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*St. Patrick Church at its second location, Hill and First, Mineral City.
(Photo by the late Msgr. C. Bennett Applegate)*

St. Patrick Church, Mineral City, Tuscarawas County 1881-1995

Mineral City in northern Tuscarawas County was laid out in 1853. It also was known as Mineral Point for many years, that being the official postal name. Clay and coal mined in the vicinity were used to make fire bricks. Other industries in the early days included planing mills and a foundry. Population was about one thousand by 1880.

St. Patrick's mission in Mineral City was organized by Rev. H. B. Dues, pastor of Canal Dover, in January, 1881. The leading men of the congregation in its early years were Patrick and Thomas Meagher, William Murray, and John Brick. They met in private homes until a church could be

built. Murray, a native of England, and Thomas Meagher, from Ireland, were farmers, but Brick, who came from Oldenburg, was a foreman in a coal mine. Another early member was Peter Hoy, an Irish native of West Virginia and a coal miner.

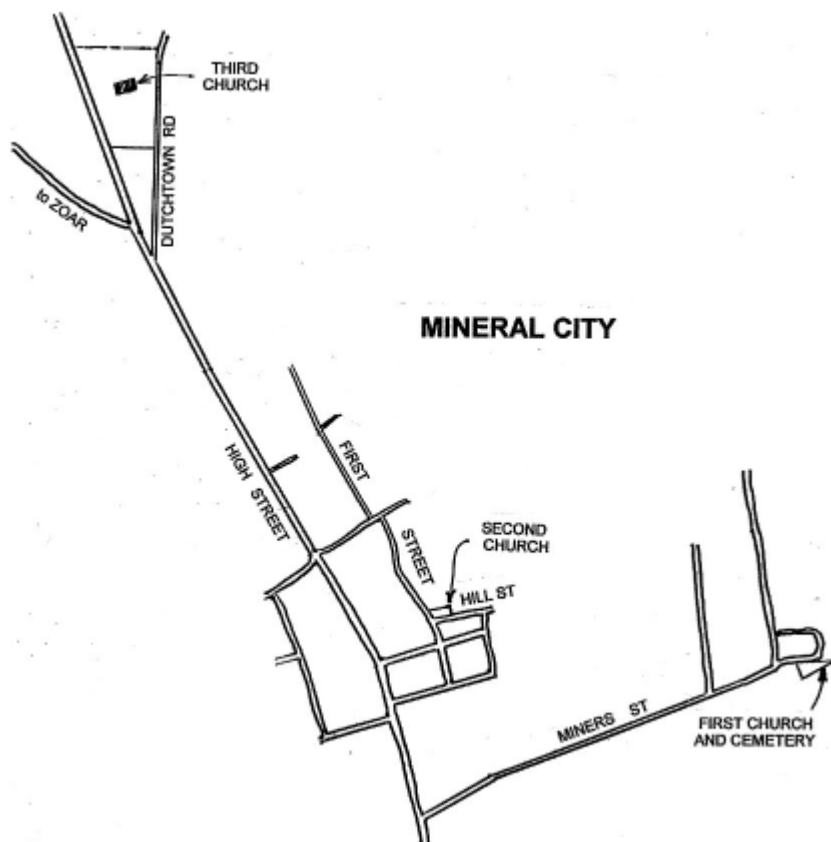
A 0.4 acre, triangular plot of land was purchased in Bishop Watterson's name on June 27, 1881. The site was over a quarter-mile east of the main part of town, between an alley and a railroad. Its high site no doubt was picturesque, but it is said the older folks had difficulty walking up the hill. The site measures 330 feet along and beyond the east-west alley and is 144 feet deep on the west end. St. Patrick

Cemetery still occupies the more level portion of the site. The purchase price was listed as \$75 but tradition states the land was donated by Thomas Meagher—no doubt he covered the cost for the congregation. Soon a small church was built and dedicated to God under the invocation of St. Patrick.

Father Walter Ross attended the mission from 1884 as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Dover and then as pastor of St. Stephen in Bolivar. In 1889 he moved to the pastorate of Immaculate Conception in Morges, Carroll County, and continued to care for St. Patrick's from that post until 1892. From 1892 until 1895 and from 1896 until December of 1907 Mineral City was attended by Rev. Edward Fladung, pastor at Malvern in Carroll County. During a short interim in 1895 and 1896 Father Thaddeus O'Sullivan of Morges was in charge.

