1941 -1945 World War 2 - 203 men and women go to war from our parish with a loss of eight.
- 1950-1970 Seventh Rector Winslow F. Beckwith (former pilot from World War 2).
- 1950's Purchase of the Davis Lot - now a playground area on Thomas Rd.
- 1957 Sunday school space needed - the Chapel Building was built connecting to the rear of the church (Thomas Road side).
- 1960's Remaining windows installed
1. "Parable of the Talents and Architects" Connick Studios, Boston, in memory of Henry Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baldwin, given by the Baldwins.
 2. "Christ in Relation to Women of the Bible" Connick Studios of Boston In memory of Isabella and James Nason, Mary and Gustaf Johnson, given by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson.
 3. Chancel on left "Baptism of Jesus" Connick Studios of Boston, given by the Parish in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rudd.
 4. Last window given by members of the Parish as a celebration of our 75th anniversary "Christ's Call To Discipleship" Connick Studios of Boston.
- 1960 The Parish Hall (Remick Hall) was remodeled. The Rudd Family Estate enabled us to complete this update and also established an endowment fund for the Parish
- 1970 - 1996 Eighth Rector - John H. Barrett Jr.
- 1975 - 1978 Ten small windows in our Narthex were installed by Burnham Studios of Boston given in memory of parish family members.
- 1987 Addition of the patio and handicap access ramp given by the Fallon family.
- 1991 - 1992 100th Anniversary of the Church of the Holy Name with a series of celebrations for the entire year.
- 1991 Submit application for approval as a National Historic Site.



*Seventh Rector
Winslow F. Beckwith*



*Eighth Rector
John H. Barrett Jr.*

- 1991 June 9 We removed the cornerstone to open the copper box beneath - everything was found to be in excellent condition.
Contents:
- Bible given to Mr. Joy by his mother 4-15-1854
 - Prayer book - autographed by E.R.Mudge
 - Prayer book belonging to Mrs. Charles H. Joy
 - Hymns Ancient and Modern - Mr. Joy's autograph
 - Copy of the service at the laying of the cornerstone
 - Sketch of the parish signed by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry
 - Parchment roll
- 1992 June 7 Cornerstone to be replaced for next hundred years.
- 1996 Rev. Barrett called to serve in a Parish in New York.
- 1996 Priest in Charge Rev. Louise Mann came to us from the Diocese of New Hampshire.
- 1997 Prepared the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" Sunday School Program
Teachers given special training - very well received.
- 1998 "Tillotson Archives Room" established to preserve the historical records of this parish - given by the Torrey family.
- 1999 Louise Mann called as Rector.
- 1999 Monument Music Concert Series introduced to the community.
- 2001 Organ restoration begins thanks to the foresight and gift of Mr. Shelton.
- 2001 Church sound system installed by our own Mike Crawford.
- 2001 Established with the YMCA a Nursery School for children in the community.
- 2002 In conjunction with our organ restoration the quiet phase of the Capital Campaign begins.
- 2002 Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Olmstead Historic District.
- 2002 Our fire alarm and computer systems struck by lightning.
- 2003 Rev. Mann goes on sabbatical - worship services conducted by guest clergy from Ireland and Scotland.
- 2003 Our altar and chancel were beautifully renovated in memory of Ken and Jean Cobbett through the generosity of their family.
- 2004 Established a Feasibility Study Committee to research our needs for maintaining, preserving, and upgrading our physical plant in order to serve the needs of the parish and its place in the community.
- 2004 Rev. Mann announced her plans to retire at the end of the year.
- 2004 Plans are made with the diocese to replace Rev. Mann with an interim priest who would start the first of the year. A Search Committee will begin their work in January 2005.
- 2004 Feasibility Study Committee or the Oversight Committee reports to the parish the findings of their several months review. Now proceeding to discuss with architects and review their recommendations, narrowing it down to one choice.
- 2004 Reception for Rev. Mann held at Marian Court College.
- 2004 Water problems in the basement of Barrett Hall. Major changes to our under-ground water flow out to the town system have been completed.
- 2004 YMCA discontinues pre-school operation at CHN due to low registration.
- 2005 Nine member search committee appointed to begin the process for finding a new Rector.
- 2005 Used supply clergy for the first few months - then J.C. Woods became interim Rector - part time schedule.
- 2005 The Building Oversight Committee continued their study of the church needs for improving and updating the all of our buildings taking into consideration, codes, new kitchen, Sunday School renovation, handicap accessibility, Parish Hall improvements, just to name a few.



*Ninth Rector
Louise Mann*

- 2005 The BOC reports back to the parish their findings and recommendations for phases that could be accomplished over many years. Challenge will be to seek ways of raising money through grants, capital campaigns, loans etc. which will be decided by another committee established for this purpose.
- 2006 Annual meeting - parish given comprehensive update of the BOC committees work. This plan is in a series of drawings which establishes goals to achieve over several years in the future.
- 2006 Capital fund committee resumes and is seeking alternative methods of fund raising - grants, overall Parish Capital Campaign, loans from the Diocese etc.
- 2006 Search Committee has worked for many months to narrow the search for a rector (over forty applications) anticipates decision by the summer.
- 2006 A new rector is called to serve CHN - Reverend Mark Templeman and his wife Jennifer and two sons, Graham and Andrew.
- 2006 Reverend Templeman becomes the tenth Rector in our 115 year history.
- 1998-2008 An Organ Task Force was created in 1998. In October of 1999 we hired an organ consultant who advised us on how to proceed. At the January 2001 annual meeting of the church, the Organ Task Force submitted their final report and recommendations to the parish, and the new console was complete in 2006.
- 2009 A new church kitchen. Planning was done in 2008, and in early 2009 the real work began. The dedication for the new kitchen was on Friday, January 8th, 2010. The kitchen was dedicated to two beloved members of The Church of the Holy Name, Betty Smith and Florence Bessom, whose lives and graciousness will be remembered by all parishioners. Cooking and fellowship were immensely important to both Betty and Florence.



*Tenth Rector
Mark Templeman*



And so The Church of the Holy Name thrives to this day - enjoying a rebirth - the growth coming from young families - active role as a member of the community - proud of our many years - thankful for the foresight and hard work of those who preceded us.