

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Indiana, PA

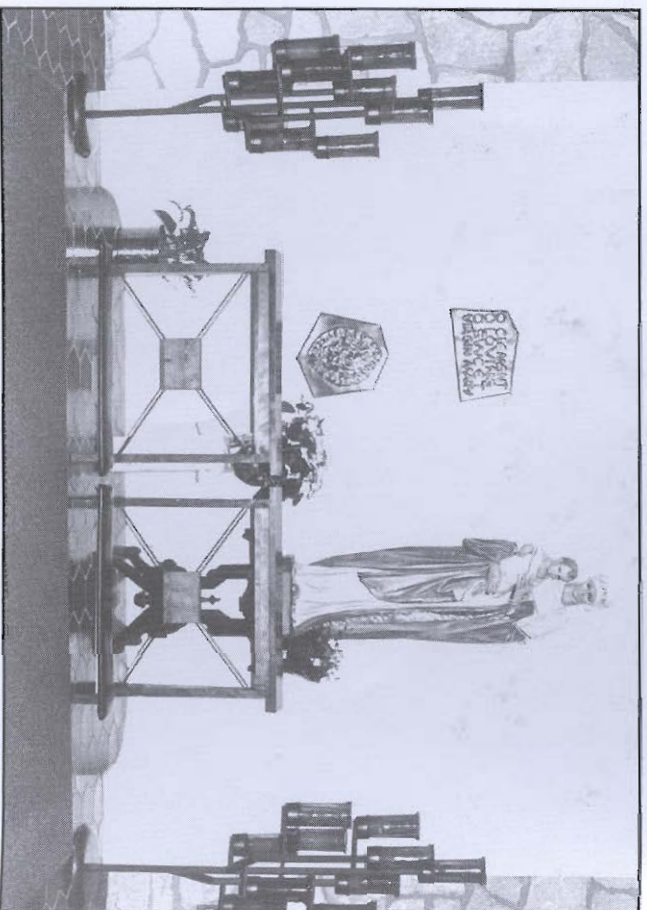
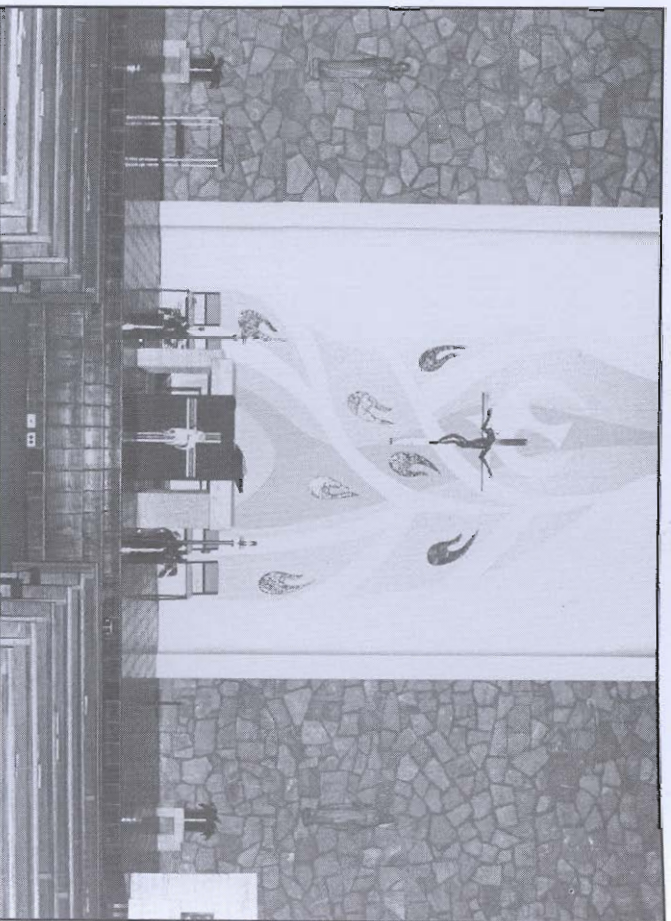
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SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

June 29, 1997

St. Bernard of Clairvaux



**PARISH OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX
Indiana, PA**

150th Anniversary of the Parish

CONCELEBRATED PONTIFICAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING
Sunday, June 29, 1997 - 12:00 Noon

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST
The Most Reverend Anthony G. Bosco, D. D., J. C. L.
Bishop of Greensburg

CONCELEBRANTS
The Right Reverend Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.
Archabbot of St. Vincent Archabbey

The Reverend Monsignor William G. Charnoki, V.F., J.C.L.
Pastor of St. Bernard Parish

The Reverend Paul R. Stivason
Parochial Vicar of St. Bernard Parish

*P*riests formerly assigned to St. Bernard Parish and Priests from the area

**BLESSING OF OUTDOOR SHRINE
TO ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**
(Following the Pontifical Mass)

INFORMAL RECEPTION IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL
(Following Blessing of outdoor shrine)



His Holiness

POPE JOHN PAUL II

Born: Karol Wojtyła, Wadowice, Poland - 1920

Became Archbishop of Cracow in 1964

On Sunday, October 22, 1978, Karol Wojtyła of Poland was officially inaugurated as the 264th Pope of the Catholic Church



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3339 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
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January 30, 1997

Dear Monsignor Charnock:

On the happy occasion of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Saint Bernard Parish, Indiana, Pennsylvania, it is my distinct privilege to convey to the entire parish community the heartfelt congratulations and pryerful good wishes of His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

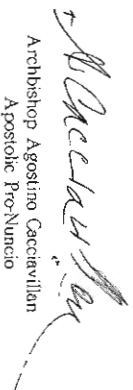
As you gather to celebrate this jubilee, it is the hope of the Holy Father that all those who participate will continue to make their best efforts to prepare for the celebration of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 according to the precious indications of His Holiness in his recent Apostolic Letter Tertio Millennio Adveniente. As the Third Millennium of the new era draws near:

There the Holy Father invites us to reflect on Christian joy as well as repentance and reconciliation, to acknowledge the centrality of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever, in human life and history; to adore the presence and action of the Blessed Trinity, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Father; and also to lovingly contemplate Blessed Mary, our Mother throughout all these years at the threshold of the Third Millennium.

His Holiness desires to unite with the entire parish family in thanking God for the blessings of the past one hundred and fifty years, while entrusting the future into the loving hands of Mary, Mother of the Church.

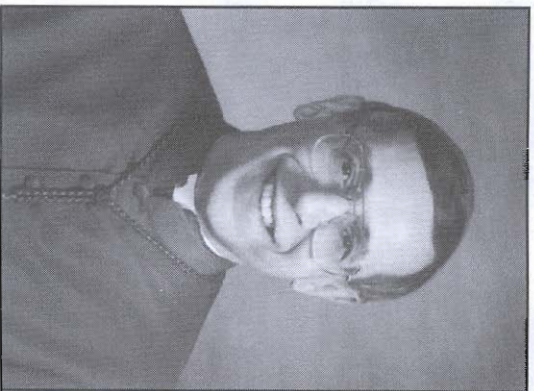
As a sign of his spiritual esteem and solidarity, Pope John Paul II imparts to all the parish his Apostolic Blessing, granted through the intercession of Mary Immaculate and Saint Bernard. To the sentiments of the Holy Father, allow me to add my own good wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,



Archbishop Agostino Cascajullian
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

Reverend Monsignor William Charnock, V.F., Pastor
Saint Bernard Parish
150th Anniversary
June 29, 1997



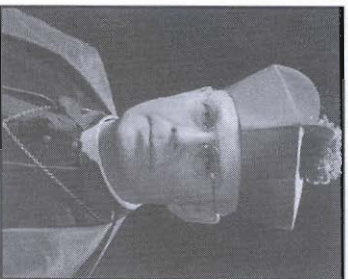
His Excellency

THE MOST REVEREND

ANTHONY G. BOSCO, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Greensburg

Installed June 30, 1987

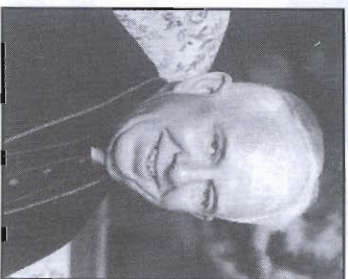


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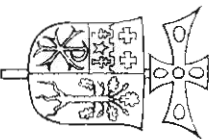


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WILLIAM G. CONNARE, D.D.

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June 29, 1997

To the People of God of Saint Bernard Parish,

As nations go, our country is fairly young. The fact that Saint Bernard Parish is 150 years old, means that it is a very venerable institution and it's 150th Jubilee certainly deserves a celebration.

The parish has been served by many priests, starting with Boniface Wimmer, who brought Benedictinism to the United States. For many years, the Benedictines continued to serve this community, until the appointment of the first Diocesan priest pastor in 1876.

Your parish community has undergone many changes, as has our nation. The little community of German Catholics built the first tiny wooden-frame church at a cost of \$600. In 150 years, it is not surprising that many other buildings were built, repaired, torn down, and relocated to meet the needs of a growing population which began with only 20 families.

The parish now boasts a modern, effective plant ready to meet the worship, spiritual, and education needs of it's members. Saint Bernard's church stands proudly on an elevation overlooking the community and the homes of it's parishioners. It's location reminds one of the hill towns of Europe where the church could be seen from the plains, pointing it's steeple finger to the sky -- directing our minds and our hearts to God.

A parish jubilee is an opportunity to thank God for what has gone before and to pray for those who brought this parish to this point in it's history. It is also an opportunity to gather our strength and resources and to move on to the future. The pen of history is in the hands of this generation. I pray that you will write glorious pages. I send a blessing and a pledge of prayers for all the members of the parish family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Anthony G. Bosco*

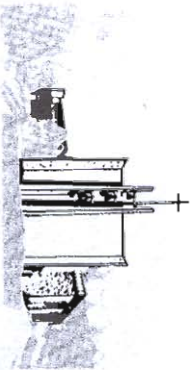
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Pastor



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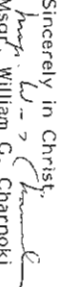
Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

In the year 1847, the Rt. Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, first bishop of Pittsburgh, established St. Bernard Parish. For approximately 30 years, this parish was staffed by Benedictine monks, including Fr. Boniface Wimmer, OSB, founder, first abbot and later first archabbot of St. Vincent Monastery in Latrobe. He was the first priest in charge of St. Bernard Parish. The last Benedictine pastor was Fr. Leander Schnerr, who became St. Vincent's third archabbot. Of the diocesan priests who served as pastors, Fr. McNellis and Msgr. Brady spent the majority of their priesthood in Indiana. Following in the footsteps of these two beloved pastors was Msgr. Doychak, a practical minded priest, who oversaw the building of the present church beautifully located atop a hill overlooking the town. The parish and diocese lost a great priest when he died prematurely on May 21, 1987. He was succeeded by the industrious Msgr. Shuda (Fr. Bob), who oversaw the building of the Learning Center. The names of these priests and many others continue to be held in veneration.

