

Chronology of important dates in St. Augustine's church history  
Diocese of Rochester

1898

Sun. Sept. 18, cornerstone laid for St. Monica's Church source: *Catholic Journal*,  
Sat. Sept. 17 1898 p.1

Sat. Oct. 8, "Our churches - Rochester Has Now 17 in All" source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Oct. 8, 1898, front page.

Sat. Nov. 12, St. Augustine's church and school being erected. "The new branch school of the Cathedral which is a modest beginning for the new St. Augustine's church and school is now in the course of erection on Chili Avenue. The structure is inexpensive, yet comfortably arranged for the smaller children, who owing to distance or age, will be unable to come to the cathedral school. The altar used in the former school chapel will be placed in the little school house and from the beginning the work in the new field will be sanctified by the graces flowing from the august sacrifice of the mass." source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Nov. 12, 1898 "City Parish News" under Cathedral.

Dec. 8, St. Augustine's church organized. source: *Catholic Journal* Sat. Mar. 10, 1906

1899

Sat. Feb. 11, St. Augustine church and school in operation "The little 'church school' of St. Augustine is in quite a prosperous condition. Over 100 adults assist regularly at the Sunday services, and there are 46 pupils registered at the school." source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Feb. 11, 1899, "City Parish News" under Cathedral.

Sept. 11, "St. Augustine's school and Nazareth Hall will also begin their fall terms Monday morning." source *Catholic Journal*, Sat.? Sept. 9, 1899, "City Parish News" under Cathedral.

1906

Thurs. Jan. 25, lecture at Cathedral Hall to benefit St. Augustine building fund "On

next Thursday evening, Jan. 25, at Cathedral Hall, Rev. Dr. Breen will deliver his celebrated lecture on "Egypt, Ancient and Modern" under the auspices of the St. Augustine's church association for the benefit of the building fund. The public is cordially invited and a large audience is expected to welcome the Rev. Lecturer. Dr. Breen traveled in the East all last year and this great collection of pictures is the result of personal investigation." source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Jan. 20, 1906 "City Parish News" - St. Augustine's

Sun. Feb. 11, "To-morrow is communion Sunday for the members of the Rosary Society."

"We take pleasure in announcing that the ton of coal donated by Mr. H.F. Jesser was won by Mr. W. Bates of 112 Danforth St.; also that the pieces of household china donated by Miss Quinn of 17 Henion St., were won by Mr. Martin of Clifton St." source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Feb. 10, 1906 "City Parish News" - St. Augustine's

Tues. Feb. 27 "A very enjoyable musical was held on Tuesday evening February 27th, under the auspices of the Circle Three..."etc. source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Mar. 10, 1906 "City Parish News"

Sat. Mar. 10 Rev. J. F. O'Hern is the acting rector of St. Augustine. This issue tells about each church in Rochester and it has a lot of ads for artists who do work for churches.  
"St. Augustine  
We have no picture to present our readers of St. Augustine's church which was organized Dec. 8, 1898, but as the congregation is a growing one we hope someday to print a picture of a handsome new church. Rev. J. F. O'Hern is the acting rector. (His picture appears under the article and he is very young and handsome.)

source *Catholic Journal*, Sat. Mar. 10, 1906- n.p.

Tues. and Wed. July 24 & 25 mid-summer festival held to benefit the church "St. Augustine's" - "Elaborate preparations are being made for a mid-summer festival and lawn fete for the benefit of St. Augustine's church, Chili Ave., to be given on the church lawn, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, July 2 and 25. Various committees have been appointed to arrange for different forms, of entertainment including band concerts, automobile rides, etc. Numbers are being sold on a beautiful parlor set, a ladies gold watch, and some hand-painted tapestry with the figure of a shepherdess, valued at \$50, all of which will be on exhibition. The festival is under the auspices of St. Augustine's church



association which has a large membership."

source *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 13, 1906- n.p. "City Parish News"

"A large number of people attended the lawn fete given last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on the church grounds. There was more than the usual number of entertainments, one of the most interesting being the dog show. Music was furnished for dancing and the light refreshment booths were well patronized. The fete was a decided success."

source *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 27, 1906- n.p. "City Parish News"

Fri., Aug. 24, "Rev. John O'Brien has been appointed resident pastor of St. Augustine's parish." source *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Aug. 24, 1906- n.p. "City Parish News" under Cathedral

Fri. Oct. 19, 1906    Announcement that St. Augustine's will have a new church building and become an independent church.  
"Application has been made at the Bureau of Buildings and Combustibles for permission to erect a church in Chili Avenue near Hobart Street, to be known as the St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church. The building will be of brick and stone and will combine a church and school. The application was made by Rev. John H. O'Brien, as rector.  
The building, according to the petition, is to be forty-four feet wide, 116 feet long, and twenty-eight feet in height and its estimated cost is \$30,000. Joseph Oberlies is the architect.  
St. Augustine's Church was started as a mission from St. Patrick's Cathedral. The mission chapel a few weeks ago was considerably damaged by fire. Instead of repairing the chapel, it was decided to build a new church. Work will be begin immediately, although it is not expected that the building will be ready for occupancy until spring.  
The St. Augustine parish is in one of the most rapidly growing districts of the city being near the Lincoln Park industrial center. It was so successful as a mission that it was decided to make it an independent church. Rev. John H. O'Brien, one of the Cathedral priests, has been acting as rector and will probably be continued as such. source *Catholic Journal*, Friday Oct. 19, 1906, front page.

Friday Oct. 26,    Announcement that ground has been broken for the new building which is illustrated and described.  
Illus. "St. Augustine's New Church" courtesy of The Post Express  
"Ground has already been broken for the new church of St.



Augustine's parish which is to be erected at the corner of Chili Avenue and Hobart Street. The building will be a combination school and church, and the estimated cost of the building with the furniture is \$35,000. Work is being rushed and it is planned to have the church ready for dedication on Easter Sunday. Rev. John H. O'Brien has recently been appointed rector of the congregation.

The building will be 56 feet by 114 and the first floor will be devoted to the school. There will be six large school rooms with detached toilets in the rear. Special attention has been paid to the lighting and ventilation of these rooms, the most modern and up-to-date ideas being used, and indeed, this feature will be one of special note throughout the building.

The second floor will be devoted to a chapel or church auditory which will be approached by four large staircases, two in the front from the right and left and two in the rear the same way. The seating capacity of the auditorium will be 650. The building will be constructed of mottled buff clay brick with white Medina stone trimmings. The renaissance style of architecture will be used and it is expected when the building is finished it will be one of the handsomest Catholic churches in the city. Special attention has been paid to the groupings of the windows with the result that the church and school will have an unusual amount of sunlight. The architect is Joseph H. Oberlies. Plans are already under consideration for the dedication of the church but no definite announcement is expected until they mature a little more." source: *Catholic Journal*, Friday, Oct. 26, 1906, n.p.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 29, St. Augustine Building fund raiser at SS. Peter and Paul. "Announcement is made that St. Augustine's Church Association, which will have charge of the building of the new St. Augustine's Church on Chili Ave., will hold a reception and social on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 29th. This is to be held at SS. Peter's and Paul's Hall, Dossenbach's Orchestra will furnish music and a programme will be furnished by local and out of town artists." source: *Catholic Journal*, Friday, Nov. 2, 1906, "City Parish News - St. Augustines. n.p.

