

*Oradell Reservoir*

*Hackensack River*

**HAWORTH**

**DEMAREST**

**NEW CHURCH**

**CRESSKILL**

**DUMONT**

**NEW MILFORD**

**PRESENT CHURCH**

*Our  
Widening  
Circle*

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HARDENBURGH AVE.

HAWORTH AVE.

SCHRAALENBURGH AVE.

GRANT ST.

PIERMONT RD.

ANDERSON AVE.

ALPINE

ORADELL

NEW ST.

MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

ROAD

COUNTY ROAD

HILLSIDE AVE.

PALISADES

NEW MILFORD

AVE.

E. MADISON AVE

PROSPECT AVE.

WEST SHORE R.R.

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RIVER ROAD

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BERGENFIELD

ROUTE 4







## A Dramatic Story

“Dramatic, Strategic, Prophetic”—all these words can rightly be applied to the present moment in the life of ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, so long thought of as “a Beloved Little Chapel.”

In its relocation at the meeting place of four boroughs—and with the growth that will flow in—it will no longer continue to be “little” or a “chapel,” but it will be able to serve an ever-widening circle.

It is inspiring to have been chosen by the Diocese for this dramatic “re-planting.” The new site is strategic, the field wide and rich. Since the seed—St. Luke's Church—has proved its vitality, a rich harvest is assured.

The hour of planting is timely. Suburban growth is at its height. Population increases of the next ten years will pose a tremendous challenge to schools and churches alike. The Diocese of Newark, and our own mission have seen the prophetic signs and have acted accordingly.

In “The Bishop's Call” to the recent Episcopal Advance Fund Campaign, the need of church expansion in our own region was prominently outlined as one of the most important “good problems.” This was another step in preparing the way for the big move.

And it will be a BIG MOVE—in every sense. Growing from a little stucco Chapel—seating only eighty—to a solid permanent church about four times as large; from an inconspicuous location near the edge of one borough to a prominent spot, literally at the meeting place of four—the center of a great parish with an expanding population of over 30,000.

Rarely have opportunity and responsibility been so dramatically combined. Here, in brief, is the story of the move.





## Trained for the Task

During this Lenten season, ST. LUKE'S will have completed 43 years since "the Episcopalians of Dumont found that there were enough interested, confirmed persons to warrant the organization of a chapel." The first Communion Service was celebrated on Easter Day, April 12, 1914, by Dean Robbins of the General Theological Seminary. One wonders how many of the 55 people attending that service still live in Bergen County!

### Growing With the Community

Launched in the peaceful pre-war days—when this section of the County was dotted with quiet villages—all growth was quiet and gradual. The little congregation met in loaned or rented quarters. Not until 1922, when Charles Dinkler of Philadelphia gave six lots on Ontario and Seneca

Avenues, was there thought of building. Then they moved fast: Ground-Breaking in August, Cornerstone-Laying in September, Dedication in October. The new congregation grew and prospered. But the building was not fully equipped; there were inconveniences; chairs took the place of pews; the place of worship was also used as a meeting hall—an early evidence of the church in the service of the community.

The effects of the Depression were severe, but little by little Altar, Pews, Electric Organ, and other equipment were acquired. Step by step the mission chapel "grew up," with the sympathetic care of the Diocese and the work of loyal laymen, until it became a strong congregation. Renewed dedication to the work of church extension has now made ST. LUKE'S ready to play its part in the new move.

