

## By Evangeline Ripp

The following Priests served Sublimity either as Missionaries or resident Pastors

Rev. Peter Juvenal Stampfl 1879-1881 Pastor	Rev. Anthony Lainck 1895-1927 Pastor
Rev. Adelmhelm Odermatt, O.S.B. 1881-1882 Pastor	Rev. Charles Seroski 1926-1927 Pastor
Rev. Nicolaus Frei, O.S.B. 1882	Rev. Francis Scherbring 1927-1935 Pastor
Rev. Barnabas Held, O.S.B. 1883	Rev. Joseph Scherbring 1935-1955 Pastor
Rev. Anselm Wachter, O.S.B. 1883-1884	Rev. Robert S. Neugebauer 1955-1969 Pastor
Rev. Bede Horat, O.S.B. 1883-1884	Rev. Thomas Gadbois 1969-1975 Pastor
Rev. Wernher Ruettimann O.S.B. 1884-1888 Pastor	Rev. Daniel Hurley 1975-1986 Pastor
Rev. Anselm Wachter, O.S.B. 1888-1889 Vicar	Rev. Edward Altstock 1986-1991 Pastor
Rev. Eugene Bolla 1889 Pastor	Rev. Glenn Dare 1991-1994 Pastor
Rev. Joseph Fessler 1889-1891 Pastor	Rev. Galdino Monteiro 1994-1997 Pastor
Rev. Joseph F. Kempker 1891-1892 Pastor	Rev. Arthur Dernbach 1997-2001 Pastor
Rev. Peter J. Beutgen 1892-1893 Pastor	Rev. Michael Sprauer 2001-2002 Pastor
Rev. Joseph L. Bucholzer 1894-1895 Pastor	Rev. Patrick Donoghue 2002 Pastor

On March 10, 1877, the trustees of the Catholic Congregation at Sublimity; Mathias Hauptert, Henry Klass, and Peter Thomas, leased for one dollar from August Schellberg a piece of property. On this lot, 87 x 42 ft, in block 7, there was a building, which they adapted for Church services. The lease doesn't describe the type of building but it does state that the property must be used for church services. This building served as a church until the roof collapsed under a heavy snow in 1880. Prior to this, various diocesan and Jesuit missionary priests provided sporadic religious services in private homes.

In 1879 a missionary priest from Germany and Minnesota, Rev. Peter J. Stampfl, came to Albany, Oregon, and for some years took care of the outlying missions of Marion and Linn Counties. One of these was at Sublimity, where he held services once a month.

December 3, 1879, St. Boniface, the Apostle of the Germans, was selected as the Patron of the Parish  
 The first baptism recorded in the parish was Franz Joseph Schmidt on December 14, 1879. He was born on October 31, 1879, of the lawful marriage of Wilhelm Schmidt and Wilhelmina Stoetzel both of the parish. Sponsors were Peter Thomas, farmer of this parish and his wife Maria (Derville) Thomas.  
 The first burial in the parish was Nicolas Thomas, February 12, 1880, born in Luxemburg, Europe in 1791.  
 The first burial in the Catholic Cemetery was Anna Maria Klinger, April 2, 1880, about 60 years of age.  
 The first communicants were Joseph and George Buhl on May 3, 1880, the stepsons of George and Ursula (Kepfelbraicker) Neuberd, born in Wisconsin.  
 The first recorded marriage was between Alois Titze, a Mehama farmer and Katherine Kloetsch on September 2, 1880. Witnesses: Michael Kloetsch and Albert Weidner.  
 Archbishop Charles John Seghers administered the first confirmations on October 10, 1880 upon: George Neuberd, Theresa Frank, Paul Frank, Albert Frank, August Klinger, Mary Klinger, Theresa Scheridan, Margaret Thomas, Mary Kloetsch, Christine Kloetsch, Theresa Weidner, John Giebler, William Giebler, whose sponsors were: Joseph Doerfler and Anna Fischer. Also on Peter Frank, Emil Klinger, Albert Klinger, John Thomas, Nic Thomas, Anna Kloetsch, Margaret Kloetsch, Mary Giebler, Anna Schott, Barbara Schott, Joseph Hauptert, Lina Hauptert, Mary Doerfler, Franz Zuber, whose sponsors were Joseph Doerfler and Mary Fink.

### Vocations from St. Boniface Parish

Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon	1917 Sr. Lucy Gilsdorf	Order of St. Benedict
1886 Sr. Josephine Eifert	1917 Sr. William Ruettgers	1932 Sr. Mary Ruth Frank
1886 Sr. Cecilia Boedigheimer	1917 Sr. Cyrilla Ruettgers	
1887 Sr. Gertrude Silbernagel	1918 Sr. Felicitas Minten	Priests and Monks
1887 Sr. Aloysius Bender	1918 Sr. Antonina Lulay	
1887 Sr. Rose Eifert	1918 Sr. Immaculata Frank	Rev. Francis Prange SJ
1887 Sr. Johanna Silvernagel	1922 Sr. Mildred Wolf	1928 Rev. John Prange SJ
1890 Sr. Anthony Heuberger	1922 Sr. Zita Gilsdorf	1928 Rev. Paul Benedict OSB
1890 Sr. Laurentia Heuberger	1924 Sr. Regina Koenig	1928 Rev. Mark Schmid OSB
1890. Sr. Magdalen Giebler	1924 Sr. Dorothy Mauer	1934 Rev. Clement Frank OSB
1891 Mother Theresa Heuberger	1925 Sr. Clementine Gescher	1935 Rev. Anthony Spenner SJ
1892 Sr. Vincent Ritzinger	1925 Sr. Elfrida Gilsdorf	1938 Rev. Theodore Wolf SJ
1893 Sr. Barbara Hassler	1927 Sr. Sophia Gilsdorf	1940 Rev. Leo Schmid SJ
1910 Sr. Innocentia Spenner	1927 Sr. Marcine Frank	1942 Rev. Stephen Breitenstein
1910 Sr. Anastasia Steffes	1928 Sr. Victoria Nuttman	Rev. Joseph Nealen
1911 Sr. Germaine Heuberger	1929 Sr. Rosaria Schmid	1961 Rev. Edward Highberger CSC
1912 Sr. Theophane Ruettgers	1934 Sr. Agnes Beitel	Bro. George Leverman CSC
1913 Sr. Mechtild Hendricks	1938 Sr. Loretta Merzenich	Bro. Joseph Gerspacher OCSO

1914 Sr. Theresa C.J. Ruetters  
1915 Sr. Eulalia Benedict  
1915 Sr. Thecla Schmid  
1915 Sr. Rosalia Benedict  
1917 Sr. Boniface Prange

1949 Sr. Ruth Etzel  
1956 Sr. Ruth Frank  
Sisters of Providence  
1933 Sr. Rose Lulay

1970 Rev. Joseph Heuberger  
Rev. Karl Nielson OSB  
Rev. John Amsberry