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\$169,500.00

Bells - Hearing the Celebration of Our Christian Mission

Our Christian tradition first reminds the faithful that God is present in their daily lives. Then the bells call us together to worship Him and allow our hearts to "make a joyful noise"! [Psalm 100]

Exodus instructs that "bells of gold" were to be attached to the hem of the high priest's robe, so that the people could hear him as he entered and exited the Holy of Holies [Exodus 28:31-35]

The sound of bells ringing means good news for God's people because it indicates that the people's sins have been atoned for in a way acceptable to God.



EACH BELL
Memorial
\$56,500.00

History of the Bells

These specific bells were constructed by the Meneely Bell Co. located in Troy, NY in 1908. The Meneely Bell Foundry was established in 1826 in Watervilet MY by Andre Meneely. The bells in question cam from the second Meneely bell foundry established in 1870 by Andrew's son, Clinton H, Meneely which remained in operation until its closing in 1951. While the original location of these bells are not listed in any company records to date (as many aren't) they were sold to St. Joseph's Church in Poughkeepsie, NY in 1927.

St. Joseph's Church was founded in 1900 when Germania Society Hall was purchased for the sum of \$5,000. Ecclesiastical permission was obtained in

1901 so the parish could be incorporated and canonically established. While legal matters were being attended to, men volunteered to their services to convert the building into Church use. It was during the period of 1927 and 1928 when the Church and surrounding grounds were being renovated the bells were purchased and put into service. The bells remained in service until the parish was merged with St. Mary's Church in Pougkeepsie in November of 2014. The bells were then relocated to the Patrimony Office warehouse on Staten Island for potential future sale.