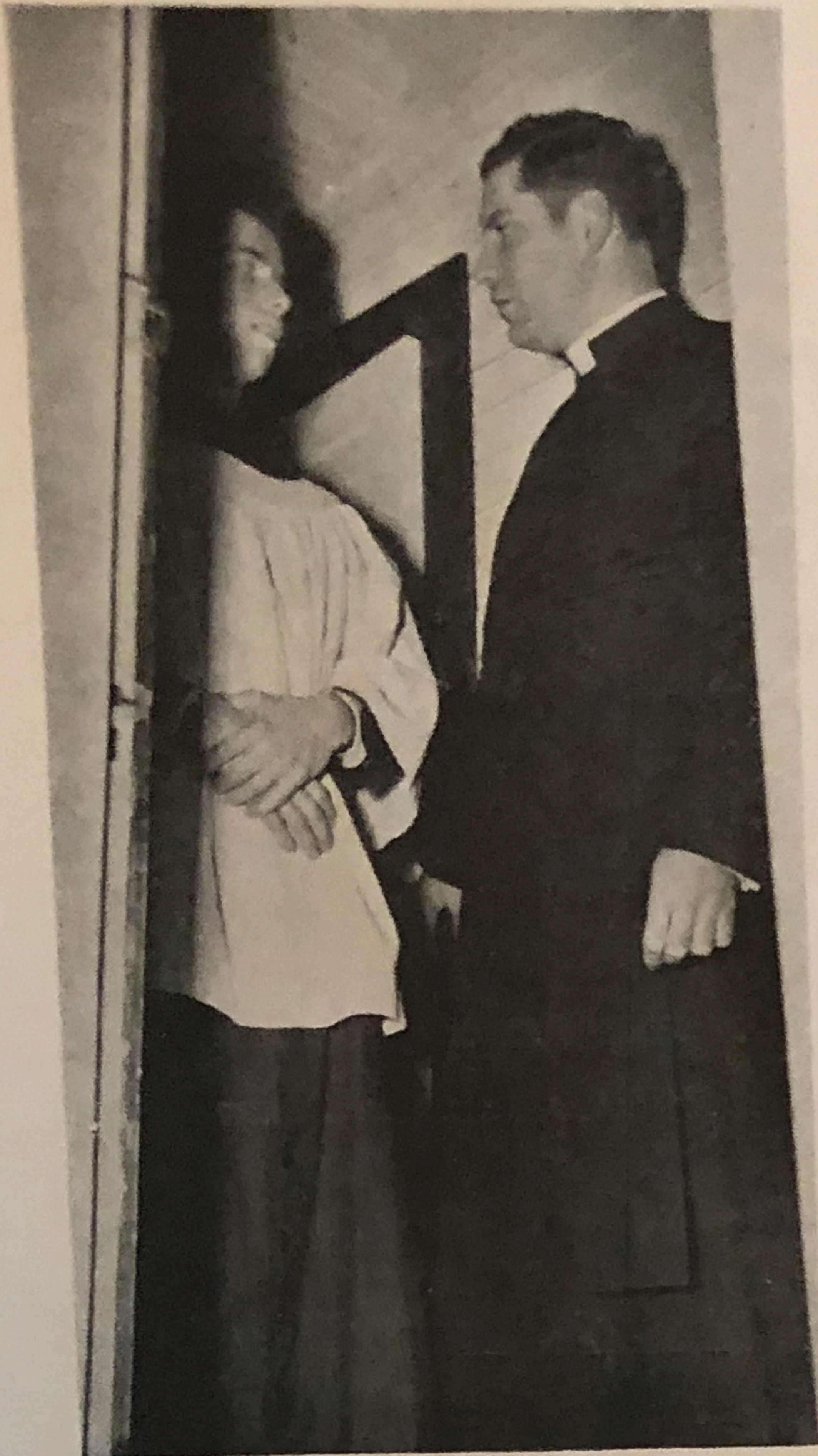


*Left and below —  
Men's Corporate Communion Breakfast, Feb. 10, 1957*





## Two of the Present Limitations:



Our Sacristy



98 children overload our present Sunday School.

## The Master Plan

The present plan has been developing for more than three years—the result of combined efforts on the part of the Diocese and St. Luke's. The Vicar and Executive Committee could see the developing opportunities opening up about them, and the Bishops were glad to appoint ST. LUKE'S the instrument of expansion.

On October 15, 1954, a significant letter went out from Cathedral House to the Members of "The Bishop's Church Extension Fund." Though the letter had to be "mysteriously vague" because of negotiations still under way, it sketched the outlines of a striking project in these words:

"The area in question in which we hope soon to be able to establish a new church is made up of the four contiguous boroughs of Dumont, Haworth, Demarest, and Cresskill. *It is an area as rich in promise for the Episcopal Church as any we know.* A survey by a team of seminarians last spring . . . and by some of our churchwomen in Demarest reveals that over 220 Episcopal families live in this area!

"Our only church in these four boroughs is

St. Luke's, Dumont, in the extreme southwestern corner of this four-borough area. This small mission is totally inadequate for the needs of these growing communities."

### A Report of Progress

In the nearly 30 months since this letter, much of its plan has been carried out. In brief:

After long efforts, the fine five-acre plot on Massachusetts Avenue, at the southeast border of Haworth, was purchased by the Diocese.

A vicarage nearby was also bought, to be used until such time as the Rectory on the new site shall be built.

An architect, John Trich of Oradell, was commissioned to draw up tentative building plans suitable to the general situation.

Preparatory studies of the project were made by St. Luke's Executive Committee, and general plans for a fund-raising campaign were drawn up—with the advice of experienced counselors.