As we observe this jubilee, it is important to recall with gratitude the contributions made to the parish by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden. Through great personal and corporate sacrifices they contributed to the spiritual, social, and intellectual development of many people. They are remembered here with great affection. We are grateful that the parish maintains ties with the Sisters of St. Joseph through Sisters Ada McMahon and Eileen Mackaness, two wonderful and capable managers of Clairvaux Commons.

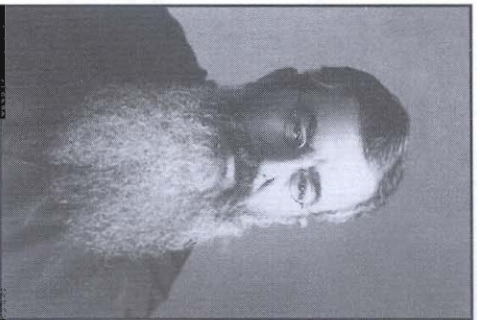
This 150th Jubilee gives Fr. Paul Stivason, our parochial vicar, and me a special opportunity to thank the laity of St. Bernard's for their outstanding contribution to the life and development of this parish. They are truly the crowning glory of this faith community. Their devotion and generosity are well known throughout the Greensburg Diocese. This generosity is especially evident in their support of quality Catholic education for our children. We are also grateful for the healthy ecumenical attitude exhibited by our people. While remaining loyal to the Catholic faith, they manifest a genuine respect for the beliefs of others, especially those of the Protestant faith.

Above all else, as we celebrate this great jubilee year, we express our loving gratitude to Almighty God for all the good that has been accomplished in the life of this parish over the past 150 years. His grace has made all of this possible. Our duty in faith is simply to be open to the great work God intends to accomplish in us through His son Jesus in union with the Holy Spirit. With the help of God's grace let us continue the wonderful journey of faith begun by our forebearers, who now rest in the Lord.

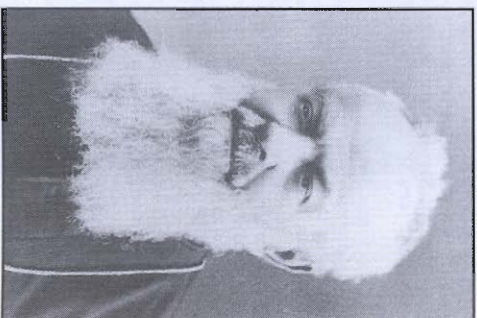
Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. William G. Charnoki
Pastor



RT. REV. DOUGLAS R. NOWICKI, O.S.B.
Archabbot of Saint Vincent



RT. REV. LEANDER SCHNERR, O.S.B.
Third Archabbot of St. Vincent
Archabbey and last Benedictine pastor
of St. Bernard Parish



RT. REV. BONIFACE S. WIMMER, O.S.B.
Founder of St. Vincent Benedictine
Monastery on October 18, 1846
First Priest in charge of
St. Bernard Parish



SAINT VINCENT ARCHDIOCESE
LITURGE, PENNSYLVANIA 15650

OFFICE OF THE ARCHABBOT

January 28, 1997

Rev. Msgr. William G. Charnoki, Pastor
Saint Bernard Parish
200 Clairvaux Drive
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701

Dear Monsignor Charnoki, Father Sivason, and Parishioners:

Your Saint Bernard Parish and our Saint Vincent Parish will forever be linked together in origin and growth. That link was forged by Father James Stillinger, who served the parishioners of Saint Vincent Parish from 1830 to 1844; and in 1847 supervised the building of a church in the town of Indiana, which was dedicated by Bishop Michael O'Connor and placed under the patronage of Saint Bernard. It was this Father Stillinger who remained in the area as pastor of Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Blairsville until his death 26 years later in 1873.

Even a closer tie between the Parishes of Saint Bernard and Saint Vincent was that which bound them together by Saint Vincent's Benedictine founder, Archabbot Boniface Winmer. Winmer arrived at Saint Vincent Parish on October 18, 1846, and together with his priest-monks ministered faithfully to the people of God in Indiana for 29 years until 1876. And so it is that we share with you a sesquicentennial — 150 years of Catholicism believed and celebrated in our part of the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains.

Is it any wonder then that we at Saint Vincent ardently wish to congratulate you for 150 years of unbroken prayer and work in this county seat of Indiana County? In doing so we congratulate all of the priests, nuns, teachers and parishioners who have made Saint Bernard Parish such an integral part of Catholic life in this entire area.

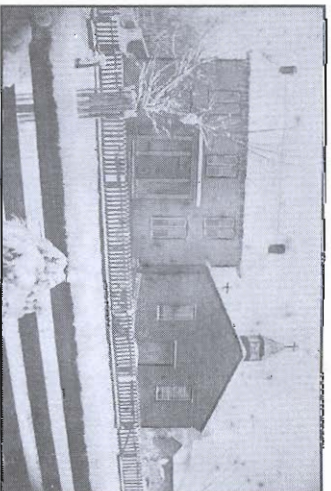
It is in this spirit of community that I unite with the host of people that make up Saint Vincent Archabbey, Parish, College and Seminary to wish all of the members of Saint Bernard Parish many abundant harvests in reward for having sown the seed of God's Word throughout one hundred and fifty years.

With every good wish, I remain

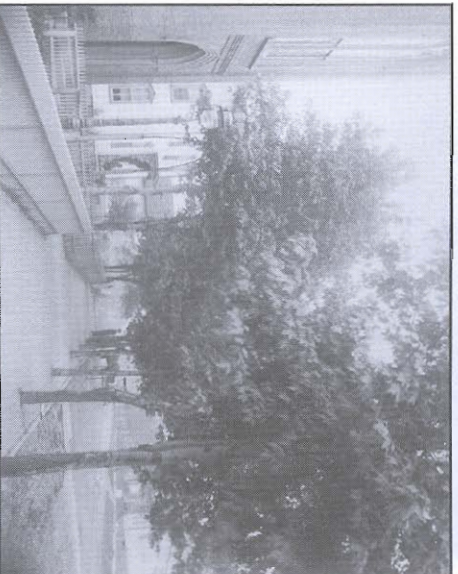
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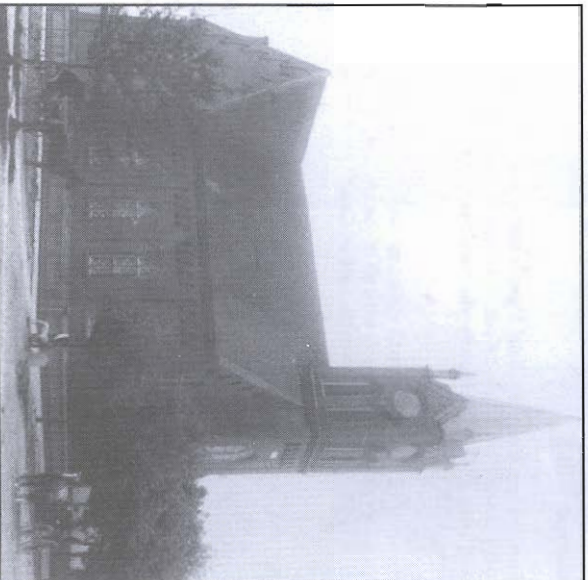
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First St. Bernard Church and School - C. 1865



St. Bernard Church and Rectory - C. 1900



St. Bernard Church - C. 1900

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. BERNARD PARISH

The St. Bernard Parish has experienced a steady growth for a century and a half, from its founding in 1847 by 20 German Catholic families to the 1,620 families of varied ethnic backgrounds who make up the congregation today.

The first Catholics came to the Indiana area soon after the county was formed in 1803, and by 1806 enough of them had settled locally for the building of the area's first church, St. Patrick's at Cameron's Bottom. Blainsville, whose earliest settlers were Catholic, soon became the site of SS. Simon and Jude Church.

By the 1840s, an increasing number of Roman Catholics settled in the Indiana area, warranting the establishment of a permanent parish. Before then, Catholics living in the area had to venture to St. Patrick's in Cameron's Bottom or to SS. Simon and Jude in Blairsville to hear Mass and receive the sacraments. Occasionally, a visiting priest offered Mass in a private home in Indiana.

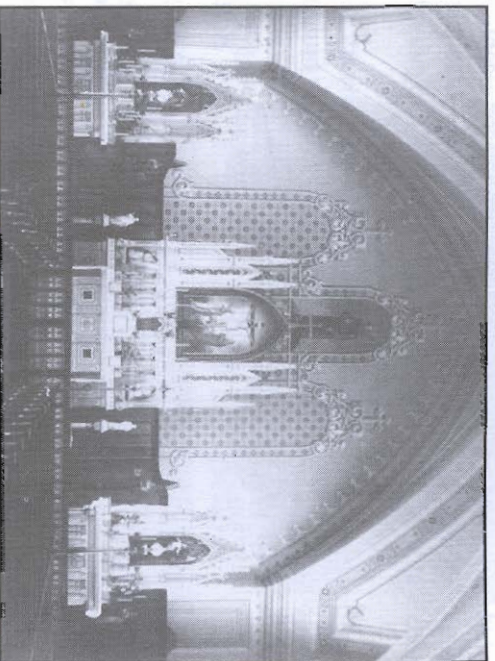
To provide a permanent place of worship, a small 30' by 40' frame church was built on a lot donated by the Vogel Brothers. The location of this first church was Oak and Mahoning (Fifth) Streets. Materials and labor donated by the men of the new parish kept the cost down to \$600.00. On June 6, 1847, Bishop Michael O'Connor, the first bishop of Pittsburg, helped lay the cornerstone and dedicate the new parish of St. Bernard. The pastor of SS. Simon and Jude, Blainsville, finding he could not serve two parishes, began to make arrangements for the transfer of the new parish to the jurisdiction of the Benedictine Order, quartered at St. Vincent's.

