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Holy Trinity Parish, Boston, Mass.

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Archives of the New England Province Society of Jesus
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Record Group: 10, House/Community/Parish Records

Name of Collection: Holy Trinity Church
140 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, MA

Record Group: 10.8 HTRIN

Size of Collection: 10 boxes, 5 linear feet

Dates of Collection: 1845-1961

Historical Background:

Holy Trinity Church was the only German Catholic Church in Boston in the 1800s and was commonly referred to as "The German Church." A small church building was built between 1842 and 1844, but a larger church was soon needed. The construction of a new church began in 1872 and the new church building was dedicated by Archbishop Williams in 1877. Members of the Holy Trinity parish were extensively involved in many societies and sodalities and the parish opened a parochial school in 1844, which remained in existence until 1961 when the school was dissolved and the parish was taken over by the Archdiocese of Boston. The Archdiocese suppressed the parish on June 30, 2008.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains records relating to the operation of the parish of Holy Trinity Church: Father Minister's Diaries, Consultors' Records, financial information, house accounts, correspondence, general parish files, histories, and the parish publication *Monatsbote*. The collection also contains early 20th century journals kept by Rev. Edmund Sturm, SJ (1859-1910): one a diary of his time at the church and the other a commonplace book. A few folders on the history and closing of Holy Trinity Church have been added by the archives.

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Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

Languages: The primary language is English. There is also some Latin and German.

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See Also: Photograph collection (RG 12), the Records of the Provincial (RG 1), and the Records of the Province Treasurer (RG 3).

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Consultors			
Consultors	1851-1863		
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Diaries			
Father Minister's Diary	1868-1871	1	1
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Finances			
Financial – Loans, Wills, Charitable Organization Statement	1904-1942	2	2
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Financial Notes	1858-1871	2	5
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House Accounts	1905-1919	3	5
House Accounts	1916-1918	3	6
House Accounts	1918-1921	4	1
House Accounts	1919-1927	4	2
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Also see: Jahresbericht [Annual Report]	1891-1926	7	1
General Files			
50 th Jubilee [of Fr. Schleuters]	1911	4	4
Building of Church – Father Peter Beckx-Father Stonestreet [photocopy]	1855	4	5
Catholic "Casinos" Statutes	1915	4	6
Centennial Celebration [includes history by Fr. F.X. Weiser, S.J. and a Parish Bulletin with images of the pastors of Holy Trinity]	1944	4	7
Church and Home Reports	1898-1903	4	8
Clippings	1961-1983	4	9
Correspondence and Notes	1916-1919	4	10
Correspondence and Notes	1944-1951	5	1
Correspondence and Notes	1952-1961	5	2
Deeds, Mortgages, Policies and Correspondence	1856-1920	5	3
Diary Jottings – Father Carr	1948-1961	5	4
Directories	1895, 1898	5	5
Event Ephemera	1897-1913	5	6
Charles P. Gisler, S.J. – Golden Jubilee	1938	5	7
Charles P. Gisler, S.J. – Program of Silver Jubilee of Ordination	1926	5	8
Golden Jubilee – 1 of 2	1894	6	1
Golden Jubilee – 2 of 2	1894	6	2
Golden Jubilee of Consecration of Church	1927	6	3
Golden Jubilee of Parish	1894	6	4

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General Files			
Historia Domus and Litterae Annuae	1908	6	5
History to 1927 – <i>Holy Trinity Parish, Boston, Mass.: an historical review</i>	1927	6	6
History – Fr. Nopper's Manuscript Book Relating to Early History of Holy Trinity [in German]	1868-1885	6	7
History – <i>Aur Geschichte der katholischen deutschen hl. Dreifaltigkeits Femeinde in Boston, Mass.</i> by Fr. Francis X. Nopper, S.J. [in German]	1886	6	8
History – <i>Concerning the History of the Catholic German Holy Trinity Parish in Boston, Mass.</i> English translation of Fr. Francis X. Nopper's 1886 book by Martha C. Engler	1992	6	8a
Holy Trinity School – Closing Correspondence	1961	6	9
House History	1942	6	10
Insurance Policies	1932-1934	6	11
Jahresbericht (Annual Financial Report)	1891-1926	7	1
Knights of Columbus – Golden Jubilee	1947	7	2
Litterae Annuae	1950-1955	7	3
Little Flower Missionary Club – Annual Report	1943	7	4
Marriage Case	1921	Restricted	
Memorials of Visitations	1928-1956	Restricted	
Petition to Archbishop Williams Against Dividing the Parish	n.d.	7	6
Quitclaim Deed	1895	7	7
St. Anthony's Society – 50 th Jubilee	1900	7	8
St. Anthony's Society – Constitution	1900	7	9
Schools	1943-1944	7	10
Sermons – Father Eck	1850-1851	7	11
Signs	n.d.	7	12
Statement of Realty Ownership	n.d.	7	13
Summarium	1889-1894	7	14
Warranty Deed	1865	8	1
Women in Parish Who Became Sisters	1859-1911	8	2
Young Ladies' Sodality – Ephemera – 1 of 2	Various	8	3
Young Ladies' Sodality – Ephemera – 2 of 2	Various	8	4
Young Men's Sodality – Financial Secretary's Account Book	1907-1913	8	5
Young Men's and Young Ladies' Sodalities – Centennial Celebrations	1951	8	6
Young Men's and Young Ladies' Sodalities – Diamond Jubilee	1926	8	7
Ushers Club – Silver Jubilee	1928	8	8
Subject Files added by Archives			
"The Splendor of Boston: Religious Sites of the South End" Tour Program with brief building history and description	1990	8	9
Holy Trinity German Church, Boston, Massachusetts, 1944-1994, history by Robert J. Sauer	1994	8	10
History of Holy Trinity (German) Church, from web site	2005, 2008	8	11
Newspaper articles regarding closing of Holy Trinity Church	2008	8	12
Other newspaper clippings	2015	8	13

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<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church, Vol. V, No. 2, September 1903, see General Files, Church and Home Reports Folder	1903	4	8
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [German]	1914-1918	9	1
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [German and English]	1941-1942	9	2
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [English]	1943	9	3
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [English]	1944	9	4
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [English]	1945	9	5
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [English and German]	1946-1948	9	6
<i>Monatsbote</i> – Monthly Messenger for Holy Trinity Church [English and German]	1956-1957	9	7
Rev. Edmund Sturm, SJ, (1859-1910) Journals			
Rev. Edmund Sturm, SJ- Diary of time at Church as Superior	1907-1910	10	1
Rev. Edmund Sturm, SJ- Commonplace book	Early 1900s	10	2