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SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH  
IS A HALF CENTURY OLD.

### Parish Celebration of the Completion of Its Fifty Years of Existence— Archbishop Corrigan Present—His Grace Blesses a Gymnasium Hall.

Yesterday was a proud occasion for the parish of SS. Peter and Paul's Church. The church was honored by a visit from His Grace, Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, who participated in the ceremonies held in celebration of the golden jubilee of the parish. It was fifty years ago last month that mass was said for the first time in a frame building erected by this parish, which had been organized in the previous year. In 1859 the building was replaced by a brick structure, which was enlarged about ten years ago. The parish was an offshoot from St. Joseph's and is now one of the strongest in the diocese. The present pastor, Rev. Dr. Sinclair, has been in charge of the parish for 28 years.

Archbishop Corrigan arrived in the city Saturday afternoon and is being entertained by Bishop McQuaid. He will remain here until after the celebration of Bishop McQuaid's silver jubilee on July 12th.

The ceremonies at the church yesterday morning were imposing. They began soon after 10 o'clock upon the arrival of the Archbishop. His grace was escorted to the church by four uniformed societies of the parish and the Young Men's Catholic Club. He rode in a carriage drawn by four white horses, the procession being headed by Miages' military band. In the carriage with the Archbishop were seated Bishop McQuaid, Rev. Dr. Sinclair, and Chancellor De Regge.

The Archbishop entered the sanctuary attended by a number of the Catholic clergy of the diocese and preceded by the Knights of SS. Peter and Paul and Col. H. N. Schliok, commander of the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union, together with his staff. As the procession of clergy passed up the main aisle to the altar the Knights, with Col. Schliok's staff, were drawn up on either side at present arms. During the service the Knights occupied seats next the altar rail.

Beside Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop McQuaid, Chancellor De Regge and Vicar-General O'Hare the following named priests were in the sanctuary: Rev. Dr. E. J. Hanna, Rev. Dr. F. H. Sinclair, Rev. G. Eisler, of Caledonia, Rev. Fridolin Pascalar, Rev. P. Allman, of Pittsburgh, Rev. Joseph Graf, of New York, Rev. M. J. Hargather, Rev. H. Renker, Rev. F. R. Rauber, of Dansville, Rev. Father Wayrich, Rev. Father Breyhof and the Jesuit priests, Rev. Fathers Bucholz and Pickash.

Pontifical high mass was celebrated by Archbishop Corrigan, with Rev. F. R. Rauber, assistant; Rev. P. Allman and Rev. Dr. Hanna, deacons of honor; Rev. M. J. Hargather, deacon of the mass; Rev. G. Eisler, sub-deacon, and Chancellor De Regge, master of ceremonies.

Rev. Father Wayrich, the new pastor of St. Joseph's, preached the sermon, speaking in German. Dr. Sinclair announced that the papal benediction had been sent to this parish through his Grace, the Archbishop of New York. At the conclusion of the mass the papal benediction was imparted by the Archbishop.

Bishop McQuaid made a brief address, extending his congratulations to the parish of SS. Peter and Paul's and uttering words of commendation for the good work accomplished by the church during the half century of its existence.

The music rendered during the services by the choir of the church, assisted by Schenck's Orchestra, was of a high order. The offertory was the "Oremus" by J. Singenberger and the mass was St. Francis, Opus 8.

The uniformed companies that acted as escort to the Archbishop were SS. Peter and Paul's Union, St. Paul's Society, St. Peter's Society, St. Francis' Society and the Young Men's Catholic Club.

After the service Archbishop Corrigan,

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