







Father Tony Taschetta

St. Patrick Parish in Momence was organized in 1859 when its little flock of 30 families started holding mass in their homes. The parish was a mission of St. George and St. Anne at different times. They built their first church in 1862. It was to have been built of river stone but the decision was made to sell the excess river stone that had been quarried from the river for a sum of twenty-two dollars and a frame chapel was erected instead. The chapel was thirty feet long and twenty six wide, and dedicated to St. Patrick. By 1887 the parish had outgrown that small church and another frame church was erected.

In 1890 Rev. George Kerston was appointed as the first resident pastor as there were now a hundred families in the parish. In 1896 the present rectory was built.

In 1906 the Sister Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary came to build St. Patrick Academy. It started as a little parish school and became a boarding school for girls and boys in elementary school and girls in high school. Villa Maria was used as a residence for little girls. The Sisters taught here until 1972. The Academy was purchased from the Sisters in 1973 and is now run by a dedicated lay staff.

The present brick church was built in 1915. The foresight used when building this church is something we must be thankful for. The church was built in very trying times and was finished slowly as the congregation had the time and money.

Many of our parishioners helped to build Sacred Heart Mission in Hopkins Park in 1939. It was administered by our church until 1968.

In 1980 the interior of the church was completely renovated through the efforts and sacrifices of the entire parish.

Our parish has been served by the following dedicated pastors: Rev. George Kerston 1890 - 1896, Rev. A.L. LaBrie 1896 - 1923, Rev. A.L. Girard 1923 - 1933, Rev. T.U. Demarais 1933 - 1968, Rev. Raynor Richter 1968 - 1975, Rev. Stephen Kos 1975 - 1976, Rev. William O'Shea 1976 - 1980, and Rev. Dennis Settles 1980 -.







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