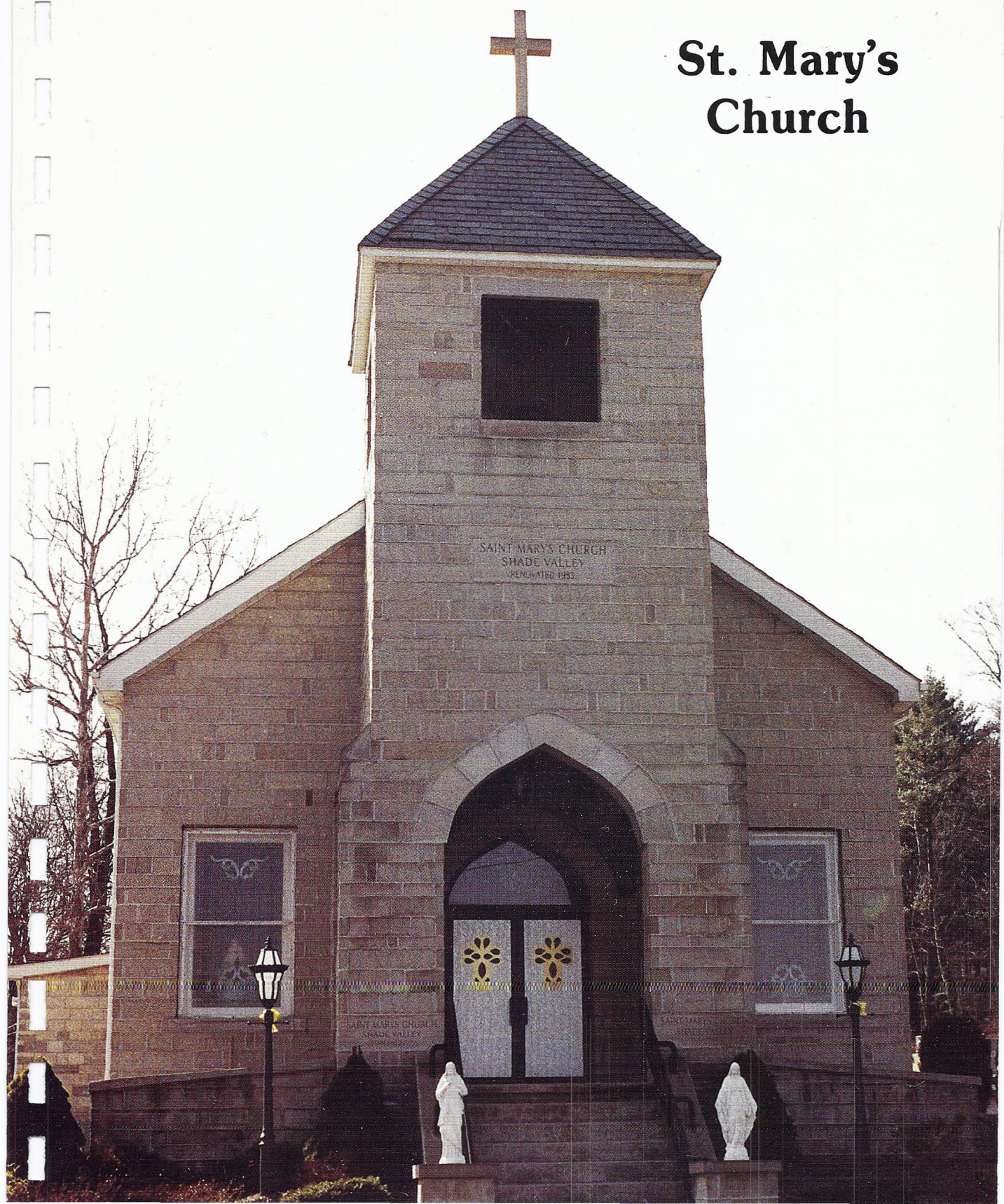


St. Mary's Church



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The beginning of St. Mary's Church in Huntingdon County, PA has a unique and interesting history. Many of the present parishioners can trace their ancestors, not only to the founding of St. Mary's, but to the founding of our country. In the early part of the 1700's, a house of worship was erected on the left bank of Shade Creek on Turkey Hill, now known as the Logan tract. At that time, there were only three Catholic families living here. This first building was built of logs. Two rooms were added about 1740 to conform to the very stringent laws of the colonies. These laws were enacted in England to control religious buildings.

