Old St. Gregory's Church and Parish, 1849-1872 Located in West Philadelphia on the grounds of Cathedral Cemetery

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Between 1849 and 1853 Bishop Kenrick bought land in the western part of Philadelphia for a Catholic cemetery and Catholic orphan asylum. The cemetery was built "in aid of the Cathedral of Philadelphia, and hence it was always called "Cathedral Cemetery," with its two principal avenues being named after SS. Peter and Paul."

A part of the cemetery was reserved so that eventually a parish church could be built for all Catholics living in Blockley township. But when Reverend James McGinness was made chaplain to St. John's Orphan Asylum and began saying Mass for the sisters who ran the orphanage, the local Catholics also began attending his Mass on Sundays. The old tool shed for the cemetery served as a makeshift church, and as time passed the tool shed was added to and renovated to accommodate more parishioners. Eventually the Archdiocese built larger, permanent structures, which were St. Agatha's (Founded 1865) then St. Francis De Sales (Founded 1890).

ASTLEY, Mr. - Donated books to Literary Society

BARBELIN, Father- Visiting Priest

BEGLER, Christopher- Committee of St. Gregory's

BELLEW, Charles- Committee of St. Gregory's

BLOOMER, Catherine- Married John Logan, 1st Marriage entry in St. Gregory's register, May 1857

BOYLEN, James- Committee of St. Gregory's

BURKE, Tobias- Director Literary Society

CAMPBELL, Rev. William- Assistant Pastor St. Gregory's 1881

CANNELL, Nicholas- Committee of St. Gregory's

CANNING, John-Mason, worked on renovation of St. Gregory's, 1871

CARLIN, James- Committee of St. Gregory's

CARROLL, Michael- Literary Society

COLLINS, Rev. William- Assistant Pastor St. Gregory's 1876

CONNELL, Charles- Paid 6 dollars Pew Rent, 28 October 1855

COOK, Rev. William F. - Drew plans for original chapel

CORRIGAN, John- Committee of St. Gregory's

COX, Rev. John M. - Assistant Pastor St. Gregory's 1878

DEANE, Rev. Joseph J. - of Pittsburgh

DELANAVE, Father Anthony- First resident Pastor St. Gregory's

DIAMOND, Peter- Committee of St. Gregory's.

DOHERTY, Mr. _____- earliest regular choir member, along with his wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters

DOHERTY, William- Committee of St. Gregory's

DOLAN, William- Committee of St. Gregory's

DOUGHERTY, Daniel- Literary Society

DOYLE, James- Carpenter, worked on renovation of St. Gregory's, 1871

DOYLE, James- Vice-President Total Abstinence Society

DURANG, E.F. - Architect of Renovated St. Gregory's 1871

DURANG, Miss Fredonia- choir member

DURANG, Miss N. - choir member

FERRY, Rev. John J. - Assistant Pastor St. Gregory's 1875

FRENAYE, Mr. ____- original recorder of burials at Cathedral Cemetery

FULMER, Nicholas- Farmer, original owner of land where Cathedral Cemetery was created