"Arrangements are being completed for the musical and social to be given by St. Augustine's Club at St Peter and Paul's Hall on the evening of Nov. 29th, Thanksgiving. The proceeds of this entertainment are to be given toward the building fund of the new St. Augustine's church now being built on Chili Ave. Among the numbers rendered



will be soprano solo by Miss Pearl Keenan; bass solo by Mr. Charles Beisenbach, reading by Miss Eloise Maier, piano solo by Miss Gertrude Keenan, tenor solo by Mr. Angelo Newman. After the musical a reception and social will be held for which music will be furnished by Dossenbach's Orchestra. source: *Catholic Journal*, Nov. 23, 1906, "City Parish News - St. Augustines. n.p.

Sun. December 23, Cornerstone of new St. Augustine's laid by Bishop Hickey  
"The cornerstone of the new church and school building of St. Augustine's parish was laid Sunday afternoon by Bishop Hickey. The Bishop was assisted by Rev. Michael J. Nolan, D.D., chancellor of the diocese, Rev. John H. O'Brien, rector of St. Augustine's; Rev. C.R. Fischer and Rev. George V. Burns of the Cathedral, and Rev. Orestes Canali, of Italian church and students of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary also assisted. Despite the inclement weather, not only nearly all members of St. Augustine's parish, but an immense number of others had gathered to witness the imposing ceremonies. The ceremonies conducted, the clergy and people entered the old church, where Bishop Hickey preached an eloquent sermon. He referred to the fact that eight years ago, when the cornerstone of the little wooden church was laid a blizzard was raging, but this could not deter the throng of people who were present. The elements had no influence on the deep interest of the people who were bound to have a church in this remote part of the city. St. Augustine's parish was established eight years ago in the extreme western part of the city, which was at that time but sparsely inhabited. But a few families at first belonged to the parish which as conducted as a mission of the Cathedral. The school was immediately begun as with twenty-one pupils. The priests in charge at various times were Rev. George V. Burns, Rev. Philip Golding and Rev. J.F. O'Hern. In two years it was necessary to enlarge the church building. The new building will be constructed of mottle brick with stone trimming, two stories high. The lower story will be used as a school and the upper as a church. The seating capacity in the church will be 600 and the school will be arranged for nine grades. The cost of the building and inside furnishings is estimated at \$40,000. If the weather is favorable it is expected that the church will be ready for dedication in May. Rev. John H. O'Brien, the rector, has full charge of the work and will push it with all possible speed.

James E. Martin and J.J. Thorne are the trustees. The Building Committee for the new church is: Rev. J.H. O'Brien, George C. Schaefer, chairman; M.W. O'Brien, secretary; J.J. Thorne, W.E. O'Brien, Albert Hayes, Charles Mertz, James Keenan, Nicholas



O'Neil and William Hahn. source: *Catholic Journal*, Dec. 28, 1906, "City Parish News - St. Augustines. n.p.

1907

Mon., May 6? - Fri. May 10?, St. Augustine's Fair. Preparations Made to Open on Monday Evening

"The building to be used as a church and school by the members of St. Augustine's parish is now completed. It is a two story structure located on Chili Avenue, opposite Post Street and is constructed after the model in vogue in this diocese.

Prior to the dedication of the church the members of the parish decided to use the structure as a hall in which to hold a fair. With this end in view those in charge have been working for the last eight months to make the undertaking a success. The fair will open next Monday evening and will continue for the remainder of the week.

The various societies connected with the church will be in charge of a number of beautifully decorated booths in which all sorts of fancy articles will be sold. The basement and the upper floors of the building will be in use. It is promised that the decorations will be a surprise and that there will be some features that will make those who may attend stare in bewilderment.

Every evening during the week there will be a special musical entertainment. The programme will be changed every night. Some of the best musical and dramatic talent of this city will be seen at the various performances.

The fair will be under the general direction of the St. Augustine Fair Association of which the following are the officers: President: Charles Mertz; vice president, John Keenan; secretary, George C. Schaefer; treasurer, Rev. J.H. O'Brien; executive committee, M.W. O'Brien, James E. Martin and Frank Hohn [sic].

Donations have been received from the following: Mrs. M. Golden, Mrs. Savage, Ross Winney Co., Armstrong Milling Co., Macauley, Fien Co., Moseley-Motley Milling Co., Doyle & Gallery Co., A Friend, M.J. Doran, Burke, FitzSimons, Hone & Co., A. Iselin, Jas. Johnston, Rochester Optical Co., F. J. Strepp, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Jno. Haag, Chas. Scheuerman, Wm Rossenbach, I.J. Fisher, S.D. Burritt, E. Handy, H.H. Babcock Co., Hubbard, Eldredge & Miller, W.E. Perry, E.S. Ettenheimer Co., J.R. White, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. E. Shafer, G.B. Miller, Hohn & Rampe Co., Shinola Co., Monroe Oil Co., P.A. Beckley, Silver Lake Ice Co., Public Market, Richard Gardiner, Pillsbury Milling Co., Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., R.J. Bendon Co. Kennedy & Co., Weis & Fisher Co., Meng & Shafer Co., BellTelephone Co., P. Yawman, F.J. Schwalb, H. B. Graves, Edwards Co., J. Throne, H. Lester, M.W. Odenbach, Lathrop Mfg. Co., Union



& Advertiser Co., Wheeler-Green Electric Co., E.E. Bausch & Son, H.S. Mackie, J.T. Snyder, Jos. T. Cunningham, McCurdy & Norwell Co., I. Rice & Sons, P. Mutter, F.J. Mildahn, H. Kropp, E. Chapman, E. King, George C. Whipple Co., E.F. Ashley & Co., J.K. Post & Co., Standard Woolen Mills Co., McGreal Bros., E. Appel, A. Wright, Welsbach Light Co., F.H. Jones, Dake Drug Co., O.J. & J. Bryan, Fast Train Co., F.& C. Crittenden, George Gurney, George Weldon Co., J.L. Phelps, Sunderlin Co., Howe & Rogers Co., Klee & Groh, F. Hughes, Smith, Beir & Gormley, Heinz Co., Anthony Baking Co., Hickey-Freeman Co.

St. Augustine's parish was organized about fifteen years ago to minister to the spiritual needs of Catholics living in the district situated near West Avenue beyond Brown Street. A small frame church was erected and for a time this satisfied the needs of the congregation. Within a few years that section of the city became more densely populated and the church soon became too small. It was decided to erect a new building and the present structure will be sufficient to take care of all who may join the church for some time to come. Father J.H. O'Brien is the present pastor of the church.

source: *Catholic Journal*, May 3, 1907, "St. Augustine's Fair." n.p.

See also photos from the Rochester Herald

Tuesday, June 21, Wedding of Miss Frances M. Quinn and Archibald Martin  
source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 21, 1907, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

July, Photograph of St. Augustine's Church and School - the new building  
source: *Catholic Journal*, Annual Educational Number, July, 1907

July 28, Dedication and formal opening of St. Augustine's  
"St. Augustine's Church in Chili avenue will be dedicated Sunday by Rt. Rev. B.J. McQuaid, at 10:30 o'clock. The bishop will be assisted by Rev. Dr. Goggin of St. Bernard's Seminary, and the city clergy. After the dedication, Rev. Dr. Hanna will celebrate solemn high mass, assisted by Rev. Father Burns of the Cathedral and Rev. Daniel Quigley, of Canandaigua. In the evening there will be solemn vespers and an address by Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey.  
The choir is preparing special music for the occasion, and will be assisted by several well known soloists. A new organ will be used.  
Includes photo of the building exterior.  
source: *Catholic Journal*, "Dedication of St. Augustine's: Church Will be Formally Opened Sunday by Bishop McQuaid." Friday, July 26, 1907, front page.



