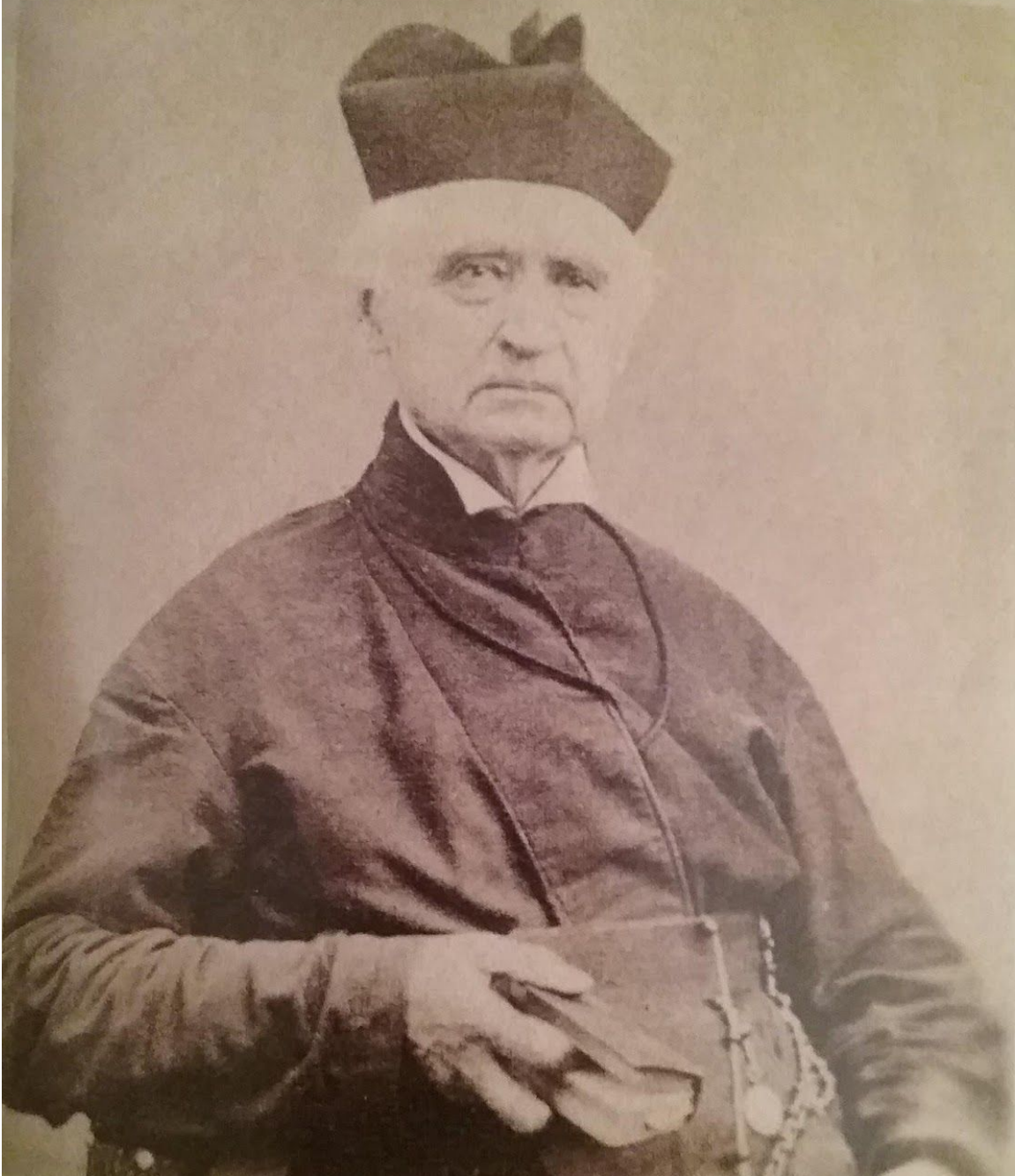


**Rev. Joseph Enders S.J.**  
1847-1858 and 1871-1884

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Father Joseph Enders, known locally as the "Carpenter priest." His first term lasted eleven years, from 1847 to 1858. During this time, he enlarged the church of the Sacred Heart, beautified it with many mural paintings and other decorations, and on the 15th of August, 1850. it was consecrated by Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia. In 1854, he engaged the Sisters of St. Joseph as teachers in the first regularly established parochial school at McSherrystown.

Father Joseph Enders then returned (1870) as Superior, and his second term continued until his health compelled him to retire from office in 1883. It was during this second period that he erected the beautiful spire, surmounted with its gilded ball and cross, that adorns and completes the church.

In 1883, he was superseded by Father Patrick Forhan, and a year later was sent to Frederick, Maryland. where a few months later, September 10, 1884, he died. Twenty-four years of his life's work he had given to Conewago, where, especially by his amiability, he had won his way into the hearts of the people.