By 1765, religious services were conducted by Jesuit priests who were sent from Hickory, Maryland. Father Demetrius Gallitzin visited the mission church in Shade Gap from 1796 to 1800. From 1787-1840, religious services were held once a month in the Logan residence on the farm where the present church is now located.

The present limestone constructed church was built from 1840 to 1845. Michael Krugh and Michael Fogel cut the limestone for the new church. Andrew Hegie plastered the interior of the church. By the date of the cornerstone laying in 1845, 50 registered families appeared on the church records.

Our church was serviced as a mission church from Bedford (1820-1848), from Chambersburg (1849-1855), from Huntingdon (1855-1921), and from St. Catherine's in Mount Union (1921-1962). We celebrated our sesquicentennial in 1948.

In June of 1962, the mission church of St. Mary's became St. Mary's of Shade Gap. The congregation numbered 67 families. Father John Halka was the first resident pastor. He began the construction of the parish hall in 1964, which was managed to completion by our second pastor, Father Kenneth Greiner (1964-1977). Our next pastor was Father Albert Anselmi (1977-1983). He was followed by Father Timothy Swope and Father Cletus Adams. Our present pastor, Father David Becker, arrived in 1988.

In 1982, Philip Franklin Oppel, a native of Black Log Valley, willed his estate to St. Mary's Church. The money from the estate was used in remodeling and enlarging the church. This additional space was needed because our parish now has 88 families.

The background of the parishioners of St. Mary's is important as it reminds us of the faith and courage of our spiritual ancestors, qualities that we need as we approach the bicentennial of our parish (1998) and the 21st century.



