A Thriving Immigrant Community

1862 - Archbishop John J. Williams dedicated St. Joseph's Church on November 9th. The Reverend Patrick T. O'Reilly was named its first Pastor. He was later appointed Bishop of Springfield, MA.

1864 - Rev. P. J. Canney is Pastor until 1865.

1866 - Fr. Patrick F. Lyndon becomes Pastor. Replaced by Rev. Bernard O'Reilly who begins raising money for expansion.