

History of St. Joseph Parish continued.

1925 – 2003

Gift Shop Begins

Probably during Fr. O'Sullivan's tenure, the gift shop, at present in the back of the church, was begun because finding religious articles was difficult although Marjorie Peake, church organist, owned a children's clothing store and carried some rosaries and medals. St. Anne's Circle, a part of the Junior Women's Club, began the gift shop with an inventory of \$175.00. Located in Lyceum Hall the shop was for some time just a few tables put up before Masses. The display was dismantled after the last Mass and items were stored. Two break-ins to the Hall suggested that the group design a glass display case that could be locked and later displayed in the vestibule of the church. Now items could simply be locked up after the Masses. When the new church was planned, the gift shop was given a special corner room in the rear of the church. The glass case is still in use.