Diocese of Columbus
Oct. 14 The retirement of Most Rev. James A. Griffin as Bishop of Columbus was announced, along with the appointment of Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, as the eleventh Bishop of Columbus. The retirement was effective that day.
Oct. 18. Bishop Griffin was named Administrator of the Diocese, until the installation of Bishop Campbell.

Institutions and Agencies
February 6 At Bishop Ready High School, the new weight, wrestling, and band rooms were blessed.
February 9 D wing at Bishop Hartley High School opened, with science laboratories and a lecture hall.
July 31 An acre of Resurrection Cemetery, donated for the use of the Orthodox Community in Central Ohio, was blessed by Orthodox Archbishop Job and named “Holy Myrrhbearers.”
September A pre-school was added to Trinity School in Columbus, housed at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish.

Parishes
January Bishop Griffin blessed the cornerstone of the new Church of the Resurrection in New Albany
March It was announced that Christ the King, St. Philip, and St. Thomas elementary schools in Columbus would merge into All Saints Academy, to be housed at Christ the King Parish, in the fall of 2004.
May 13 The parish center of the Community of Pope John XXIII, Canal Winchester, including its temporary church, was blessed by Bishop Griffin.
June 1 Ground was broken for a new parish center at Holy Redeemer Parish in Portsmouth.
June 6 A school addition and new parish center were blessed at Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbus.
June  An addition to the school at St. Patrick Parish in London was dedicated.
June 27  The new Church of the Resurrection in New Albany was dedicated.
July 13  St. Joseph Parish, LaRue, was closed when Father Losh retired.
Sept. 19  The new St. Edward the Confessor Church in Granville was dedicated by Bishop Griffin.
Sept. 26  The new St. John Neumann Church at Sunbury was dedicated.
Oct. 24  A new, 8.3 acre sports complex at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish in Dublin was dedicated.
Dec. 20  The new St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Crooksville was entrusted to the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Churches, on the retirement of Father Stanton.

Vocations and Personnel
March 4  Rev. Steven D. Seever, diocesan seminarian, was ordained a deacon at St. Pius X Church in Reynoldsburg.
Oct. 7  Anthony Lonzo of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Mt. Vernon was ordained a deacon in St. Peter's Basilica by Bishop J. Peter Sartain of Little Rock.
Oct. 16  Brother Edward A. Fox, from Holy Trinity Parish in Somerset, professed final vows as a member of the Holy Cross Order, Notre Dame, Indiana.
Dec. 31  Rev. Francis Stanton, Pastor of the Church of the Atonement in Crooksville, retired.

Necrology
Feb. 6  Sister Leonarda Platt, O.P., at St. Mary of the Springs, age 94, who was raised in St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark
Feb. 28  Rev. James W. Jones, age 74, retired priest of the diocese
March 7  Rev. Thomas J. Cadden, age 73, retired priest of the diocese
March 17  in Bogota, Colombia, Rev. Robert Schwenker, O.M.I., age 68, a native of Columbus
April 14  Sister Mary McCaffrey, O.P., at St. Mary of the Springs, who entered the congregation after being raised in Columbus, age 92. She spent almost her entire teaching career in this diocese and was her congregation's archivist.
April 17  Sister Caroline Humphreys, S.N.D. de N., at Mt. Notre Dame, Cincinnati, age 93. She was raised in St. Aloysius Parish, Columbus
May 18  Rev. Art Wiles, Pastor of St. Christopher Parish, Columbus, at age 64
June 7  Rev. Clement Durbin, age 79, retired priest of the diocese
June 17  in Dayton, Marianist Brother George H. Dury, age 98, native of Columbus
June 21  Sister Clotilda McCurdy, S.N.D. de N., age 101, in Cincinnati, who entered religious life from Holy Cross Parish in Columbus
June 30  Rev. Joseph F. Jerabeck, age 82, retired priest of the diocese
July 12  Rev. Charles A. Haluska, age 88, retired priest of this diocese; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
July 31  Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen, age 81, retired professor of St. Charles Seminary and High School
Sept. 9  Sister Mary Ellen Elder, O.P., at St. Mary of the Springs, age 68, a native of Somerset (formerly a Dominic Sister of the Sick Poor)
Oct. 5  at St. Mary of the Springs, Brother Christopher (born Bernard) McCabe, O.P., age 87, a native of Columbus
Oct. 26  Msgr. Patrick Griffin, age 84, retired priest of the diocese
Nov. 29  Msgr. Robert R. Schmidt, age 86, retired priest of the diocese
Dec. 22  in Columbus, Sister Coletta Giorgetti, O.P., age 89, a native of Newark
Parish Histories of 1903 and 1907
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Columbus - St. Leo Parish
Answers provided on a sheet of parish stationary by Father Charles F. Kessler:
1. [Foundation date] 1903
2. [Property purchase dates] 1903 - all were purchased at one time
3. [Schools and teachers] 1903 Sisters of St. Francis
4. [Date of rectory] 1904
5. [History of church and other buildings] The same
6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] None
7. [Title] St. Leo
8. [Pastors] Ego
9. [Assistants] No
10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] [blank]
11. [Method of funding] By festivals [?] & collections
12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] Half has been paid by means of no. 11. balance yet due
13. [Laity worthy of mention] None entitled to any special recognition
14. [Anything else of importance] None

