

In addition, we offer a brief history of the former **Infant Jesus of Prague Mission** on Main Street, Route 130, Brookline, NH: Infant Jesus Chapel, as a mission of St. Patrick, was built largely through the efforts and generosity of Dr. Charles A. Bruschi of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Bruschi purchased the property on which the chapel rests in 1939. Because construction took place during the war years, materials were difficult to obtain, resulting in a church built of materials and furnishings from various and unique sources. The task was finished in a year and a half and deeded to the Diocese of Manchester, debt free. The first Mass was celebrated on June 20, 1943, with dedication of the chapel two weeks later on July 5. The Rt. Rev. Jeremiah S. Buckley, Vicar General of the Diocese of Manchester, officiated. Across the street from the chapel and set in an outdoor shrine is an Infant of Prague statue made of marble which was carved by a Roman Sculptor. The statue was also donated by Dr. Bruschi and was dedicated on October 13, 1949. In 1983, plans were begun to build a meeting hall at the rear of the chapel and it was completed the following year. It was dedicated to Dr. Bruschi during a ceremony on March 4, 1984, by the Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D., Bishop of Manchester. The chapel was closed on September 9, 2007. On April 4, 2008, the chapel was sold to the Town of Brookline, NH.

### **PASTORS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

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| (1)  | Rev. George Marshall    | 1895-1915    |
| (2)  | Rev. Henry Lennon       | 1915-1937    |
| (3)  | Rev. Edmond Quirk       | 1938-1946    |
| (4)  | Rev. T. Francis Hogan   | 1946-1957    |
| (5)  | Rev. Walter Blackenship | 1957-1962    |
| (6)  | Rev. William Dolan      | 1962-1969    |
| (7)  | Rev. Laurence Gardner   | 1969-1971    |
| (8)  | Rev. James Fennessey    | 1971-1975    |
| (9)  | Rev. William Shanahan   | 1975-1982    |
| (10) | Rev. John Barrett       | 1982-1986    |
| (11) | Rev. Richard Thompson   | 1986-1994    |
| (12) | Rev. Andrew Cryans      | 1994-2006    |
| (13) | Rev. John Keegan, SJ    | 2006-2016    |
| (14) | Rev. Dennis Audet       | 2016-present |