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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH was cared for by the priests of Clifton and Rossville, and the services were held in private houses and halls until 1862, when the Rev. John Barry, of Rossville, built the substantial brick church on Garretson st. Lawrence Searers and John Gonond were elected the first trustees.

The mission remained in care of Rossville until 1884, when Rev. John Coffee was appointed pastor, who resided at St. Stephen's Home, New Dorp.

In 1886, he was succeeded by the present rector who instantly set to work to procure a parsonage, and purchased the large brick house adjoining the church—built and at one time occupied by Judge John G. Vaughn. This rectory is now wholly free from debt, in thorough repair and well furnished at a total cost of \$7,000.

The church likewise was improved and beautified at an expense of \$2,000, whilst its original debt of \$3,000 has been lowered to \$2,000, and through the organized effort of a church debt society will soon be wholly cleared. For this result of seven years' labor, the rector has to thank his innumerable friends of all denominations throughout Richmond county and New York city.

It is computed that within the parish limits from Eltingville to Garretsons there are 500 Roman Catholics.