The Rev. Boniface Wimmer, OSB, newly arrived from Germany and pastor of St. Vincent's, was the first Benedictine to have charge of St. Bernard Parish. Fr. Wimmer was the founder of St. Vincent Monastery and College and went on to become the first abbot and then archabbot of the first Benedictine Monastery established in the United States.

During the early years, a succession of Benedictine priests was sent to Indiana while Fr. Wimmer battled with the bishop of Pittsburg in a quest to establish a priory in Indiana. The conflict between the German Wimmer and the Irish bishop centered on Wimmer's part ownership of a tavern and was not resolved until 1852 after appeals to the Bishop of Milwaukee and to higher authority in Rome. In the end the Bishop of Pittsburg granted approval for the priory. Four brothers and two priests built a stone priory and began farming on 320 acres where the Connie Winters' Kennels are today.

INTERIOR OF ST. BERNARD CHURCH OVER THE YEARS

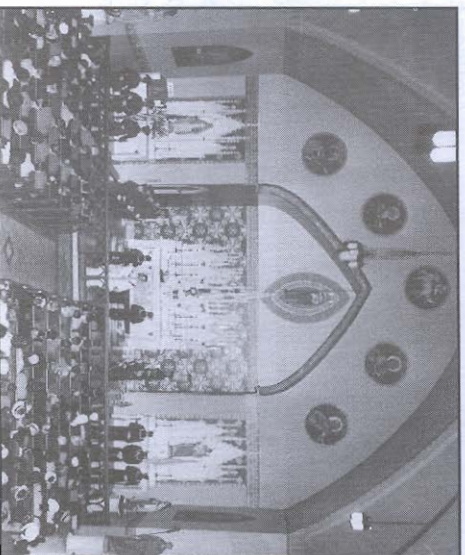
Corner Oak and Fifth Streets



EARLY ST. BERNARD CHURCH - C. 1885



NEW ALTARS - C. 1890



VETERAN'S DAY MASS, NOV. 11, 1946

The Rev. Idilio van der Green, the first resident pastor, was followed by numerous other priests in quick succession. Nevertheless, the number of Catholics in the county and Indiana continued to grow; by 1859, there were about 1,000 of the faithful in the county, and another church had to be built in Saltsburg.

As the 1860s rolled in, the parish grew from 20 to 60 families. The Benedictine priests from St. Vincent began to stay for longer pastorates, and one, the Rev. Ferdinand Wolf, built the first parish school in 1861.

By the end of the 1860s, the parish had outgrown the small church and embarked on a building program. A new neo-gothic brick church, 93' by 57', which sported a 135 foot steeple, was started in 1869. Architect for the church was J. W. Drum, who also designed the "old" courthouse and John Sutton Hall on the campus of the Indiana Normal School. Cost of the church was to be \$22,000 but was reduced to \$10,000 because of the volunteer labor by the congregation. Bishop Domenic of the Pittsburgh Diocese laid the cornerstone on August 17, 1869 and returned to dedicate the new church on September 28, 1871.

Once the church was completed, a new rectory was started in 1875. Master carpenter for the job was Charles Sweeney. The church and rectory remained in use until the new St. Bernard of Clairvaux complex was built in 1978.

After supplying a succession of priests to St. Bernard's for thirty years, the Benedictines relinquished control of the parish to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The first secular priest, Fr. George Almamn, inherited the task of completing the rectory. A convent and school were also built on land donated by the Vogel Family. The school was staffed by two Sisters of St. Agnes and a Captain Snickberger. Classes were taught in English and German. However, school attendance dwindled and the school closed after several years. The building burned down in 1887 and was not replaced until 1930. The old frame church also burned down during the 1880s.

Fr. Almamn left in 1884 and was replaced by Frs. Andrew J. Brown (1884-85) and M. Stager (Oct. 1885-Dec. 1887). A side note to Fr. Stager's stay in Indiana was that he was called to minister to John Sarver, the last person to be hanged in Indiana County.

In 1890, the parish purchased lots on the south side of East Oak Street and began selling plots in what has become known as the "old" St. Bernard Cemetery. Those buried in the small cemetery next to the old frame church were disinterred and reburied in the Oak Street cemetery.

BENEDICTINE PRIORY ON AIRPORT ROAD - 1952



EARLY PASTORS OF ST. BERNARD CHURCH



Fr. Andrew J. Brown



Fr. Adam F. Tonner



Fr. Thomas Kirner



Fr. Daniel Rutters

Fr. Adam F. Tonner arrived in 1887 and served until December 3, 1892. His four-year tenure produced many improvements for the parish: repainting and frescoing of the interior of the church, building a stable and ordering a new phaeton, supplying running water to the church and rectory, and installing new altars and steam heat. At the Oak Street cemetery, he put in trees, planted flowers, built walls and a new arch and made plans to install a fountain.

As early as 1891, Fr. Tonner began to minister to the Catholics in the new coal mining towns which were mushrooming in the county. Traveling usually by rail, one of the first new churches which he served was St. Francis in Graceton.

In spiritual matters, Fr. Tonner worked just as diligently. To attract the interest of the youth of the parish, he organized the Young Men's Association and the Young Women's Association. He built a library with many of the books donated by parishioners, revamped the choir, purchased a \$1,000 vocalio for the choir, and set up the St. Bernard Orchestra. In 1890, because of overwork, he was confined to bed for a time.

Fr. Tonner was transferred to Pitsburgh in May, 1891. A grand farewell in his honor was attended by 500 people including town dignitaries such as Judge White, D. H. Tomb, and A. W. Wilson.

Fr. Thomas Kirner, Fr. Tonner's successor, continued to carry out many of his predecessor's policies. During his tenure, a slate roof was installed on the church, and St. Bernard Parish held its first mission since 1881. This mission was conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers of New York City.

However, the installation of the roof caused a breach between the pastor and the congregation. A lay group commissioned to study the roof situation was bypassed by Fr. Kirner. The group resigned in protest and was replaced by a pro-Kirner committee. The result of the situation was a petition to the bishop, signed by forty-three parishioners requesting, Fr. Kirner's removal. Many of the complaints dealt with extravagance and mismanagement of money. Fr. Kirner's uneasy relationship with the other churches in Indiana was also a concern of the disgruntled parishioners. On August 30, 1896, Fr. Kirner was transferred.

The next pastor, Rev. Daniel Rutters, was a highly educated Germanborn priest who had mastered eight languages. Only ten months after his arrival, Fr. Rutters retired from the active ministry. The Benedictines again provided the priests for St. Bernard's on a temporary basis.



Fr. Neil P. McNeilis



Msgr. James Brady



Msgr. James Brady and Sister Mary Justin, Sister of St.

Joseph. Sister Mary was a member of St. Bernard Parish. Born Carolyn Loria, Sister Mary was a member of St. Bernard Parish and joined the convent in 1944.

FATHER MAC

Rev. Neil McNeilis arrived to take temporary charge of the St. Bernard Parish. This temporary assignment lasted thirty-five years, from his appointment on March 15, 1898 until his death on February 8, 1933. Born in Glenites, Ireland on May 5, 1858, Fr. "Mac" and his family emigrated to America in 1869. After attending St. Francis College and St. Vincent College, he was ordained on April 23, 1893. One of his earliest assignments was Superintendent of Schools for the Pittsburgh Diocese.

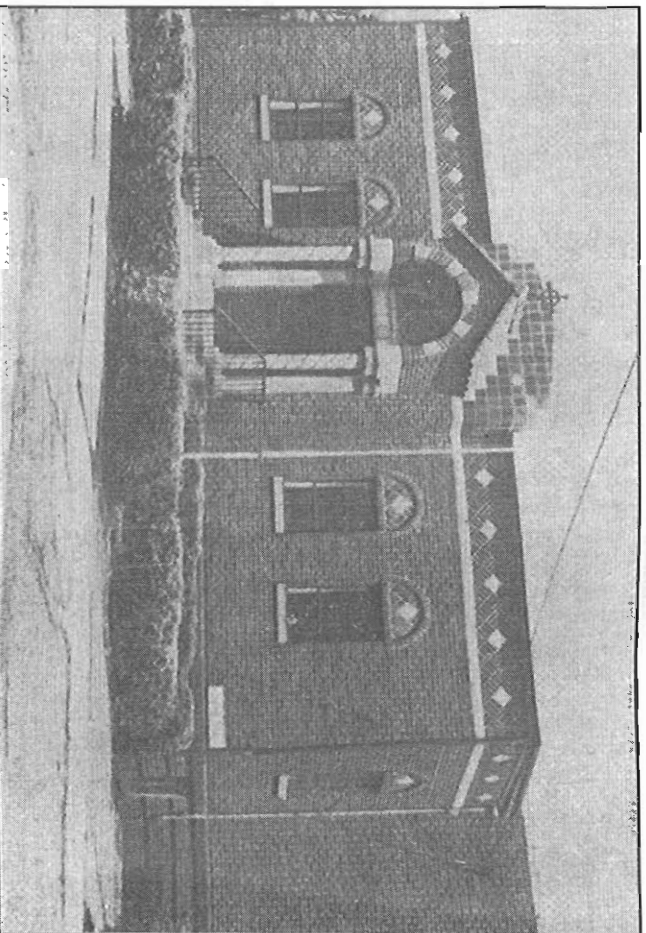
As pastor, Fr. McNeilis was a missionary in the truest sense of the word. As the coal mining towns grew in number, so did the influx of Roman Catholics from Eastern and Southern Europe. Churches established in towns such as Ernest, Wehrum, and Black Lick were considered missions of St. Bernard's and ministered to by Fr. McNeilis or his assistants. One such assistant, Fr. Emelio Fari, was appointed as the first pastor of Assumption Church in Ernest. Fr. Fari was pastor of St. John Parish, Monaca at the time of his death.

Fr. McNeilis was a very popular figure in the community and did much to increase the number of members of St. Bernard's. Among the popular fund raisers at this time were the sauerkraut and the turtle soup suppers. Father Mac, Carl Stadtmiller, and Jack Neese gathered the turtles. Mrs. G. W. Graff, Mrs. O'Hara, Rose Vogel, Mrs. A.F. Moreau, Mrs. Ed Cost and Maggie Plotzer cooked the soup. Making the sauerkraut in the church basement were Ed Hoffman, Joe Weakland and Lawrence "Stoddy" Stadtmiller. Bingo was also another popular fund raiser. Games were played in the church basement until 1949 when they were moved to the new recreation center. Under Fr. Mac's leadership, Branch 1481 of the Knights of Columbus was formed in 1910. Today, Branch 1481 is named for Fr. McNeilis.

