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Saint Philip's Roman Catholic Cemetery and Church are located on S. Crafton Avenue and Steuben Street (Route 60) in Crafton, near a railroad underpass. The burying ground is located on a sloping hillside and is well-maintained.

The earliest Catholic settlers in the area which is now Crafton, formerly St. Clair Township, met for services in the log house of James Flanagan near the site of the present church. Soon after 1824, they began to hold monthly masses, served by a missionary priest from St. Paul's Church, then on Grant Street in Pittsburgh.

By 20 August 1838, they were ready to purchase land for use as a burying ground. A deed recorded in Allegheny County shows that they bought from Philip Smith, "One acre and 95 perches of land for the use and benefit of the Roman Catholic congregation of Saint Clair Township and of the neighborhood, to be used, occupied, and enjoyed by them as a cemetery or burying ground, and also for the erection thereon of a church for the use and benefit of said Congregation and of the Roman Catholic religion forever."

On 23 July 1839, a small brick church was dedicated on the site by Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick of Philadelphia. The church has since disappeared and a large church now adjoins the burying ground.

The earliest marked grave is dated 1841. The latest burial was approximately fifteen years ago.

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This reading of the stones in St. Philip's Cemetery was done in 1989 by Eden Harriss and Nancy Long. At the time, there were some stones which were still standing but illegible and a few stones which had fallen over and were illegible and inaccessible. The names and inscriptions have been kept in the order the stones were read. The reason they have been recorded in this manner is to attempt to keep family groups together for research purposes. The graves and lots are not laid out in any discernible pattern and it is impossible to give their exact location.

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"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, although he be dead shall live." John 11:25

(Inscription from large crucifix monument in the cemetery, dated 1958)

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Connors, John, died Oct 9, 1942, age 92 years

Connors, Margaret, died Oct 9, 1939, aged 84 years

O'Donald, Hugh, Pvt. Co K, 82nd Pa. Inf., enlisted July 1, 1863, discharged Dec 16, 1863, born June 8, 1828, died Mar. 10, 1896

Flanigan, In loving remembrance of Ida M. Flanigan, born April 6, 1858, died July 13, 1892 (Monument base has Flanigan & Beckman on it)

Shaffer, Henry B., died Apr 9, 1895, aged 34 years, May his soul rest in peace. Amen (Shaffer on base of monument)

Shaffer (on same monument), Mary F., 1864-1950 and Shaffer, Florence G., 1890 - 1925

Hugh, Roger A., Native of (?) Ireland, Born 1816, Died June 30, 1892

Berger, Mary M. Stokes Berger, Wife, 1920 - 1974

Burns (only inscription on stone)

Schreier, Maggie, Geb Sept 9, 1859, Gest Oct 5, (Ock't) 1892

Colbert, John H. M. , 1865 - 1937

Colbert, Mary Ann, 1839 - 1916, Mother

Colbert, William, 1828 - 1913, Father

Colbert, Marie Frances, 1892 - 1918

Casey, Jeremiah, died 1906, Father

Casey, Mary, died 1909 - Mother

Casey, Michael, died 1901

Casey, William, died 1901

Casey, Frank, died 1889

Casey, David C., 1857 - 1927

Doran, John P., Lot 84, Sect. C

Ryan, John V., 1907

Ryan, Joseph F., 1904

Ryan, Nancy O., 1926

Ryan, William D., 1888

Moore, Alice K., 1873 - 1923

Fitzpatrick, Pvt. Thomas J., 1897 - 1927

McCann, Father, 1837 - 1912 (no name)

McCann, Mother, 1842 - 1925 (no name)

Rotthaus, Agnes McCann, 1882 - 1919

Bannon, Estella E., born 1884, d. 1893, Our darling

Macklin, John, born 1812, died 1892

Macklin, Ann, born 1813 - died 1882
 May their souls rest in peace. Amen

Kenny, James C., died 1939

Kenny, Anna E., 1862 - 1949
 (Macklin names and Kenny names on same monument)

Leonard, Thomas J., son of Michael & Catherine Leonard, died
 June 28, 1891, in his 30th year, May his soul rest in peace

McDonough, 1890 - 1928

Schmitzer, Elizabeth J., 1873 - 1949

Gimbel, George, died Feb 11, 1887, aged 20 months, son of
 Louis & Mary Gimbel "Little George was our _____", Little
 George do come home"

McCarty, Patrick, 1863 - 1927

McCarty, Jerry, 1862 - 1912

McCarty, Ellen, 1862 = 1952

Wiesinger, Anna, born Aug. 18, 1886, died June 8, 1888

Wiesinger, Anton, born Jan. 12, 1881, died March 4, 1888

Daley, Elizabeth, 1869 - 1934, Mother

Daley, John, 1861 - 1844 (?), Father

McDonough, John, 1860 - 1928

Horen (Cross with surname but no other names or dates)

Fitzpatrick, Michael, aged 30 years

Fitzpatrick, James, aged 25 years

Fitzpatrick, Albert, aged 24 years

Fitzpatrick, William, aged 10 years
(On monument "Fitzpatrick")

Guiet, Elizabeth, wife of Patrick, d. Dec 7 188(?)

Puhl, Anna Mary, 1837 - 1909, Mother

Puhl, Peter, 1834 - 1900, Father

Murray, Mary, born in County Cork, Ireland, 1838, died July 25, 1894

King, John C., died Jan. 7, 1916, Rest in peace

Lardner, William, a native of Co. Mayo, Ireland, died Aug. 24, 1873, aged 41 years

Lardner, Elizabeth, wife of William Lardner, died Jan 24, 1889, aged 65 years
Requiescant in Pace (Monument marked Lardner)

O'Donovan, Catherine, 1824 - 1887

O'Donovan, Michael, 1864 - 1898

O'Donovan, Henry, 1897 - 1898

O'Donovan, Lottie W.

Kennedy, Dennis M.

O'Donovan, Catherine L., wife of Michael O'Donovan, Our Mother, born in County Cork, Ireland, April 14, 1824, died April 25, 1882

Kelly, M. Joseph, 1865 - 1928
(O'Donovan names, Kennedy name, and Kelly name all on same stone)

Finnerty, John, born 1825, County Mayo, Ireland, died Oct. 22, 1890 (On monument base - Finerty & Kelly)

O'Connor, Michael, 1885 - 1886

O'Connor, Mary, 1882 - 1891

Travnor, Mary, wife of Owen, died July 8, 1894, aged 77 years

Farrell, Richard (no dates)

Flannigan, Walter P., 1881 - 1942

Flannigan, Annie I., 1879 - 1964

Blandon, James, Pvt., Co. F. 78 Pa. Inf., enlisted Feb 17, 1865, discharged Sept 11, 1865, born 1834, died Mar. 1879

Eagner, Mary A., wife of John, died Oct. 12, 1896, aged (?) 5 years, Rest in peace

Comley, John, 1834 - 1892

Quigley, Ellen, wife of John, departed this life Sept. 1, 1880, aged 35 years, May she rest in peace

McKnight, Marcella Glenn, beloved wife of Frank McKnight, died Jan. 24, 1928

McKnight, Frank, beloved husband of Marcella Glenn McKnight, born Nov. 1, 1842, died March 24, 1924 (On top of monument "McKnight")

McDermott, Mary Jane, 1861 - 1951

McDermott, Timothy, 1846 - 1930

McDermott, Catherine, 1854 - 1929

McDermott, John, 1859 - 1995