The ground for my parish was purchased from Henry Noltemeyer in March 1903. Corner Stone was laid 19 July of the same year. First Mass said 13 of Dec. of the same year. School was opened the following September with an enrollment of 160 children. Convent for Sisters erected in 1906. We started with about 100 families, good, bad, and indifferent. Today we have an enrollment of 200 children and about 150 families. For the first two years the Sisters stayed at St. Vincent Orphanage and attended my school from that place.

Respectfully
Charles F. Kessler

Columbus - Holy Rosary Parish
Church of the Holy Rosary,
Main Street and Seymour Ave.
Columbus, Ohio Dec. 10, 1907

Rev. dear Father Mulhane,

I enclose the list of questions with answers, hurriedly written. There is not much of interest to be added that I can think of.

With best wishes I am
Sincerely Yrs in Xto
F. W. Howard

1. [Foundation date] Holy Rosary Parish was established on May 1, 1905, by letter of Rt. Rev. James Hartley D.D. appointing Rev. F. W. Howard pastor, and ordering the erection of a church and school.
3. [Schools and teachers] School was opened with 170 pupils on Sept. 8, 1906.
4. [Date of rectory] An old residence standing on the property; which had been erected fifty years ago was remodeled and refitted as the parish house.
[5 through 10 are blank]
[12 through 14 are blank]
HOLMES COUNTY

Calmoutier

Fredericksburg Feb. 15 1908.
Dear Father: Reading your very fine letter in the
Columbian today reminds me of the fact, that I
promised to send you the names of priests bur-
died here for your history. The Rev. Augustine
Rollinet died January 1st 1859, aged 64 years.
The Rev. James McGourty died Sept. 21 1870
aged 29 years; both priests rest side by side in
the old cemetery.
I congratulate you Dear Father on your interest-
ing and entertaining writing in Columbian. It
proves the old saying: No one is so important,
that no one else could not fill the bill

