



ST. JOSEPH'S, ANDERSON, S. C.

1881 - 1910

These writings were taken from personal notes of Miss Agatha Spellman. It is thought they may have been copied from news releases at the time of the dedication of newly built St. Joseph Church in 1881.

April 28, 1881

"The McSmith Music House, at Greenville, has sold the Catholic congregation at this place a handsome organ for their new house of worship"

May 5, 1881,

"The Catholic Church at this place will be dedicated on next Sunday morning by Bishop Lynch. Forty or fifty visiting brethren including five or six Priests will be present from Charleston to participate in the services, which will

be witnessed by a large concourse. The church will be beautifully decorated."

Press Notices

From Anderson Intelligencer

May 12, 1881

Catholic Church Dedication

"The dedicatory services of St. Joseph's Catholic Church were performed last Sabbath morning beginning at 11 o'clock by the Rt. Rev. Bishop P. N. Lynch assisted by the Very Rev. D. J. Quigley, Vicar General; Rev. J. J. Monaghan, Master of Ceremonies; Rev. H. P. Northrop, Deacon; and Rev. C. B. Northrop, Sub-deacon. The music was rendered by members of the choirs of St. Mary's Church, Charleston, and of St. Ann's Church, Sumter."

"The sermon was preached by Bishop Lynch, who congratulated the little band of faithful workers. \*\*\*\*He thanked those of other faiths who had aided in the construction of this temple of worship. The sermon was eloquent, in plain language, and the quiet manner of the speaker, whose gentleness of speech and beauty of thought rendered his discourse interesting.

At the conclusion of the dedication the sacrament of confirmation was administered by the Bishop to a class of fifteen, consisting of four young men and eleven ladies-" (Sponsors were Mr. Timothy Kennedy and Miss Helena McSweeney, later Mrs. Denis O'Donnell)  
'On the occasion of the dedication the building was crowded to its utmost capacity. The decorations were most handsome, with garlands of evergreen festooned around the building, with a wreath of flowers above each depression in the garland. Handsome vases of beautiful flowers adorned the altar, and above it was a large cross, most tastefully constructed of choice exotics. The services occupied some three hours.

At 6 o'clock Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given."

From Anderson Intelligencer - May 4, 1882

"A Polish immigrant living on the plantation of Mr. J. W. Prevost lost a Roman Catholic prayer book printed in his native language between Anderson and the residence of Mr. J. C. Keys, on Saturday. It is hoped the party finding it will deliver it to Mr. Prevost."

From Anderson Intelligencer - March 29, 1883

"The services on **Easter** Sunday in the Catholic Church were solemnized with the usual rites of the church. Rev. J. J. Monaghan officiating. The edifice had been beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreen in honor of the occasion."  
(Picture in Scrap Book)

From Anderson Intelligencer - Oct. 18, 1883

"Rt. Rev. Henry Pinckney Northrop, Catholic Bishop of this state and N. C. will visit St. Joseph's Church in this city next week. On Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock he will celebrate High Mass, and immediately after these services will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Services will also be held at 7:30 P. M. The music at both services will be furnished by select voices from the Greenville Catholic choir. The public is invited to attend."

From Anderson Intelligencer - Oct. 25, 1883

"Last Sunday was a rainy day. All the white churches in the city, save the Catholic, were closed."

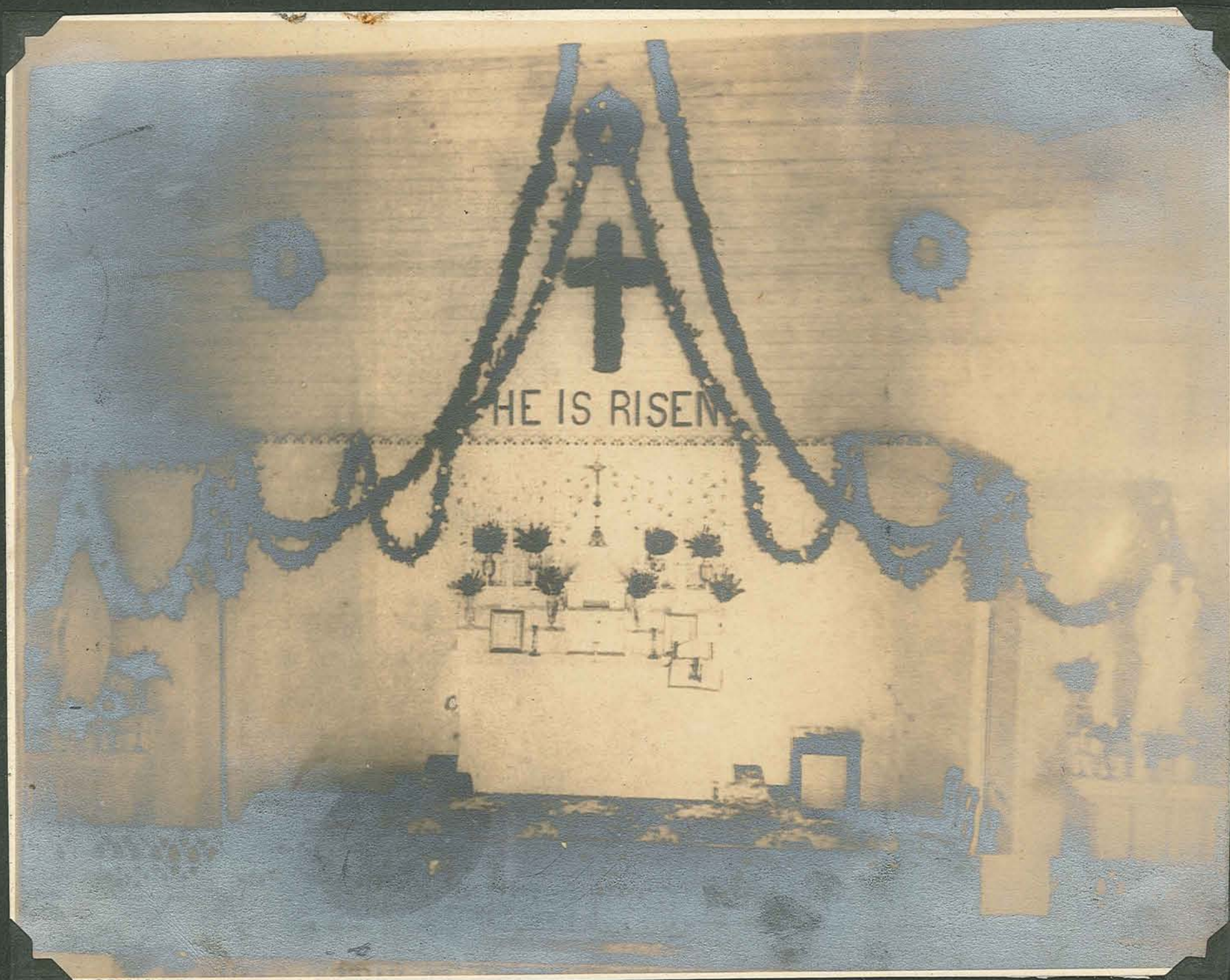
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Nov. 1, 1883

Married in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Tuesday Oct. 30, 1883 at half past ten o'clock, by Bishop H. P. Northrop assisted by Rev. J. J. Monaghan, Mr. James G. O'Donnell and Miss Annie, eldest daughter of Capt. John McGrath.



THE REV. FATHER WOOLAHAN  
WAS ASSIGNED TO ST. JOSEPH  
CHURCH AND TRAVELED FROM  
GREENVILLE FOR SERVICES.  
1880 - 1882



Easter Sunday 1883