

# The First Roman Catholic Church and Cemetery

St. Andrews, New Brunswick

Each year many people visit the Old Roman Catholic Cemetery in St. Andrews-By-The-Sea. Some come to pay their respect to those of yesteryear; others come out for curiosity, but most try to look for a connection to their family history. This document was prepared as a quick guide to inform people interested in their genealogy. This document has an alphabetical listing of people buried in the cemetery, as well as their locations.

## The first Catholic Cemetery

The first Catholic cemetery was first used in 1825, and was built adjacent to the church. The very first burial was of Catherine Cavanaugh on March 25, 1825. The cemetery was fully operational until 1859, when burials became illegal in town limits.

Up until 1977, the graveyard remained untouched. Almost one hundred and twenty year had taken their toll on the stones. The civil trust contributed \$3,500 to wash all of the stones, reset and repair them. At that time the present plaque was place.

## The first Catholic Church

The very first Catholic Church in St. Andrews was finished in 1825 on the corner of Parr and Mary Streets. Before it was built, though, a meeting was held and the trustees were named: Thomas Dunn, Peter Doran, Henry O'Neil and John Lockary. At the time a collection of 30 pounds was organized to jump-start the construction.

In 1824, the congregation erected the building on the land, the lots being donated by John Dunn. The building was small and unpretentious, a mere 28 x 40 feet. A message was written on the church, stating: "Erected to the honor of the only true and living God. 1825."

The very first baptism was of E. J. Carney and occurred on December 27, 1827. The first marriage occurred two days earlier in the same year and was of Robert McEveny and Elizabeth Thompson, who were married by the first priest, Father John Cummings.

Later, 11 feet were added to the length of the church and a spire was erected. A bell was added as well, which came as a present from John Wilson of Chamcook.

In the same year the church was finished, the first rectory was built, this being diagonal from the church lot, facing Parr Street.

There is no record in the parish archives of there being a catholic school, but the following item from a St. Stephen newspaper would indicate that there was a Catholic school prior to 1875, when the following was published: "The Roman Catholic school at St. Andrews is closed and the children who attended it are now going to public schools."

Sixty years later the old church had proved inadequate for the growing congregation. It was in 1885 that the present church, erected on the corner of Parr and King Streets was built.

The old church remained until 1903, when a portion of the church was removed and used as a parish hall and gymnasium. The hall was sold in 1914 and now it forms the back of the restaurant "L'Europe" on King Street and is used as a stage.

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## Listing of those Buried in the Cemetery:

Barrett, Catherine 86-C  
Barrett, Christiana 86-B  
Butler, Mary Ellen & Robert 42-A  
Bradley, Eliza 73-A  
Cafrey, Ellen 31-A  
Cavenagh, Andrew & his wife, Catherine 8-A  
Conley, Catherine 8-B  
Cronin, Michael & Mary Gipson (wife), Mary Ann (child) 4-A  
Curtin, James 97-A  
Densmore, Mary 14-A  
Densmore, William & Eliza (daughter) 15-A  
Donworth, Robert & Michael 15-B  
Dunn, Jane 93-A  
Dunn, Theresa 86-A  
Fitzsimons, James & Susan 64-A  
Fitzsimons, Barnard & Ann 64-B  
Haley, James & Mary, Dan, Amelia, Owen Shortle, Peter Shortle 68-A  
Hayes, John 94-A  
Hughes, Johnny 28-A  
Judge, Charles & wife, Alice Campbell. Grandchildren Edmund and John 41-A  
Kennedy, Cather Janet & brother Donald Alx. Charles 88-A  
Kerney, Michael 96-B  
Lochary, Hugonis 9-A  
Lochary, John 9-B  
Lochary, Rose 9-C  
McCann, Mary 34-B  
McCann, Thomas & twin brothers, Charles and Patrick 92-A  
McCarty, John 96-A  
McDonald, Francis & wife Ellen, also sons Thomas & Francis 73-B  
McFarlane, John 37-B  
McGarrey, Ann 37-A  
McGraw, Michael 43-A  
McGuigan, Sarah & sons Francis & Peter 33-A  
McIntie, Hugh 35-B  
McLaughlin, James & daughter Matilda 40-A  
McMullon, Patrick & wife Catherine 5-A  
MacStay, Frances 95-A  
Murphy, James 37-B  
O'Brien, Daniel with 5 children  
O'Brien, William with 5 children 34-A  
O'Donoghue, Elizabeth & Mary Ann (child) 27-A  
O'Donoghue, John & Joseph 27-B  
O'Neil, Anne 73-C  
Owens, John 85-A  
Quaine, Mary 6-B  
Quinn, Catherine & infant son, Thomas 92-B  
Quinn, Elizabeth & daughter Sarah 38-C  
Quinn, Mary Jane 6-A  
Scullion, Thomas & daughters Isabella & Sarah 10-A  
Sharky, Bernard 38-A  
Sharky, Eliza 38-B  
Sherlock, John 72-A  
Sherlock, William 84-A  
Smith, John 34-C  
Swift, Sarah & Henry, Hugh with Sarah, wife of George Swift 39-A  
Swift, George 39-A

Note: In some locations the names are not known and in some names the locations are not known.

**Montague Street**

91	76	61	46	31 A	16	1
92 A B	77	62	47	32 A	17	2
93 A	78	63	48	33 A	18	3
94 A	79	64 A B	49	34 A B C	19	4 A
95 A	80	65 A	50	35 A B	20	5 A
96 A B	81	66	51	36 A	21	6 A B
97 A	82	67	52	37 A B	22	7 A
98	83	68 A B	53	38 A B C	23	8 A B
99	84 A	69	54	39 A B	24	9 A B C
100	85 A	70	55	40 A	25	10 A
101 A	86 A B C	71	56	41 A	26	11
102	87	72 A	57	42 A	27 A B	12
103	88 A	73 A B C	58	43 A	28 A	13
104	89	74	59	44	29	14 A
105	90	75	60	45	30	15 A B

**Mary Street**

**Parr Street**

