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Collection Information

Abstract : St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was established as a mission church in 1904, became an independent parish in 1945, and reverted to Mission status in 2004 as the Diocese of Boston closed and merged various parishes.

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St. Joseph's Parish -- History -- Personal narratives.

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Historical/Biographical Notes

St. Joseph's was established as a mission church of the Parish of St. Bernard, Concord, in 1904. The church was built the same year on land donated by Mrs. Helen Welch. The lot, site of the present church, was small, only 75x139 feet. At a later date the depth of the lot was expanded to 296 feet, which allowed space for enlargement of the church in 1927 and again in 1991. Following the Depression and World War II, the demographics of the Greater Boston area began to change, and small agricultural towns began to become a part of the Boston suburbs. As a result of the suburbanization of Lincoln, and the increasing population, the number of Roman Catholics also increased, and in 1945 St. Joseph's was established as an independent Parish. The Roman Catholic Church, in common with many other denominations, began losing membership toward the end of the 20th century. Consequently in 2004 St. Joseph's Parish lost its status as an independent Parish, and essentially reverted to its former status as a Mission, of St. Julia's in Weston.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises a published history of St. Joseph's Parish; materials relating to the physical structure of the church building, church properties, including copies of deeds and easements; records and information about the clergy who served the Parish since 1945; the membership, including various church groups and organizations, and miscellaneous related materials. Most of the materials were gathered for the 50th anniversary of the Parish in 1995, and the centennial celebration of the establishment of St. Joseph's in 2004.

The materials have been arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: History, 1995. (1 item)

Series 2: Buildings, Properties, etc., 1863-2005. (5 items)

Series 3: Clergy, 2004. (1 item)

Series 4: Parishioners, 2003-2004. (2 items)

Series 5: Activities, etc., 1991-2004. (4 items)

Series 6: Miscellaneous, 1996-2006. (3 items)

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Series 1, History

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2006.013.1.1	<i>St. Joseph's Parish, Lincoln, Massachusetts, 1945-1995</i> : 56 p., ill. / St. Joseph's Church, Lincoln, Mass., c1995.

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Series 2, Buildings, Properties, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2		2006.013.2.1	Building; a collection of photographs, plans, and some documents relating to St. Joseph church building : 35 p. / 1904-2004.
1	2	2006.013.2.2	St. Joseph Church stained glass windows, including Stations of the Cross, other decorations : color, printout from cd / 2005.
1	2	2006.013.2.2a	cd of above.
1	2	2006.013.2.2b	St. Joseph Church stained glass windows, including Stations of the Cross and other decorations : booklet, 13 p. / [2005].
1	3	2006.013.2.3	Deeds to church properties, plans of land, maps : photocopies, in mylar, attached / 1863-2003.
1	4	2006.013.2.4	Declaration of cross easements and Right of first refusal, between Trustees of Ryan Estate Nominee Trust and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole : typescript, 21 p. / October 1992.

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Series 3, Clergy

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2		2006.013.2.1	The Priests of St. Joseph's, 1904-2004 : scrapbook format, includes photographs, clippings, biographies, and various functions / assembled 2004.
2		2006.013.3.1a	cd of the above.

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Series 4, Parishioners

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2006.013.4.1	St. Joseph's Parish Directory, Lincoln Massachusetts, with lists of members, committees, staff, etc. : 43 p., ill., spiral bound / 2003.
1	6	2006.013.4.2	Memories of Parishioners; personal reminiscences of Parish members : typescript and manuscript, in scrapbook format, attached pages / ca. 2004.

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Series 5, Activities, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2006.013.5.1	Activities and events during the tenure of Rev. Lawrence J. Drennan, 1985-1997 : typescript, clippings, photographs, etc. in scrapbook format / assembled 2004.
1	8	2006.013.5.2	Interim report from History/Archive Committee : typescript, 3 p. (3 reports) / 1991.
1	9	2006.013.5.3	St. Joseph's Continuing Education (CCE) Commission membership for 1995/1996 ; photographs, clippings, etc. of parish events, programs, special occasions : scrapbook format / 1990s-2004.
1	10	2006.013.5.4	St. Joseph's Church Parish Handbook; includes staff, church organizations, etc. : scrapbook format / 2004.

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Series 6, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2006.013.6.1	New England Jesuits oral history program; interview with Fr. Patrick A. Sullivan, S. J. : 25 p. / Society of Jesus of New England, 2006.
1	12	2006.013.6.2	A history of St. Bernard's Parish, Concord, Massachusetts : iv, 80 p., ill. / William M. Bailey [et al.], Concord, Mass., 1986.
1	13	2006.13.6.3	<i>Just Rambling 'Round</i> , from County Waterford, Ireland, to Lincoln Massachusetts, an informal family history : [16 p.] / Helena (Lennon) Dee, 1966.
1	13	2006.013.6.3a	Photocopies of above.