

*The Brighton-Allston Historical Society presents:*

## **THE HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION PARISH**



THE VILLA (LEFT) AND PRESENTATION ACADEMY



**Date:** Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 7pm

**Place:** PSF Community Center,  
640 Washington Street, Oak Square  
*(entrance next to Tremont St. parking lot)*

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Please join us for a new program by long time BAHS board member John Broderick. His talk will begin with a discussion of the state of the Catholic Church in Brighton in the late 1800s, followed by the forming of the OLP parish, and the subsequent building of the main church in Oak Square between 1913-1921. Next in line was the grammar school's construction in 1929 and the later opening of the OLP Academy. A brief history of St. Sebastian's School will also be included. For a variety of reasons, the parish facilities ended up closing in the last 40 years- the Academy in 1984; the church in 2004; and finally, the grammar school in 2005. However, the buildings at least continue to survive- most repurposed as existing or soon to be future housing. The grammar school building was acquired by the neighborhood-based Presentation School Foundation in 2007, which has transformed it into a vibrant community center used by all- site of tonight's program.

**Free event with refreshments**