Bishop Stark gave a dinner on February 28th to report on the project to Episcopalians and other

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representatives of the four boroughs, when great emphasis was laid on the wisdom of making long-range plans to anticipate the foreseeable needs of the wider field.

Cresskill	2,500	6,700	10,000
Demarest	1,200	3,950	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,800</b>	<b>30,850</b>	<b>38,000</b>

### Church and Enlarged Parish

Episcopalians make no real distinction between Church and Parish—between actual members of the church—those affiliated with it in one way or another—and the large area which is its field of service.

As of this moment, the bare statistics of St. Luke's Church are these:

Baptized Persons	393
Communicants	247
Individuals (actually participating)	567

This solid, organized core—with its Vicar, Warden, Executive Committee and Organizations—will in the relocation become the nucleus of an enlarging church in a vastly enlarged parish.

The bare population figures for the new four-borough "field" show roughly something like this:

Borough	1946	1956	1966 (projected)
Dumont	9,500	17,000	18,000
Haworth	1,600	3,200	5,000

The *Public School* situation reflects the same recent growth and inevitable increase in the children to be cared for in the next few years. This means that good Sunday School facilities will be vital. Here are some interesting factors:

*Dumont*: 3,100 pupils; a high school, 4 grammar schools, and a parochial school. An addition to the high school and another elementary school are planned.

*Haworth*: 583 pupils; one grammar school; an addition—recently built in the center of town—is already overcrowded, and more space is to be added.

*Cresskill*: 1,300 pupils; two grammar schools; one new elementary school in prospect and possibly a future high school.

*Demarest*: 642 pupils; one grammar school; a new school, next to the present one, is now in use.

### Special Factors

Bergen County is the fastest-growing county in  
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(l. to r.) Mayor Steinmetz of Haworth, Bishop Stark, Mayor Hishon of Dumont, The Rev. James Hulbert and Mr. Nelson, Warden, discussing our plans.



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New Jersey. As noted above in the Bishop's letter of 1954, there were already over 220 Episcopal families living in this four-borough area. There are more now. *Episcopal families want their children trained in a Church School, and confirmed.*

It is pointed out by real estate men that there has been increasing demand for homes with three or four bedrooms. A large number of young, growing families are moving into the region.

The new church—because of its size—facilities and location—hopes to serve many people **NOT NOW CONNECTED WITH ANY CHURCH.** *It desires to be a vital part of the enlarged four-borough community.*

Considerable new housing developments are going up within easy reach of the new site. The Sunday School is bound to attract many new families looking for such a school.

The five-acre plot will provide ample room for Church, Parish House, Rectory, playground, and for that modern necessity—off-street *parking space.*

