

**BLESSING OF NEW RECTORY
CRANDELL-ROTHSTEIN-RIDGELY HOUSE
BUILT 1846-1847
PRESERVED AND REBUILT 2017-2018
ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
July 22, 2018**

. Remarks by Fr. Thomas LaHood, Pastor

In 1846 construction on this house began. It stood next to the original, 1824, Church of St. Mary's, Upper Marlboro. In the 1850s an addition to the North added a parlor and a bedroom. The Crandell family built the house and lived in it until they sold it to German immigrants, the Rothsteins, in 1858. The Rothsteins operated a bakery. Later, they sold the house to another German immigrant family, the Michels, in 1896. The house passed to the daughter of the Michels, Marie Ridgely, in 1916. Marie lived here until 1976. The house stood vacant from then until now. In 1994, the house was acquired by the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. Apart from stabilizing the structure, the MNCPPC did not know what to do with the property. In 2004, the Town of Upper Marlboro acted as an intermediary to convey the house to the Archdiocese of Washington for the use of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.



Construction of the rectory was delayed while a new gymnasium and Family Life Center were built on the school property. In July of 2017, work began to demolish the interior of the house to allow for a new house to be built while preserving the historic façade and sides of the house. We are now here today to bless this new rectory.

On behalf of the parish, I want to thank all those who contributed to the Heritage of Hope Rectory fund; I want to thank Fr. William Foley and started this project. Thanks to Msgr. Hughes who acquired the property. Thanks to the Archdiocese of Washington, to Cardinal Wuerl and Bishop Knestout for their support and guidance; to the Facilities Office of the Archdiocese, especially to Bob Messer and Nathaniel Frankel; to Dennis DeLizzio, architect. Finally, I am very grateful to Dennis Anderson Construction for their incredible job in completing so beautifully this difficult project; special thanks to Brent Anderson and Keith Souder for supervising the work



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CRANDELL-ROTHSTEIN HOUSE – OCTOBER 1984 *(BELOW)*





CRANDELL-ROTHSTEIN HOUSE – APRIL 1973 (*ABOVE & BELOW*)



CRANDELL-ROTHSTEIN HOUSE – JULY 2015 *(BELOW)*



CRANDELL-ROTHSTEIN HOUSE – JULY 2018 *(BELOW)*

