

DIAMOND DAN'S WIFE IS BURIED

Mrs. Helen O'Rourke Lived
Over Park Row Saloon.

HUSBAND WAS VIVID FIGURE

Operated Cafe Before Dry Era
and Wore Many Gems.

While several hundred neighbors, many of whom had known her generosity during the forty years she lived at Pearl street and Park Row, filled the pews of the Church of St. Andrews a solemn mass of requiem was celebrated today for Mrs. Ellen O'Rourke, wife of Diamond Dan O'Rourke, a vivid figure of a dead era.

Mrs. O'Rourke died on Thursday at the age of 62 years in the apartment where she and her husband had lived since their marriage. It is under the shadow of the L and above the red-front, stained-glass emporium which still bears the name on its facade, "O'Rourke's Cafe O'Rourke's." In that apartment Mrs. O'Rourke bore seven children.

Diamond Dan ran one of the best saloons that Park Row knew in the old days. When prohibition came he shut it up, and it stands today as he left it, with dust thick on its mahogany bar and its brass taps dulled with time.

Mr. O'Rourke was known as Diamond Dan, one of his old neighbors said today, because he never appeared in public without "half a pound of rocks on him."

He was a Tammany captain most of his life and he and his wife were known for their informal and extensive neighborhood philanthropies.

Leader David A. Mahoney came to Mrs. O'Rourke's funeral today, and the Downtown Tammany Club sent a delegation. Outside the church ten policemen and two sergeants kept the crowd from blocking the street, and fifty cars waited to take the mourners to Calvary Cemetery.

Mgr. William E. Cashin, pastor of the church, sat in the sanctuary and the priests who officiated at the mass were the Rev. Joseph D. Gorman, celebrant; the Rev. John McElligott, deacon, and the Rev. Francis J. Kett, subdeacon.