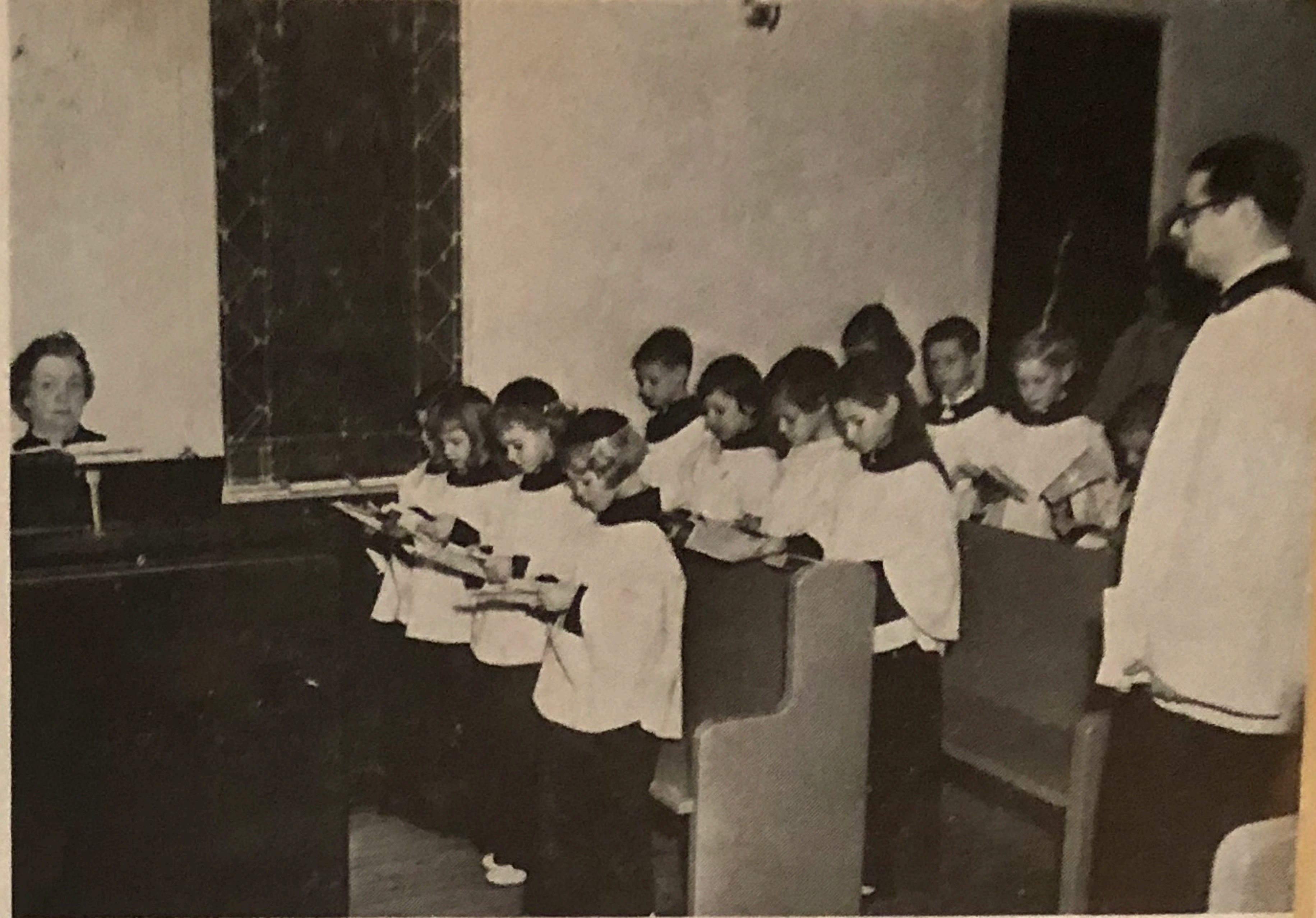
## The New Building

A word of explanation concerning the building plans shown in this brochure should be given at once. The plans—although authorized and definite in general purpose—are only preliminary and tentative in detail. At this stage it could not be otherwise.

As citizens of the neighborhood will recall, the over-all plan was announced in the Bergen Evening Record of December 8, 1956. Authority was given to the architect to proceed, in conjunction with the executive committee of St. Luke's, to prepare sketches and specifications for the new buildings. There were outlined as a church to seat approximately 300 worshippers; a parish hall to care for social, educational and recreational activities in one building, and a vicarage. It was always the purpose that the buildings should "contribute substantially to the social activities and community needs of the four combined towns."

### Adequate Accommodations

Several of the pictures in this brochure show the complete *inadequacy* of St. Luke's present little frame building. They are easy to enumerate: seating capacity of 80; a sacristy barely 4 by 6 feet;



*Our Junior Choir, the Choirmaster and Organist*

The Diocese, which has taken the initiative in the whole relocation project, and is making substantial contributions to it, clearly sees a large and thriving parish in prospect.

The Episcopal churches in the surrounding boroughs, through their Rectors, have expressed the same opinion and have welcomed ST. LUKE'S relocation as a fine thing for the Church and the people of Bergen County.

a coat closet for a choir room; a little front hall which must serve at least four purposes; an undivided basement which tries to do duty both as a parish hall and a Sunday School department; kitchen arrangements that any housekeeper would disown. But even under these conditions the church has grown, and it stands fully ready to shoulder its responsibility in the new move. It is proud to have been chosen as the nucleus of the new project, and *it joins with the Diocesan officials in the cordial invitation to other Christian families to help bring to realization a strong religious center.*

### A New Concept of a Church Plant

In recent years an amazing change has come over church planning and architecture. Forward-looking national Church Boards are advising a church—when relocating—to secure a site of *at least four acres.* We have gone one better, and secured five.