Second Church Site

In November of 1900 Father Fladung purchased a site for a new church, one-quarter acre on the northeast corner of First and Hill Streets, just



northeast of the center of town. The lot measured 126 feet on Hill and 49 1/2 feet on First. Father Fladung transferred it to Bishop Moeller on September 25, 1901. The original church was dismantled and moved to this site. The *Catholic Columbian* of May 4, 1901 reported Father Fladung had been in Columbus to arrange with the bishop for the dedication of the church and the blessing of the bells at Mineral City. Bishop Moeller promised to be there on Saturday and Sunday the 20th and 21st. Accompanied by newly ordained Father Beagen, he was to leave Columbus at 8:50 Saturday morning via railroad to Urichsville and thence Canal Dover, depending on Father Heery of Dennison for this leg. At Dover they would board another train for Mineral City, arriving at 2:50 p.m. Father Beagen was to go on to meet Father Fladung at Malvern. However, the Bishop did not arrive. A great snow storm stopped the trains and Bishop Moeller was unable to get there.

The visitation was rescheduled for September of the same year. The *Carroll Chronicle* of Carrollton on August 23 announced that Bishop Moeller was to visit Mineral City on Sunday, September 1. He was to visit Morges on Monday for Confirmation and Malvern on Tuesday to confirm 40. However, smallpox had broken out in Morges and that visit was to be put off, with Malvern receiving him on Monday instead.¹ This time the dedication took place as scheduled, with a day full of services carried out by Bishop Moeller, Father Fladung, and Father McEachen of Columbus. Bishop Moeller offered Mass and a sermon at 8 a.m. At 10 a.m. Father Fladung offered high Mass and the bishop delivered another discourse. At 2 p.m. confirmation was administered

to twenty-nine, including four adult converts. Blessing of the church bell and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, to close the day's events.

St. Patrick remained under the care of the pastors of Malvern until 1924. These were Rev. Bernard P. Vogel until July, 1908; then Father Clement Teipe followed, who made many improvements in the little church. In September, 1912 he was succeeded by Rev. Otto P. Trogus. In August, 1916 his place was taken by Rev. Charles L. Walsh.

Beginning in 1924 the mission was attended from Carrollton, with Mass offered every Sunday. There were about a hundred members of the mission and they provided the majority of the support of the priest at Carrollton. The priests in this period were Fathers Anthony G. Nickel (1924-25), Francis Trettel (1925-31), and Noah Brunner (1931-44).

Carrollton became part of the new Diocese of Steubenville in late 1944 and when Bishop Ready arrived in Columbus in 1945 he asked the Capuchin provincial in Pittsburgh to have the church at Mineral City attended by the friars of St. Joseph Parish, Dover. This arrangement was not approved until 1948. Meanwhile, the church was attended by the priests of Immaculate Conception Parish, Dennison. Father Paul J. Bernier was pastor and was assisted by Father Peter Grabaskas. The latter related that on many Sundays he would offer the eight o'clock Mass at Dennison, drive to Midvale for the ten o'clock, and then to Mineral City for the noon Mass, observing the total fast before Communion the entire time. Rev. Louis E. Hoffman attended St. Patrick in 1945 and Rev. George J. Marzluff in 1948, both from Dennison.

Rev. Kenan Crowley, O.M.Cap., began visiting St. Patrick's in July of 1948 and is credited with starting a summer school there. On October 10, 1948 Rev. Vincent Lannguth O.M.Cap. was installed as pastor. The Capuchin fathers of Dover who followed him as pastors of St. Patrick were:

- Father Christopher Rengers, O.M.Cap., 1951-1959
- Rev. Casimir Debef, O.M.Cap., 1959-1960

- Rev. Felician Brookman, O.M.Cap., 1960-1965

- Rev. Ernest Horning, O.M.Cap., 1965-1976

- Rev. Andrew Hohman, O.M.Cap., 1976-1988

- Rev. Senan Glass, O.M.Cap., 1988-1993

- Rev. Jerome Dunn, O.M.Cap., 1993-1995

In the 1940s and 1950s the Capuchin Fathers had the Sisters of Divine Providence come to St. Patrick's on weekends to teach the children. This continued until the 1980s when lay people took over the task.

