Cultural History

- St. Joseph Orphanage founded on October 1829 by four sisters; especially established for girls.
- On 1854 St. Joseph Orphanage opens on north side for 100 boy orphans.
- St. Joseph Orphanage was located at 56th Joseph Street in Fall River, Massachusetts, well known as an historic former orphanage.
- St. Joseph Orphanage is well known for adapting kids but it was also home and family for the orphans. Children stayed until they finish school and well prepared for the future society such as employment.
- Aim of St. Joseph Orphanage was to support and fulfill the things that orphans needed.
- On 1990 St. Joseph Orphanage got certification for mental health center. With the support and funds from Butler County Mental health board, St. Joseph Orphanage opened in Hamilton, Ohio.
- On 1994, St. Joseph Orphanage increased serving percentage to 69%.
- St. Joseph Orphanage joined Mental Health Access Point in 1997 and became the center for the public mental health system in Hamilton Country.
- Now St. Joseph Orphanage is serving not only for orphans but also for mental health recovery for children.
- St. Joseph Orphanage provides place, education, and community for orphans who were rejected, hurt, and who are developmentally disabled.

Political History

Ethnicity of Orphans
- Most of them were born in NYC
- Some were immigrants in European countries like Ireland

The Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Brooklyn was founded to educate children and orphans. The care of the children was financed by society members and Catholic Church donations. Ran by members of Catholic religious orders such as Sisters of Charity and Sisters of St. Joseph

The Irish immigrants were largely Protestant so it was ironic to have Irish immigrants in orphanages run by the Catholic Church because there was hatred against each other.

Social History

- Orphans were brought up in a joyful environment
- All the residents of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum were females who engaged in a variety of activities including eating, cooking, girl scouts, learning and saying prayers, playing on jungle gym, performing fashion shows, and even teeth brushing for the children.
- The orphanage was funded extremely well by groups such as the Emerald Association, Malone-Damian American Legion Auxiliary, and the N. Y. Young Men's Board of Trade.
- Emerald Association and the Malone-Damian American Legion Auxiliary were known for having parties and events that would have funds raised for the children of the orphanage. These funds would allow them to receive things such as books for educational purposes.
- Orphans were treated to outings to Steeplechase Park, which was an amusement park in the Coney Island area of Brooklyn, New York from 1897 to 1964. It was one of the leading attractions of its day and one of the most influential amusement parks of all time. They were also treated to things such as a shopping tour as well.
- Deep Down In Brooklyn by Ed Germaine is a book that shares a great memoir about a young orphan boy from St. Johns Orphanage in Brooklyn in the late 1800s. Within the book he shares a memory about St. Joseph’s orphanage that reflected how positive the orphanage’s environment was outside of the eye of the media. He tells stories about how pleasant the nuns were and the beautiful singing and laughter heard from the young orphan girls of the asylum through the window as he walked by.

Economic History

- St. Joseph's Female Asylum at Summer and Willoughby Avenues was opened in October 1837. St. Malachy’s, East NY, opened in 1873, but was closed several years later at Rockaway Beach, on fine acres of land given by Jeremiah Hickey.
- To help finance the orphan asylums, Brooklyn's famous Emerald Association was organized in the old Second Ward Hotel, York and Pearl Streets, in January 1839.
- The Emerald Association was an Irish organization; therefore St. Joseph’s was only opened to Irish girls.
- St. Peter’s, the 1st catholic hospital in Brooklyn, was begun by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis in 1864. Under the Sisters of St. Joseph’s, St. John’s, Long Island City Hospital was open in 1891.
- St. Joseph's Hospital is located in Far Rockaway. The St. Joseph's Female Asylum is now public housing.