

In the late fall of 1902, Father Farrelly was made pastor of St. Brigid's Church, Brooklyn. There he died in the Spring of 1914. His heart, however, seemed to be with his little parish, for he wanted to be buried in the cemetery he gave to the parish. His body lies there today; still the parish he came to as a young priest in 1896.

Fr. Farrelly's successor was Fr. Peter Quealy, at present (1955) Msgr. Quealy is the venerable pastor of St. Agnes Church in Rockville Centre. (Note: St. Agnes is the present Cathedral, the same church Msgr. Quealy built. Additionally, Msgr. is the uncle of Fr. Virgil P. Power, former Pastor of St. Agnes, Greenport.)

After a busy pastorate of 6 years, Fr. Gibney was made pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Astoria. He went there in January 1912. While there he was made Monsignor and he died there on Dec. 9, 1941. It is to be regretted that Fr. Gibney is almost forgotten in St. Agnes Parish at the present day (1955). The author (Rev. James J. Mooney) remembers when he came from Greenport to Astoria. He was present in the Church when Fr. Gibney first addressed his new parishioners. Later on, Fr. Gibney knelt beside him when he was ordained a priest, and it was Fr. Gibney who preached at his First Solemn Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. We trust that these few lines written in gratitude over 35 years later will help make Fr. Gibney's work and memory better known among the people of St. Agnes Parish.

The successor Fr. Gibney was Fr. John Robinson. He was a quiet, gentlemanly man and he very carefully managed the spiritual and material matters of the Parish. In June of 1914 he became Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Huntington. During his pastorate here, Fr. Robinson established canonically the Holy Name and Rosary Societies.

The successor to Fr. Robinson was Fr. William McKenna. His administration of the Parish was very much like that of his predecessor. Everything was done quietly and efficiently. He remained here also about the same number of years. In August, 1916, Fr. McKenna was made pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Bayshore. Both he and Fr. Robinson subsequently became Monsignori.

Fr. Martin O'Malley now became pastor, but ill health forced him to leave in less than a year. Fr. Matthew Quealy helped to administer the Parish during part of this time.

In July 1917 the Parish books record the name of Fr. Francis Connelly, and for over 9 years the registers still bear his name. His was the longest pastorate thus far. Fr. Connelly proved a vigorous pastor. He took deep interest in Parish affairs. It was during his pastorate that the Parish acquired the valuable property adjoining St. Agnes Hall. It consists of 5 lots and cost \$8,000. this purchase was made in September of 1924 and will prove invaluable if it becomes necessary to expand the Parish buildings.

During Fr. Connelly's pastorate the Church and Rectory were painted and repaired. A new tabernacle was placed on the altar in April, 1922 at the cost of \$250. The old St. Agnes Hall was thoroughly repaired and thus

received a new lease on life for nearly thirty years longer.

While carefully looking after the material welfare of the Parish, Fr. Connelly did not neglect its spiritual welfare. A mission was given in May, 1923. All during the time he was here the regular Parish duties of Mass, administering the Sacraments, preaching, instructing the children, visitation to the sick, etc., were carefully carried out. In the summer of 1923 he took up a Parish census, and a very thorough census it was.

In Oct, 1926, Fr. Connelly was made Pastor of St. James' Pro-Cathedral; later Monsignor and Diocesan Director of the Holy Name Society.

The next Pastor was Father William Ratigan. He was to remain here five years. During his stay the Church was painted and the eleven acres facing the cemetery were purchased in

March 1930; in case the old St. Agnes Cemetery might not be large enough to handle future needs. Little can be said of Fr. Ratigan's pastorate. He was a quiet, humble man who seldom attracted attention to himself.