On May 11, 1953 Bishop Ready visited St. Patrick and administered Confirmation. The parish was looking for a new site and he visited property at the north end of town on Route 8, a 2 1/2 acre site with 600 foot frontage. The asking price was \$1,500. It was not thought to be ideal, "but there doesn't seem to be any ideal piece of property in the area." The land was steep on both sides of the town. The Bishop asked Father Ambrose Freund of New Philadelphia, to look into the matter. On his advice, Bishop Ready authorized purchase of the property in September, 1954. It is not clear whether or not this was part of the larger site that was purchased the next year.

Third Site

In July of 1955 a 3.7 acre site just north of the village limits on the east side of Route 8 (now 800) and abutting Dutchtown Road in the rear was purchased as a site for a new church from Louis and Genevieve Beucler. A shrine to the Blessed Virgin was completed there in 1961 by contractor Mr. Martinelli of New Philadelphia. By August 1966, plans were being made for building the church.

By the 1960s the local industries of strip- and deep-mining and tile pipe production, fixtures, and ceramic surfaces were declining. Many of the men were able to find work only in Canton, about seventeen miles away. There were about a dozen families across the nearby boundaries in the Steubenville and Youngstown dioceses who attended St. Patrick's because of its convenience to them. With them, the mission had about thirty families in 1968.



*St. Patrick Church at its third location, built in 1969.
(Photo courtesy of Catholic Times)*

Bishop Elwell's verbal approval to build a new church was obtained about September 18, 1968, with an estimated cost of about \$85,000. However, the bishop insisted that a committee of parishioners formally request his approval. A letter dated September 22, 1968 conveyed the request, signed by Lester C. Houze, Nicholas M. Ferry Jr., Louis Beucler, Eugene A. Artento, Augustine G. Manella, L. J. Kwasnicka, and Emil V. Tolfo Jr. Official permission to build was granted on October 3 and permission to borrow \$40,000 was granted on December 24.

Ground was broken on December 3, 1968² and the church was ready for blessing in November. The church had a brick exterior and a painted concrete block interior. The roof was supported by structural steel arches. The floor was of poured concrete with steel bar joists. The sanctuary was carpeted and the remainder of the flooring was asbestos tile. The altar, communion rail, and pews, seating 200, were of oak. Statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Patrick from the old church were placed in the new edifice. Plans were underway for stained glass windows. A priest's apartment consisting of living room, bed room, bathroom was attached to the sanctuary. Below the priest's quarters was a complete kitchen. The basement was a parish

hall, with ceramic tile wainscoting. The church was designed by Richard Fisher and general contractor was J. A. Raeder, Inc., of Dover. Its cost was \$91,000.

Bishop Elwell blessed the new church on Sunday, November 2. At the time there were thirty families on the rolls. The same day the Bishop confirmed 40 children and six adults. The family names of the children were Argento, Buecler, Crone, Ferry, Houze, Kwasnicka, Manella, Maurer, Obermiller, Oryszak, Pikna, Pirolozzi, Rininger, Solvey, Tolfo, Vesco, and Williams. The adults were named Abel, Laubacher, Mailat, Mardyla, Nemetz, and Seikel.

The former church site at First and Hill was sold to the Tuscarawas Valley School Board for \$500 in July of 1971.

The parish grew in numbers over the following years. Soon Father Hohman counted seventy families and offered Mass daily and three times on weekends. Summer attendance was swollen by summer visitors and tourists, especially from Atwood Lake. A 1993 report noted a Catholic population of 137 souls in the mission in 48 households, of whom seventy were registered and contributing members. Average Sunday Mass attendance was about one hundred. In 1995 the cemetery was expanded by

the purchase of a 0.188 acre rectangular plot on the south side, in the former railroad right-of-way.

Parish Consolidation

In October of 1993 the priests of the Tuscarawas-Holmes-Coshocton Vicariate, in consultation with Bishop Griffin, recommended that the three parishes of St. Stephen at Bolivar, St. Patrick at Mineral City, and St. Aloysius at Strasburg be merged. A new parish would be established between Bolivar and Zoar to serve the old parishes as well as the increasing number of Catholics in the Wilkshire Hills area, which in essence was a suburb of Canton. The recommendation was presented to the parishioners at a meeting of the vicariate Pastoral Council on September 14 and was to be presented at all masses the next weekend.²⁶ On May 18, 1995, Bishop Griffin issued a decree suppressing the three existing parishes and erecting the new Holy Trinity Parish, effective July 11. A new site just northeast of the village of Zoar, containing about 17 acres, became the site of the combined parish.

