

**Church of Saint Anthony of Padua,
New Haven (Conn.) Records
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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, New Haven (Conn.)
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1925-1950
Date [inclusive]	1903-1986
Extent	2.0 Linear feet 5 document boxes
Location note	CMS.047 is housed at the Provincial House of the Province of Saint Charles, Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	The materials in CMS.047 are in English, with some Italian and Latin.
Abstract	CMS.047 documents the history of the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua of New Haven Connecticut, from the founding of the parish in 1904 to 1986. Materials include correspondence, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, parish announcement books, parish histories, parish society organizational documents, and photographs. The collection is especially strong on the internal activities of the parish and the activities of its Holy Name Society. As Saint Anthony's was founded to serve New Haven's Italian community and located in downtown New Haven, the collection supports study of Italian-American and urban history. As the church was staffed by priests from the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, the collection also supports studies of the history of the order.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

The roots of Saint Anthony of Padua of New Haven, Connecticut, can be found at the Church of Saint Michael Archangel of the same city. Saint Michael's was founded in downtown New Haven in 1889 to serve Italian immigrants in the area by clergy then known as the Pious Society of Saint Charles and now known as the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, an order with a particular interest in the migrant ministry. As Italian immigrants moved into other neighborhoods in New Haven, the need for new parishes arose. Bishop Michael A. Tierney of Hartford, Connecticut, authorized the establishment of Saint Anthony's in 1903. The next year Father Bartolomeo Marenchino went from Saint Michael's to Saint Anthony's to become the parish's founding pastor. Bishop Tierney dedicated Saint Anthony's parish church March 5, 1905. A rectory for the clergy opened in 1918. Bishop Maurice McAuliffe of Hartford dedicated a parochial school, staffed by an order then called the Missionary Zelatrices of the Sacred Heart (now known as the Apostles of the Sacred Heart) August 30, 1936. The sisters moved into a convent in 1957. The parochial school closed in 1971. In 2007, the Scalabrinian pastor of Saint Anthony's, Father Joseph Moffo, passed away, and the Scalabrinians ceased to staff the parish. Father Ralph Colicchio, a diocesan priest serving as pastor of Saint Michael's became pastor of both Saint Michael's and Saint Anthony's. In 2009, Archbishop Henry Mansel of what was now the Archdiocese of Hartford, decided that rather than repair the church and rectory of the parish of the Sacred Heart, Saint Anthony's would host the parish at its plant, so that, for several years, there were two pastor at Saint Anthony's plant, one being the pastor of Sacred Heart and the other being the pastor of both Saint Anthony's and Saint Michael's. In 2012, Saint Anthony's was finally separated from Saint Michael's and more fully united to Sacred Heart when Father Philip Snell became pastor of both parishes.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.047 documents activities at Saint Anthony of Padua in New Haven, Connecticut, a parish founded for Italian immigrants and staffed by a congregation of priests who specialized in the ministry to migrants, the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, from the founding of the parish in 1903 to 1986.

The documents in the collection emphasize what might be called the parish's internal history. Series I is a set of books in which the clergy recorded the announcements that they would read from the pulpit each Sunday, a common practice until the introduction of printed weekly bulletins. The announcements concern mostly the intentions for Masses said at the parish, meetings of parish societies and events on the parish calendar. Similarly, there are two Series that contain documents from parish societies, organizations that guided parishioners' devotional activities and their service to the parish.

However, the documents also speak to interests beyond the parish. Saint Anthony's was founded for Italian immigrants who had settled in the city of New Haven, and therefore documents aspects of Italian-

American history. It was one of the missions of the Scalabrini Fathers and also a parish in the Diocese (after 1953, the Archdiocese) of Hartford, Connecticut, and its history is intertwined with that of those two institutions. In its early years Saint Anthony's operated without much reference to the city around it, but by the 1980s its pastors followed the local urban-renewal movement with interest.

Arrangement note

CMS.047 is arranged into eight Series:

Series I: Church Trustees' Records

Series II: Parish Announcement Books

Series III: Diocesan Communications

Series IV: Parish Societies' Constitutions, Rules, and By-Laws

Series V: Holy Name Society Records

Series VI: Publications

Series VII: Newspapers and Newspaper Clippings

Series VIII: Miscellaneous Documents and Volumes

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies 1986

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The items in CMS.047 came from Saint Anthony of Padua in New Haven, Connecticut.

Processing Information note

In 2016, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS and folder descriptions were simplified from the original print finding aid. (The original finding aid is available in print upon request). Folder titles in the container list online may vary from the the physical folder titles.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.045: Church of Saint Michael Archangel, New Haven (Conn.), Records

CMS.078: Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians Records

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

I. Church Trustees' Records

Collection Inventory

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I. Church Trustees' Records

Scope and Contents note

The Church Trustees' Records are in a book that someone at the parish labeled "History and Deeds of Saint Anthony." The book was purchased as a blank book. The first three pages contain a brief Italian-language history written by founding pastor Father Bartolomeo Marenchino. Other pages are taken up with minutes of a half-dozen meetings the trustees held between the years 1903 and 1944; there are also loose minutes for meetings between 1903 and 1944 folded into the book. Three certificates are pasted into the volume, and there are another nine certificates, issued between 1907 and 1921 announcing new trustees that are not pasted but folded into the volume. Finally, newspaper clippings documenting events at Saint Anthony's are also included in the volume.