Ample space is being provided for a variety of activities of all age groups—particularly children and young people. Sunday Schools are growing by

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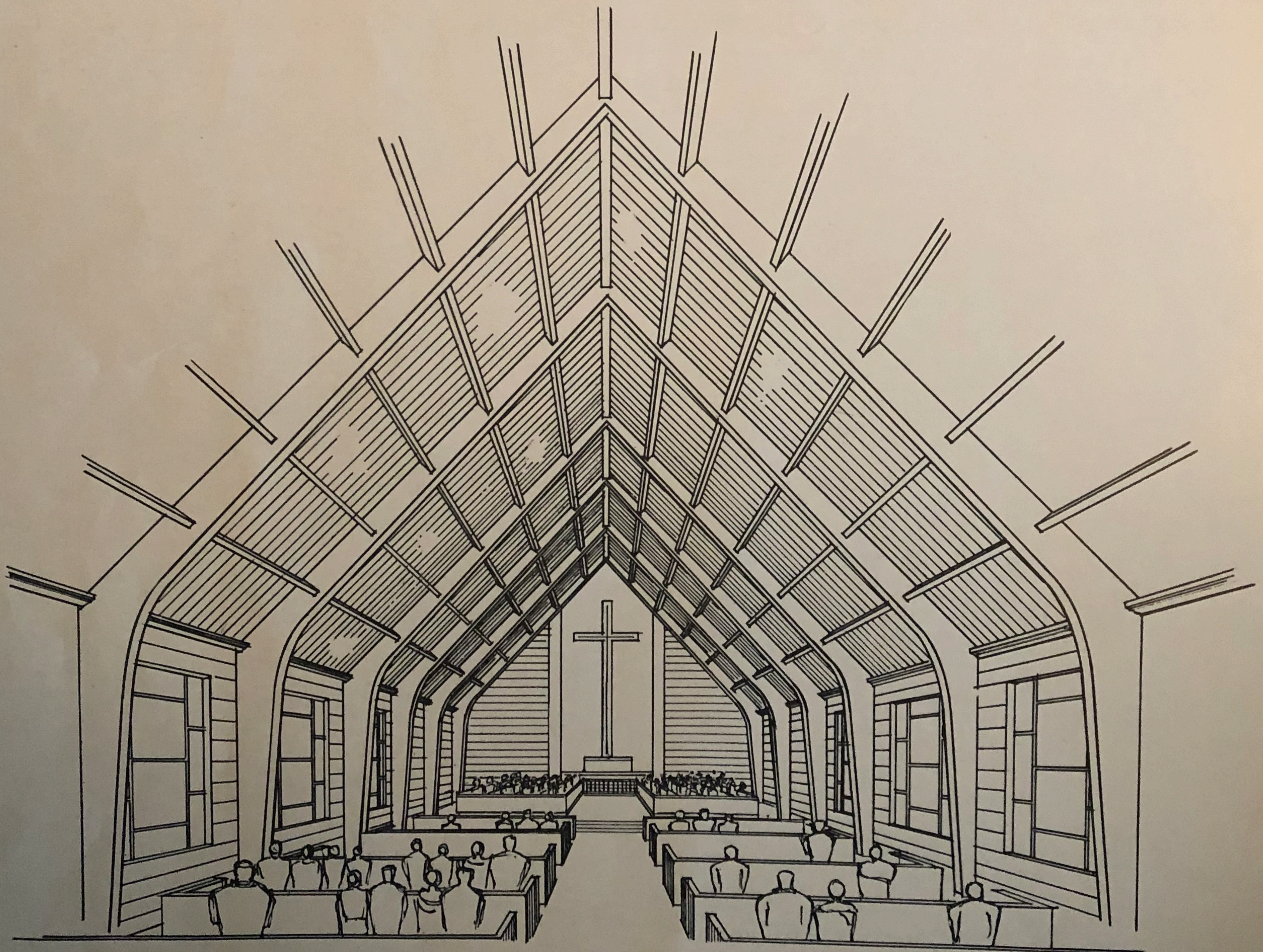
The new church will have real choir rooms

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leaps and bounds, until national enrollment has reached Forty Million. In many localities the church is again becoming an active center of family and community life, with a continuous seven-days-a-week program.

