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Thirty-fourth Rector  
of  
St. John's Church

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## ORGAN RECITAL

AND

## A FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

OF

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

IN HONOR

OF

## THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH

## ANNIVERSARY

OF

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA

ON

## THE EVE OF PENTECOST

## SATURDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIRST

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AT THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK

IN THE AFTERNOON

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Roundeau	Mouret
Canon in D	Pachelbel
Now Thank We All Our God	Manz
Down Ampney	Vaughan Williams
Greensleeves	Vaughan Williams
Toccata on a Lithuanian Folk Song	Van de Weght
Pavane	Faure'
Toccata Giacasa	Walton

Our organist, Debra Cree, studied music in the Lock Haven area and at Penn State. She has been pianist, musical director, and vocal coach for more than twenty-five musical plays in community theater, summer stock, and high school productions. This year she was musical director and vocal coach for the Rodgers and Hammerstein revue, "Some Enchanted Evening," performed by the Project for the Performing Arts. In 1985, she orchestrated the vocal and instrumental music for "A Town Forever," a musical based on the history of Bellefonte. In addition, Debra accompanies for numerous recitals, contests, revues, and concerts, including the annual Victorian Christmas Community Choir. She also teaches private piano and voice lessons. She has served as organist and soloist in a number of churches in Lock Haven and Bellefonte. Debra has been the music director at St. John's since 1984.

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## HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S — THE EARLY YEARS

The Episcopal Church in Bellefonte owes its early beginnings to the work of The Rev. Robert Piggott who in the years 1825 and 1826 is known to have made the journey from Lewistown where he was the Rector of St. Mark's to visit Mrs. Harriett Wilson and her sister, Mrs. James Gregg recently of York, Pa. With local encouragement services were frequently held in Mr. Armour's cabinet shop.

By 1828 the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania recognized the work in Bellefonte and assigned a missionary to the churches of Bellefonte, Phillipsburg, and Huntingdon. The distances were great for that period and yet the work grew. By the year 1831 a vestry was organized and the mission continued.

Early in June of 1837 Bishop Onderdonk appointed The Rev. George Natt, a recent graduate from General Theological Seminary, as rector of St. John's. He assumed his duties on August 11th of that year and within a year a church was built on Jail Hill (High Street).

The journal of the Diocese records that in 1838 St. John's was presented for admission into the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and was formally received at its convention in May of 1839 to be in full union with the Diocese.

The cornerstone for the present building at the intersection of Allegheny and Lamb streets was laid in 1869. Increase building costs delayed completion of the church and its consecration until 1871. The church was erected for the sum of \$20,000, a large figure for that period.

The need for a rectory to house the Priest and his family prompted Major W.F. Reynolds to have built the house at 120 West Lamb Street which continues to this day to be the home of the Priests of St. John's and their families. Major Reynolds gave the house as a thanks offering and presented it to the parish on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1877.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Lavery, work was begun at the "Agricultural College," now Pennsylvania State University at State College. That work was continued by the rectors of St. John's until 1911 when St. Andrew's called their first rector.

One interesting note from the early records shows that the women of the parish requested to have steam heat put into the building in the year 1884. That same year "The Edison Electric Illuminating Company" built their second electric plant in the state at Bellefonte and proposed to install electric lights in the church for the sum of \$40. It was only after the insistence of W.S. Zeller and E. Garman that the motion was passed.

St. John's has known a rich and varied history. Today it stands as a reminder to a previous age. It is very much a church of the times and looks forward to the future with renewed interest in reaching out to the community and serving the people of Bellefonte and surrounding areas. St. John's is an altar centered liturgical church striving to make Christ known through worship, service, and evangelism.

**THE RECTORS  
OF  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Bellefonte, Pennsylvania**

The Rev. John George McIntyre 1886-  
The Rev. David Scott Robinson 1880-85  
The Rev. Joseph Yates Seville 1874-79  
The Rev. Harold Alfred Emery Jr. 1868-73  
The Rev. Harold Harrison Hayes 1864-68\*  
The Rev. Clarence Carl Reimer 1849-64  
The Rev. Alfred Whitney Church 1845-49\*  
The Rev. Vernon Alban Weaver 1844-45  
The Rev. Francis Paul Davis 1842-44  
The Rev. Herbert Kepp-Baker 1841-42  
The Rev. Robert Thomas Feb. 1841-Aug. 1841  
The Rev. C. Warren Newman 1839-40  
The Rev. Samuel Hunting Sayre 1838-39  
The Rev. Robert James Sudlow 1834-38\*  
The Rev. Stuart F. Gast 1828-34  
The Rev. Alex J. Kilpatrick 1826-27  
The Rev. Alexander McMillan 1825-26  
The Rev. Malcom DePaul Maynard 1816-25  
The Rev. William C. Charlton 1814-1816  
The Rev. John Hewitt 1808-1814  
The Rev. Edwina G. Richardson 1806-1807  
The Rev. George Israel Brown 1808-1806  
The Rev. Robert Erskine Wright 1803-1808  
The Rev. William DeLancey Benton 1801-1803  
The Rev. James Oswald Davis 1806-1801  
The Rev. John R.R. Robinson 1805-1806  
The Rev. John Hewitt 1807-1805  
The Rev. Henry J.W. Allen 1807-1807  
The Rev. Byron McGann 1808-1807  
The Rev. James C. Laverly 1803-1808  
The Rev. George Field 1807-1808  
The Rev. James L. Hildebrand 1804-1807  
The Rev. George H. Walsh 1805-1805  
The Rev. George Washington Natt 1807-1805

\*Died during our anniversary year 1887-88.  
R.I.P.

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