St. Augustine's Church of Chili Avenue was dedicated Sunday by Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid. The bishop blessed the edifice at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Rev. Dr. E.J. Hanna of St. Bernard's Seminary officiated at solemn high mass assisted by Rev. G.V. Burns of the Cathedral as deacon and Father Daniel J. Quigley of Canandaigua as sub-deacon.

The sermon was preached by Bishop McQuaid. It was a stirring appeal to the people and pastor to work together for the common good. The people were complimented on the erection of the beautiful building.

The choir of the church, under the direction of Charles Biesenbach, furnished special music. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and both morning and evening services were attended by large numbers. The students of St. Bernard's Seminary assisted.

There were present in the sanctuary, Rev. John H. O'Brien, Rev. A.M. O'Neil of Immaculate Conception Church, Rev. J.T. Dougherty of Canandaigua and Rev. O. Canalli of the Cathedral.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there were solemn vespers. Rev. J.F. O'Hern of the Cathedral was celebrant, with Rev. A.A. Hughes of Geneseo as deacon and Rev. D. J. Quigley of Canandaigua. Those in the sanctuary were: Rev. J.H. Sinclair, D.D., Rev. M. Nolan, D.D., Rev. G.V. Burns, Rev. M.J. Krieg, Rev. John B. Sullivan, Rev. George J. Jones, and Rev. Lewis O'Hern, O.P., of Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop Hickey preached the sermon, in which he said: "I place high on a pedestal that man who does God's work most perfectly. Such a man was born more than 1,500 years ago, and his name has always been interesting, but it should be of especial interest to the members of this church, for it was Augustine.

"The work of education and religious instruction will be carried on here under the guidance of God, and will be watched over during all of the coming years by St. Augustine. Do you not see more than display in all of the beautiful ceremonies of the Catholic religion? The first church was founded on a rock. It was hollowed out in the city of Bethlehem.

"For nearly three centuries the Church of God was almost hidden from sight, but it was the same church that it is to-day. It has not always been under the sunshine. More often it has been like the frail bark on the sea, expected every moment to be submerged. But Jesus has been with the church all of these years.

"The church of to-day is more elegant; but the church itself has never changed. Like the tree that years and time have made larger, the church has changed in appearance; but it is the same church as of old.

"Man's one work in this world is to develop his spiritual self. The history of the church should be an inspiration on this most inspiring occasion. The material part of the church is beautiful, but it is not as beautiful as the spiritual. **This building will be a nursery for your children. Every time they come here their young minds will be filled with the truth of God.**

"May God bless both pastor and people and may St. Augustine guide every one to the home that has been prepared for you."



The ushers were: G.C. Shaker, Albert Hayes, James E. Martin, John N. La Chander and John DePrez. The trustees of the church are James Martin and John I. ...."

Source: *Catholic Journal*, "Dedication of St. Augustine's Church: Bishop McQuaid Blesses New Edifice Located on Chili Avenue." Friday, Aug. 2, 1907, n.p.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 St. Augustine's Annual Christmas Bazaar  
"The annual Christmas bazaar of St. Augustine's Church was held Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon in the school hall, Chili Avenue. The committee in charge of the different tables are as follows: Fancy articles, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Knope and Mrs. Collins; dolls, Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Dunn; cooked food and candy, Mrs. Hilbert, Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. McAvinney; refreshment, Misses Miller; grab bag, Mrs. Frank Horn; charity tree, Frank Horn; cigars, Mr. Knope; music, Miss Reichert and Miss Donovan." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Dec. 6, 1907, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

## 1908

Wednesday, Jan. 15, Wedding of Miss Florence Murr and James Clancy  
source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 17, 1907, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Tues.-Wed. Aug. 4-5, Lawn socials, at night, at St. Augustine's  
"The lawn social held this week on Tuesday and Wednesday evening by the various societies of the church under the direction of Frank Horn, was well attended on both nights. Concerts were given by the 54th Regiment band and Japanese lanterns illuminated the grounds. Mr. Horn was assisted by Messrs. Martin, Keenan Leschanders, Hays, Betrand, Deprez, Turner and Frazer. Mrs. Mary Stolz had charge of the refreshments assisted by various members of the Rosary Society. The Young Ladies Society had charge of the candy and lemonade booths, Mrs. Knope had charge of the dresser, Mrs. E.C. O'Brien of the china set, and Messrs. Reichard and Hoag of the gold watch." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Aug. 7, 1908, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. Aug. 23, Death of 1 year old Leo Maurice Callahan of 30 Doran Street, at Conesus Lake source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Aug. 28, 1908, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.



Sept. 23, Marriage of Miss Catherine Louise Ferris, formerly of Rochester and Ward Alexander in Corry, Pa. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Oct. 9, 1908, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

### 1909

Tues. Apr. 27, Funeral of Michael S. Cummings at St. Aug. (member Holy Name Society and A.O.H.) source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Apr. 30, 1909, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

### 1910

Sun. June 19, Rev. Thomas J. Cullen will say his first mass in Rochester at St. Augustine Church....All A.O.H. members are requested to attend the mass source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 17, 1910, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

### 1911

Wed. Apr. 12, Funeral of Maurice Dempsey at St. Augustine's (from the home of Mrs. Catherine Cummings, 77 Hobart St.) Large attendance. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Apr. 14, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Mon. Apr. 24, St. Augustine Pedro Party - fund raiser for new organ  
"A pedro and 500 party given under the auspices of St. Augustine church was held in the Powers Hotel banquet hall Monday evening. Over 1000 tickets were sold and more than two-thirds of that number were present. Fifty valuable prizes were awarded to the various winners. The proceeds from the party will be used to assist in the purchasing of a new organ for the church." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Apr. 28, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. May 21 200 children to receive first communion at St. Aug.  
"A class of 200 children will receive their first holy communion next Sunday at 8:45 o'clock. After mass the children will be served with breakfast in the school. A week from Sunday the Rt. Rev. Bishop



will confirm a large class." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 19, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. June 11, Rev. Dr. Mortimer Nolan said his first solemn mass at St. Augustine source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 16, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Fri. July 7, School outgrown already; new addition in progress  
"Work on the new addition to the school building continues. Owing to the quick growth of the parish it was necessary to add three new large rooms on the west side to accommodate 150 children." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 7, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Fri. July 14, Summer mass schedule; communion day for children  
"During the summer months the usual order of masses will prevail. The hours are 7.30, 9 and 10.30 on Sundays and 8 o'clock on week days. Next Sunday is communion day for the children of the parish. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 14, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Tues. July 18, St. Augustine's branch, L.C.B. A., last Tuesday held their annual outing at Newport." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 21, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Fri. July 21, "Mass will be celebrated Friday morning for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Margaret Skinner. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 21, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Fri. July 28 fund drive for school addition  
"Father O'Brien has been receiving subscriptions to the fund for the new school addition and next Sunday the names of the subscribers with the amounts will be distributed." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 28, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Fri. Aug. 11 a convent for St. Aug.; a new statue  
"The pastor, Rev. J.H. O'Brien, has just acquired the house adjoining the church property and facing on Hobart St., for use as a convent. Mrs. Josephine Kleuh has donated to the church a beautiful life-size statue of St. Ann." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Aug. 11, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.