On Sunday, June 25, 1995, a farewell Mass for the Capuchin friars was offered at Mineral City by Bishop Griffin. Capuchin Fathers Jim Menkhus, Andrew Hohman, Senan Glass, and Jerome Dunn and Brother Bob Marva were present, along with Provincial Father Phil Fink, who gave the homily. The next week the final Mass was offered there as St. Patrick's Parish, followed by a farewell breakfast for Father Jerome.

St. Patrick and St. Stephen churches were used alternately for the new Holy Trinity Parish until August 12, 2001, when the new parish center was opened. The St. Patrick church and land were sold early in 2004. Holy Trinity Parish maintains the old cemetery.

A few religious vocations are known to have developed in Mineral City. Freda Summons became Sr. Mary Rosell, Sister of Notre Dame, and was stationed in India in 1966. Louise Kwasnicka became Sr. Monica Ann, of the Sisters of St. Augustine, and was stationed in Cleveland in 1966. Father Michael Casagram, a Trappist of Gethsemani, Kentucky, was ordained on May 23, 1982. And

Deacon Lyn Houze, who serves Holy Trinity Parish, was ordained on February 3, 2001.

NOTES

- 1) Special thanks to Suzanne Tozzi of Magnolia, Ohio for copies of the *Carroll Chronicle* articles related to the 1901 dedication.
- 2) *The Catholic Times* of Nov. 2, 1969 gave the groundbreaking date as January 3, 1968. The parish issued two news releases announcing the blessing of the church. One gave the groundbreaking date as January 3, 1968 and the other as December 3, 1968. (In January the parish did not yet have the bishop's permission to build.)

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St. Patrick Cemetery, Mineral City

The cemetery is found by driving east from High Street (State Route 800) on Miners Street, about 0.4 mile and continuing east on Linders Alley; the cemetery is on the right. The first St. Patrick Church must have stood on the eastern part of the present cemetery, where the burials date after 1904. Rows are numbered from west to east and stones read from north to south.

Row 1

EBERHART:

Rose Ann Nov. 7, 1907 - Sept. 9, 1975
Stephen W. Nov. 6, 1902 - Jan. 16, 1979

Row 2

George Pinter 1881-1967
Julia Pinter 1891-1944
(Papa) Fred Johns Fredricko Giannini July 29, 1890 - Feb. 13, 1940 Rest in Peace
(Mother) Mary Cirillo Shundry Nov. 24, 1932

Row 3

+ Luigi Argento 1883 - 1951
+ Jennaro Damante 1875-1929
(Father) Sam Bennici 1881 - 1955
JOHNS: (Mother) Carmel 1911 - 1937
(Father) Paul 1932 - 1937
Mary J. Findley Jan. 23, 1878 - Mar. 15, 1956
Daniel P. Findley Mar. 9, 1867 - Feb. 9, 1919

Row 4

(loose stone) + S. A. Mesi 1915 - 1915
Domenica Quartararo 1891 - 1910
A wooden cross
a GAR marker
James Murphy 1830 - 1898
Mary Murphy 1854 - 1901

Row 5

Donald son of L.A. & M. McDonald died Oct. 3, 1894, aged 1yr 6ms 22ds Safe in the arms of Jesus.
Gilbow Ella Arthur Baby

A small badly worn monument, probably the one read by the Tuscarawas County Genealogical Society as: W. Murray Died June 1890, aged 73Y ? M ? D

+ Walter S., son of Chas. E. & Mary A. Murray 1898 - 1924

+ Francis O., son of Chas. E. & Mary A. Murray 1904 - 1928

MURRAY: Charles E. 1868 - 1933

Mary A. 1867 - 1942

Arthur and Arden, sons of Arthur & Loretta Ferrell 1933

Row 6

Barbara Hughes died Mar. 11, 1885 aged 77 years RIP
John Brick Died June 13, 1889 (47 Years?)
Mary E. wife of John Brick June 24, 1839 - Jan. 27, 1913