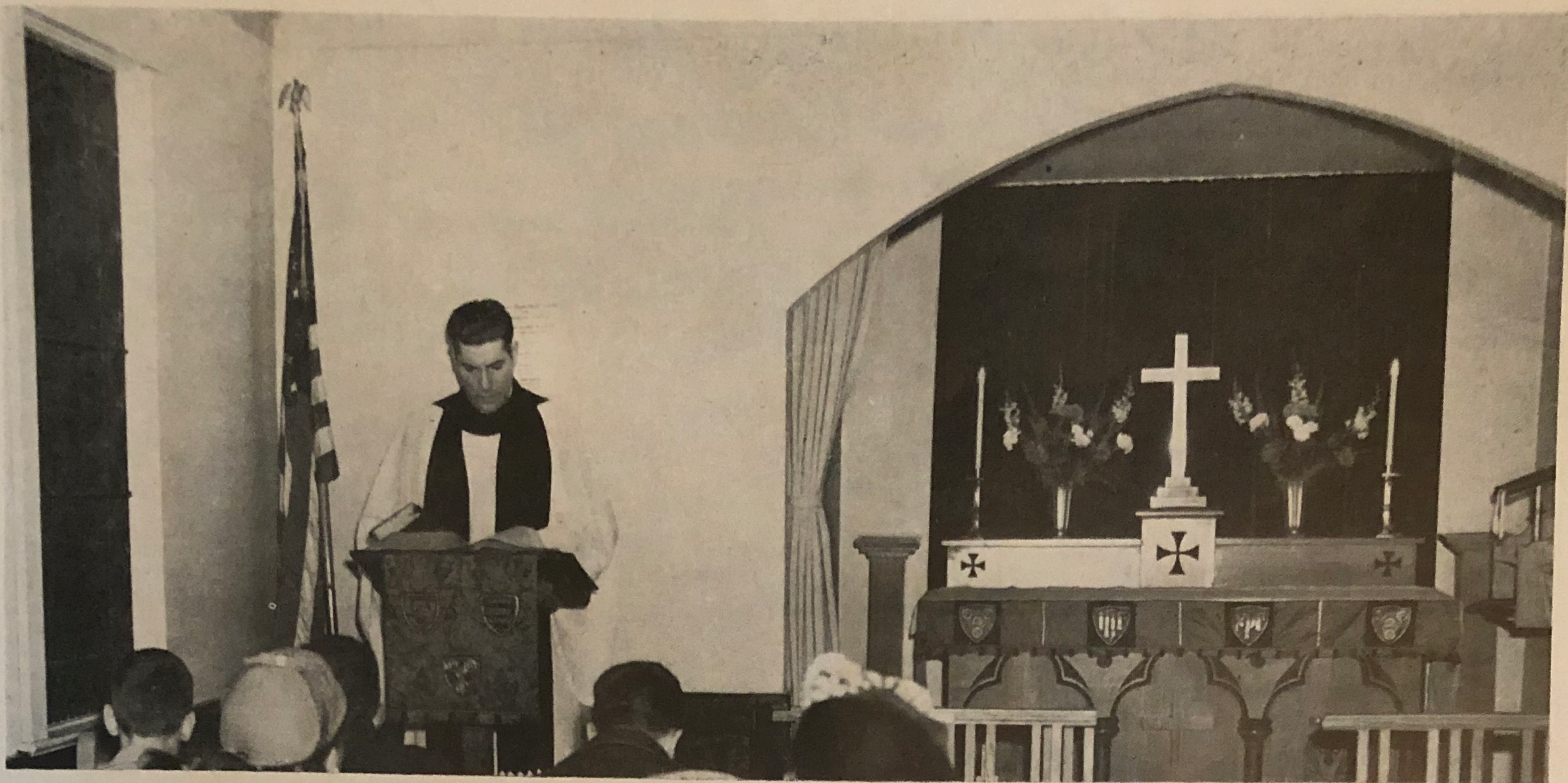
Furthermore, *space* is essential not only for outdoor activities, but also for parking.

All these ideas are being worked into the proposed plans and program for the new St. Luke's. A study of the preliminary sketches will be of interest to everyone. There will be ample opportunity for constructive suggestions as plans proceed.



INTERIOR VIEW OF CHURCH  
(TENTATIVE)





A Message  
from the Vicar . . .

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Dumont, New Jersey

THE REV'D JAMES E. HULBERT, VICAR  
CLOSTER 5-1119

Dear friends,

Ash Wednesday, 1957

With God's help, we have undertaken the responsibility of building new and adequate Church facilities, strategically located, to serve a wider area of Church people. Nothing we have accomplished in the past can have the same importance and significance as this present Building Program. Through it we are expressing to God and community our willingness to share in the work of the Kingdom of God on earth.

A new Church is more than a building of bricks, glass, mortar and new pews. It is, rather, an "outward sign" of our "inward" feeling toward God. It is an expression of "ourselves, our souls and bodies". In this spirit of Christian sacrifice, I commend to your prayerful consideration the new St. Luke's Building Program.

We join hands, for this Program, with all who are interested in working with us on this magnificent project. Here is a chance to build for future generations to come a Church, which will stand for our love and loyalty to God. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it". With this ideal ever before us, we are confident we shall succeed.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

James E. Hulbert



# Builders All!

Thousands of families in Bergen County, in the last ten years, have found the joy of planning and saving to build a new home.