Fri. Aug. 25, Father O'Brien going on retreat  
"During Father O'Brien's absence on retreat, his work will be done by Rev. Raymond Kirk, of the Los Angeles diocese, who is spending his vacation here." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Aug. 25, 1911, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

## 1912

Sun. Jan. 19, "There was a meeting of the Young Ladies Sodality and Children of Mary last Sunday afternoon." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 26, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Tues. Jan 23 "The funeral of Mrs. Agnes Ann McGreal of 29 Hertel St., took place at this church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. She is survived by a daughter Miss Minnie A. and a son James A. McGreal. Mrs. McGreal was an old and well known member of St. Augustines. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 26, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p. "There was a requiem mass Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock for Mrs. Ann McGreal." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 9, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p. "There was a requiem high mass for Anna McGreal Tuesday Mar. 19, at 8 o'clock." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 22, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun., Jan. 26, Rosary Society and School Communions  
"Next Sunday being the third Sunday of the month will be communion day for the Rosary Society and they will receive in a body at the 7.30 mass.  
Next Sunday will also be communion day for the children of the school and they will receive in a body at the 9 o'clock mass." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 19, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Tues., Jan. 30, "There will be a meeting of the C.M.B.A. Society Thursday evening for the installation of officers." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 26, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. Feb. 4, Young Ladies Sodality meeting  
source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 9, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.



Wed. Feb. 7, Holy Name Society smoker

"There was a smoker given Wed. Feb. 7, by the Holy Name Society in the school hall." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 9, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Tues. Feb. 20 Pedro Party at Powers Hotel

"There was a meeting of the people of St. Augustines at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon to arrange for a pedro party to be given at Powers Hotel, Feb. 20. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 9, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

"There was a pedro party held at Powers' Hotel, Tuesday, Feb. 20th, for the benefit of St. Augustine's church given by the ladies of the church." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 1, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

"The returns from the card party held at Powers Hotel, Feb. 20th, have just been made amounting to \$485." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 22, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. Feb. 25 "There was a meeting of the Children of Mary Sunday afternoon." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 1, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. Mar. 10 Meetings - and special prayer

"There was a meeting of the Young Ladies Sodality at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

"There was a meeting of the Rosary Society Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. O'Donnel was prayed for Sunday." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 15, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

Sun. Mar. 17 St. Aug. Annual Retreat begins

"St. Augustine's annual retreat will begin Sunday March 17." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 15, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

"The retreat was opened this week by a Redemptorist Father from Saratoga." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 22, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.



- Sun. Apr. 21, Meetings, school collection  
 "There was a meetings of the Children of Mary Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.  
 "The monthly school collection was taken up last Sunday. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Apr. 26, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Mon. Apr. 22 "A requiem mass was celebrated Monday morning at 8.30 for those who were drowned on the Titanic." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Apr. 26, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- May Young men plan "a show"  
 "There was a meeting of all the young men of the parish to plan for some kind of a show to be given some time this month. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 3, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Wed. May 1 Funeral - Lt. Frederick J. Schultz  
 "The funeral of Lieutenant Frederick J. Schultz, of the 6th precinct, took place at 9.30 o'clock Wednesday a.m. from the family home 260 Wellington Ave., and at 10 o'clock from this church. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by the rector, Rev. John H. O'Brien, Rev. J.P. Brophy as deacon and Rev. R. Henry as subdeacon. Mr. Schultz is survived by his wife and one daughter Mildred." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 3, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Sun. May 5 "Starting the first Sunday in May there will be four masses: one at 6.30, 7.30, 9.00 and 10.30 o'clock" source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Apr. 26, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Sun. May 19 first communion and school collection  
 "A class of about 60 children received their fist holy communion at the 9 o'clock mass on Sunday last. They ate their breakfast with Father O'Brien in the school hall.  
 "Prayers were offered up for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Haley on last Sunday.  
 "Last Sunday was also school collection Sunday."  
 source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 24, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.



- Mon. & Tues., May 27 & 28      Circus by young people  
 "There will be a circus given by the young folks of St. Augustine's on the 27th and 28th of this month."  
 source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 24, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Wed. June 19      10th Wedding Anniversary celebration  
 "A number of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Golden, of 19 Kensington St., Wednesday evening on the occasion of their tenth wedding anniversary. Antinarelli's Band of twenty men furnished the music. Refreshments were served." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 21, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Fri. June 21      new priest (assistant) appointed to St. Augustine's  
 "The newly ordained priests have been assigned by Bishop Hickey as assistants in the following churches: Rev. J. Curtin, at St. Augustine's...." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 21, 1912, "Clerical Appointments." n.p.
- Sun. Oct. 13      St. Augustine's participates in 3rd annual parade of Holy Name Societies (see Parades in Stone slides)  
 "St. Augustine's church, marshal, Henry Wegman, St. Monica's band." *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Oct. 11, 1912, "The Third Annual Parade of the Holy Name Societies." n.p.
- Tues. Dec. 10      Funeral - Miss B. Driscoll  
 "The funeral of Miss B. Driscoll, who met her death in an accident on Friday, Dec. 6th, took place at St. Augustine's church, Tuesday, Dec. 10th. A solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Brien. Father Bresnahan was deacon and Father McArdle was subdeacon. Father Cluny was in the sanctuary." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Dec. 20, 1912, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

## 1913

- Sun. Jan. 19      Holy Name Society  
 "The Holy Name Society received holy communion last Sunday at the 7.30 mass. In the evening at 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. Cowen addressed the Society." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 24, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.



- January regents exam results  
 "Great credit is due to our teachers for the high standing of the pupils of the 7th and 8th grades who took regent examinations in January, several standing - 100 in their studies." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 21, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Sun. Feb. 23 Annual retreat begins  
 "The annual retreat of the parish will begin at the 10.30 mass, next Sunday. Our pastor urges all the members of the congregation to make it." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 21, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- March 31 Annual social for the benefit of the church - Powers Hotel  
 "The annual social for the benefit of the church will be held at Powers Hotel, March 31st. It is hoped all the members will interest themselves and make it a success." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 21, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays in May "May devotions are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8 p.m." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 16, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Fri. May 16 "St. Augustine's Branch, L.C. B.A., gave a party for the benefit of St. Ann's Home Friday evening in the school hall." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 23, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Sun. May 18 First communion and school collection  
 "The children will receive first holy communion at the 8.30 mass next Sunday." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 16, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.  
 "A class of 75 children received holy communion Sunday at the 9 o'clock mass after which the young Ladies Sodality served breakfast to the children in the school hall." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 23, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.  
 "The monthly school collection will be taken up next Sunday." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 16, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Sun. May 25 Confirmation  
 "On May 25th Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey will administer confirmation." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 16, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.  
 "On next Sunday evening at 7.45 p.m., Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey will



confirm a large class of children and adults." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 23, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

- Wed. July 23 Jerome J. Friend funeral  
"Jerome J. Friend, died Sunday morning, July 20, at his home at 35 Chase Street, Lincoln Park, aged 35 years and 11 months. He is survived by his wife Alice, one son, Bernard Friend, his parents, and three sisters. The funeral took place Wednesday morning, July 23, at 8.30 o'clock from the house and at 9 o'clock from St. Augustine's church. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 25, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