In Xto
F. Seeber

Glenmont

Narrative submitted by Rev. Otto VonLintel:
Catholic services in Holmes Co. were first held
in the log cabins of different Catholic families.
The first Catholic settlers were Germans and
French. The first services were held about 2
miles Northeast of Greersville. The first priest
according to records now extant was Father J.
Lamy, a missionary. He visited the scattered
Catholic families baptized their children and
communion, and offered the holy sacrifice. he
visits seemed to have been annual. In 1848 the
Catholics built a little log Church in the woods,
and dedicated it to God under the patronage of
St. Joseph. This Church stood some 2 1/2 miles
east of Greersville and about 4 miles west of the
present Glenmont. The tomb stones of the old
cemetery still mark the spot.
1845 First Services - Log cabins - Rev. J.
Lamy
1848 - First Log Church - St. Joseph’s
1857 Rev. L. F. D’Arcy removed to the village
of Napoleon (Glenmont) built the stone church
- which still forms a part of the church to day.
1890 - Rev. A. L. Leininger built addition
1907 - New vestibule.
Following is a list of the priests who made visits
to the little parish. They came once or twice
a year, some times oftener. Yet the people in
those days preserved the faith. Every Sunday
they would meet in the little log church. One
more learned than the others, would read the
gospel, recite the rosary, teach catechism until
the missionary would come along to preach and
give the bread of life.
1849-'50-'51, Revs. J. Bruenenmann, N. Roup,
A. Campion, Jacob Ringley, M. Healy, D. J.
Boulger
1852 - Rev. Aug. Berger, who seems to have re-
sided in the parish for nearly a year, or to have
paid monthly visits. Rev. Geo. S. Brennan
1853 - Rev. P. Weber
1854 Rev. Peter Weber, A. Thomas. The latter
resided at Mt. Eaton the present Calmoutier
parish
1855. Rev. A. Thoma, L. Mahon, F. M. Boff
1856-'57 Rev. E. W. J. Lindesmith, M. O’Neil,
L. F. D’Arcy
1858 Rev. Aug. Rollinet, E. W. J. Lindesmith
1858-59 G. Frere, A. H. Mauclerc, and the bish-
op of Cleveland.
1860-'61 Rev. L. Hoffer, Rev. J. Ant. Heimo
1861 - Rev. J. Cruoreto
1862-1863 Rev. M. Guy
1865 -till March 1869 Rev. J. A. Heimo attended
the parish. He died after making heroic sacri-
fice to attend a sick-call. He had been seriously
ill, when a sick call came. he arose to attend
it walked from Millersburg to Glenmont a dis-
tance of 12 miles, had a relapse and died. He is
buried at Glenmont cemetery.
1870-72. Rev. W. J. Hawe
1872-74 Rev. Sergius de Schoulepnikoff
1875 Rev. Thomas J. Boulger, Hugh McDavitt,
E. J. Murphy
1876 Rev. J. B. Eis, P. A. Petrarra
1876-1888 Rev. P. Bishop
1889-1893 Rev. A. L. Leininger. He enlarged
the church, according to present proportions.
1893-1900 Rev. Jos. Pollmann
1900-1902 Rev. B.H. Hensen
1902-1904 Rev. J. H. Wagner
1904-1906 Rev. F. Seeber
July 1906---- Rev. O. H. VonLintel

to be continued...
Calvary Cemetery,
West Jefferson, Madison County, Ohio
(Southwest side)
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T2L5
{Bartholmew McNamarra died Jan. 3, 1879 aged 76 years R.I.P.
{James M. McNamarra died Feb. 9, 1879 aged 29 years R.I.P.
    [new monument]

T2L6
Terence McElroy died Jan. 1, 1879...70 Y’rs &...
Mary Sullivan Creedon  June 22, 1848-Sept. 11, 1906 [new marker]
SSJ: 1906, Sept. 6, Mary Creedon, born Ireland, age 73, heart trouble
Dennis Creedon July 4, 1834-Oct. 13, 1910 [new marker]
SSJ: 1910, Oct. 7, Denis Creedon, born Ireland, age 73, born in Ireland
WJV: 1910, Dec. 9, Dennis Crudow [Creeden], age 73, born in Ireland
Daniel son of D. & M. Creeden died Sept. 1, 1878 aged 1 day

T2L7  “H”
Mary Jane Holland 1883-1961
SSJ: 1961, Sept. 25, Mary J. Holland, 78
{John J. Holland 1856-1945
{Matilda Fitzgerald his wife 1855-1892
{Matilda their dau. 1892
{Infant son 1895
SSJ: 1945, May 15, John Holland, age 89, married

T2L8
{(Mother) Clara R. Nordman died July 18, 1888 aged 67 Yrs
{(Son) George Nordman died Apr. 16, 1892 aged 29 Yrs
{(Father) Charles Nordman died Jan. 4, 1897 aged 78 Yrs
{Gone but not forgotten

T2L9
William T. Holland Jr. 1902-1931
SSJ: 1931, Sept. 5, William Holland Jr., born Lilly Chapel, age 28, murdered

