

Historical Timeline – Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Randolph VT

- 1863 The first Mass is celebrated in the home of Peter Maginnis by Rev. J. Druon. Later that same day, land was acquired from Edmund Weston to build a church.
- 1866 The church is completed and blessed by Bishop DeGoesbriand, who gives it the name of Sts Donatian and Rogation, named for two French martyrs (circa 300AD)
- 1866-67 Randolph is a mission church under the care of the pastor of Northfield VT.
- 1875 Land for Holy Cross Cemetery is acquired by Michael O'Connor for \$100.00. Later that same year, more land is purchased by Bishop DeGoesbriand for the same purpose.
- 1884 Randolph becomes a mission of Windsor, VT.
- 1900 Sts Donatian and Rogation property is found to be too small, and discussions begin as to what to do.
- 1903 Randolph ceases to be a mission, and the first resident pastor is appointed; Rev. James Penders, a native of Hydeville, VT. It is his first pastorate.
Later that year, it is decided that a larger church is needed.
- 1904 The Sts Donatian and Rogation rectory is purchased for \$2000.00 from Lorenzo Kibby, and the old church is sold for \$60.00. It is moved off the hill to its current location at 26 Pleasant Street. It serves as the Randolph Boys and Girls Club.
- 1905 The contract to build the new church is given to Eli and E. L. Sault.
Construction begins on the new church.
- 1906 The new church is completed at a cost of \$3,711.34.
- 1910 Rev. Michael O'Donnell is appointed pastor.
He purchases the bell and two angels kneeling in adoration for each side of the altar.
- 1912 Randolph assumes responsibility for St. Anthony's in Bethel.
It remains a mission of Randolph until 1950.
- 1934 Rev. Mark Harvey is appointed pastor.
He re-purchases the original church for use as the Parish Hall.
- 1939 St. Elizabeth's Church in Rochester (VT) becomes a mission of Randolph.
- 1940 Rev. William Fox becomes pastor.
During his tenure, St. Edward's in East Brookfield is opened, along with St. Matthew's in South Royalton and St. Denis in Pittsfield.
- 1951 Rev. Favella sells the original church to the American Legion.

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- The proceeds of this sales are used to finish off the dirt floor in the basement, so it can be used for the Parish hall.
- 1998 Rev. John M. Milanese becomes pastor.
Under his pastorate, an evaluation is made of the condition of Sts Donatian and Rogation Church.
In the following two years, studies are conducted concerning the feasibility of renovating vs. building a new church.
- 2000 Bishop Angell of the Diocese of Burlington grants permission to purchase land ns begin a capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of a new church.
Later that same year, a five-acre parcel of land is purchased on the corner of VT Route 66 and Hebard Hill Road, Randolph.
- 2001 Start of the capital campaign to raise funds for the new church.
- 2007 Construction begins on the new church property.
Parishioners decide to rename the new church, Our Lady of the Angels.
- 2008 On January 27, the final 10AM Mass is celebrated at the former Sts Donatian and Rogation church.
Bishop Salvatore Matano concelebrates the Mass of Dedication and Consecration of Our Lady of the Angels Church.
- 2017 Our Lady of the Angels celebrates the paying off of the mortgage on Our Lady of the Angels Church. Rev. John Milanese officiates the ritual burning of the mortgage.

The original Sts Donatian and Rogation Church property is sold for \$75,000. To a private owner.