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This year will mark the 150th anniversary of St. Francis Solanus Church. This magnificent structure designed by architect Brother Adrian Wewer, O.F.M. who also designed the altars of the church. He himself carved the main altar for the original church and it was moved into the present church. The altar is Gothic style complete with pinnacles, crockets, gables and finals, so characteristic of Gothic design. The land was purchased in 1883. The congregation broke ground July 28, 1884. A final mass was held at the old church April 26, 1885. Following the mass the congregation walked across the street to the new church and placed the cornerstone.

View the many statues that adorn the sanctuary and appreciate the wonderful stained glass windows created with hundreds of panels depicting various biblical scenes and symbols of the church. Intricate carvings can be seen just about everywhere you look throughout the church.

This is one of our most prized structures and will recall for many Quincy residents an abundance of memories.

Please plan to visit the church early as a wedding will be held at one o'clock so the tour of St. Francis will end at 12:00 noon.