## 1914

- Sat. Sept. 26 Edward J. Moriarity funeral  
"Edward J. Moriarity, aged 25 years, died Wednesday evening at the residence of his father, 31 O'Neill St. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock from the house and at 9 o'clock from this church. Burial will be made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Sept. 25, 1913, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.
- Sun. Dec. 27 \$2,000 fire at St. Augustine's  
"The schoolroom attached to St. Augustine's Church, a frame building at Chili avenue and Hobart street, was damaged by fire early Sunday morning to the extent of \$2,000. By dint of hard work, the firemen kept the flames from spreading to the church auditorium. Smoke was discovered issuing from the rear of the church shortly after 5 o'clock and an alarm was telephoned to fire headquarters. The fire was found in a small room in the rear of the basement, which was used as a storeroom and workshop by John Tuohey, janitor. The schoolroom, and above it is the church proper. Before the flames were checked they had got into the hall leading to the schoolroom and to a stairway leading to the altar. After half an hour's work the fire was out. Just how it caught fire could not be ascertained. A few years ago fire did several hundred dollars damage in the basement of the church." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 1, 1915, "Fire At St. Augustines." n.p.

## 1915



Fri. July 9    New assistant assigned to St. Augustine's  
"Bishop Hickey has made the following assignments of the newly ordained priests of the diocese: Rev. Daniel O'Rourke to be assistant at St. Augustine's church, Rochester...." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 9, 1915, "New Priests Assigned." n.p.

Nov. 22        Minstrel show to be presented by St. Augustine's Young Men's Club  
"The first minstrel show of the Young Men's Club of this church is to be given at **Exposition Park** on November 22d. The Executive Committee have appointed the following committee to direct the production: Bernard M. Gallagher, chairman; W. Emrick, Thomas F. Walsh, Chester Ritter, Louis A. Snyder and Neal Harold.

Thomas McMullan, who has considerable familiarity with minstrelsy, will be in charge of the show. The musical numbers will be directed by Joseph Kurtz. The personnel of the company has been determined only in part. E.M. Newell is to be interlocutor and Roy Miller, Leo Hogan, Charles Hawkins and S. O'Brien will be on the ends." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Oct. 29, 1915, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

"Comedy and melody will lead the bill of the Dixie Minstrels to be given by the Young Men's Club of this church, November 22d at Exposition Park Music Hall. The production is under the direction of Thomas McMullen. The musical numbers are to be conducted by Joseph Kurtz who will preside at the piano the night of the performance.

Everett M. Newell is to be the interlocutor and the end men are Chas. Hawkins, Ray Miller, Stewart O'Brien and Leo Hogan. The costumes and properties by Louis W. Clement and the electrical effects by Bernard M. Gallagher." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Nov. 12, 1915, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

(Note: some of these same performers turn up in a Cathedral Minstrel Show of Great Irish Minstrels in Blackface, with a full description of the presentation- see *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 5, 1917, "Cathedral Minstrel Show.")

## 1916

Mon. Jan. 10    Wedding of Marie Cecelia Kirk and Alfred William McMahon  
"Marie Cecelia Kirk and Alfred William McMahon were united in marriage Monday morning, Jan. 10th, at 8 o'clock at this church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E.R. Kirk, of Los Angeles, Cal., a brother of the bride. Bishop Hickey officiated at the nuptial mass will followed, assisted by Rev. John H. O'Brien and Rev. D. O'Rourke, of Rochester, and Rev. Joseph Dissett, of Seneca Falls.



Clarence Kirk and John Leschander acted as ushers. There were no attendants.

Following the ceremony a breakfast was served to the immediate families at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary R. Kirk, No. 181 Kirkland road.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahon are in the East and will be at home at 181 Kirkland road after Feb. 1st.

The prenuptial events were a variety shower given by Misses Lucy Sheridan and Mary Welch, a linen shower given by members of the bride's club, a variety shower given by Miss Elizabeth Rice, a luncheon given by Mrs. John Cleary, a linen shower given by Miss Mary Clark and a quilting bee given by Miss Katherine Kirk."

source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan 21, 1916, "City Parish News - St. Augustines." n.p.

- Wed. July 13    Funeral of James Keenan  
"The funeral of James Keenan, formerly a member of the Rochester Police Department, took place Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from the family home at 27 Appleton Street, and at 9 o'clock from this church. Rev. J. H. O'Brien, rector of the church, celebrated solemn requiem mass, assisted by Rev. Edward Simpson and Rev. Daniel O'Rorke. Rev. Thomas F. Connors, rector of Blessed Sacrament church, was in the sanctuary. The choir, under direction of Professor Chas. Bisenbach, sang, and Angelo Newman offered several solos. The bearers were Frank Brannigan, Henry McAdams, Michael O'Brien, James Rice, George White and Henry Ireland. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. July 15, 1916, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

- Dec. 31,    Major debt reduction by St. Augustine's accomplished  
"A debt of more than \$90,000 has been reduced to \$6,950 in ten years, according to a report submitted to the members of St. Augustines' parish by Rev. John H. O'Brien, the rector. The total receipts for the year 1916 was \$24,307.45. Pew rents and collections approximated \$10,000. During the year \$4,850 was paid on the mortgage, \$4,200 on the lot and \$3,700 on a note held by the Lincoln National Bank. A special collection taken for Father O'Brien at Christmas time amounted to about \$900." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 26, 1917, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

## 1917

- Sun. Mar. 25    2 week long Mission begins - schedules  
"A mission began in this church Sunday evening, March 25th, and



will continue for two weeks. It is being conducted by a Dominican Father. The order of exercises are as follows: Masses on Sundays at the usual hours; on week days the 1st mission mass at 5:30 o'clock with short instruction; 2nd mass at 8 o'clock with sermon after the mass. Sermon at 8 o'clock in the evening. Confessions will commence on Tuesday of each week at 3:30 p.m., and will be heard after the mission masses and at 3:30 to 6 p.m.; and 8 to 10 p.m. On the First Friday the masses will be at 6, 7:30 and 8 o'clock." "The masses on Sunday will be at 6:30, 7:30, 9 and a high mass at 10:45 o'clock." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. March 30, 1917, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

Tues., June 12 Marriage of Margaret Dolores Schaft and Harry B. Crowley - society  
 "Miss Margaret Dolores Schaft, daughter of Mrs. Nora E. Schaft, of 53 Normandy avenue and Harry B. Crowley, assemblyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crowley, 105 Woodward street were married by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, assisted by Very Rev. Dennis J. Curran, V.G., and Rev. John F. O'Brien, pastor of St. Augustine's church Tuesday morning. The wedding chorus from Lohengrin was played by the organist as the bride entered, walking with the bridegroom. She was unattended and wore a beautiful gown of white satin with Chantilly lace and pearls. Her tulle veil fell from a crown of pearls and orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley. The groom's gift to the bride was a dinner ring of platinum with diamonds and the bride's gift to the groom was a diamond stick pin. Mrs. Schaft, mother of the bride, wore a gown of black satin embroidered in blue and gold with a corsage bouquet of orchid sweet peas. The groom's mother, Mrs. Crowley, wore a gown of cream silk voile with filet lace with a corsage bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. The ushers were Charles Crowley, a brother of the groom, Assemblyman Frank Dobson and Franklin Judson and Angelo Newman. The groom presented each of the ushers with a silver match box. The altar and church were beautifully decorated with greenery, white peonies and palms. The church was filled with many relatives and friends of the bridal couple including many city, county and state officials. During the ceremony Gounod's "Ave Maria" was rendered in a duet by Mrs. Pearl Keenan O'Connell and Miss Gertrude Keenan.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Rochester Club to the immediate members of the family.

