

CENTENARY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

1857 - 1957

Somerset, Ohio

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH in Somerset is one of Ohio's oldest Catholic churches. The original building was constructed in 1827, but Mass had been offered even earlier in the town by Dominican missionaries. The present structure was built in 1857 to replace the original church and was dedicated on October 28th of that year.

This year, the Dominican Fathers and the people of Holy Trinity Parish proudly celebrated the centenary of the dedication of the present church. On October 26th, the Very Rev. Frederick A. Gordon, O.P., celebrated a Solemn High Mass, assisted by the Very Rev. Charles I. Litzinger, O.P., and the Rev. Paul J. D. Scanlon, O.P. All three priests are natives of Somerset. The Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P. gave the sermon.

On Sunday, October 27th, the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, celebrated a Solemn High Mass. He was assisted by the Very Rev. Francis E. Yonkus, O.P., Sub-prior at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, and the Rev. Michael A. Snider, O.P., pastor of St. Mary's Church, Johnson City, Tennessee. The Very Rev. Patrick J. Conaty, O.P., Prior of St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and a former pastor of Holy Trinity, preached the sermon.

A Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Monday, October 28th, by the Rev. Ralph M. McCaffrey, O.P., Director of the Rosary Press, Somerset, and also a former pastor of Holy Trinity. He was assisted by the Rev. William Ferrer Cassidy, O.P., Master of Novices at St. Joseph's Novitiate, and the Rev. George B. Connaughton, O.P. of St. Louis Bertrand Priory, Louisville, Kentucky. The Very Rev. James J. McLarney, O.P., Professor at the

Dominican House of Philosophy, Dover, Massachusetts, preached the sermon.

The Centenary came to a close on Monday evening, October 28th, with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the imparting of the special Papal Blessing granted to the parish. During the previous week, the Forty Hours' Devotion had been held as well as a Novena to Christ the King and Saints Simon and Jude.

The present pastor of Holy Trinity is the Rev. William A. Fincel, O.P. The parish has an eight-grade elementary school and a four-year high school, both of which are conducted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio.

Dominicana extends heartiest congratulations to the priests, sisters and parishioners of Holy Trinity and asks for God's continued blessings upon them and their parish.

This is the day which the Lord has made:

Today, the Lord looked down upon the suffering
of His people and sent Redemption:

Today, death, which a woman brought in, a woman
put to flight:

Today, God-made-man remained what He was and
took upon Himself what He was not.

Therefore, let us devoutly call to mind the
beginning of our Redemption and rejoice as we say:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

—DOMINICAN BREVARY
Feast of the Annunciation