Syracuse's Most Holy Rosary church marks 100 years this weekend



Most Holy Rosary church, Syracuse. (Courtesy Most Holy Rosary)

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Most Holy Rosary church, the twin-towered landmark in Syracuse's Strathmore neighborhood, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of its parish this weekend.

The parish was formed in 1913 to serve the rapidly growing Bellevue Heights and Strathmore neighborhoods, according to Dennis Connors, history curator of the Onondaga Historical

Association. A temporary wooden church was completed that year. In 1927, ground was broken for the present church.

On Saturday, the church at 111 Roberts Ave. will celebrate its founding.

At 5 p.m., Syracuse Bishop Robert Cunningham will commemorate the first Mass celebrated at the church on Dec. 8, 1913. That will be followed by a reception in the church gymnasium/parish center; tickets are \$30 per person.

Clergy and others, including school faculty and alumni, who have served at the church and school have been invited back.

The day will also feature historical items from the church which will be put on display starting at 4 p.m. The choir will perform a special prelude to the Mass at 4:40 p.m.

The church kicked off its 100th year anniversary on Sept. 8 with <u>a noon mass with former Syracuse Bishop Thomas Costello</u> followed by a picnic.

History of the church booklet

History of the church by Dennis Connors