There were many pre-nuptial entertainments, including a theater party and supper at the Hotel Seneca given by the Dinner Club, of which the bride and groom are members, a dinner and cards at the Rochester club by Mrs. Charles Crowley; luncheon and cards by Mrs. Eugene Feinberg; theater party and tea at the Seneca by the Misses Carberry; a dinner party by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Dwyer; luncheon



and cards at the Rochester club by Miss Florence Bausch; theater party by Miss Ella Hale; dinner party by Mr. and Mrs. John J. McInerney; luncheon and cards by Mrs. Harold Senke; luncheon by Miss Adelaide Connors and Mrs. Emmet Murphy; bridge party by Miss Edith Byrne and Miss Helen Kavanagh.

After an extended trip to New York, Washington and Atlantic City, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley will be at home at 185 Alexander St., after August 15th." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 15, 1917, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

## 1918

Thurs., Jan. 3      Funeral of Charles F. Mertz, secretary and treasurer of the Co-operative Foundry Co.  
"Charles F. Mertz, secretary and treasurer of the Co-operative Foundry Co., died suddenly Monday evening while he was awaiting a taxicab which he had summoned to convey him home, after having been overtaken by illness while walking in York St.

The funeral was held Thursday morning at 9:45 from his home, No. 222 Chili Avenue, at 10 o'clock from St. Augustine's Church. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J.H. O'Brien, with Rev. J.H. Nelligan as deacon, Rev. Daniel O'Rourke as subdeacon and Rev. A.J. McCabe as master of ceremonies. Priests in the sanctuary included Rev. A.H. Hughes, Rev. J.H. Brophy, Rev. James Brady and Rev. F. William Stauder.

Those attending the funeral included delegations from the Knights of Columbus, Branch 81, C.M.B.A. and workmen from the Co-Operative Foundry.

The honorary bearers were George A. Carnahan, William N. Steele, Henry S. Clark, John F. Brayer, George W. Reilly and John W. Ross. The active bearers were Joseph Oberlies, John W. Fulreader, Dr. J.A. Cormier, W.R. Southard, George C. Shafer and F. Brayer. Burial was made in Holy Sepulcher cemetery." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 4, 1918, "The Funeral of Charles F. Mertz." n.p.

Wed. Apr. 24      Funeral of Alice Mary Chesterton Kavanaugh [sic] (Mrs. Michael D.)  
Mrs. Alice May Chesterton Kavanaugh [sic], wife of Michael D. Kavanaugh, died at the family residence, 145 Hobart St., on Sunday, April 21st. Besides her husband she leaves four children, Ambrose, Michael, Mary and Anna Kavanaugh; one brother, Fred Chesterton, and two sisters, Mrs. E.J. Kehoe and Mrs. W.B. Huck, all of this city. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock from the



home and at 9 o'clock from this church. Requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. John M. Ball, with Rev. J.H. O'Brien s deacon and Rev. Daniel O'Rourke as sub-deacon. Rev. J.F. O'Hern and other priests were in the sanctuary. Music was given by the choir. The bearers were E.J. Ryan, J.C. Mullen, Walter Golden, Frank S. Scholand, George Boucher, and J.E. O'Neil. Interment was made in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where the Rev. John H. O'Brien read the commital service. A large delegation attended form the local council, Knights of Columbus, of which Mr. Kavanagh is secretary." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. April 26, 1918, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

- Sat., June 1      Wedding of Miss Margaret Helen Hynes and Frederick Lilley  
Miss Margaret Helen Hynes and Frederick Lilley were married last Saturday morning by Rev. J.A. Henry, of the Cathedral. The bride wore a blue silk taffeta dress and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Florence Hynes sister of the bride was bridesmaid, and the groom was attended by Joseph Mona of Buffalo.  
A wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. Mary Devine at her home in Clinton avenue, where the bride has been making her home. Covers were laid for fifteen. A number of out-of-town guests were present. After a trip Mr. and Mrs. Lilley will reside in Ravine Avenue." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 7, 1918, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.
- Thurs., June 6      Wedding of Richard H. Curran and Miss Elizabeth McBride at St. A  
"Richard H. Curran and Miss Elizabeth McBride of Erie, Pa., were married Thursday at this church, by Rev. John F. O'Brien. The witnesses were the Misses Marguerite and Cecelia Curran, daughters of the groom. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. June 7, 1918, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.
- Sat., Oct. 26      Father Nolan dies of flu; funeral at St. Aug. Mon. Oct. 28  
"Rev. Mortimer L. Nolan, first assistant priest of the Cathedral and principal of the Rochester Catholic High School, died at the home of his mother, at No. 137 Rugby avenue, at 2:45 o'clock last Saturday morning after a few days' illness from pneumonia following influenza. [photo of Father Nolan included]  
Rev. Father Nolan was born in Mendon, N.Y., September 14, 1886. He was educated in the parochial schools of Rochester and studied for the priesthood in the preparatory seminary of St. Andrew's and later finished his studies in St. Bernard's Seminary from which he was ordained into the priesthood on June 10, 1911. He was one of the best known and best loved younger priests in the diocese.  
He leaves his mother, Mrs. Sarah Nolan; three brothers, Wm. P.,



Augustine M. and John J. Nolan and a sister, Miss Martha E. Nolan.

The funeral took place from the family home Monday morning. Services were conducted by Rev. John H. O'Brien, of St. Augustine's church, and the burial service at Holy Sepulcher cemetery, in the priests' plot, was conducted by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, assisted by the priests of the city. The following priests were bearers: Rev. James B. Keenan, R.J.A. Henry, Stephen J. Byrne, Joseph V. Curtin, Edward B. Simpson, and William J. Brien.

The requiem mass will be sung at a later date when the churches are reopened." source: "Two Priests Dead: Rev. Mortimer L. Nolan and Rev. Otto E. Geiger Succumb To Pneumonia." *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Nov. 1, 1918, n.p.

Wed. Oct. 30      Funeral of Sarah M. Burgess (Mrs. John) at St. Aug.  
"Mrs. Sarah M. Burgess, wife of John Burgess, died last Sunday morning at the family home, No. 43 Hobart street. Beside her husband she is survived by three sons, John E., Frank R., and George W. Burgess, who is in the U.S.A. Postal Service. [sic] Paris, France; one daughter, Helen B. Burgess; a grandson, J. Perry Burgess, and two brothers, Stephen A. and John E. Doody.

