

# St. John's History

## 1900 ❖ 1950



A new organ, made by The Austin Organ Co. of Hartford, CT, is installed.



The Rev. Dr. Paul S. Atkins, St. John's longest-serving rector, begins his 31 years of service.

Church is outfitted with new marble flooring.



The Old Rectory, located on North Beaver Street, directly across from the church, is vacated, and 663 Linden Avenue becomes the new Rectory.

Canon Atkins makes his first of many broadcasts over York's new radio station, WORK.

St. John's first sound system, with microphones for the pulpit and high altar, is donated anonymously to the church.



Bishop Heistand dedicates St. John's permanent rood screen, made by R. Geissler, Inc. of NYC.

The pew rental system is abolished at St. John's.



St. John's organizes its first Associate Vestry.

1901 1903 1907 1914 1915 1916 1918 1920 1922 1925 1927 1929 1932 1933 1935 1941 1945 1946 1947 1948

Orville and Wilbur Wright successfully launch the first powered-aircraft flight, at Kitty Hawk, SC.



Britain's Queen Victoria dies and is succeeded by her son, Edward VII.

The Woman's Suffrage Act is ratified as the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving American women the right to vote.

The first long-distance telephone service is demonstrated in a call between New York and San Francisco.

World War I begins and ravages Europe until 1918.



The Yorktowne Hotel opens, paid for by a one-week fund-raising campaign selling shares to local residents.

The first talking motion picture, "The Jazz Singer," is released, starring Al Jolson.



York's Martin Memorial Library opens.

Japanese launch surprise attack on American fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, forcing the U.S. to enter WWII.

Dr. Benjamin Spock publishes his classic child-rearing book, "Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care."