GARTLAND, F.X., Rev. - of St. John's Church

GLACKIN, Daniel- Plasterer, worked on renovation of St. Gregory's, 1871

GLASCOTT, John R. - Vice-President Literary Society

GORMAN, Mrs. - choir member

GORMAN, S.G. - choir member

GREENFELDER, Catherine- Paid 75 cents Pew Rent, 28 October 1855

HEENAN, Dr. Thomas- Director Literary Society

HENRIGHT, Barney- Built part of Chapel

HERFFERNAN, James- choir member

HUGHES, James- Librarian Literary Society

KEAN, Father- 3rd Pastor St. Gregory's, b. County Cork 1814

KEEGAN, James- choir member

KEER, Mrs. Dr. - choir, soprano

KELLY, Father James F. - Early Pastor of St. Gregory's, 1855

KELLY, Michael- Committee of St. Gregory's

KILLION, Dennis- Committee of St. Gregory's

KIRKPATRICK, Mr. - Committee of St. Gregory's

LAMB, Mary- age 22, Burial 1 Sept. 1849

LAMBERT, Patrick- Committee of St. Gregory's

LAWTON, Dennis- Donated books to Literary Society

LOGAN, John-First Marriage entry in St. Gregory's register, May 1857

LOUGHRAN, Rev. William F. - Assistant Pastor St. Gregory's 1873

MAGUIRE, Peter Jr. - Steward Total Abstinence Society

MAGUIRE, Philip- Messenger Total Abstinence Society and choir member

MARTIN, Rose- Witness to marriage of John Logan and Catherine Bloomer

MATTHEWS, William F. - Committee of St. Gregory's

McDONALD, Thomas- Committee of St. Gregory's

McGETTIGAN, John- Committee of St. Gregory's

McGINNESS, Rev. James- First visiting Priest b. Tyholland, County Monaghan 1823

McGINNISS [sic], John- Son of Michael McGinniss [sic], assisted in Mass

McGINNISS [sic], Michael- Assisted in Mass, 2nd Sunday of November 1854

McGINNISS [sic], Rev. James- First Chaplain of St. John's Orphan Asylum

McGUIRE, Thomas-Secretary Literary Society

McKENNA, Margaret, infant- First burial at Cathedral Cemetery, 1 Sept. 1849

McMANUS, Owen- Literary Society

McMENAMIN, Edward- Literary Society

McNAMEE, Mary- Witness to marriage of John Logan and Catherine Bloomer

McNULTY, Father- of Lowell, Mass

MORGAN, Andrew- Literary Society

MULVILLE, Patrick- Sexton St. Gregory's

MURRAY, John D. - First Prefect

MURRAY, John D. - President Total Abstinence Society

NUNAN, Anthony- Committee of St. Gregory's

O DONNELL, Hugh- Committee of St. Gregory's

O HARA, Rev. William- of Scranton, Pa.

ODIN, John Mary, Rt. Rev. - of Galveston, Texas

PHELAN, William- Committee of St. Gregory's

PHLAN [sic], Patrick- Committee of St. Gregory's

PIERCE, Patrick F. - Steward Total Abstinence Society

PRYOR, E.J. - choir, tenor

PURCELL, Anna- choir member

PURCELL, Mr. - Committee of St. Gregory's

REISDAM, Margaret-Paid 1 dollar Pew Rent, 28 October 1855

REUSS, F.X. - choir member

REUSS, Miss M.E. - choir member

REUSS, William- Committee of St. Gregory's

SHANAHAN, Rev. John-Pastor St. Gregory's 1899

SHARKEY, Father Frances [sic] Aloysius- Pastor of St. Gregory's, b. Dungloe, County Donegal 1832

SHERER, Joseph- choir member

SHIELDS, Rev. James- Assistant Pastor St. Gregory's 1880

SIGEL, Miss E. - choir member

SMYTHE, Daniel- Treasurer Literary Society

SNYDER, P.P. - Superintendent of Cathedral Cemetery

SULLIVAN, James- Committee of St. Gregory's

WATERS, John- Committee of St. Gregory's

Priests assisting at Dedication of Renovated St. Gregory's Church

BAUMEISTER, Rev. P.

BRENNAN, Rev. Daniel

CUDDAHY, Rev. P., of Milford, Mass.

DALY, Rev. John

EGAN, Rev. Patrick F.

FILAN, Rev. Michael

FITZMAURICE, Sub-Deacon James

GERDEMAN, Rev. John W.

HOPKINS, Rev. T.F.

KIERAN, Rev. T.

LANE, Rev. Hugh

LOUGHRAN, Rev. William

MAGUIRE, Rev. B.J.

MAHER, Rev. P.

MARTIN, Rev. M.F.

McCONOMY, Rev. Augustine J.

McGINN, Rev. James

McNULTY, Rev. William F.

MULHOLLAND, Rev. James

O CONNOR, Rev. F.

O NEILL, Rev. Francis P.

O NEILL, Rev. Thomas

O REILLY, Deacon James

STANTON, Rev. P.A.

SULLIVAN, Rev. Peter

WALSH, Rev. M.A.