The funeral took place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from this church. The bearers were members of the knights of Columbus. Interment was made in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre cemetery." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Nov.1, 1918, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

Fri. Nov. 8      Announcement that churches and schools will not reopen until Nov. 10 and 11 to give the sisters who have been combating the flu epidemic at chance to rest. source: "Church Closing: Bishop Hickey's Letter Read In The Churches Last Sunday." *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Nov.15, 1918, p.1

## 1919

Oct. 19              Devotion of the "Forty Hours" to be held at St. Aug.  
source: "The Devotion of the 'Forty Hours' Will Be Held In The Churches of the Diocese of Rochester As Follows:" *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Dec. 6, 1918, p.1

## 1922

Mon. Jan. 22      Funeral of Theresa Sherry Fraser at St. Aug.  
"Theresa Sherry Frazer, beloved wife of the late John Frazer died on Thursday, January 19th, at her home, 224 Wellington Avenue. She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Houghton, and Mrs. Edward Pullman; four sons, John,



Charles, Edward and Bennett, and one sister, Miss Ellen Sherry. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at 8:40 o'clock from the house and at 9 o'clock from this church." source:*Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 20, 1922, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

Fri. Mar. 3      Announcement of St. Augustine's purchase of property for a new church

"A Boston flat at Nos. 384-386 Chili avenue, formerly owned by C.H. Van Nest, of Orlando, Fla., was purchased this week by St. Augustine's Congregation at Chili avenue and Hobart street at a cost of about \$9,000. Rev. John H. O'Brien, rector of the church, completed the deal through Fred R. Sigler, city assessor, a deed having been filed in the county clerk's office. Rev. Charles Shay is assistant rector.

The Van Nest house has twelve rooms. It was build more than fifteen years ago. It stands on a site of land with a frontage of 66 feet in Chili avenue and 60 feet wide in the rear. Added to the lot at Chili avenue and Lozier park, already owned by the church, and on which stands a convent, the church now will have a plot of land at the Chili avenue intersection of 132 feet frontage on Chili avenue and 120 feet width in the rear, running 184 feet on Lozier park and 137 feet on the east line.

The congregation is planning to build a new church this spring at a cost estimated at \$125,000. More than a third of the building fund is said already to have been subscribed. The present church and school on the property was erected in 1910." source:"St. Augustine To Have a New Church." *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Mar. 3, 1922,n.p.

Sat. May 6      Funeral of John Gleason at St. Aug.

"John Gleason died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at his home, No. 199 Warwick avenue. Mr. Gleason for forty years was connected with the New York Central Railroad. He also was a member of the Hibernians, holding office in that organization for many years.

He leaves his wife, Margaret; five daughters, Mrs. James Morrow, Ella, Margaret, Elizabeth and Catherine Gleason, of Rochester; two brothers, Daniel and James; one sister, Mrs. T. Ryan of Ireland. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home, and at 9 o'clock at this church." source:*Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 5, 1922, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

Sat. May 15      Funeral of Margaret McGahan (Mrs. Frank P.)

"Mrs. Margaret McGahan, wife of Frank P. McGahan, died Thursday at her home at 296 Sherwood Avenue. Besides a husband, she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Carroll; three sisters, Mrs. L. Gunn and Mrs. J. Wilcox of St. Catherines, Canada, and Mrs. Frank Storin of Merritton, Canada, and a brother, Russell Carroll of Chicago. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock



from the house and at 9 o'clock from this church. Interment in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery." source:*Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 14, 1922, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

Sun. May 28 Confirmation given  
"The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to two hundred children and adults last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock."  
source:*Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jun. 2, 1922, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.

Fri. June 30 New assistants transferred out of and appointed into St. Aug.  
"Bishop Thomas F. Hickey has announced the following appointments of newly-ordained priests and also transfers of assistants....  
Rev. Charles F. Shay, assistant at St. Augustine's Church, is appointed pastor of the Catholic churches in Marion, Sodus and Sodus Point.....  
Rev. Edward M. Lyons, to be assistant at St. Augustine's, Rochester." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 14, 1922, "City Parish News - St. Augustine." n.p.



1924

- Mon. Jan. 7    Death of John A. Driscoll  
 "John A. Driscoll, of No. 714 Chili avenue, died on Mon Jan. 7, 1924. Funeral was held Thursday morning, Jan. 10, 1924, at 9 o'clock at St. Augustines Church. Interment in family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 11, 1924. "Deaths." n.p.
- Fri. Feb. 15    Pastors of St. Aug. and St. Monica leave on 6 week European trip  
 "The Rev. John P. Brophy, rector of St. Monica's Church in Genesee street, and the Rev. John H. O'Brien, rector of St. Augustine's Church in Chili avenue, left last Friday night for New York and sailed Saturday on the Tuscania for a six week's European trip. They will pass through the Strait of Gibraltar and landing in Southern France, will visit Paris, England and Ireland. During their absence, St. Monica's parish will be in charge of the Revs. F.J. Riley and E.T. Dougherty, and the Rev. Edward Lyons will be in charge of St. Augustine's parish. source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Feb. 22, 1924. "Priests Go Abroad" n.p.
- Sun. May 11    Cornerstone for new St. Aug. laid by Bishop Hickey  
 "The corner stone of the new St. Augustine's Church at the corner of Lozier street and Chili avenue will be laid by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. May 9, 1924. "Corner Stone of New St. Augustine's Church to be Laid Sunday" n.p.
- "Dedication of Offshoot of Cathedral Parish May Be on St. Augustine's Day in August—Bishop Hickey Reviews History"  
 "The laying the cornerstone of the new St. Augustine's Church in Chili avenue Sunday afternoon began with a procession from the old church building to the new one led by the Rev. Arthur A. Hughes and the Rev. John P. Brophy.  
 Priests who were present included the Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, the Rev. John O'Brien, pastor of St. Augustine's, and the Rev. Edward Lyons, assistant pastor, the Rev. William Stauder, the Rev. John Sullivan, the Rev. John Bresnihan and the Rev. Patrick McArdle of Scottsville.  
 In his address, Bishop Hickey reviewed the history of the parish. He celebrated first mass in the old church 25 years ago, established at that time as an offshoot of the Cathedral parish. The parish was formed at that time to accommodate about 60 families, largely on account of the long distance the children had to go from their homes in the Chili avenue district to the Cathedral.  
 For a number of years the pulpit was supplied from the Cathedral, but 17 years ago Father O'Brien was appointed the first permanent pastor of the church. Under his administration the parish has



source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Sept. 19, 1924. "St. Augustine's New Church" n.p.

- Tues., Sept. 23     Marriage of Miss Helen C. Sullivan to Leon J. Fischer at St. Aug. "The marriage of Miss Helen C. Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sullivan and Mr. Leon J. Fischer, son of Mrs. Frederick J. Millener was solemnized in St. Augustine's Church at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning by the Rev. John H. O'Brien. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The church was decorated with palms and white gladioli.
- The bride was attended by Miss M. Ethel Tindale as maid of honor and Miss Gertrude M. Fischer as bridesmaid. Mr. Raymond F. Fischer acted as best man and the ushers were Mr. Carl Hutte, Mr. Thomas P. O'Leary and Mr. Eugene Biel.
- After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served to 40 guests at Hotel Seneca.
- After a motor trip through the east, Mr. and Mrs. Fischer will reside at 287 Penhurst street." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Sept. 26, 1924. "Fischer—Sullivan." n.p.

- Thurs., Oct. 16     Marriage of Lillian Kaufman and Edward J. Burke at St. Aug. "The marriage of Miss Lillian Kaufman, daughter of Charles Kaufman of Garfield street and Edward J. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burke, of Averill avenue, took place in St. Augustine's church, October 16th, at 9 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Lyons.
- The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Kaufman and Francis Burke, brother of the groom was best man. The ushers were Raymond Burke and Leonard Nowaski.
- After the ceremony a dinner was served covers being laid for sixty guests.
- After November 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Burke will be at home at No. 120 Garfield street." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Oct. 31, 1924. "Burke—Kaufman." n.p.