Now, in 1957, one of the fastest-growing neighborhoods in the State has an opportunity to get together in the building of a beautiful church home to serve thousands of families in the years ahead. The Diocese has led off and secured the site; St. Luke's—the nucleus and center of the program—is throwing her whole effort into it. The doors are open wide for others to share in the joy of building.

Episcopalians of the four boroughs, by this common effort, will be drawn together into one great Parish. The heartier and the more rapid the response, the sooner the new church will be ready to serve. One of its first services will be the Family Service at 9:30 on Sunday morning, which has become such a welcome feature of present church life in many suburban communities.

## Estimates of Cost

The Diocesan Office and the St. Luke's Committee set themselves to look well ahead and plan for the foreseeable growth of the next decade. Present estimates indicate construction costs in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The building of the vicarage lies in the future, since a temporary residence has been purchased. St. Luke's own activities will go right ahead in the present location until the first unit of the new plant is completed—with your hearty co-operation and Diocesan support.

## Everyone Will Be Asked

To bring the matter squarely to the attention of every Member and Friend of the Church, a committee is being organized so that someone will call at your home. It is hoped and expected that everyone will think and pray about this, and will be ready to respond "as the Lord hath prospered him," when the full presentation of the story is made.

Certain success will inevitably follow if each one shares according to his true ability.

## How Much Can I Give?

In a program of this magnitude—so vital to the on-going mission of the Church—it is not al-

ways easy to determine how much an individual or a family can pledge. Three suggestions may be of help in determining the nature of your gift: *Budgeted Giving, Leadership or Memorial Gifts, and "Working for the Church."*

## Budgeting Giving

The suggested period for pledges is 36 months. This also allows for income tax deductions in three calendar years. Contributions up to 30% of total income are now deductible when made to churches.

*Another advantage:* when securities or property are given directly to the Church, the current market value—rather than the original cost—may be deducted on income tax returns. The capital gains tax (invoked if the property were sold and the money given to the Church) may thus be avoided. This provision helps both Donor and Church.

## Some Guides for Giving

Since this is a large project calling for long-range planning on the part of individual families, as well as on the part of St. Luke's and the Diocese, careful thought has been given to the organization of the fund-raising campaign. As he or she considers his part in it, the following specific suggestions may be of help to the individual donor.

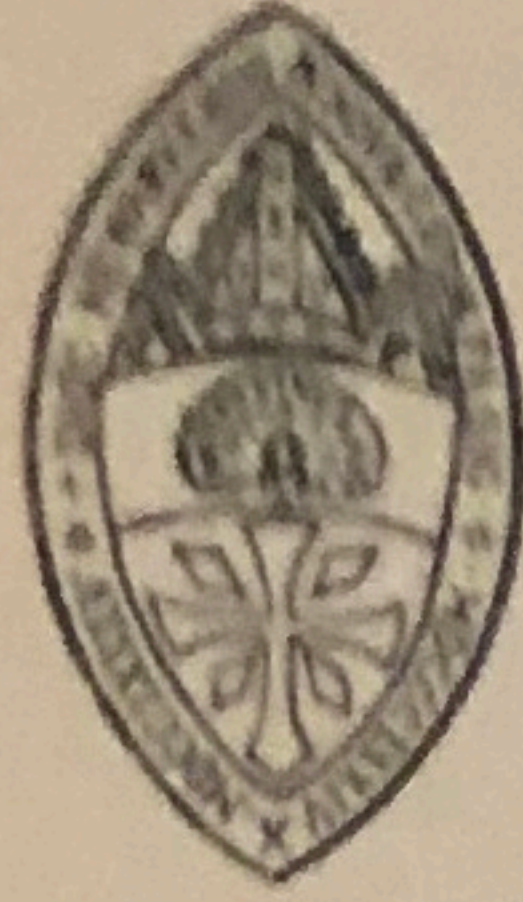
1. Make your giving a matter of prayer—a part of your worship.
2. Work one day a month for 36 months for your Church. Keep this principle in mind when deciding how much you will give.
3. A gift from this generation to the generations to come—remember, your gift goes far beyond your lifetime. It is one of the really worthwhile things that you will do.

## Memorials

Memorials are a sacred thing. Many of us wish to remember our dear ones in the most holy place known to our civilization—the Christian Church.

A complete list of memorials such as pulpit, communion rail, lectern, narvex, nave, sanctuary, sacristy, chancel, etc. is available upon request.





Diocese of Newark

24 Rector Street

Newark 2, N. J.

Rt. Rev'd Leland Stark, D. D.  
Bishop Coadjutor

March 6, 1957.

