

J.B. DIDINGER & CO. (1899); presumably dedicated with the building, Sunday, October 15, 1899

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, R.C.
Sixty-Third Street and Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia [Overbrook], Pennsylvania

“Our Lady of Lourdes / Fine Church to be Dedicated October 15,” *The Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer* (Saturday, September 30, 1899): 11.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

FINE CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

OCTOBER 15

Handsome Sixty Thousand Dollar
Edifice at Overbrook Is Nearly
Completed

On Sunday, October 15, the magnificent new Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, at Sixty-third street and Lancaster avenue, Overbrook, will be dedicated by Archbishop Ryan. The structure is fast nearing completion, and lacks only the finishing touches. From an architectural point the new church will rank among the finest structures of the Roman Catholic Church in this city. It is a perfect example of the thirteenth century Gothic type. The material is Port Deposit granite, with Indiana limestone trimmings. The interior of the building is finished in oak throughout, with finely moulded ceiling and walls. The main altar is a mass of gleaming white Carrara marble of exquisite design. It was donated by Pierce Archer. The Sacred Heart altar was donated by Mrs. Mary E. Conaway, and Our Lady of Lourdes altar by Mrs. Susan Davis. Surmounting the altars will be statuary of artistic design, imported from Carrara, Italy.

The interior beauty of the church is greatly enhanced by the windows of stained glass, which depict scenes from the life of Christ. The windows, which are already in place, are from Munich, Bavaria. They are the gifts of William F. Harrity, William J. Galey, Thomas J. Minnick, the Sodality of the B. V. M. of the parish, Thomas E. Riley, Charles O. Lord, John C. Lonergan, Mrs. Philip J. Walsh, Frank McLaughlin, Michael MacCool, Joseph E. Bloomer, Miss Mary Freehan, Miss Delia

Kane, Louise N. Magargee, Jeremiah Dunn, Patrick Breen, Patrick O'Rourke, Richard S. Head, Mrs. Colten, Miss Mary Doyle, Mrs. William N. Beadle, Mrs. Jennie Smith and Albert McCarty. The cost of the building is \$60,999.

The parish of Our Lady of Lourdes was instituted April 23, 1894, when the present rector, Rev. J. A. Mullen, was appointed by Archbishop Ryan. It includes Wynnewood, Bala, Cynwyd, Merion and Overbrook. Ground was broken for the new church October 22, 1894, and the corner-stone was laid May 5, 1895. The parish numbers 700 people, and the new church will accommodate over one thousand.

[Except from:] “Lady of Lourdes / Overbrook’s Handsome New Church Dedicated by Archbishop Ryan,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer* 141, no, 108 (Monday, October 16, 1899): 5.

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and ferns, while evergreen entwined the pure white marble columns. The three altars of pure white marble were almost hidden from view by solid bank of choice cut flowers, and the flickering of the many lighted tapers lent additional beauty to the scene.

Gounod’s “Messe des Orpheonistas” was sung by a choir of forty students from the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, under the direction of Rev. Hugh T. Henry, organist. The dedication sermon was delivered by Right Rev. Monsignor James F. Loughlin, chancellor of the archdiocese of Philadelphia. Rev. Dennis A. Corbett acted as master of ceremonies, assisted by Hugh Bowen and Edgar Cook.

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MS, Records of the Kinetic Engineering Co., 1917 [Library and Archives of the OHS, Villanova, Pennsylvania].

RUSSELL.		BLOWER No. <u>7-49</u>	
TOWN	<u>Overbrook, Phila.</u>	STATE	<u>Pa.</u> DATE <u>2-2-17.</u>
CUSTOMER	<u>Rev. Jas. A. Mullin</u>	ADDRESS	<u>6315 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia. Ch.</u>
BLOWER FOR	<u>Our Lady of Lourds R.C.</u>	ADDRESS	<u>Overbrook, Phila.</u>
ORGAN	<u>Didinger</u>	ACTION	<u>Tubr.</u> CHEST _____ CONDITION _____
WIND	<u>1100</u> AT <u>3 1/2"</u>	AT	AT BELT _____ PULLEY _____
STOPS	<u>18</u>	SUBS <u>1</u>	SUPERS <u>1</u> PROMISED <u>RUSH.</u>
BLOWER SIZE	<u>2 H.Y.M.</u>	COM. TO	<u>B. J. Anchor</u> \$ <u>59.50</u> 66.25
MOTOR D. C. R. P. M.	_____	H. P.	_____ V. <u>Century.</u> STARTER _____
MOTOR A. C. R. P. M.	<u>1165</u>	H. P.	<u>1</u> V. <u>220</u> PHASE <u>1</u> CYCLES <u>60</u>
VALVE, CURTAIN, EX	<u>YES</u>	TRUNK	<u>30' - 10" FT. 5 - 10"</u> ELBOWS <u>2 flange</u>
PRICE BLOWER \$	<u>315.00</u>	F. O. B.	<u>erected, no wiring</u> WITH WIRING _____ NO WIRING _____
SHIP VIA	<u>truck to Ch.</u>	CARE	_____
LETTER REC'D.	<u>Called here 3-19-17</u>	LETTER SENT	<u>2-2-17/2-17-17.</u>
DATE SHIPPED	<u>APR 2 1917</u>	TERMS	<u>Cash.</u>