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## County highlights of 2001

This is the second installment of highlights for 2001 as reflected by our public historians.

The photo illustrated here from an early 20th century postcard published by Bickle Brothers in Medina shows the interior of St. Mary's Church. Bickle Brothers, in the 1903 Orleans County Directory, are listed for books, news and cigars at 112 W. Center St. I judge the picture of the Medina church to be from that time frame.

Town of Albion — Cheryl Staines, historian

With renovations to the courthouse, the court offices have been temporarily moved to the former Arnold Gregory Hospital. Likewise, the county legislative chambers are now temporarily located at the Orleans County Administrative Building on Route 31. The Village of Albion has created a skateboard park. The Town of Albion has been enforcing and educating people on its various codes. A community memorial service was held at the courthouse following the Sept. 11 attack.

Town of Gaines — Delia Robinson, historian; Janice Thaine, deputy

On Nov. 27, the lieutenant governor visited Town Hall and received a resolution from N. Y. S. Public Historians.

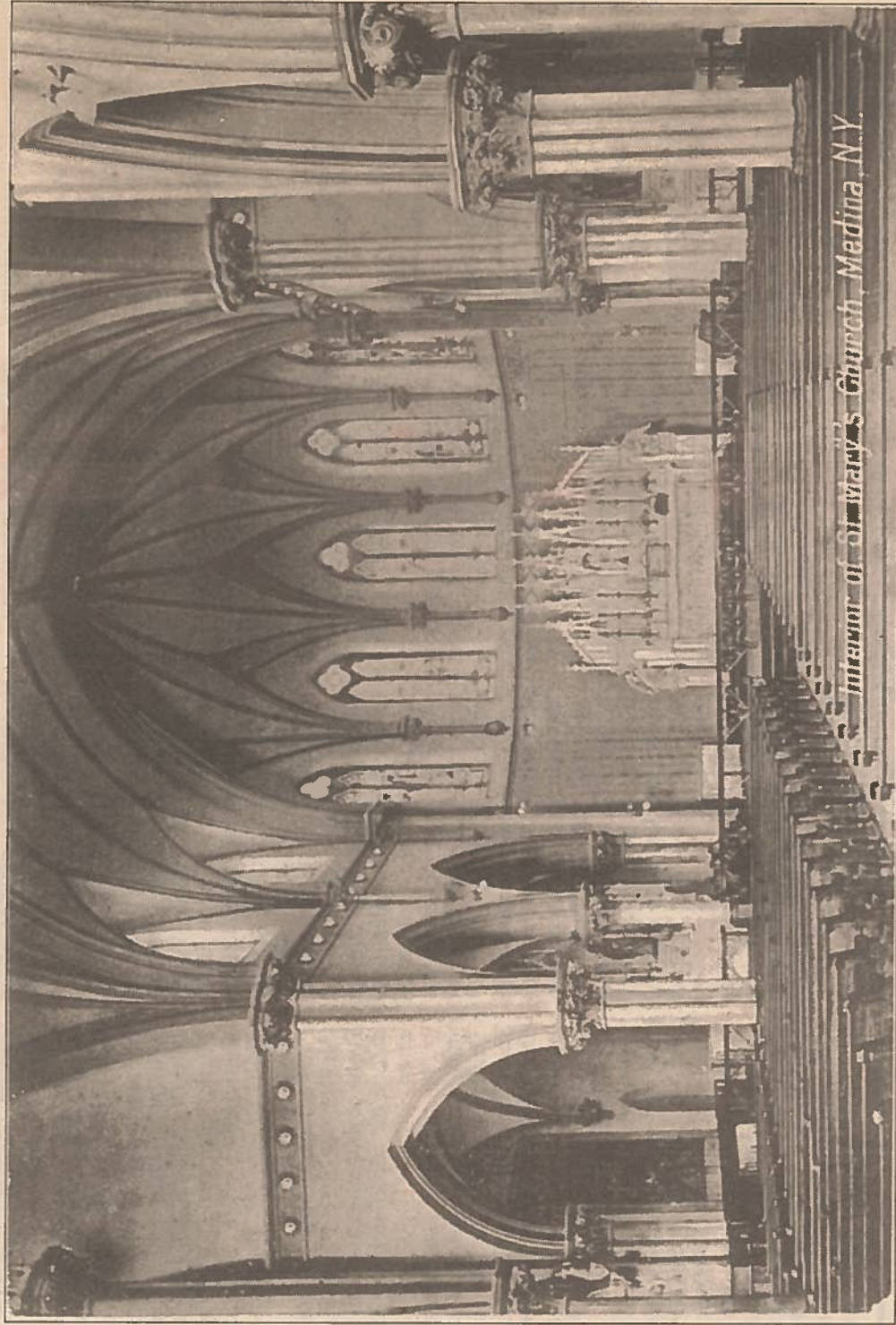
Supervisor Vagg died in April, and Howard Harding was appointed to fill the position to which he was elected in the fall. Henry Smith Jr. was elected to the Orleans County Legislature to represent District 3. Two historic markers were placed in Gaines, one at the Brick Pond on Route 98 and one on Route 104 in Childs relating to two cobblestone residences. In spring 2001, the Cobblestone Resource Center was moved to the 1836 Brick House next to the Cobblestone Church. The Village Inn opened a new four-unit addition to their motel business.

Town of Shelby — Lou Fuller, historian

Getting moved into the new Town Hall was a highlight for town employees. Millie Green retired as town clerk after 17 years in the position. Loren and Nancy McMurray have opened a new restaurant called Fairview Restaurant at the corner of Route 31 and Salt Works Road.

Village of Lyndonville — Elena Amis, historian

The Lyndonville Fire Company celebrated its 100th anniversary this past year with an open house in October. The Lyndonville Lions Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Construction at the Lyndonville school is just about complete. A new



Interior of St. Mary's Church, Medina, N.Y.

auditorium was dedicated in September in memory of Mabel Stroyan. This is a wonderful addition not only to the school for various activities, but also the community. Village of Medina — Shirley Nellist, historian

Warren P. Towne died, a well-known educator and

school administrator. Hall Nowak was appointed superintendent of Medina Public Works. Rev. Bonner was called to fill the pulpit of First Presbyterian Church. The interior of St. Mary's Church underwent extensive restoration and redecoration, which enhances the architecture.

The shooting of Officer Mike Russell in September produced an outpouring of community support for the Medina policeman. The Medina Historical Society held their first Old Home Day in the fall.

Town of Ridgeway — Richard Nellist, historian

Water District No. 4 was completed, which now serves Knowlesville and the fairgrounds. The Town of Ridgeway adopted a comprehensive plan taking in the western Orleans municipalities. The ARC building which burned on Marshall Road is now nearly rebuilt.