

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH (49 WASHINGTON STREET)



**Year Completed: 1881
(basement built in 1875)**

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01/08/1873 Benjamin Grey to John J. Williams (Catholic Bishop of Boston)	434/178

Additional Information:

- “Yesterday was a notable church day in Catholic circles in Newton, the recently finished auditorium of the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Ward 1, and the new mission church at Newton Lower Falls, being opened for public worship, with formal dedicatory services. Archbishop Williams dedicated the mission chapel...St. John’s Church, Newton Lower Falls, was dedicated yesterday at 10 o’clock a.m., by Archbishop Williams....The church was established as a mission church, about nine years ago, by Rev. Father M.X. Carroll, pastor at Newton Upper Falls, the early services taking place in Boyden Hall. Six years ago the present edifice was commenced upon Washington street. After the brick basement was finished it was used for church services until now, the superstructure of wood having been tastily finished, the auditorium can be occupied. About 500 can be seated in the church and 350 in basement. The building is 45x70 feet in size, cost \$20,000, has an open-timbered ceiling, is neatly frescoed, is finished in as hand black walnut for pews, gallery and chapel; has stained-glass windows, an elegant marble altar, and is an attractive structure. Of the cost all is paid but about \$4000. Over \$6000 was raised by one fair last winter toward this fund, and undoubtedly the debt will soon be paid. Although a small society at present, it will receive a new impetus from the step just taken. Hitherto Father Dolan has presided at the services, but it is understood that his assistant, Father Bagley, will hereafter have charge. The Newton Lower Falls Catholics are reasonably proud of the good work they have accomplished.” – Boston Daily Globe: May 9, 1881