

## The First Church

The first Catholic Church in St. Andrews was constructed between 1824 and 1825 in response to a growing population of Irish immigrants. Located at the corner of Parr and Mary Streets on the end of two original town lots donated by John Dunn, 30 pounds were raised to initiate construction. Trustees named were Thomas Dunn, Peter Doran, Henry O'Neil and John Lockary.

In 1824, the congregation erected the building on the land. The structure was small and unpretentious, a mere 28 x 40 feet. A message was inscribed on the church upon its completion, stating: "Erected to the honor of the only true and living God. 1825."

The first marriage occurred on December 25, 1827 of Robert McEveny and Elizabeth Thompson. The church's first priest, Father John Cummings, officiated. E.J Carney experienced the first baptism two days after.

Later, 11 feet were added to the length of the church and a spire was erected in 1833. A bell was added as a gift from John Wilson of Chamcook.

In the same year the church was finished, the first rectory was built diagonal from the church lot facing Parr street. The rectory was sold by the church in 1880. It would later become known as "The Anchorage" and serve as the home of several wealthy summer families in St. Andrews.

Sixty years later the church was found to be inadequate for a growing congregation thanks to a large influx of Irish Catholics following the Great Famine. In 1885 the present church, erected on the corner of Parr and King Streets, was constructed and remains in use today.

The old church served as the meeting place and gymnasium of a Catholic boys' association known

as the Andraeleo Club, which was founded in 1894. In 1903 a portion of the building was removed to King Street and Church Lane, where it formed the stage of the Andraeleo Hall, the site of much entertainment in the town thereafter, including the town's first movies in the 1920s.

## The First Catholic Cemetery, 1825-1859

The first Catholic cemetery began operation in 1825 and was adjacent to the church on the remainder of the lot. The first burial was of Catherine Cavanaugh on March 25, 1825. The cemetery was fully operational until 1859, when burials became illegal in the town limits due to health concerns.

Until 1977, the graveyard remained untouched. Almost one hundred and twenty years had taken a toll on the condition of many stones. The St. Andrews Civic Trust contributed \$3,500 to wash all of the stones, reset and repair them. Today the cemetery continues to be maintained by the local church.

### The Church of Saint Andrew

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# THE FIRST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CEMETERY

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**1825 - 1859**

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This brochure was prepared as a brief guide to the early history of the Roman Catholic Church in St. Andrews, NB and the first cemetery that remains behind. Included is a cross-indexed listing of names and known burial locations. For further historical and genealogical information, visitors are encouraged to contact the Charlotte County Archives, located at 123 Frederick Street, St. Andrews, NB.

**Listing of those buried in cemetery:**

Barrett Catherine 86-C  
 Barret Christiana 86-B  
 Butler Mary Ellen Robt. 42-A  
 Bradley Eliza 73-A  
 Cafrey Ellen 31-A  
 Cavenagh Andrew and wife, Catherine 8-A  
 Conley Catherine 8-B  
 Cronin Michael and Mary Gipson (wife) Mary Ann (child) 4-A  
 Curtin James 97-A  
 Densmore Mary 14-A  
 Densmore, William and Eliza (daughter) 15-A  
 Donworth Robt & Michael 15-B  
 Dunn Jane 93-A  
 Dunn Theresa 86-A  
 Fitzsimons James & Susan 64-A  
 Fitzsimons Barnard, Ann 64-B  
 Haley James and Mary Haley, Eliza Haley Elen, Michael, Martin 65-A  
 Haley Michael and sister 68-B  
 Harley John and Mary, Dan, Amelia, Owen Shortle, Peter Shortle 68-A  
 Hayes John 94-A  
 Hughes Johnny 28-A

Judge Charles and wife, Alice Campbell, grandchildren Edmund and John 41-A  
 Kennedy Catherine Janet & brother Donald Alx. Charles 88-A  
 Kerney Michael 96-B  
 Lochary Hugonis 9-A  
 Lochary John 9-B  
 Lochary Rose 9-C  
 McCann Mary 34-B  
 McCann Thomas and Twin brothers, Charles and Patrick 92-A  
 McCarty John 96-A  
 M'Donald Francis wife Ellen also sons Thomas and Francis 73-B  
 McFarlane John 37-B  
 McGarrey Ann 37-A  
 McGraw Michael 43-A  
 McGuigan Sarah and sons Francis and Peter 33-A  
 McIntie Hugh 35-B  
 McLaughlin James and daughter Matilda 40-A  
 McMullon Patrick and wife Catherine 5-A  
 MacStay Frances 95-A  
 Murphy James 37-B

O'Brien Daniel with 5 children.  
 O'Brien William with 5 children 34-A  
 O' Donoghue Elizabeth and Mary Ann (child) 27-A  
 O' Donoghue John and Joseph 27-B  
 O'Neil Anne 73-C  
 Owens John 85-A  
 Quaine Mary 6-B  
 Quinn Catherine and infant son Thomas 92-B  
 Quinn Elizabeth and daughter Sarah 38-C  
 Quinn Mary Jane 6-A  
 Scullion Thomas and Isabella & Sarah, daughters 10-A  
 Sharky Bernard 38-A  
 Sharkey Eliza 38-B  
 Sherlock John 72-A  
 Sherlock William 84-A  
 Swift Sarah and Henry, Hugh with Sarah, wife of George Swift 39-A  
 Swift George 39-B  
 Smith John 34-C

Note: in some locations the names are unknown and for some names the locations are unknown.

Montague St.	1	2	3	a	4	a	5	a b	6	a	7	a b	8	a b c	9	a	10	11	12	13	14	a	15	a b
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Mary St.																								
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