

Rev. Henry Lennon (1915) was to lead the completion the upstairs of the new church building. The 1<sup>st</sup> thing that was done was to purchase the old Fuller residence adjoining the church property for a rectory. In 1916, the upstairs of the church was finished in oak with beautiful pews, new stained-glass windows and a pipe organ. The cost of finishing the church was \$30,000.00. The first Mass was held on Easter Sunday and the church was dedicated on June 15, 1916. A campaign was initiated to pay off the church debt of \$12,500. In 1919, ninety devoted families and their pastor accomplished that goal and the mortgage was burned by members of the parish community at the Town Hall. The basement was renovated to serve as a Sunday school classroom.

Following the Second Vatican Council and the liturgical changes that were required, the interior of the Church was redecorated in 1966.

In 1976, there was a need to create a Religious Education Facility. Through the donations of many generous parishioners, the Religious Education Center was built and completed in 1977. The building has proven to be of invaluable use for many gatherings, committee meetings, and religious education classes.

In 1987, a three-year fund drive was initiated to repair and renovate the church and Religious Education Center. Later, an elevator was also installed to accommodate our senior and disabled parishioners. In 2008, air conditioning was installed in the church as a result of fundraising. Air-conditioning in the parish hall and sacristy was installed in the winter of 2017.

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