## 1925

### Sun. Feb. 1     Dedication of new St. Aug. church

"Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of the Rochester diocese, will officiate at the dedication on February 1st of the new St. Augustine's Church in Chili avenue.

The architecture of the building is of Gothic design. The altar is made from Botticino marble. Nave, aisles and chapel are parallel



with the sanctuary and are separated from the main body of the church by high arched columns of brick topped by dark beams to the ceiling. The pulpit and the sanctuary are made of brown oak and the screens that divide the main part of the church from the narthex are of quartered oak. Above the sanctuary hangs a strikingly beautiful wood crucifix, given by Miss Kathleen Mayne, the figure being outlined against the myriad-colored windows has the figure of St. Augustines as its central motif and is the gift of the men of the congregation." source: *Catholic Journal*, Fri. Jan. 23, 1925. "St. Augustine's New Church To Be Dedicated Feb. 1st" n.p. includes photo of exterior of church.

"Sunday, February 1, is the date set for the dedication of the new St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Chili avenue by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of the diocese of Rochester.

As the days pass the interior of the church, lovely in its simplicity, and harmonious in every detail, comes nearer and nearer to completion. To pass from the sunlight of the street to the soft twilight of the church, shot with the warm crimson, purple and amber rays from the tall windows, is to forget, for a time, all the bustle and cheapness of modern life and catch, for at least a brief interval, a new sense of the eternal verities which lie behind all religious faith.

Seen from the organ-loft at the rear, the church stretches away in a long Gothic nave with the aisles and the chapels, parallel to the sanctuary, separated from the main body of the church by high arched columns of brick from which rise the dark wood beams of the ceiling. Above the sanctuary hangs a strikingly beautiful rood crucifix, given by Miss Kathleen Mayne, the figure being outlined against the myriad-colored window above the altar. This window has the figure of St. Augustine as its central motif and is the gift of the men of the congregation."

#### Altar of Botticino Marble

Below the window is the main altar of Botticino marble with its simply carved oak canopy and the rich dossal cloth in gold and terra cotta. **This altar, which is a new note in church architecture in Rochester,** although it embodies an old tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, is given by Mrs. Frank Doud in memory of her son, William Wiley Doud, who was killed in the World War only a few hours before the proclamation of the armistice. The altar crucifix and the carved candelabra, which are the only furnishings of the altar, have been given by Mr and Mrs. Frank O'Connor. The sanctuary is floored with Tennessee marble and has a communion rail of wrought-iron topped with oak, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Hickey. The altar canopy was given by Mr. and Mrs.



Michael Fitzgerald.

The altars to the right and left of the sanctuary are also of Botticino marble, that on the left, given by Rosemary and Kathleen White in memory of their parents, having a very exquisitely carved statue of the Virgin Mary, while that on the right, given by Mr. and Mrs. George Fromm and family, has a statue of St. Joseph. Other similar altars have been given by Miss Mary McCabe, Miss Alice Quinn, and Mr. and Mrs. William Leahy.

Mellow brown oak has been used for the pulpit and the sanctuary furniture, the former the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Sullivan and the latter by Mrs. Catherine McIntee. The screen which divides the body of the church from the narthex is of quartered oak, and even the clock which hangs against the screen is of oak. This clock was the gift of George Schaefer.

The lighting of the church is extremely artistic and churchly. Quaint, old-fashioned lanterns of yellow glass and bronze protect electric bulbs of sufficient strength to give adequate light without glare. These light the nave, while above the sanctuary hangs a beautifully wrought bronze lamp, the gift of Mrs. George Brayer and family.

#### Work of Rochester Artisans

The Rev. John H. O'Brien, pastor of the church, who has devoted himself to the working out of every detail of the plan suggested by the architects, Arnold and Stern of this city, is very proud of the fact that the church is the product of the artistic genius of Rochester firms and individuals. The windows, which were designed by the Butler Stained Glass Company, Inc., of this city, follow a definite color scheme, each window having a similar background but carrying an individual central motif. The richness of their coloring is beyond description, they glow and scintillate, but are never too brilliant even with the full light of the sun behind them.

The large window in the choir loft, corresponding to the sanctuary window, was given by the Rosary Society. It is in three panels, with a central motif of St. Cecelia with two attendant angels. On the left side of the church the windows are as follows: St. Jude, given in memory of Louis [sic] Staub; St. Matthew, in memory of Anthony Ryan; St. Bartholomew, in memory of Mrs. A.L. Brayer; St. James, Minor, in memory of Whiley and Mary Hawthorne; St. John, in memory of William Wiley Doud; and St. James, Major, in memory of John and Margaret Bond.

As, in the centuries long gone, master workmen put their souls as well as their physical selves into the erection of a great church, so one feels that the men of Rochester who have had their part in building this beautiful edifice have had more than a passing commercial interest in it and have left forever enshrined within it something of themselves. Planned by a Rochester architect, built by



Rochester contractors and beautified by Rochester artisans, it is something of which every resident of Rochester may be truly proud and which will grow in beauty as it mellows with age and becomes hallowed with associations."

includes photos of interior and exterior of church



The supper is open to everybody, men women and children, and a record crowd is expected to attend on Tuesday evening." source: "St. Augustine's Rosary Supper December 10th." *Catholic Courier and Journal*, Fri.Dec. ?, 1929.

## 1930

- Wed. Jan. 29    St. A fund raiser for St. Helen  
"A social evening of cards, music and refreshments has been planned by the men and women of St. Augustine's Church for the benefit of the new Church of St. Helen, which is situated in Hinchey Road off Chili Road, just beyond the Barge Canal. The party will be held in St. Helen's Church Hall next Wednesday evening, and the advance sale of ticket indicates that the new hall will be taxed to its capacity.  
St. Helen's is an outgrowth of St. Augustine's parish in Chili Avenue, and is to be dedicated by Bishop O'Hern at 10 A.M. on Sunday, Feb. 2nd.  
Arrangements for the party are in the hands of the following men and women: Chairman, Mrs. Anthony J. Ryan; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Mary Stoltz; Music, Frank J. Horn; Tickets, Everett Newell; Cards, Mrs. Hiram Barnes; Refreshments, Mrs. Edward J. Reynolds.  
The public is cordially invited to attend." source: "St. Helen Church Party Wednesday; Dedication Feb. 2." *Catholic Courier and Journal*, Fri. Jan. 24, 1930, n.p.
- Sun. Feb. 2    St. Helen Church dedicated - a mission of St. Augustine's; St. Helen's children to attend St. Augustines'    source: "St. Helen Church Is Dedicated By Bishop O'Hern." *Catholic Courier and Journal*, Fri.Feb. 7, 1930.
- Tues. Feb. 25    Benefit for St. Helen's by St. A's ushers  
"the ushers of St. Augustines Church will hold a benefit party for St. Helen's Church in the hall of that church, Hinchey Road, off Chili Road, on Tuesday evening, February 25th. Dancing will be enjoyed, and there will be a general all-around good time for patrons.  
The committee in charge of the event is composed of Leon Houck, Mark Holihan and Joseph Brown. The party will be conducted from 9 to 12 o'clock. Patrons may reach the church hall by automobile, or by taking the Chili bus, which stops a short distance form the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the church to attend.  
St. Helen's Church was dedicated on February 2d, and it is being