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**Record Group:** 10 Community/House/Parish Records

**Name of Collection:** St. Mary's Church  
45 Cooper Street, Boston, MA [rectory address]

**Record Group ID:** 10.19 SMC

**Size of Collection:** 16-5" boxes = 8 linear feet + oversize material

**Dates of Collection:** 1847-2007

**Historical Background:**

In 1834, four lots of land on Endicott Street in Boston's North End were purchased by the Catholic Church to establish a parish and to build a church. The first mass was offered in the basement of the church in December 1835, and in May 1836, St. Mary's Church was dedicated to the service of God. The Society of Jesus' presence began at St. Mary's with the arrival of Fr. John McElroy, S.J. as the first Jesuit priest in 1847. The parish of St. Mary's grew to a large number and the need for parochial education was felt throughout the community. The Sisters of Notre Dame established a girls' school in 1849 and the School for Boys was established by the Jesuits in 1859. With the parish numbering over 10,000, land was purchased in 1873 to build a new church which was dedicated in December 1877. The school and parish continued on until the 1970s when the school closed in June of 1973 and the rectory closed in 1976. The church was demolished and a housing building was built in its place.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection of St. Mary's parish contains a variety of media including the following: church announcements, financial information, house diaries, publications for the various jubilee celebrations, rectory diaries, and general files which include categories such as correspondence, death registers, deed information, etc. There is oversize material which is noted in the finding aid.

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**Access / Restrictions:** This collection is open to researchers with the exception of Memorials and Consultors Material.



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**Also See:**

- RG 12 Audiovisual Photographs for visual material of the church and parish
- RG 1 Records of the Provincial
- RG 3 Records of the Treasurer

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<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box</b>	
<b>Church Announcements</b>			
Church Announcements	1880-1883	1	1
Church Announcements	1903-1904	1	2
Church Announcements	1907-1910	1	3
Church Announcements	1910-1913	1	4
Church Announcements	1922	1	5
Church Announcements	1932	2	1
Church Announcements	1933	2	2
Church Announcements	1934	2	3
Church Announcements	1935	2	4
Church Announcements	1936	2	5
Church Announcements	1937	2	6
Church Announcements	1938	2	7
Church Announcements	1939	2	8
Church Announcements	1940	2	9
Church Announcements	1941	2	10
Church Announcements	1942	3	1
Church Announcements	1943	3	2
Church Announcements	1944	3	3
Church Announcements	1945	3	4
Church Announcements	1946	3	5
Church Announcements	1947	3	6
Church Announcements	1948	3	7
Church Announcements	1949	3	8
Church Announcements	1950	4	1
Church Announcements	1951	4	2
Church Announcements	1952	4	3
Church Announcements	1953	4	4
Church Announcements	1954	4	5
Church Announcements	1955	4	6
Church Announcements	1955-1956	4	7
Church Announcements	1956-1957	5	1
Church Announcements	1960	5	2
Church Announcements	1961	5	3
Church Announcements	1964-1965	5	4
Church Announcements	1966-1968	5	5
Church Announcements	1974	5	6
<b>Circulars, Memorials, Elenchi</b>			
Circulars, Memorials, Elenchi	1847-1877	Restricted	

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<b>Consultors' Meetings</b>			
Consultors' Meetings	1905-1931	Restricted	
Consultors' Meetings	1938-1961	Restricted	
Consultors' Meetings	1961-1973	Restricted	
<b>Financial Material</b>			
Financial Register	1867-1889	5	7
Financial Register	1890-1915	6	1
Financial Register – Cash Book – stored in oversize area	1933-1937	6	2
Status Temporalis Annuus Domus	1974-1981	6	3
<b>House Diary</b>			
House Diary	1885-1903	6	4
House Diary	1946-1951	6	5
House Diary	1951-1958	7	1
House Diary	1958-1967	7	2
House Diary	1967-1974	7	3
<b>Jubilee Material</b>			
Golden Jubilee (1847-1897) – Souvenir Book	1897	7	4
Golden Jubilee (1847-1897) – Souvenir Book	1897	8	1
Golden Jubilee (1847-1897) – Souvenir Book	1897	8	2
Golden Jubilee (1847-1897) – Correspondence	1897	8	3
Golden Jubilee (1847-1897) – Souvenir Badge	1897	15	11
<i>N.B.: Rec'd at Archives in 2013, stored out-of-order because of space allocations in the boxes.</i>			
Diamond Jubilee (1847-1922) – Correspondence and Clippings	1922	8	4
Diamond Jubilee (1847-1922) – Material for	1922	8	5
Diamond Jubilee (1847-1922) – Souvenir Book, 3 copies	1922	8	6
Centenary Jubilee (1847-1947) – Souvenir Book	1947	8	7
Centenary Jubilee (1847-1947) – Souvenir Book	1947	8	8
Centenary Jubilee (1847-1947) – Souvenir Book	1947	8	9
Centenary Jubilee (1847-1947) – Correspondence	1947	8	10
Centenary Jubilee (1847-1947) – Sermons	1947	8	11
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Brochure and Correspondence	1972, 1983	8	12
<b>Rectory Files</b>			
Rectory Diary	1920-1930	9	1
Rectory Diary	1930-1945	9	2