Dear People of St. Luke's Church:

I wonder whether you realize what a unique experience it is to help build a church. As I look back over my own life as the son of a parson and now one myself for twenty-two years, while I have been directly associated in one way or another with nineteen churches, I have never had the privilege you soon will be having of helping to build a new church to the glory of God.

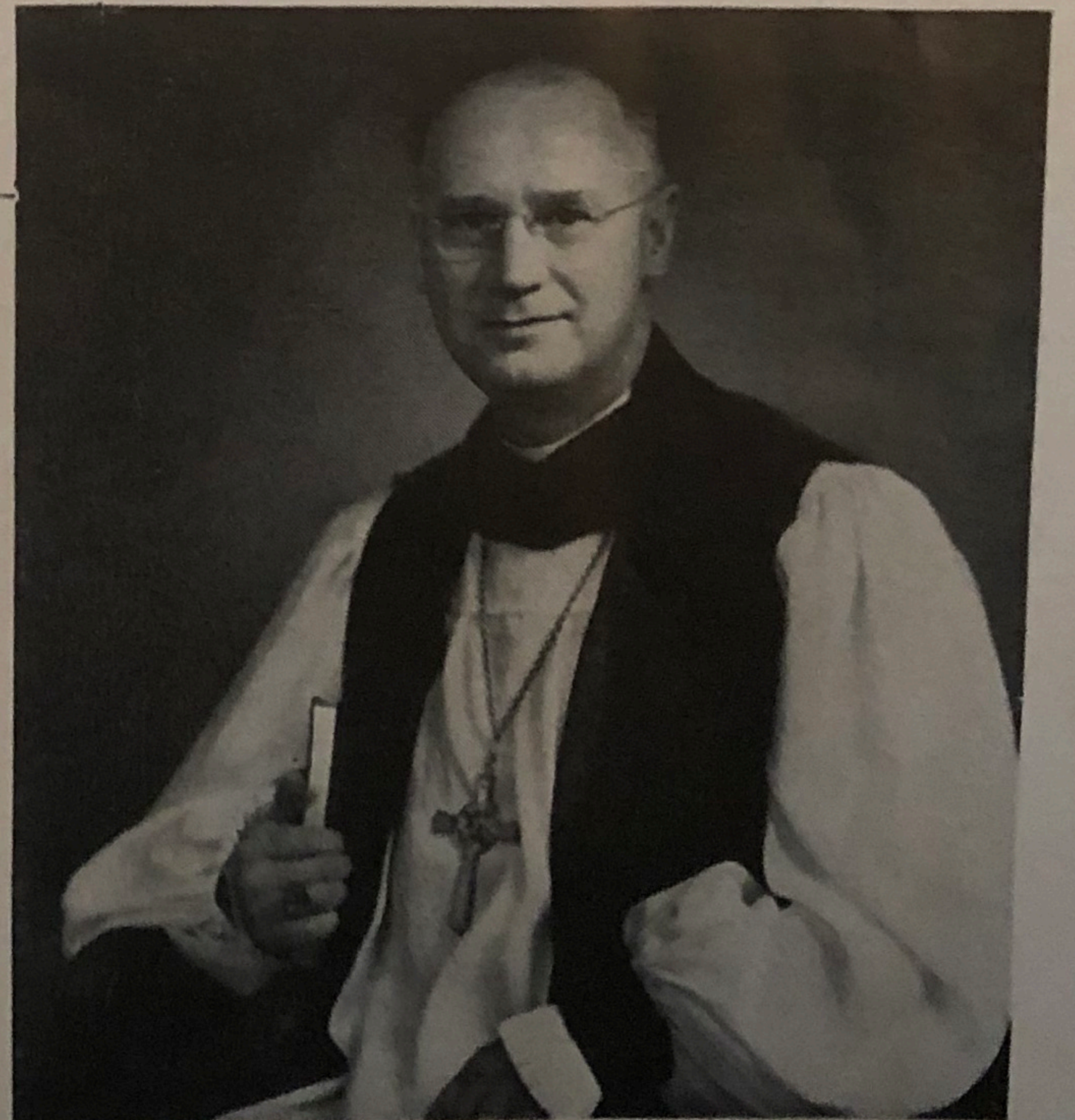
To build a befitting House of the Lord in a new and more strategic location with enlarged facilities for worship and for the Christian nurture of your growing Sunday School and congregation: what better activity could bring forth your most enthusiastic response?

I pray for God's blessing upon this mighty endeavor as St. Luke's Church takes this giant stride forward!

Faithfully yours,

*Leland Stark*

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**Words of Encouragement...**



# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Re-locating to serve Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont and Haworth

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