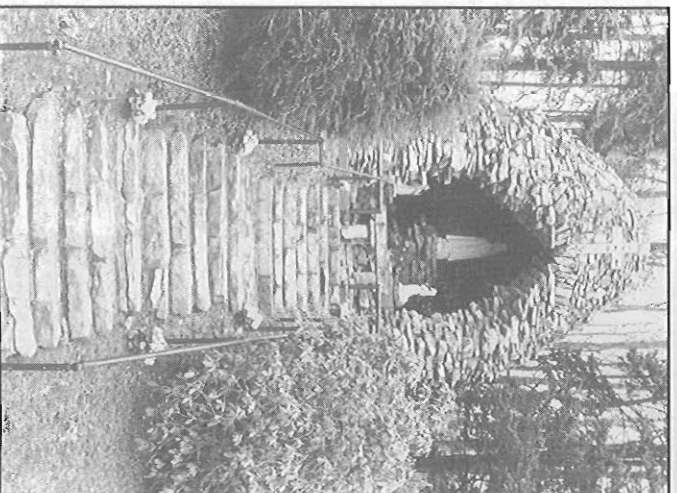
After a lengthy illness, Fr. McNeilis died on February 8, 1933. His funeral was attended by numerous townspeople and by forty-two priests with Bishop Hugh Boyle of Pittsburgh. Celebrant of the requiem mass was Fr. Emelio Fari of Ernest. Fr. McNeilis was buried in the "old" cemetery.

MONSIGNOR BRADY

One of the many assistants who was sent to help Fr. McNeilis was Fr. James Brady, who was appointed pastor after the death of Fr. McNeilis. He became another priest who spent the rest of his life as pastor of St. Bernard's. Born on December 29, 1894 in Ireland, Fr. Brady came to the United States in 1917 and was assigned as an assistant at Indiana in 1920. In 1921, he served a short period as *vicare economo* at St. Fidelis in Wehrum (now a ghost town). In 1932, he assumed the same title in Indiana.



St. Bernard School, North Fifth Street



Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima

Located at the northern edge of the St. Bernard Cemetery

During his long tenure of almost fifty years at Indiana, Msgr. Brady's most important contribution was the building of a new Catholic School in 1930. With the permission and advice from Fr. McNelis, a fund drive was held, and many long hours of labor were donated by the men of the parish. The Ladies' Aid held dinners and parties to raise funds, and the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America generously donated monies from their treasuries. Even the children of the parish were involved in raising money by conducting paper drives all over Indiana.

The new school was built on several lots that Fr. Brady had purchased on Fifth Street, a little more than a block from the church. Designed by Russell Howard of DuBois and erected by Wilson Construction, the final cost of the six room brick and stone building was \$30,000. A formal dedication was held on August 28, 1930. Dignitaries of the parish, the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and the Indiana Public Schools attended. The 150 students and Sisters of St. Joseph marched in a procession from the church to the school at 3 P.M. They were joined by the priests who blessed each classroom. Speakers were Dr. Charles Foster of Indiana State Teachers' College, now Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Rev. Fr. Gerard of St. Vincent College; Judge McCann of Ebensburg; Fr. Hanna of Pittsburgh, representing the bishop and a former classmate of Fr. Brady; and Fr. P.C. Danner, Chancellor of the Diocese, who officiated at the formal blessing and dedication. Fr. McNelis, unable to attend due to illness, greeted people from the window of his room in the rectory. Following the dedication, a dinner was served to the priests and dignitaries.

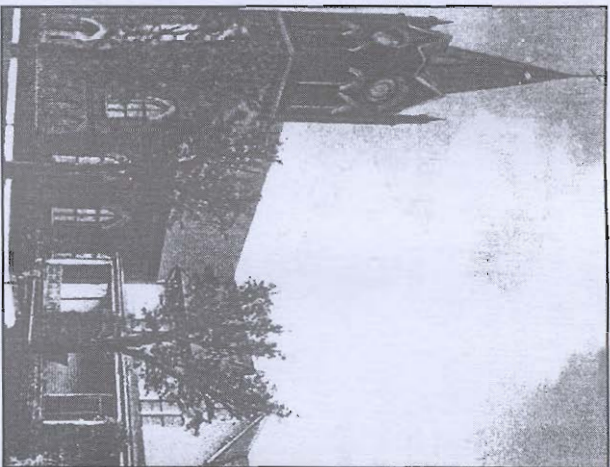
Classes opened in September, 1930 with 120 students in six grades. A seventh grade was added in 1931 and eighth in 1932. To staff the school, Bishop Boyle requested that the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden send four sisters to St. Bernard's. The first principal was Sr. Mary de Lellis. The Blanche Vogel residence on the property was remodeled for a convent. Eventually the school was staffed by six sisters. The first graduation at the new St. Bernard School was in 1933, a class of 32 students.

Changes at the school were few over the years. In 1953, the school hired its first lay teacher, Mrs. Anne Vogel, and its second in 1958, Mrs. Rita Hartnett. A two-room addition was added in 1958, and the enrollment grew to 375. The Regina Guild of the school was active in organizing a library.

In addition to the construction of the school, Fr. Brady had a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima erected on the northern edge of the cemetery. Built of native stone, it was semi-circular, twenty feet high, and twelve feet wide. A slag road, built by A.F. Moreau and Sons, started at Oak Street and ended in a circle in front of the shrine. Until recently, the road was lined with pine trees. Fifteen steps were installed between the road and the shrine. Albert Contrucci of



St. Bernard Church



**St. Bernard Church
and Rectory**



Last Mass at St. Bernard Church

Nov. 20, 1978

Contrucci Construction was in charge of the stonework.

The formal dedication was held on August 19, 1948 on a rainy afternoon. The service, attended by eighteen priests and 2,000 parishioners, opened with the rosary. Fr. Edward Joyce of the Northside in Pittsburgh was the principal speaker.

Over the years, the shrine was the site of May crownings and outdoor masses. In 1987, the Knights of Columbus conducted a clean-up and restoration of the shrine.

In 1946, Msgr. Brady asked Catherine Stadtmiller, recently widowed, to assume the job of housekeeper. Called "Little Mother" by Bishop Connare, Mrs. Stadtmiller remained at her job until 1967 when Msgr. Brady was made pastor emeritus. Another long-term employee of the parish was Albert Stadtmiller, caretaker of St. Bernard Cemetery.

Parish life at St. Bernard's in the 1950s and 1960s continued as usual with youth activities such as basketball and football. A recreational center was built next to the rectory.

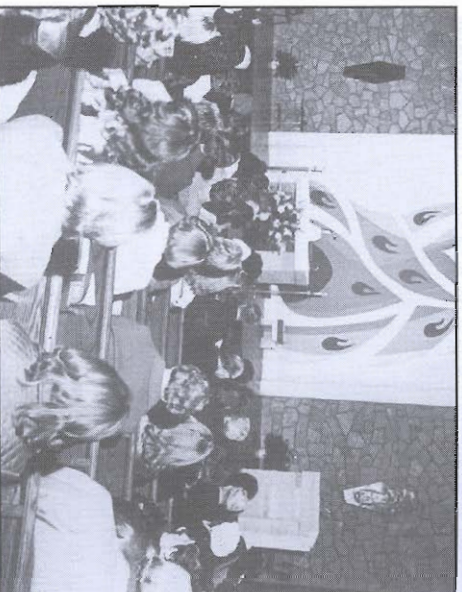
During the pastorship of Msgr. Brady, several energetic men of the parish (Kenneth Milner, Joseph Setlock, Joseph Yackuboskey, Tom Medvide, Richard Rinkus, David Smeltzer) along with Catholic youth, constructed the lodge. It took three years for the building to be completed as most of the work to construct it was through the generosity and time of parish members. The lodge, completed in late 1969, has been used by the entire parish for retreats, meetings, and socials.

In the late 1950s the needs of the Catholic students at Indiana State College were also addressed. A Newman Center was opened in the old macaroni factory on the edge of campus. In 1968, St. Thomas More Parish was built for students and faculty of IUP.

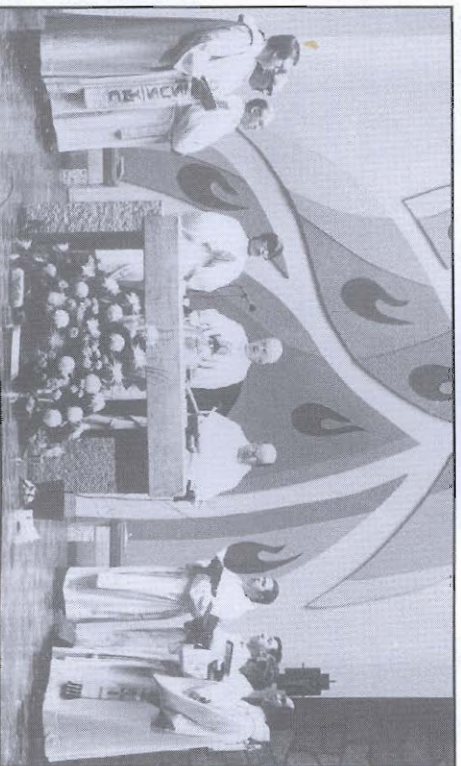
In April, 1965, services in St. Bernard's Church literally came crashing to a halt. Several bricks had fallen from the steeple. Church services were moved to the recreation center next door until the problem could be repaired. After studying the situation, L & D Construction brought in a 200-foot boom to repair the masonry. Fears that the steeple would have to be removed were quickly eased. The masonry was repaired, and the louvered windows on the steeple were removed and replaced with single louvers on each of the four sides.

Msgr. Brady died on December 4, 1969 and was buried beside the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. His successor was Fr. Louis Doychak, an native of Munhall.

Monsignor Louis W. Doychak
August 14, 1916 - May 21, 1987
Ordained Priest - June 14, 1942



**First Mass at
St. Bernard
of Clairvaux
November 25, 1978**



Dedication Mass

A formal dedication of St. Bernard of Clairvaux occurred on April 22, 1979. Participating in the liturgy with the Most Reverend William G. Connare, Bishop of Greensburg, were from left to right, the Reverends James Byers, Leo Sullivan, Jules Stetunovsky, Thaddeus J. Kaczmarek, Bishop Connare, Louis W. Doychak, Dennis Sheehy, Nicholas Trongo, Angelo Cufioletti, and William Ratgeb.

