Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Building: Chapel of Saint Charles' Convent.

Date of Completion: June 1, 1960

Price: $875 each for fields, $25 each for subject-panel.

Persons Interested: Chapel is served by the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

In charge: Rev. John T. Cain, St. Charles' Church, 69 Briggs Av, Pittsfield.


Denomination: Roman Catholic.


Vents:

Position in Church: Three windows that fill the south side.

Height from floor: 7'8"

Protection: Glass

Protection: Groove Rabbet

Protection: Metal Wooden Muntins

Exposure: South

Footage: 2' each in one entire window.

Inscription:

Design wanted: Soon

Staging:

Blueprints: Yes

General Information:

These windows are in wooden muntins. They are to have random inserts in each window - incidents related to the life of Saint Joseph, which is The Betrothal, the Angel Visits, Presentation, Nativity, Flight into Egypt, etc., - colorful jewels in fields of what the architect called "grisaille" - think he means just flat colored glass. They first thought to have amber, but now gray antiques suggested.

Send samples and costs.

Make typical side window sketch and send with price.

Father Ahern doesn't care much for blue, but likes red.

Interior will be finished in cherry paneling.

1. The Angel's visit - Saint Matthew 1:20
2. The Betrothal
3. The Nativity of Christ
4. Angel Appears to Joseph, Saint Matthew 2:13
5. Presentation in the Temple: (Simon, etc.)
6. Flight into Egypt
7. Family at Nazareth.
The typical sketch for the south side windows is in somewhat cooler tone, but in a palette to harmonize with the east window. Tones of grayish-green are accented with occasional gray-violets and golds in smaller sections.

We have indicated a number of incidents related to the life of Saint Joseph: - nearest the base, the Angel's visit (Saint Matthew 1:20); the Betrothal; the Nativity of Christ; another Angelic Appearance to Joseph (Saint Matthew 2:13); the Presentation in the Temple (the ancient Simon holding the Christ Child); the Flight into Egypt; and another aspect of the Family at Nazareth, with the Holy Child working with Saint Joseph.

It is our thought that all these incidents need not be included in one window. Two or three could be represented in each, with a possible continuation of subjects.

We are sending, under separate cover, samples of the type of glass we have in mind for these windows, - several tones of gray-green with the accents of gold or amber. These may appear rather dark in the small sample, but will, of course, be quite light in the large areas. As these are our only samples of the glass, we shall appreciate it if you will please keep them so that we may have them back later.

We believe that we can undertake the east window at a cost of $3,200.

We estimate the fields of each south window at $675, with an additional cost of $225 for each subject-panel, all set in place complete in the framework provided by the Church.

Architect writes: "...visited the M.I.T. Chapel and Auditorium... particularly interested in the glass of the Chapel vestibule... if this is the glass to be used, then I would feel that the stained glass inserts and also the east window be carefully handled in their colors so that it will not appear in a harsh or sharp contrast to the very fine soft effects of the other glass."

(See glass samples in folder)
The Eleventh Day of the Sixth Month of the Hebrew Year 5733 (August 27, 1972)

The Angelic Messenger (Matthew 1:20)

The Angels are angels of peace, who bring joy and hope to those who are in distress. They are the messengers of God's love and mercy, and they bring good news to those who are in need.

The Revelation of the Angelic Messenger (Revelation 1:1-8)

The Angelic Messenger is also known as the prefiguration of the Messiah, who is the fulfillment of all prophecy and the fulfillment of the promises of God to His people. He is the one who will come to bring salvation to all who believe in Him.

The Birth of Jesus

The angel appeared to Mary and announced to her that she would give birth to a son who would be called Jesus. This was the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that he would have many descendants.

The Presentation in the Temple

Jesus was presented in the Temple according to the law of Moses. This was a symbolic act of His dedication to God and a fulfillment of prophecy.

The Flight into Egypt

When Herod heard that Jesus had been born, he was afraid. He ordered the massacre of all the children in Bethlehem and its vicinity. But the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath.

The Return to Israel

When Herod was dead, the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to return to Israel. This was a fulfillment of prophecy, as God had promised to bring the Israelites back to their land.

The Ministry of Jesus

Jesus began His ministry by preaching in the synagogues and teaching the people. He cured the sick, drove out demons, and proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom of God.

The Crucifixion and Resurrection

Jesus was crucified on the cross as a fulfillment of prophecy. But on the third day, He rose from the dead, fulfilling the promise of the angel to Mary.

The Ascension

Jesus ascended into heaven as a fulfillment of prophecy. He promised to return to the earth, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

The End Times

The angelic messenger also spoke about the end times, when there will be great tribulation and persecution. But God will provide a way of escape for those who believe in Him.
Subjects for three windows (left to right), - all but the first and the eighth are indicated in the sketch.

x The choice of St. Joseph by his flowering rod

✓ The angelic Reassurance (Matthew 1:20).

✓ The Betrothal

✓ The Nativity

✓ The Presentation in the Temple with the ancient Simeon

✓ The Angelic Warning (Matthew 2:13)

✓ The Flight into Egypt

✓ The Boy Christ in the Temple with the Doctors when the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph returned to find Him

✓ The Family at Nazareth.