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<b>General Files</b>			
Address Book	1949	10	1
Address List – Archdiocese of Boston	n.d.	10	2
Annual Letters	1925-1942	10	3
Apostolatus Orationes	1888	10	4
Appraisal of Church and School – Meredith and Grew, Incorporated [includes photographs]	1974	10	5
Association of the Bona Mors Register	1849-1948	10	6
Original Diploma of the Association of the Bona Mors	1878	10	6a
Boys in the St. Mary's School	1882-1883	10	7
Boys in the St. Mary's School	1885	10	8
"Catholicity in the Public Institutions of Boston, MA"	n.d.	11	1
City of Boston Building Department – Special Examination	1922	11	2
Clippings	1897-1976	11	3
Copies of Documents and Notes Assembled by Province Archivist James Powers, S.J. – Predates New England Province (1926)	1847-1976	11	4
Corporation Meetings for the Election of Officers	1877-1925	11	5
Corporation Meetings for the Election of Officers – Excerpts	1877-1925	11	6
Correspondence – Father Fine and Father Wernz	1910-1914	11	7
Correspondence – Father General	1910-1929	11	8
Correspondence – Father Harman	1936-1938	12	1
Correspondence – Father Provincial	1915-1922	12	2
Correspondence – Father Provincial	1945-1948	12	3
Correspondence – Rector	1910-1942	12	4
Correspondence – Rector (Edward J. Whalen, S.J.) with Cardinal Cushing	1943-1948	12	5
Death Register	1921-1953	12	6
Deeds – Envelope 1	1865-1879	12	7
Deeds – Envelope 2	1877-1883	12	8
Deeds – Envelope 3	1882-1887	12	9
Deeds – Envelope 4	1878	13	1
Deeds – Envelope 5	1834-1859	13	2
Deeds – Envelope 6	1854-1888	13	3
Deeds – Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, MA	1881	13	4
Deeds – Quitclaim Deed – Text	1948	13	5
Donations Received for Mass and Memorial for Rev. Charles F. Arnold, S.J.	n.d.	13	6
Duty of Voting	1948	13	7
Genealogical Information	n.d.	13	8
Gift From the Catholic University of America	1888	13	9
Historia Domus	1927-1973	13	10
Historical Notes	1898-1913	13	11
Historical Notes	1904-1979	13	12
Holy Week Schedule	1939-1941	14	1
Hymns for Congregational Singing	1920, 1923	14	2

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<b>General Files</b>		<i>continued</i>	
Insurance	1907-1931	14	3
Litterae Annuae and Historia	1906-1910	14	4
Litterae Annuae and Historia	n.d.	14	5
Memorial of the Informal Visitation of the American Assistancy	1943	14	6
Organ	1981, 2011	14	7
Parish Census	1926-1953	14	8
Publications: Good Friday Devotions, Novena of Grace	1920s	14	8 b
Record Book of Last Vows	1928-1971	14	9
Research Request Regarding St. Mary's Church	1996	14	10
Relics	1934	14	11
Reunion Material	1913	14	12
St. Mary's School – Bazaar – Brochure	1913	14	15
St. Mary's Theatre – Annual Lenten Drama – “In the Shadow of the Cross” by Rev. John J. McMahon	1921	14	16
School Fire – Insurance and Repair	1941	14	17
Scrapbook – Clippings – Stored in Oversize	1882-1897	14	18
Seminary Collection	1908-1930	14	19
Sick Call Register	1932-1953	14	20
Srs. of Notre Dame de Namur <i>Century of Catholic Culture in Boston</i>	1949	15	1
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur – Notice of 125 Years	1972	15	2
Souvenirs – Gonzaga Centennial, Georgetown University	1921	15	3
Stamps	n.d.	15	4
Sunday School Register	1871-1875	15	5
Tax and Title Information	1921-1978	15	6
Title Search of Church Property	1946-1950	15	7
<i>Upon A Firm Rock: A Dramatic Review of the History of St. Mary's Parish, Boston</i>	n.d.	15	8
Varia	1926-1950	15	9
Wills and Bequests	1949-1951	15	10
Golden Jubilee (1947-1897) – Souvenir Badge <i>N.B.: Rec'd at Archives in 2013, stored out-of-order because of space allocations in the boxes.</i>	1897	15	11
<b>Reference Files</b>			
Newsclippings re: closing of St. Mary's Church	1973-77	15	12
Newsclipping re: closing of St. Mary's Chapel	2007	15	13