T3 & 4, L1
{FITZGERALD: David D. Fitzgerald 1841-1909
{    Johanna his wife 1846-1901
{    Natives of Cullin Millstreet, Co. Cork, Ireland
{    John D. 1846-1894
{    Margaret F. 1883-1903
{    Malachi Riley 1860-1902
WJV: 1909, Apr. 25, David D. Fitzgerald, born Ireland
SSJ: 1909, Apr. 25, David D. Fitzgerald, born Ireland, age 68, liver complaint
SSJ: 1901, Feb. 11, Johanna Fitzgerald, born Ireland, age 56, heart trouble
SSJ: 1904, Aug. 12, Margaret Fitzgerald, born Madison Co., age 21, tuberculosis
WJV: 1902, Nov. 20, Malachi Riley, saloon keeper, age 43
SSJ: 1902, Nov. 20, Malachi Riley, age 44, heart and stomach
(Daughter) ♣ Collette Riley
SSJ: 1924, July 15, Collette Reilly, born W. Jefferson, age 22, tuberculosis
WJV: 1924, Apr. 14, Collette Riley, age 22, born in Ohio
Daniel Leo 1880+1910
SSJ: 1910, Nov. 25 in Columbus, Daniel Fitzgerald, born Madison Co., age 31, tuberculosis
WJV: 1910, Nov. 25 David L. Fitzgerald,
age 30, parents born in Ireland  
+S (Son) Benedict Riley  
SSJ: 1916, Sept. 29, Benedict Riley, born W. Jefferson  
WJV: 1916, Sept. 6 Malachi Riley, age 15, born in Ohio  
+S (Father) Malachy Riley  
+S (Mother) Ellen Riley  

T3L2 “Quinn”  
{Patrick Quinn Mar. 17, 1825-Jan. 6, 1902  
{Ann his wife Feb. 24, 1832-Feb. 27, 1920  
SSJ: 1902, Jan. 6, Patrick Quinn, born Ireland, age 76 years 10 months, apoplexy  
SSJ: 1920, Feb. 28, Ann (Lavian) Quinn, born Ireland, age 88  
James E. Quinn June 21, 1860-June 7, 1945  
SSJ: 1945, June 7, James Quinn, age 85, single  
Katherine Quinn May 9, 1865-Jan. 11, 1954  
SSJ: 1954, Jan. 10, Katherine Quinn, born W. Jefferson, age 88, heart trouble; sacraments received at St. Anthony Hospital  

T3L3  
No stones.  

T3L4  
Patrick Shanahan died May 21, 1880 aged 10 years  
Mary A. Shanahan died May 28, 1880 aged 4 yrs 8 ms.  
Ellen Shanahan died May 16, 1880 aged 12 yrs 10 m’s  

T3L5  
{James Kehoe born Co. Tipperary Ireland May 2, 1845, [died] Aug. 1, 1934  
{Ellen his wife 1843-1912  
{Ed. Kehoe 1880-1917  
{Mary K. his wife 1881-1905  
SSJ: 1934, July 31, James Kehoe, born Ireland, age 89, parents Patrick Kehoe and Margaret Hogan  
WJV: 1912, Aug. 3 Ellen Kehoe, age about 70, born in Ireland  

T3L6  
Mary Ellen dau. of Patrick & Bridget Smith born Aug. 11, 1864 departed on July 17, 1879  
{Patrick Smith died Aug. 4, 1889  
{Bridget his wife died Aug. 7, 1906  
SSJ: 1906, Aug. 6, Bridget Smith, born Ireland, age 65, dementia  
(Brother) Andrew Smith 1893+1893  

T3L7  
{Maurice Hann 1835-1907  
{Barbara Hann 1853-1940  
Maurice Hann Co. B. 40 Ohio Inf.  
SSJ: 1907, June 28, Maurice Hann, born Madison Co., age 69, heart trouble  
SSJ: 1940, May 28, Mary Hahn, age 93  

T3L8 “M” (“C” on south corner)  
Patrick McElroy 1857-1908  
SSJ: 1908, July 18, Patrick McElroy, born Madison Co., age 52, sunstroke  