MONSIGNOR DOYCHAK

Fr. Doychak was a graduate of Duquesne University and St. Vincent Seminary. Ordained in 1942 by Bishop Boyle, Fr. Doychak served as an assistant in Pitsburgh, Ambridge, Ford City, and Connellsville. In 1953, he received his first pastorate at Starford, followed by Yukon and then Derry. In 1967, he was named administrator of St. Bernard's and then pastor in 1969. He was elevated to monsignor in 1971. It was during the tenure of Msgr. Doychak that the St. Bernard Parish made its most radical move.

ST. BERNARD PARISH CLIMBS THE HILL

During the 1970s much discussion was taking place in the parish about the need to replace the aging church. A survey was sent to the members of the parish to seek their opinions of whether to build a new church, a mission church on property on the west side of Indiana, or to repair the old church. An overwhelming majority wanted the church to remain on Fifth Street, but the decision was made to build a new church on the hill above the cemetery.

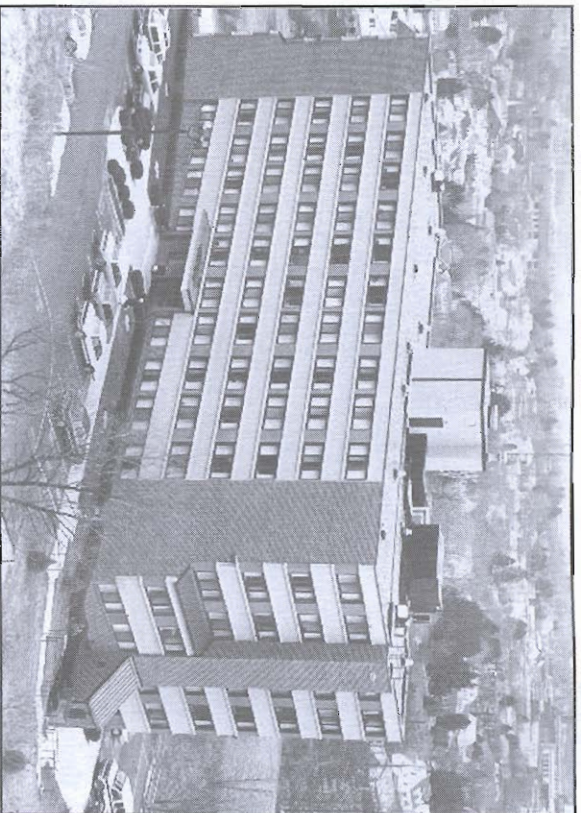
A building fund drive, headed by E. James Trimarchi, raised over \$400,000 in January, 1976. Site construction was done by A. F. Morrau and Company in June, 1977. The limestone-encased church was designed by Frank Pavilga. Prevarnick Brothers Builders was the general contractor.

The first mass at the new church (now renamed St. Bernard of Clairvaux) was celebrated by Msgr. Doychak and Fr. Thaddeus Kaczmarek on November 25, 1978. A formal dedication followed on April 22, 1979. The cornerstone was blessed by the Most Reverend William G. Connare, Bishop of Greensburg. The dedication mass was concelebrated by Bishop Connare, Msgr. Doychak, and Fr. Kaczmarek. Assisting were Frs. Angelo Cuffioletti, William Rathgeb, James Byers, Dennis Sheehy, Nicholas Trongo, Leo Sullivan, and Jules Stefurosky. Master of Ceremonies was Msgr. Thomas Klinzing.

Participating in the procession were the church council, school staff and Knights of Columbus. Music was provided by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Cosima Mauro; accompanist was Ms. Carolyn Viola. A brass ensemble of Indiana High School students also played for the Mass.

An era of history came down with a few swings of Kovalchick Salvage Company's wrecking ball on May 31, 1979. The old St. Bernard Church became nothing more than a memory and a parking lot.

Construction activity did not end with the new church. Members of the Parent-



Clairvaux Commons
Clairvaux Drive



Sister Ada McMahan, CSJ



Sister Eileen Machanese, CSJ

Msgr. Robert J. Shuda

Msgr. Shuda became Administrator of St. Bernard of Clairvaux on March 25, 1987 and on May 25, 1987 became Pastor until his transfer on January 24, 1994.



Teachers Guild wanted a new school built near the new church. Many felt that the old school on Fifth Street was too isolated from the rest of the parish. But before a new school was constructed, another parish-related structure began to rise: Clairvaux Commons.

In response to a need for quality senior citizen housing in the area, at the invitation of Most Rev. William G. Conner, DD, and Most Rev. Norbert Gaughan, DD, the planning for this venture began. On October 2, 1982 a formal presentation of the loan allocation for Clairvaux Commons was made to Monsignor Doychak and the Board of Directors by Congressman Eugene Atkinson. Groundbreaking was on July 16, 1983.

Clairvaux Commons, managed by Christian Housing, is a 6-story, 85unit high rise complex which opened in May, 1984. While the building is situated close to St. Bernard of Clairvaux on Clairvaux Drive, Clairvaux Commons is a non-denominational complex. The managers of the complex were Sister Ann McManaman, HM and Sister Rosemary Murray, HM. Currently, Sister Ada McMahan, CSJ and Sister Eileen Machanese, CSJ manage the facility.

The residents man the reception desk, have monthly meetings, plan and hold parties, celebrations, picnics, play table games in the large lounge room, and participate in craft projects. Bus transportation is available for shopping or trips to town. There is truly a spirit of togetherness at Clairvaux Commons.

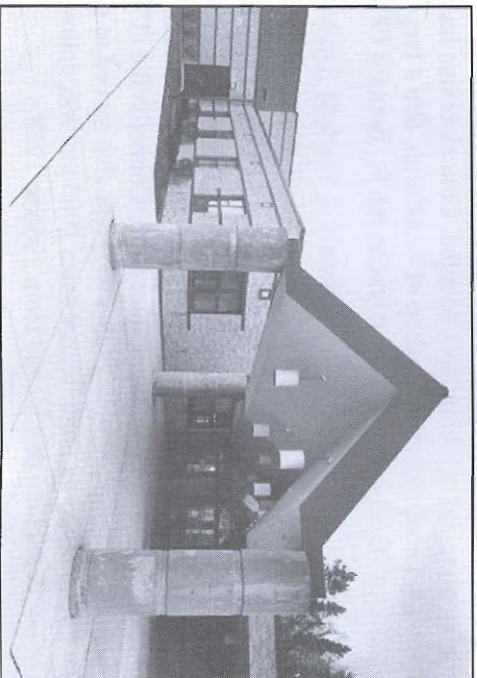
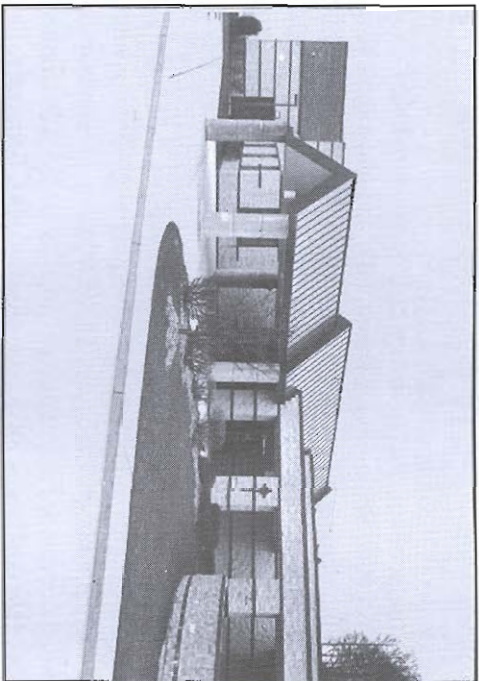
The idea of a new school was still simmering when Msgr. Doychak was taken seriously ill. During his absence the parish was administered for a brief period by Fr. Joseph Traynor. On March 25, 1987, Msgr. Robert Shuda, former diocesan head of education (1968-1978), was appointed administrator of the parish.

Msgr. Doychak died on May 21, 1987, and his funeral Mass was celebrated on May 25th with Bishop William G. Conner, retired bishop and diocesan administrator, as principal celebrant and homilist. Concelebrants included Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, retired bishop of Pitsburgh, and a large number of priests. Msgr. Doychak's body was laid to rest in the St. Bernard Cemetery.

MONSIGNOR SHUDA

Msgr. Shuda became pastor on May 25th, the day of Msgr. Doychak's funeral. Born October 25, 1931 in Mount Carmel, Msgr. Shuda was ordained May 23, 1959 by the late Bishop Hugh Lamb. Prior to arriving at St. Bernard's, Msgr. Shuda served as pastor at Immaculate Conception, Connellsville (1978-1893) and Immaculate Conception, Irwin (1983-1987). He also served as principal of Greensburg Central Catholic High School from 1963 to 1966, followed by a fellowship at the University of Chicago from 1966 to 1968.

THE LEARNING CENTER, DEDICATED ON 8/20/1990, located on Clairvaux Drive, replaced the St. Bernard School.



Plans for a new school began inching ahead. Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, installed as the third bishop of Greensburg on June 30, 1987, was agreeable to the construction of a learning center.

Ground was broken on August 17, 1989 with 200 people in attendance. A fund-raising drive generated \$950,000 toward the estimated costs of \$2.5 million. The school, designed by Indovina Associates of Pitsburgh, has seven classrooms, a library, adult education room, all-purpose room, offices, and storage. The general contractor was Morgan Landau Corporation of Wexford.

The learning center, north of the church, is 25,000 square feet and encased in white stone enhanced with red bricks and green trim. The Romanesque portico of the old St. Bernard School was reinstalled in the foyer of the new school. For the Sisters of St. Joseph, a new convent was purchased on Coolspring Road, close to the new school. The old school property was sold to the Savings and Trust Bank. The old convent was torn down, and the school building was converted into S & T's maintenance headquarters. The Recreation Center on Fifth Street was sold to a private individual.