Cletus J. Crum 1922 + 1931

CRONE:

William J. Sr. May 2, 1922 - June 8, 1994
Maxine C. Dec. 11, 1924 - Jan. 16, 2007
Mary E. Finkel Morgenstern 1888 - 1938
Andrea Marie daughter of Randy and Debra Manella May 26, 1978 - June 24, 1978
YOST: Barbara A. Oct. 28, 1950 + July 8, 1969
Christina A. Mar. 12, 1969 + July 5, 1969
Carl E. Feb. 10, 1948 + July 5, 1969
David Allen Manella Nov. 28, 1958 - Apr. 26, 1986

Row 7

LUDLAM:

Nancy J. Feb. 14, 1862 - May 26, 1937
Joseph Jan. 21, 1860 - July 16, 1931
Peter Hoy July 10, 1843 - Oct. 13, 1905
Anna his wife Aug. 16, 1840 - [blank]
Emmet P. Hoy Mar. 8, 1881 - Mar. 27, 1903
OLIVET: Benjamin C. 1869 - 1956
Mary V. 1869 - 1941
Rosa M. 1898 - 1909
Louise F. 1899 - 1924

Row 8
Beulah M. Lebold 1894 - 1915
(Father) John W. Welsh 1859 - 1930
Alice Welsh 1866 + 1941
+ Marie A. McVan 1908 - 1932
McVAN: Matilda Aug. 5, 1886 - Jan. 19, 1980
Bernard Feb. 7, 1886 - Jan. 22, 1969
James McVan 1861 - 1939

Row 9
Thomas Meagher, born in Ireland Sept. 18, 1823
Apr. 12, 1911 (footstone: Father)
Mary Domer his wife Feb. 6, 1833 - Nov. 30,
1908 (footstone; Mother)
+ GILBOW: Patrick 1850 - 1933
Martha 1866 - 1937

Row 10
Solvey monument (in front of the three children,
see below)

SOLVEY:
Josephine May 25, 1918 - June 13, 1982
Joseph V. May 1, 1917 - Dec. 25, 2003

footstone: Joseph V Solvey S SGT US ARMY
WORLD WAR II May 1 1917 + Dec 25
2003 Silver Star Purple Heart

Row 11
CASEY: Margaret F. 1876 - 1955
Thomas J. 1875 - 1967
Peter T. Lab 1887 + 1961
CRONE:

Marjorie A. July 31, 1902 - Mar. 28, 1999
Joseph M. June 5, 1898 - Mar. 17, 1963

NASTI: Mary 1895 - 1975
John 1891 - 1967

Mary Rose Solvey Mar. 11, 1951 Mar. 11,
1951

Judith Ann Solvey Mar. 22, 1947 - Dec. 25,
1948

James Lee Solvey Dec. 15, 1954 - Dec. 17,
1954

(Father) Frank Solvey 1880 - 1956

Coming in May: Baptismal records from St.
Patrick.

Baptisms in the Church of St. Peter the Apostle near Bolivar 1844-1867

(Continued, from Vol. XXXV, No. 2)

1861, continued

Aug. 11 Georg Adam, born July 28, son of
Georg Franz Franz from Curhessen and
Theresia Hornung from Baden; spon. Michael
Lunz and Catharina Franz. H. Fehlings

Aug. 11 Georg, born Aug. 1, son of Georg
Weigand from Curhessen and Maria Anna Bilz
from same; spon. Georg Purt and Gertruda
Huth. H. Fehlings

Sept. 22 Joseph, born Sept. 9, son of Joseph
Feist from Baden and Margaretha Koch from
Curhessen; spon. Joseph Kranz and Cath.
Kranz. H. Fehlings

1862

Jan. 21 Anna Maria, born Jan. 9, daughter of
Andreas Lunze from Württemberg and Cath.
Franz from Hessen; spon. Joseph Halucher

and M. A. Lutz. H. Fehlings

Jan. 23 Heinrich, born Jan. 13, son of Franz
Rieger from Prussia and Florentin Erb from
Curhessen; spon. H. Wegmann and Carolina
Erb. H. Fehlings

Jan. 26 Charl, born Jan. 22, son of Magnus
Wigand from Hessen and Rosina Lauer from
Baden; spon. Alexander Marks[?] and M.
Bieler. H. Fehlings