T3 and 4, L9  
{Bridget wife of Thomas Coleman Born in Co. Waterford Ireland died Jan. 13, 1898 aged 59 years  
{Mary Coleman died Aug. 11, 1894 aged 18 Y. 4 M. 11 D.  
Patrick Coleman 1866+1945  
SSJ: 1945, May 16, Pat. Coleman, age 80, single  
Olive E. Coleman 1897+1943  
SSJ: 1943, Feb. 17, Olive Coleman, age 47; husband? John P. Coleman  
Mary Coleman 1863+1939  
Edward J. Coleman 1869+1930  
SSJ: 1930, June 5 in Bellefontaine, Edward Jos. Coleman, born Ireland, age 61, diabetis  
COLEMAN: John P. 1902-1971  
Dollie M. 1904-1964  
SSJ: 1964, Feb. 23, Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, 60
Father Matthew O’Brien and the Hippodrome War

The Catholic Telegraph article in which the assistant Perry County Prosecutor narrated the “Hippodrome War,” from the records of the county court (Bulletin, August, 2004), briefly mentioned Father O’Brien. This was Rev. Matthew Anthony O’Brien, O.P., of whom a full-length biography was written by V. Rev. Victor O’Daniel, the early twentieth century historian of the American Dominicans. (An American Apostle: The Very Reverend Matthew Anthony O’Brien, O.P.; Washington: The Dominicana, 1923) Of this incident, and relative to our story and records of Chapel Hill recently published in these pages, Father O’Daniel wrote on pages 148-150:

“The provincial kept his promise to Archbishop Purcell, that he would do all in his power to aid the metropolitan in the care of souls. Thus, during his term of office, Father O’Brien took under the charge of the community of St. Joseph’s the remainder of Perry county. In this way, we now find Saint Francis’ (Sunday Creek), Saint Peter’s (Monday Creek), and the mission of Oakfield again attended by the Friars Preacher. Saint Barnabas’, Deavertown, Morgan County, Saint John the Evangelist’s, Chauncey, Athens County, and other places also returned to their old fealty.

“Father O’Brien was devoid of all sense of fear or danger. This likely served him well in more than one effort to reconcile sinners with God. At the present period of his career it was of great service to him in helping to quell a disturbance that seriously threatened Somerset, Ohio, with a calamity.

“On September 7, 1853, a travelling show, known as ‘Welch’s Hippodrome,’ appeared in the town. It had been extensively advertised, and large numbers had gathered to witness the performance. Soon after the commencement of the evening exhibition an altercation arose in the tents between a spectator and an employee of the circus, which soon developed into a general row.
Thence it spread outside, and grew in proportion until many of the citizens of the place and laborers occupied on a cut for a railroad through the town were arrayed in a pitched battle with the showmen.

“The contest was waged intermittently all night. Early the next day, the ‘Hippodrome War,’ to use the name by which the combat has come down in history, broke out with renewed energy. Firearms, clubs, picks, stones and every conceivable sort of weapon were used by those engaged in the conflict. One man was killed and a number wounded, some seriously. Somerset was in a state of terror.

“The subject of our narrative [Father O’Brien] was on a visit at Saint Joseph’s at the time. No sooner did he hear of that trouble that had arisen in Somerset than he hurried to town. Without hesitation he threw himself into the mêlée that had got beyond control of the civic officers. Although his very presence would doubtless have calmed an ordinary disturbance, under the tumultuous excitement and angry passions on that occasion his life was in danger from moment to moment.

“However, with no thought of self; the man of God went about the streets and into houses taking weapons of every kind from the belligerents, pleading for peace, allaying wrath, pouring oil upon the troubled waters. In the meanwhile, military aid was summoned from Zanesville. the guards of that city reached Somerset shortly before nightfall; but by the time of their arrival, largely through the exertions of Father O’Brien, the riot had been practically quelled, and quiet restored. He then remained at Holy Trinity Rectory, in town, until the showmen departed.”

Father O’Daniel adds in a footnote: “We have told this story, in brief, substantially as it has been recounted to us many times by eye-witnesses. The old Catholics of Somerset and neighborhood were wont to censure the version of the “Hippodrome War” given by Colborn’s history of Perry County, page 32-36 (published in Graham’s History of Fairfield and Perry counties, Ohio. Part V), because it makes no mention of Father O’Brien. They declared that no account of the episode could be complete without a record of the part the missionary played in it. While on a late visit to Somerset, seven or eight aged men and women, who were children at the time and witnesses of the scene, again spoke to the writer about it, and again told of Father O’Brien’s fearless, heroic exertions.”

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With thanks to Tony Lisska for pointing out this narrative.