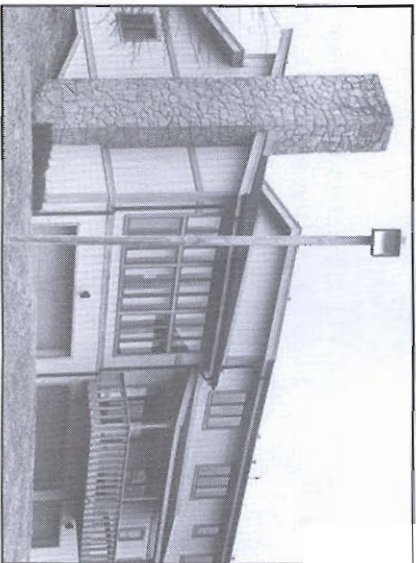
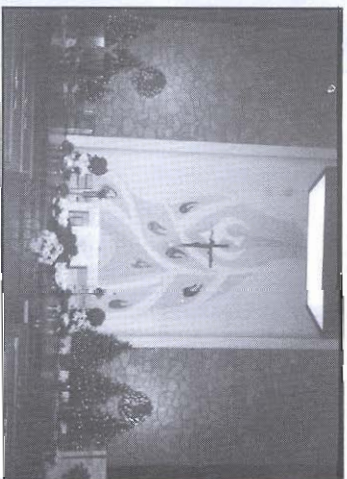
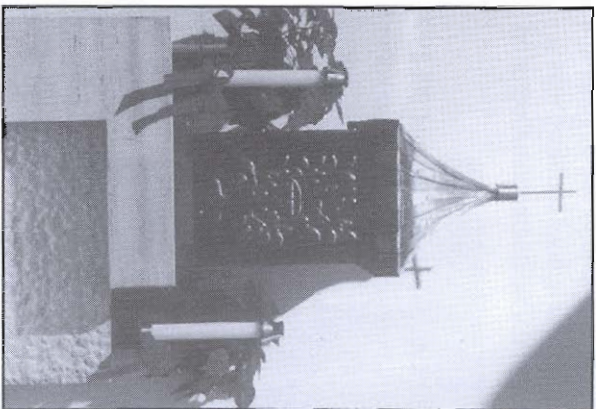
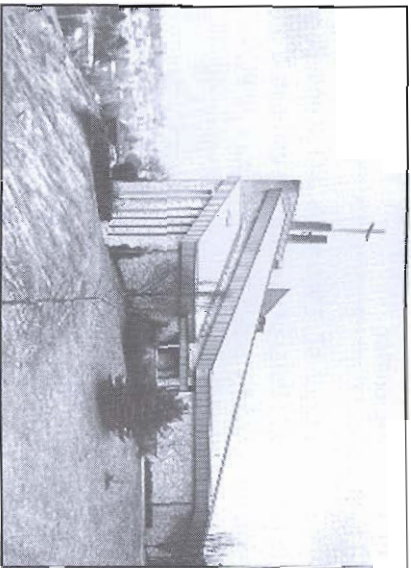
Dedication of the St. Bernard Learning Center was held on August 20, 1990, the feast day of St. Bernard. An overflow crowd met in the all purpose room for the dedication which was presided over by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco. Special honored guests were Lillian Adami, a student in 1930, and Sr. Estelle Richard, first grade teacher in 1930.

Since 1990, the enrollment has remained fairly steady at 150. With the closing of other Catholic schools in the county, St. Bernard School is now the only Catholic school in operation in Indiana County. In addition to the new school, the biggest change was the move to a lay principal. Sister Diane Cawley resigned as principal in the summer of 1993 and was replaced by Mrs. Deborah Elliott. Thus ended a sixty-three year working relationship between St. Bernard School and the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sr. Lyn Szymkiewicz, Director of Religious Education, left in the summer of 1995.

Major changes in parish personnel came in rapid succession in the 1990s. The ever popular parochial vicar, Fr. Joseph Traynor, received his first pastorate. Fortunately for the people of St. Bernard's, his assignment was only six miles down the road at Assumption Church in Ernest. His replacement was Fr. John Moineau, a well-loved and energetic priest who at 6'7" stood out in any crowd. In spite of all the personnel changes in the 1990s, there was one person who kept the rectory running smoothly, long-time housekeeper Donna Houck.

In a surprise move from the Chancery in January, 1994, Msgr. Shuda was appointed rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Msgr. Shuda

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



broke ranks with a St. Bernard's tradition by becoming the first pastor in this century to leave St. Bernard Church without the assistance of pallbearers.

MONSIGNOR CHARNOKI

Replacing Msgr. Shuda was Msgr. William Charnoki, former pastor of Holy Family Parish in Latrobe, who assumed his pastorate on January 24, 1994. A native of Nemaquin, Pa., Msgr. Charnoki is the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Ondrish) Charnoki. He was ordained by Bishop William G. Connare on May 15, 1965. Before arriving at St. Bernard's, Msgr. Charnoki held pastorates at Calumet, Export, and Latrobe. In addition, he has served as judicial vicar for the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal, vicar for religious, diocesan consultant, assistant chancellor, and secretary to Bishop Connare.

Since arriving at St. Bernard Parish, Msgr. Charnoki made some changes in the Church: installing a crucifix above the altar; replacing the two metal plaques depicting the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph with two wood carved statues, one depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary and the other St. Joseph holding the small child Jesus; installing a shrine of the Sacred Heart in memory of Monsignors Brady and Doychak, and all deceased priests, religious, and laity of St. Bernard Parish; updating the sound system; and repairing the pews. The most dramatic change came about when the brightly-colored reredos was toned down considerably with the use of softer colors. Religious and social events were added to the parish calendar: including a festive St. Joseph Day celebration, parish and school dinners, an enlarged annual parish festival, and a Eucharistic Day celebration.

In August, 1994, Msgr. Charnoki was privileged to receive a three-month sabbatical to study in Rome. While there, he also had an opportunity to travel to the Holy Land and had an audience with Pope John Paul II. He returned on Thanksgiving eve armed with a Papal Blessing for the parish. In observance of Msgr. Charnoki's 30th anniversary of ordination, parishioners donated and installed an outdoor shrine to the Holy Family (May 15, 1995).

On June 12, 1995, Bishop William G. Connare died in retirement. Msgr. Charnoki was privileged to deliver the homily at the funeral vigil on June 15th.

In October of 1995, Mrs. Lucinda Copeland replaced Mrs. Deborah Elliott as school principal. With her encouragement and support, a pre-school program was initiated at St. Bernard School.

St. Bernard Parish is also honored to have the first permanent deacon functioning in the Diocese. Mr. Lee Cochran, a technical trainee instructor for



Msgr. Charnoki and Fr. Sivason
Shrine of the Holy Family in background



St. Bernard of Clairvaux Rectory

Babcock and Wilcox, was ordained deacon for the Diocese of Austin, Texas in June of 1995. He assumed his position here in November, 1995. Lee and his wife, Jean, have been married 32 years and are the parents of two daughters.

On June 25, 1996, Fr. John Moineau was transferred as parochial vicar to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville. He was replaced by Fr. Paul Stivason, a native of Ford City. Prior to his assignment here, Fr. Paul served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg and at Mt. St. Peter Parish, New Kensington. He was the first priest ordained by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco for the Greensburg Diocese. Fr. Paul and Msgr. Charnoki met in 1978 through a mutual friend, the late Fr. James G. Joyce. As a seminarian, Fr. Paul served with Msgr. Charnoki in Latrobe during the summer of 1987. This long association helped create a happy working relationship between them.

An unforgettable Parish Renewal, conducted by Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM, Cap, was held from November 2 to 7, 1996 to a packed church, including many of our Protestant sisters and brothers. This Renewal will go down in the annals of the parish as an outstanding spiritual event in the life of this parish and community.

In 1997, the parish's 150th Jubilee Year is being highlighted with a Concelebrated Mass at noon on Sunday, June 29th, with Bishop Anthony G. Bosco as principal celebrant and homilist. Concelebrants will include Archbishop Douglas Nowicki, OSB, representing St. Vincent Archabbey; Msgr. Robert Shuda, only living former pastor; former parochial vicars; Msgr. Charnoki, the present pastor; and Fr. Paul Stivason, the present parochial vicar. June 29th also marks Bishop Bosco's 10th anniversary as third Bishop of Greensburg. In conjunction with the jubilee celebration, Bishop Bosco will bless an outdoor shrine to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, featuring a 5-ft. marble statue carved in Italy and donated by several families from the parish.

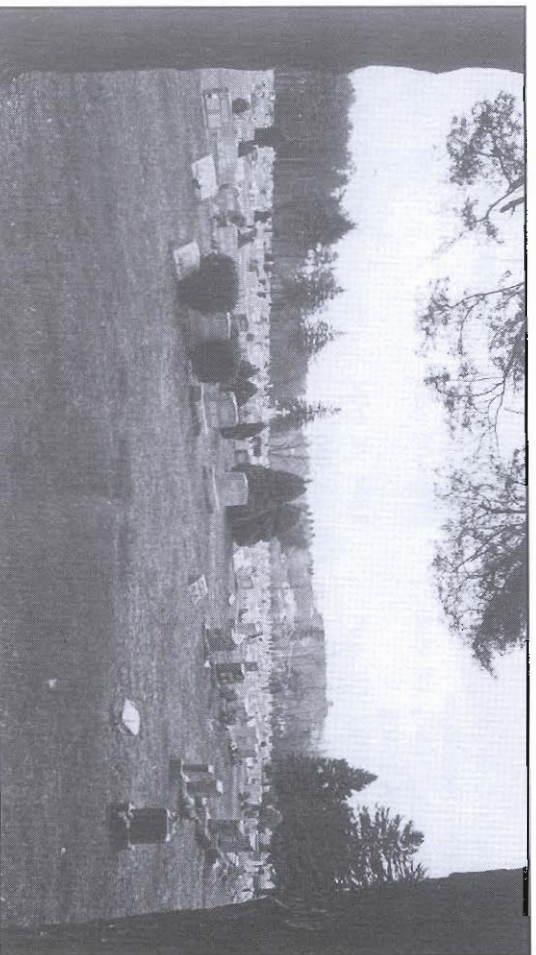
NOTE: Research on the early history of St. Bernard Parish was done as an independent study project in 1978 by former IUP student, Steven D. Arbogast, a native of Sunbury, Pa. The history has been edited, modified with extensive additional research, and updated by Denise Weber. Assistance in writing to date was given by Msgr. William G. Charnoki and Connie Stewart.

