

**Saint Bartholomew's Church
(Providence, R.I.) Records
CMS.022**

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	St. Bartholomew's Church (Providence, R.I.).
Title	Saint Bartholomew's Church (Providence, R.I.) Records
Date [inclusive]	1909-1976
Extent	2.5 Linear feet in five document boxes
Location note	CMS.022 is housed at the provincial headquarters of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	Materials in CMS.022 are in English and Italian.
Abstract	CMS.022 documents life in the Roman Catholic Italian-American parish of Saint Bartholomew in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Providence, Rhode Island, from 1909, shortly after the parish's founding, to 1976, when the parish transferred the records to CMS. The collection includes correspondence, financial reports, and publications in the form of monthly parish magazines, weekly bulletins, and parish histories.

Biographical/Historical note

The nucleus of an Italian community appeared at the turn of the century in the Silver Lake area (Plainfield Street to Pocosset Avenue) of Providence, Rhode Island. Initially, the immigrants' spiritual needs were met by various existing churches, but because of the great distance, Silver Lake residents pressed for a church of their own.

It was at this point that one of the churches lending clergy to the Silver Lake community assumed particular importance. Under Father Domenico Belliotti, pastor of Holy Ghost in Providence's Federal Hill neighborhood, Saint Bartholomew's became a mission church of Holy Ghost, and the Scalabrini Fathers, who staffed Holy Ghost, became the principal providers of pastoral care.

Father Vittorio Gregori became Saint Bartholomew's first resident pastor in 1908. In 1910, during the pastorate of Father Leonardo Quaglia, the Diocese of Providence elevated Saint Bartholomew's from a mission to a parish. In 1922, Father Pietro Goreet began twenty-five years of service at Saint Bartholomew. Another significant pastor was Father Mario Boeri, under whom Saint Bartholomew's completed construction of a new church in 1969.

Scope and Contents note

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Arrangement note

CMS.022 is arranged in five boxes. Correspondence, clippings, and financial reports are in Box 1. Photographs are also in Box 1. Publications start in Box 1 and continue through Box 5.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The Center for Migration Studies acquired the contents of CMS.022 in the late 1970s, when CMS founder and Scalabrinian provincial superior Silvano M. Tomasi, c.s., called on parishes to deposit historical material.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Saint Bartholomew's parish is a mission of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians. Additional material on it may be found in the records of the society's Saint Charles province, CMS.078, 078A, 078B, and 078C. CMS.078 and .078A are arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent, so using it requires knowing the pastors of Saint Bartholomew's. CMS.078B is arranged chronologically. CMS.078C is arranged by subject, with files for Saint Bartholomew's.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Church newsletters |z United States

Geographic Name(s)

- Providence (R.I.)

Subject(s)

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church
- Italian Americans |x Religion
- Italian Americans |z Rhode Island |z Silver Lake

Other Finding Aids note

The original typescript finding aid is on file at the Center for Migration Studies.

Collection Inventory

	Box
Documentation 1909-1925	1
Photographs and jubilee booklets 1945-1975	1
Almango, (the Rev.) R. Stephen, O.F.M. <i>The Days of Our Years</i> . 1969	1
<p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>This folder contains typescript and published versions of a history by a member of the parish who became a Franciscan priest.</p>	
Weeklyn Bulletins 1976	1
<i>La Campana di Silver Lake</i> January 1923 - 12 December 1934	1
<i>La Campana di Silver Lake</i> 6 January 1935 - 21 December 1941	2
<i>La Campana di Silver Lake</i> 4 January 1942 - 19 December 1948	3
<i>La Campana di Silver Lake</i> 2 Januar 1949 - 1951	4
<p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>As of 19 March 1950, the title <i>La Campana di Silver Lake</i> was dropped from the publication.</p>	

Saint Bartholomew's Parish Bulletin 1951-1956

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