

young man named Sweeney desired to have his child baptised. When asked by the priest the name he wished to give the child, the young man replied, "Vanus your Reverence". What! said Father Gordon: why you rascal, I'll never give a Catholic child the name of a heathen goddess, "Well, your Reverence" replied Sweeney "that's my father's name". Nonsense, man, replied the priest, no Catholic priest, particularly an Irish one, would give her name to any child, male or female, so go and get your father before a drop of water goes on the head of this helpless infant. When the father entered the priest asked him, "What's your baptismal name, Sweeney". "Vanus, yer Reverence," replied the man. "Why my good man, surely you never got that name at baptism." "No Sir," answered Sweeney, "I was baptised Sylvanus but the neighbors always call me Vanus for short."

Father Laboureau succeeded Father Kelly in 1871. He was highly educated and a good musician. He had a marked individuality and wielded a great influence for good among his parishioners. He made a number of necessary improvements around the church property, but was taken from here in 1872 and given the charge of the parish at Penetanguishene, where he still remains. He has had erected at Penetanguishene a magnificent memorial church to the early Jesuit martyrs which will be a lasting monument to commemorate their heroic deeds and glorious martyrdom and will also bear testimony to the energy and zeal of its founder.

Father Barrigan, appointed in 1872, remained in charge until 1874. He was a strict disciplinarian and took a deep interest in the education of the children, carefully looking after their material as well as spiritual welfare. He died in 1904.

Fathers A. J. O'Reilly (1874—1876) P. J. Kiernan (1876—1878) and E. F. Gallagher (1878—1879) followed in succession. Those devoted priests neglected no opportunity of adding to the "treasure store of piety" and religious fervor, which is the strength and glory of a parish. Father P. J. Harold next assumed the charge of the parish in 1879 and remained until 1882, when he was temporarily succeeded by Rev. A. M. Murphy, O. C. C., a priest of the Carmelite Order. In 1884 Father Harold again took charge, remaining here until 1888, when Father T. M. Shanahan was appointed pastor. This talented young priest was soon obliged to resign his parochial duties and leave Niagara on account of ill health, bearing with him the affection and regret of the parishioners. He died shortly after his departure from here and his early death caused a heartfelt sorrow.

In 1890 Father Harold was a third time appointed pastor