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX
Indiana, Pennsylvania
1847-1997

PASTORS	Date Assigned	Date Transferred
Fr. Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B. (Later became Archabbot)	July 18, 1847	Feb. 25, 1849
Fr. Nicholas Staber	Mar. 25, 1849	Aug. 18, 1850
Fr. Maurs Zacherl, O.S.B.	Dec. 12, 1851	May 12, 1852
Fr. Lambert		
Fr. Jerome Wohlfarth, O.S.B.	Sept. 19, 1852	Mar. 16, 1853
Fr. Ildefonse Boeld, O.S.B.	Aug. 22, 1853	Nov. 15, 1853
Fr. Celestine Engelbrecht, O.S.B.	July 3, 1854	June 12, 1855
Fr. Valentine Felder, O.S.B.	Aug. 1854	Sept. 12, 1855
Fr. Alto Hoermann, O.S.B.	Dec. 8, 1855	May 12, 1856
Fr. Ulrich Spoettl, O.S.B.	Sept. 7, 1856	June 4, 1857
Fr. Magnus Mayer, O.S.B.	Nov. 16, 1857	July 7, 1860
Fr. Ferdinand Wolf, O.S.B.	May 17, 1861	Sept. 22, 1863
Fr. Utto Huber, O.S.B.	July 26, 1864	Sept. 16, 1871
Fr. Leander Schnerr, O.S.B. (Later became Archabbot)	Sept. 27, 1875	May 25, 1876
Fr. George P. Almann	June 11, 1876	Sept. 19, 1884
Fr. Andrew J. Brown	Jan. 5, 1885	May 3, 1885
Fr. M. Stager	Oct. 16, 1885	Sept. 17, 1887
Fr. Adam F. Tonner	Oct. 16, 1887	Dec. 3, 1890

PASTORS

	Date Assigned	Date Transferred
Fr. Thomas Kirner	Mar. 15, 1891	Aug. 30, 1896
Fr. Daniel Rutters	Sept. 12, 1896	Aug. 8, 1897
Fr. Patrick J. Vereker	Nov. 14, 1897	Mar. 12, 1898
Fr. Neil P. McNelis Deceased 2/08/33	Mar. 20, 1898	Mar. 20, 1932
Msgr. James Brady Deceased 12/04/69	Oct. 9, 1920 (Assistant Pastor) Mar. 20, 1932 (Pastor)	Mar. 20, 1932 Dec. 4, 1969
Msgr. Louis W. Doychak Deceased 5/21/87	June 20, 1967 Adm. Dec. 5, 1969	May 21, 1987
Msgr. Robert J. Shuda Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Greensburg, PA 15601	Mar. 25, 1987 Adm. May 25, 1987	Jan. 24, 1994
Msgr. William G. Charnoki, V.F., J.C.L. St. Bernard of Clairvaux Indiana, PA 15701	Jan. 24, 1994	



St. Bernard Cemetery
Oak Street Extension

ASSISTANT PASTORS	Date Assigned	Date Transferred
Ft. Emejio Fari	Mar. 23, 1907	Oct. 29, 1910
Ft. Francis Pearns	Aug. 22, 1909	Jan. 17, 1913
Ft. F. Vieczorek	Feb. 6, 1910	May 7, 1910
Ft. Edward Dewell	Mar. 29, 1914	Feb. 22, 1917
Ft. Edward Zauner	July 7, 1917	Nov. 4, 1918
Ft. Michael J. Barry	Mar. 6, 1919	Sept. 11, 1920
Ft. Casmir Orlemanski	July 24, 1921	Dec. 28, 1921
Ft. William T. Mullen	Oct. 22, 1933	Mar. 18, 1945
Ft. Edward H. Hoppel	Apr. 15, 1945	Oct. 28, 1945
Ft. Joseph A. Nee	Dec. 30, 1945	Mar. 6, 1947
Ft. Ignatius A. Koller	Mar. 23, 1947	Nov. 18, 1950
Ft. Carl P. Milano	Dec. 3, 1950	Jan. 11, 1953
Ft. Francis M. Lesniak	Jan. 18, 1953	May 15, 1953
Ft. Fabian G. Oris Retired-Priv. Residence 133 Walnut St. Uniontown, PA 15401	May 31, 1953	Jan. 23, 1955
Ft. James R. Miller Deceased	Feb. 13, 1955	June 5, 1962
Ft. William K. Sheridan	Aug. 10, 1958	Aug. 17, 1959
Msgr. Joseph A. DeAndrea Rome, Italy	Aug. 30, 1959	June 3, 1962

ASSISTANT PASTORS

	Date Assigned	Date Transferred
Fr. Jerome M. Weiksner Retired West Hills Dr., Apt. F22 Greensburg, PA 15601	June 1962 June 20, 1963	June 20, 1963 Chaplain to Newman Center
Fr. Frank R. Ferrara Deceased	Aug. 9, 1963	June 3, 1965
Fr. Lawrence R. Kiniry V. F. Pastor Our Lady of Grace Greensburg, PA 15601	June 3, 1965	June 25, 1968
Fr. Dennis E. Sheehy Pastor Seven Dolors Yukon, PA 15698	June 25, 1968	May 24, 1973
Fr. V. Paul Fitzmaurice Pastor St. Barbara Harrison City, PA 15636	May 24, 1973	May 25, 1976
Fr. Thaddeus J. Kaczmarek Pastor St. Mary of Czestochowa New Kensington, PA 15068	May 25, 1976	May 26, 1981
Fr. Andrew J. Shal	May 30, 1979	July 30, 1981
Fr. James M. Goldberg Pastor St. Louis Lucenemines, PA 15754	May 26, 1981	Nov. 21, 1985
Fr. Terry A. Hercik Pastor St. Mary Ford City, PA 16226	Nov. 12, 1985	July 15, 1986

ASSISTANT PASTORS

	Date Assigned	Date Transferred
Fr. Joseph P. Traynor Parochial Vicar Church of the Resurrection Clymer, PA 15728	July 15, 1986	June 18, 1992
Fr. John A. Moineau Parochial Vicar Mother of Sorrows Murrysville, PA 15668	June 18, 1992	June 25, 1996
Fr. Paul R. Stivason St. Bernard of Clairvaux Indiana, PA 15701	June 25, 1996	

PARISHIONERS WHO BECAME PRIESTS

Fr. Herbert J. Cost
Deceased

Fr. John Strittmatter
Pastor
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Middelburg Cape, South Africa

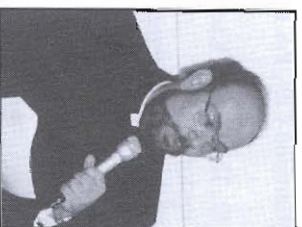
Fr. Joseph Lombardo
Pastor
Our Lady of the Valley
Green Valley, Arizona

Fr. Ben Babula
Diocese of Greensburg

Fr. David O. Bonarrigo
Pastor
St. Joseph Church
Herndon, VA



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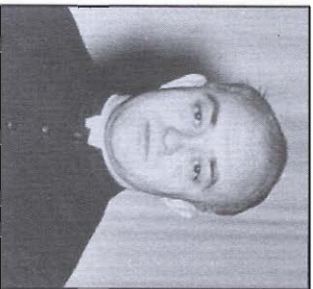
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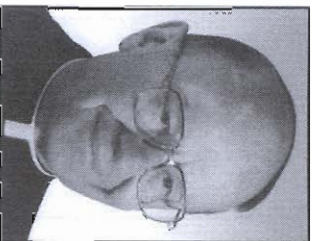
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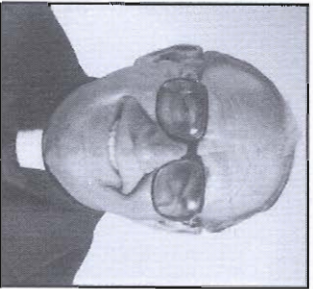
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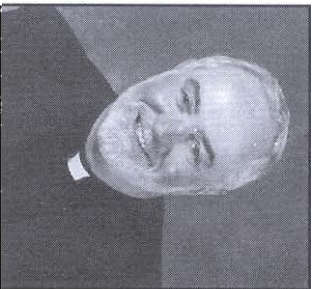
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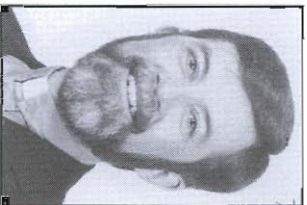


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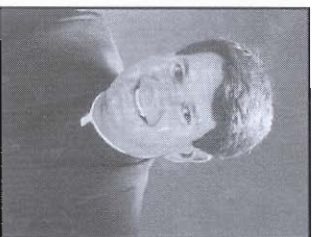
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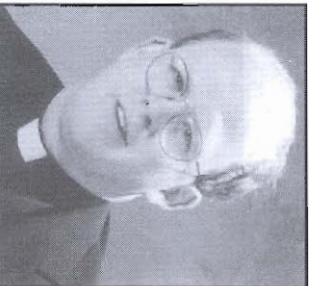


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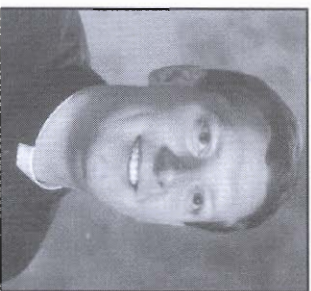


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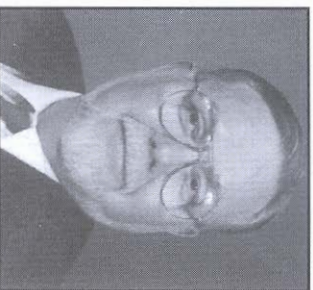


Fr. Joseph Traynor



Fr. John A. Moineau

PERMANENT DEACON



Deacon Lee Cochran

SISTERS WHO SERVED AT ST. BERNARD

<p>Sr. Frances Rooney 1805 Belasco Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15216-3501</p>	1957-58
<p>Sr. Louis Mary Scherer Sr. Mary Grace O'Hara Mildred Boeh (Illephonse) 1810 Belasco Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15216-3501</p>	1964-70 1978-79 1938-39
<p>Sr. Rose Angela Goss Sr. Dolorosa Kleinman St. Bernard Convent 315 Washington Road Pittsburgh, PA 15216-1697</p>	1939-43 1949-51
<p>Sr. Francis deSales Hock 415 Melrose Avenue Ambridge, PA 15003</p>	1949-50
<p>Sr. Barbara Ann Balog Sr. Eileen Currie (Kieran) Alexis Manor 10100 Old Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090-9321</p>	1961 -64 1953-55
<p>Sr. Winifred Reddington 4805 S. Emblem Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15236-2123</p>	1955-59
<p>Sr. Loretta Krall (Bernarda) Lwanga House 2915 Webster Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4298</p>	1958-63
<p>Sr. Rita Corrigan (Bernard) St. Mary Convent 348 N. Water Street Kitanning, PA 16201-1397</p>	1961-64
<p>Sr. Janet Mock St. Charles Lwanga Convent 108 Madonna Street Pittsburgh, PA 15221 - 1044</p>	1959-60

