

Parish Hall Dedication Oct. 11

YORK — The new Parish Hall for St. Patrick's Church, 231 S. Beaver St., located at the rear of the adjacent convent, is nearing completion.

The Parish Hall makes an attractive addition to the revitalization of downtown York and the recently completed nearby Penn Common, indicating a faith in the future of old St. Patrick's Church in the area.

The new hall, pictured above, is of split block masonry construction, and is 110 by 100 foot in size. It contains a lobby, regulation basketball court with a 22 foot ceiling and fluorescent lighting, toilets and locker rooms. The locker rooms will serve as dressing rooms for the stage.

A complete and modern kitchen is included for use during parish suppers and other church activities. Designed by York architect Donald DeLisle in

accordance with energy conservation standards of the Diocesan Building Commission, the building is heated and cooled with heat pumps, complete with economizers for the use of cool outside air.

St. Patrick's and the Catholic community's "roots" in York began when Father Wappler, newly arrived from Germany, arranged a place of assembly for his flock beyond the Susquehanna on the Codorus "Stream" in 1741. He ministered to his flock until his return to Germany in 1749.

A spokesman for St. Patrick's said: "Recently we have learned from the will of Valentine Wilt, probated in 1757, that he directed his widow, Appolina, to give five pounds to a priest, 'Mr. Manners,' who came from

Conewago Chapel near Hanover to preach at the home of Viet Schaul."

"The will of Viet Schaul, probated in 1757, directed his wife Susanna to put ten pounds at interest to be paid to 'Mr. Mathias Manners' until the Catholic Church was built.

"We will be carrying on the tradition of providing facilities for the Christian community when the Parish Hall is dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 11, 1980."

Appropriate ceremonies for the dedication will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a mass in the church by the Most Reverend Joseph T. Daley, Bishop of Harrisburg. The bishop will then set the cornerstone and bless the new hall. A short program will follow after the introduction of local churchmen and government officials. Refreshments will follow.

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Your Excellency:

I accept with great pleasure reappointment to the Building Commission.

I trust I will be able to assist you in your great work.

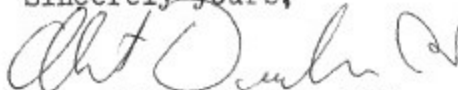
Enclosed please find a copy of publicity on our new Parish Hall.

For the first time we have proof of the location of a Mass House in York before the Beaver St. location.

The home of Viet Schaul in 1757 was on lot # 74, on the South West Corner of the Square, adjacent to the Cort(sic) House.

We also know of four of the earliest members of the Catholic community in York.

Sincerely yours,



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