

## Brief Biography of St. Anthony's First Pastor

### Father Patrick J Hally

Born:	March 23, 1846 in Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland. He came to America when very young but returned to Dublin for his priestly education.
Schools Attended:	St. John's College, Waterford, Ireland Maynooth Seminary, Dublin, Ireland
Ordained a Priest:	September 29, 1868 at the age of twenty-two in Dublin, Ireland by the Most Reverend Bishop Whalen
Incarnated into the Diocese of Boston:	1868 by Bishop John J Williams
Associated Pastor:	Immaculate Conception, Newburyport, MA 1869-1871
In Residence:	Holy Cross Cathedral Rectory Boston due to ill health 1872-1873
Named Pastor:	1874 – St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Danvers, MA 1874-1883
Named Pastor:	1883 – St. Peter Parish, Plymouth, MA 1883-1884
Named Pastor:	1885 – St. Joseph Parish, Wakefield, MA 1885-1887
Named Pastor:	1888 – Immaculate Conception Parish, Salem, MA 1888-1896 (one of the largest parishes in Eastern MA. Remodeled the church and built a boy's school)
Named Pastor:	1897 – St. Mary Parish, Georgetown, MA 1897-1899
Appointed Pastor:	1899 – St. Anthony of Padua Parish Allston/Brighton by Archbishop John J Williams 1899-1902
Appointed Pastor:	1902 - Sacred Heart Parish, Malden 1902-1914
Reappointed Pastor:	1914 – St. Mary Parish, Georgetown, MA 1914-1915
Named Pastor:	1917 – St. Rita Parish, Lowell 1917-1923

Missionary: In 1986 Father Hally resigned the parish in Salem to work in the Southern Missionary field of the U.S among the blacks. He was mainly responsible for the formation of the Society of St. Joseph, a band of black Catholic priests. Father Hally's health was not robust enough for this work and he returned to Boston to recuperate. A hard working, zealous priest and among the people where his labors have been given – he is beloved for his kindness, sympathetic manner and extreme charity. He was well beloved by all he served.

Here at St. Anthony's Father Hally served as pastor for about four years. During his pastorate the lower church was finished and the rectory erected. Under his guidance the Holy Name

Society was formed and immediately became one of the banner Catholic organization in the Allston/Brighton area.

Fr. Hally died on December 27, 1923 from pneumonia that set in after an operation. In every parish Fr. Hally's work was characterized by an unselfish devotion to the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people. Throughout the archdiocese churches, schools, rectories and convents he built stand as monuments to his priestly zeal.

He was one of the venerable priests of the Archdiocese of Boston, venerable of his age of 78 years, venerable in his full half-century of priestly service, venerable in the priestliness of his learning and his word, venerable in the record of his work in so many parishes of the diocesan.

A Solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated in Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport, MA. Father William H Ryan, pastor of that church, Monsignor (later Bishop) John B Peterson of St. John's Seminary, Brighton preached the eulogy.

In his eulogy, Monsignor Joh B Peterson said of Father Hally –

“After 55 years of faithful shepherding of God's flock in many pastures, this good shepherd of souls comes back to rest his toll-worn frame beneath sod which he hallowed by his earliest labors in the service of the Prince of Pastors.

For 55 years, in illness and in health, he has fed Christ's flock, forcing a feeble frame to do the bidding of a will that was fired by an ardent missionary zeal. From his heart he was indeed the pattern of the flock. In him his people found not only a guide but a model. Pious, prudent, humble, clean, he had a simple, stainless life. His life was ever his best sermon. In his good example of every Christian and priestly virtue his countless sheep found richest pasturage”.