II. Parish Announcements Books

Scope and Contents note

Before the introduction of printed church bulletins, priests celebrating Mass used to read the announcements to the congregation. Parish staffs maintained books that listed the announcements to be read on a given Sunday. At Saint Anthony's, most of these announcements covered upcoming Mass intentions, novenas, and special collections. Of these volumes, the first, May 1925 to May 1926, is soft-bound and therefore fragile, and the fourth, June 1942 to February 1944, is mistakenly identified on its cover as June 1942 to February 1943.

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Parish Announcements May 1925 to May 1926

III. Diocesan Communications

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Parish Announcements June 1931 to November 1933

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Parish Announcements December 1940 to June 1941

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Parish Announcements June 1942 to February 1944

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Parish Announcements February 1944 to July 1945

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Parish Announcements July 1945 to November 1946

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Parish Announcements December 1946 to September 1948

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Parish Announcements September 1948 to July 1950

Box**III. Diocesan Communications**

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Scope and Contents note

Series III consists of communications from the Chancery of the Diocese of Hartford, Saint Anthony's see, between 1925 and 1954. Most grant dispensations necessary for marriages. The remainder concern diocesan-wide devotions and charitable activities.

IV. Parish Societies' Constitutions, Rules, and By-Laws**Box**

V. Holy Name Society Records

Confraternita del SS. Sacramento (Confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament) circa 1920s

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Confraternita del SS. Sacramento circa 1930s

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Congregazione delle Madri di Famiglia Sotto il Titolo e Protezione della Vergine SS. del Rosario di Pompei (Congregation of Mothers of Families under the Title and Protection of the Most Holy Virgin of the Rosary of Pompei) circa 1930s

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Societa'del SS. Nome di Gesu' (Holy Name Society) circa 1930s

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V. Holy Name Society Records**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

Series V contains material on Saint Anthony's Holy Name Society, a devotional-and-service organization for parish men, from 1928 to 1941. Chronologically, the series begins with a January 4, 1928, circular sent to all officers concerning a special meeting. There is a rough draft of minutes for a meeting held December 13, 1930, but the bulk of the series consists of typed Italian- and English-language minutes for meetings held between 1934 and 1941. The series ends with two sets of material from 1941: applications for membership and bills submitted by various vendors. Researchers are referred to Series III of CMS.047 for a copy of the Holy Name Society's by-laws and to Series VI for a 1931 certificate concerning the Holy Name Society's establishment.

VI. Publications**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

VII. Newspapers and Newspaper Clippings

Series VI includes a 1954 fiftieth anniversary parish history; an incomplete run of "L'Eco d'Italia," a local newsletter, from the Spring of 1971 to November/December 1974; incomplete runs of parish bulletins for 1974-1977 and a seventy-fifth anniversary parish history for 1979.

VII. Newspapers and Newspaper Clippings**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

Series VII consists of clippings from 1915-1920 newspapers pasted onto letterhead from the Church of Saint Michael Archangel of New Haven (CMS.045); an issue of L'Indipendente from 1936 mentioning Father Silvio Sartori of Saint Anthony's; four issues of "Corriere del Connecticut" dated 1948, 1952 and 1963; one clipping from an unknown source dated 1954; and tear sheets from the "Register" dated 1962.

VIII. Miscellaneous Documents and Volumes**Box**

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Notebook from one of Saint Anthony's parish societies noting expenditures 1941

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Photograph of Father Attilio Bordignon circa 1950s

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Annual Parish Report 1979

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Saint Anthony's parishioners who died as soldiers in World War I undated

Box**Two-page corrected manuscript of brief parish history undated**

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Father Antonio M. Liscastro, Nascita e Rinascita di Una Parrocchia, histor...

One-page corrected typescript of church history 1950-1986	5
Provincial Superior Father Nazzareno Properzi to the Scalabrinians' Eastern Province 1935 November 30	5
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Raffaele Carlo Cardinal Rossi to the Scalabrinians 1933 October 24 and November 4	5
Holy See, Indulgences granted circa 1927-1929	5
Holy Name Society Charter 1931 February 21	5
Photograph of the Graduating Class of Saint Anthony's School 1970	5
Church Rededication 1975 April 19	5
Father Antonio M. Licastro, Nascita e Rinascita di Una Parrocchia circa 1980-1985	5
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Review Meeting on Downtown South 1986 October 8

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Saint Anthony's parishioners by name, address and ethnicity 1983 June

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Italian-language minutes of young men's society directed by Father Salvatore
Barbato 1912-1919

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Controlled Access Headings

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