May 25 Maria Magd., born Apr. 26, daughter of
Christian Koch from Curhessen and Cath.
Geisel from same; spon. Adam Geisel an
Maria Frank. H. Fehlings

June 22 Johanna, born Feb. 14, 1861[?], daugh-
ter of Jacob Mayer from Ireland and Maria
Domer from U.S.; spon. J. T. Labe and Emilia
Laurer. H. Fehlings

Mar. 30 in Bolivar Maria Sophia, born Feb., daughter of R. Eckenmüller from Heggingen[?] and Elisabeth Tichtel from Baden; spons. Heinrich —tz[?] and Sophia [ditto]. H. Fehlings

Mar. 30 in Bolivar Maria Josephina, daughter of Joseph Henry from France and Josephin Pignerey from France; spons. A. Labbe and Josepha Henry. H. Fehlings

Mar. 30 in Bolivar M. Josephina, born Feb. 6, daughter of Alexander Magnus from France and Sophia Pignerey from France; spons. Sebastian Henry and Josephin Magnus. H. Fehlings

Oct. 5 Margaretha, born Oct. 19, daughter of Heinrich Wegmann from Bavaria and Carlina Erb from U.S.; spons. Marg. Erb and Ludwig Hein.

Sept. 7 Maria Magdalena, born Sept. 4, daughter of Joseph Kohl and Maria Zapf; spons. Maria Sophia Sterl [Streb?]. P. Luhr

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1863

Feb. 12 Joh. Adam, born Nov. 15, son of Christian Aul from Curhessen and Gertruda [Lein?] from same; spons Adam Aul and Sophia Antony. H. Fehlings

Feb. 12 Elisabeth, born Feb. 8, daughter of Wend. Hambach from Curhessen and Marg. Durr from same; spons. Henry Wegman and Cath. Erb. H. Fehlings

Feb. 25 Andreas, born Jan. 22, son of Andreas Weigand from Hessen and Eva Franz from Hessen; spons. Conrad Zeiger and Magd. Weigand. H. Fehlings

Feb. 25 Elisabeth. Cath., born Jan. 15, daughter of Johann Vengt from Würtenberg and Susanna Franz from Hessen; spons. Michael Lunzel[?] and Elisabeth Franz. H. Fehlings

Father Heimo was not consistent in the forms of names he wrote, so English transcriptions will be used here.

Mar. 17 Catherine, born Mar. 2, daughter of Jos. Feist from Baden and Margt. Koch from Hessen; spons. Conrad Koch and Catherine

Koch. Jos. Antony Heimo

Apr. 12 Christian, born Apr. 10, son of Adam Aull and Elizabeth Krysky; spons. Christian Aull and Gertrude Geb? same

Nov. 12 Leonard, born Oct. 13, son of Caspar Heim from Hessen and Regina Erb; spons. Leonard Erb and Regina Hambach. same [same day?] Regina Justina, born Oct. 27, daughter of Nicholas Franz and Justina Erb from Curhessen; spons. Louis Heim and Regina Hambach. same

Nov. 11 [sic] Sebast. Martin, born Nov. 14, son of Adam Neuman and Christina Oestrich; spons. Sebastian Neuman and Catherine Koch. same

Nov. 22 Louisa, born Oct. 11, daughter of Francis Marcot and Gabriel Drem; spons. Joseph Harlacher and Mary Lotz. same

Nov. 22 Sophia, born Oct. 22, daughter of Conrad Kunzman and Adelheid B-k—; spons. Henry Antoni and Sophia Antoni. same

Dec. 6 Ann Friderica, born Nov. 18, daughter of Adam Geisel and Kunigunda Heil; spons. Christian Franz and Ann Mary Franz. same

(To be concluded)

Corrections

We apologize for the gremlins that snuck into the Chronicle in the February issue and thank Father Shawn Corcoran for pointing them out. The two erroneous entries should have said:

Nov. 21 At St. Bernadette Church in Lancaster, Bishop Campbell ordained to the priesthood Deacon John M. Reade, former Episcopal priest.

Nov. 21 [Died] in Doylestown, O., Rev. John M. Gamba, age 93, a priest of the diocese since 1968 with service here from 1949 until retirement in 1985.

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