



### ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

Establishment of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish in June, 1948, was followed in November of that year by ground-breaking ceremonies for a church and school.

The parish, comprising all of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, opened the school on September 11, 1950, with an enrollment of more than 350 pupils in the kindergarten to the Sixth Grade. Bus transportation was provided for those pupils living at a distance.

The roster of pupils grew steadily, so that three years later there were more than 800 pupils up to and including the eighth grade. The modern building includes the latest advantages of school architecture.

### THE LIBRARY

Since 1800, when the Scotch Plains Reading Society was organized, the township has had a tangible evidence of its cultural interests. Sixteen years later the Scotch Plains Library Company was incorporated.

It was from these beginnings, probably, that spurred establishment in 1888 of the Scotch Plains Public Library through gifts and donations of townspeople.

At first the library was housed in Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company hall. Funds, in these early days, were raised by fairs, bazaars, lectures, entertainments and popular subscriptions. It wasn't until 1909 that the township was asked to appropriate money for its support.

Today, the library boasts of its own building on Bartle Avenue.

The library is open from 3 to 5 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M. every day except Sundays and legal holidays.

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