Sr. Margaret Ann Parrish 2008 Erie Street #204 Adelphi, MD 20783	1960-61
Sr. Faith Hepp Sr. Sue Ann Orange 1016 Dale Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15220-2844	1967-68 1964-66
Sr. Jeanne Solari 5914 Monument Avenue Richmond, VA 23226	1970-73
Sr. Dolores Ann Scholly St. Patrick Convent 617 Park Avenue Johnstown, PA 15902	1971-77
Sr. Elaine DiZinno 222 Orchard Place Pittsburgh, PA 15210-1697	1970-71
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston All Saints Convent 100 S. Washington St. Masonstown, PA 15461	1972-77
Sr. Stella Cronauer 403 Maryland Avenue Fairmont, WV 26554	1977-84
Sr. Caritas Marshall 721 Lincoln Club Drive #1609 Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5071	1977-79
Sr. Dolores Partsch 105 Hiatt Circle Iuka, MS 38852	1979-81
Sr. Anita Marie Zubay St. Joseph Convent 1129 Leishman Avenue New Kensington, PA 15068	1981-87
Sr. Mary Rosella Lacobovich 3480 Faxon Street Memphis, TN 38122	1984-87

Sr. Diane Cauley
Girls Hope
460 St. Joseph Way
Baden, PA 15005

1987-93

Sr. Genevieve Martineck
(Residence only)
315 South Cherry Street R.
Ebensburg, PA 15931-1912

1990-92

Sr. Lyn Szymkiewicz
St. Alphonsus Convent
201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090-8843

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1995-97

1994-97

SISTERS WHO TAUGHT AT ST. BERNARD NOW LIVING AT THE

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Baden, PA 15005-1342

Sr. Ann Catherine Todd	1946-47
Sr. Arlene Cassidy	1958-61
Sr. Consolata McGrath	1949-53
Sr. Dolores Montini (Francis Dominic)	1964-66
Sr. Jean Uzupis	1988-92
Sr. Margaret Frazer	1990-92
Sr. Margaret Wallace (Mary Robert)	1949-52
Sr. Marie Catherine Burns	1941-43
Sr. Marie Helene Monahan	1940-43
Sr. Mary Cecilia Cunningham	1946-47
Sr. Mary Conrad Rufer	1955-57
Sr. Mary Daniel Hogan	1944-46
Sr. Mary Louise Knorr (Angela)	1936-39
Sr. Mary Ralph Lambert	1954-55
Sr. Mary Urban Handt	1961-62
Sr. Olivia Bearer	1953-55
Sr. Rosanne Gaul	1966-67
Sr. Rosemarie Fitzpatrick	1963-66
Sr. St. Matthew Burger	1973-79

1952-53

DECEASED SISTERS WHO TAUGHT AT ST. BERNARD

Sr. Alma Byrne	1957-58
Sr. Amadeus Friel	1935-37
Sr. Anna Joseph Lane	1930-32
Sr. Assumpta Becker	1932-36
Sr. Barbara McGuire	1941-42
Sr. Chrysostom Haley	1939-41
Sr. Cletus McNally	1942-46
Sr. Consilii Conway	1956-57
Sr. Cosmos Alan	1934-38
Sr. Cyrilla Brown	1951-54
Sr. Daria Landers	1937-41
Sr. Davidica Winter	1951-54
Sr. DeLellis Gillooly	1930-32
Sr. DePaul Nebel	1932-34
Sr. DeRicci McElhenney	1966-68
Sr. Dolorita Casey	1933-35
Sr. Dominic Steele	1957-58
Sr. Elizabeth Steimmeyer	1949-58
Sr. Estelle Richard	1930-32
Sr. Etheldreda Sabina (Margaret)	1944-51
Sr. Francis Assisi Fennessey	1944-47
Sr. Francis Xavier George	1957-58
Sr. Gabriella Nee	1937-43
Sr. Gervase Manning	1936-42
Sr. Hilary Conrad	1933-35
Sr. Hyacinth Evans	1937-38
Sr. Imelda Finneran	1935-37
Sr. Jeanne Marie Griffith	1933-36
Sr. Joseph Catherine Roddey	1967-70
Sr. Laurentia Bradley	1932-34
Sr. Leonard Thomas	1971-73
Sr. Margaret Mary Stanley	1956-58
Sr. Marie Benedict Gorman	1944-52
Sr. Marie James O'Kane	1953-54
Sr. Maris Stella Beighley	1930-33
Sr. Mary Ann Biath	1958-61
Sr. Mary Bernard Toomey	1932-35
Sr. Mary Cecil Stoltz	1930-32
Sr. Mary Donald Burns	1966-70
Sr. Mary Helen Kane	1936-39
Sr. Mary Hugh Stein	1964-66
Sr. Theodora Finnehan	1940-46
Sr. Winifred Smith	1935-37

SISTERS WHO ENTERED FROM ST. BERNARD

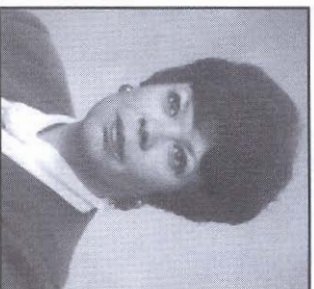
<u>Baptismal Name</u> (Deceased Members)	<u>Religious Name</u>	<u>Entrance</u>	<u>Death</u>
Clara Sweeney	Sr. M. Teresa	9-3-1875	10-28-1908
Edith Fafone	Sr. Joseph Angela	9-3-1931	12-23-1957
Carolyn Loria	Sr. Justin	9-4-1943	5-23-1991
Rita Ann Strittmatter	Sr. Rachel	9-8-1948	2-2-1990
(Surviving Members)			
Maxine Little	Sr. Maxine (Clarence)	9-8-1947	
Janice Vanderneck	Sr. Janice	9-8-1967	
Mary Parks	Sr. Mary	8-11-1996	



Sister Maxine Little



Sister Janice Vanderneck



Sister Mary Parks

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX ORGANIZATIONS

There are many opportunities at St. Bernard of Clairvaux to become an active member of the parish. Listed are the many activities and organizations available to the parishoners.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Offertory Gifts
- Reader (Lector)
- Special Ministers of the Eucharist
- Ushers and Greeters

PARISH OUTREACH

- Cards to Shut-Ins
- Child Care
- Parish Welcome Volunteers
- Social Concerns:
 - Elijah's Cupboard
 - Respect Life
 - St. Vincent DePaul

EVANGELIZATION

- Legion of Mary
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- Baptism Preparation
- Sacrament Preparation
- Sacramental Reconciliation
- Sacramental Confirmation and Eucharist

APOSTOLIC WORKS

- Coats for Kids
- Get Acquainted Dinner
- Grounds Beautification Committee
- Mercy Meal Committee
- Sacramental Celebrations

INTERPAROCHIAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
- Knights of Columbus
- Parish Council
- Vocations Club

MUSIC

Adult Choir/Organist
Funeral Choir

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

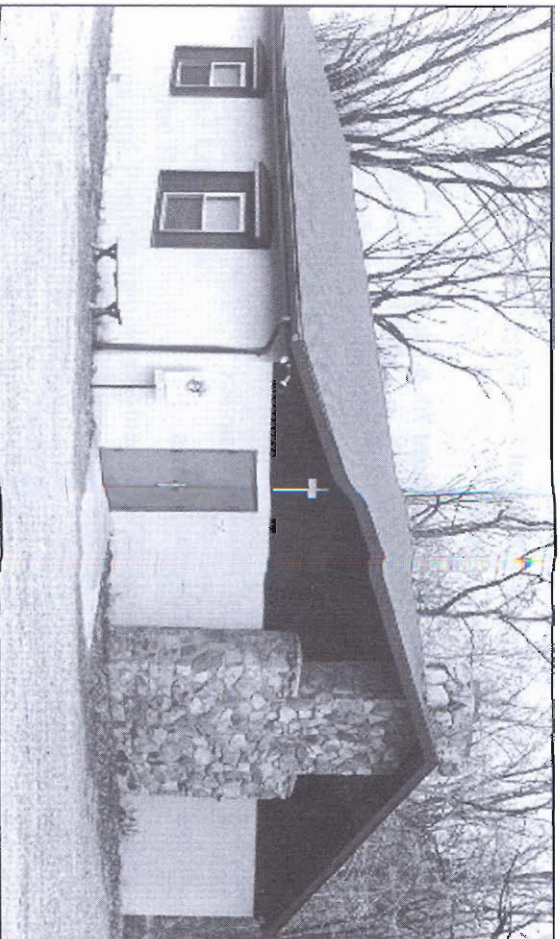
Elizabeth Ministry
Marian Movement of Priests
Prayer Links
St. Paul's Retreat

PARISH GATHERINGS/FUND RAISERS

Fall Festival
Fish Fry
Dinners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FORMATION

Blossom Group
Continuing Education/Formation Committee
Elementary Religious Formation Program
Generations Together
Indiana Catholic Youth Organization
Preschool Program
St. Bernard School Volunteer
Vacation Bible School



CYO Lodge

McNeilis Drive

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF ST. BERNARD PARISH

1847	First Church Founded in Indiana, PA
1861	First Parish School
9/28/1871	St. Bernard Church Dedicated
1875	First Parochial School
1876	Parish House Completed
1879	Parochial School Burned Down
1886	St. Bernard Church Burned Down
1887	Parochial School Burned Down
1890	“Old” St. Bernard Cemetery - E. Oak St.
1911	Knights of Columbus Branch 1481
6/23/1918	Catholic Daughters of Americas - St. Bernard Court #339
8/28/1930	Dedication of St. Bernard School (grades 1-6)
1931	St. Bernard School - 7th Grade Added
1932	St. Bernard School - 8th Grade Added
1933	St. Bernard School - First Graduating Class
10/10/1948	Cemetery Shrine Dedicated
1957	Regina Guild Formed (Now Parent-Teacher Guild)
1961	Addition to St. Bernard School
1968	St. Thomas More Parish
1968	St. Bernard School Discontinued 7th & 8th Grades
8/1969	CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Lodge
11/20/1978	Last Mass at St. Bernard Church (5th St.)
11/25/1978	First Mass at St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 7 P.M.
4/22/1979	Dedication of St. Bernard of Clairvaux
5/1984	Opening of Clairvaux Commons
1984	Kindergarten Added to St. Bernard School
8/20/1990	Dedication of Learning Center
1995	Preschool added to Learning Center
5/15/1995	Shrine to the Holy Family
6/29/1997	Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration of St. Bernard

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