

RETURNS TO SERVICE AFTER 40 YEARS

ORIGINAL ST PETER'S CHURCH BAPTISMAL FONT



The Baptismal Font, circa 1897, originally installed in the Baptismal room located in the Northwest corner (The Baptistry), has been restored and moved to the Sacred Heart altar of St. Peter's Church.

The present St. Peter's Church was built in 1897. The Baptistry was where candidates were brought to be baptized and welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church. This original font location, in the Baptistry, was no longer used when the Baptism ceremony was moved from the entrance of the church, baptistries, into the sanctuary during Vatican II in the 1970's.

With the help of a few young men from the parish, the Rev. Sean P. O'Brien had the 700 pound marble font moved from the original Baptistry to its present location, the foot of the Sacred Heart altar.



Father O'Brien said the relocation and restoration of the Baptismal Font brought "together yesterday and today for a new tomorrow."



Photo, circa 1970, courtesy of Christine Bart



Photo, courtesy of the Kubik Family

The first step in that new tomorrow was the Baptism of Isaac Kubik. The Kubik family was the first to celebrate a Baptism in the original font in over 47 years.

The future will bring changes to the original Baptistry. This room will become the bridal room, a place for brides to prepare for entering the sacrament of Matrimony.

This Baptismal font was donated to St. Peter's Church in Memory of Mrs. Anna E. McDonough as a gift from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Dunn.



St. Peter's Parish was established in 1836 when Rome was called Lynchville. Now St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish, is the oldest Catholic parish in the city of Rome. St. Peter's Church currently provides the Holy Mass to area Catholics both in-person and online. More information about the faith community of St. Mary's-St. Peter's can be found at www.stmarysstpeters.com.