Father David R. Becker



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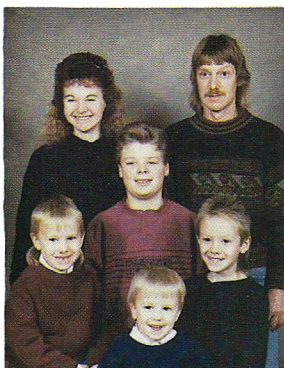
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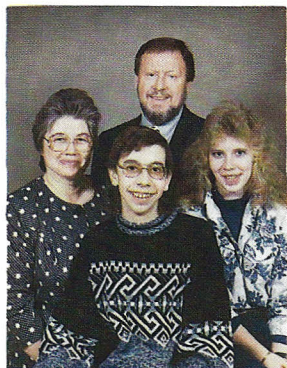
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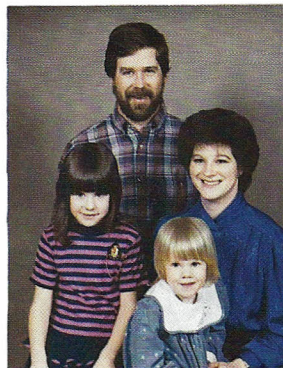
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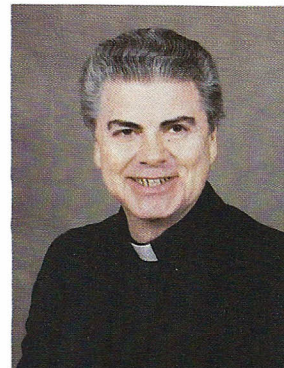
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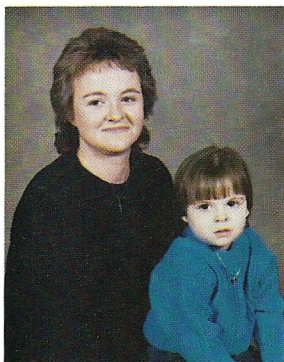
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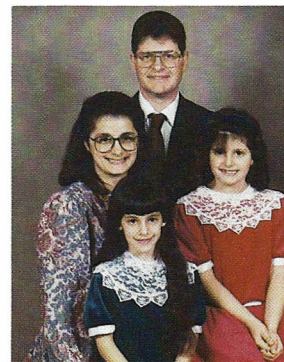
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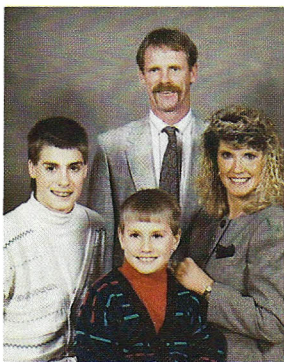
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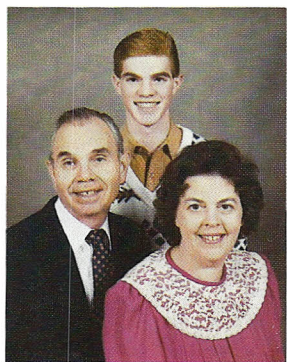
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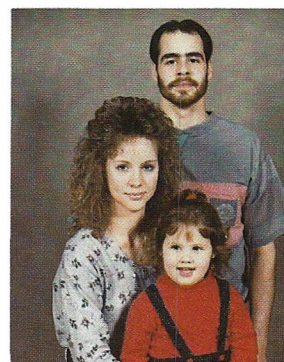
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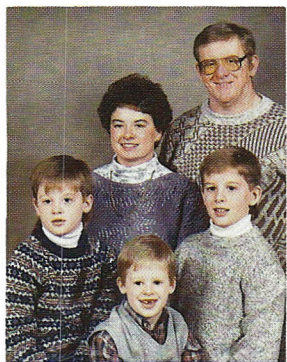
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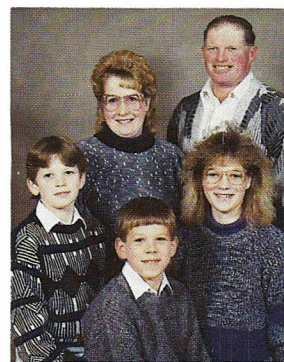
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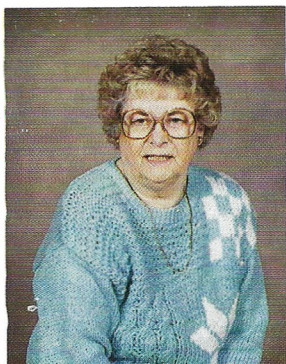
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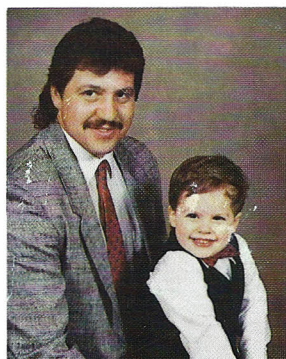
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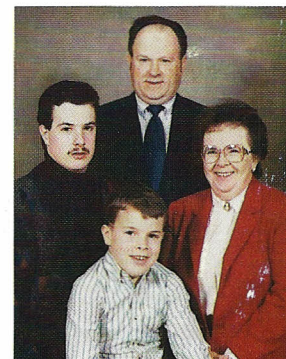
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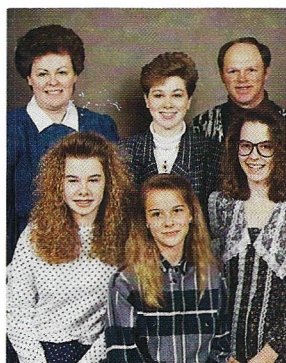
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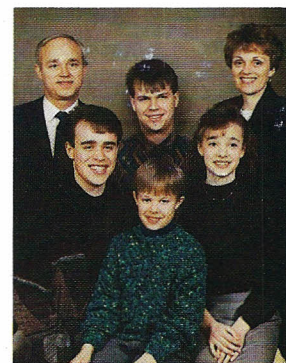
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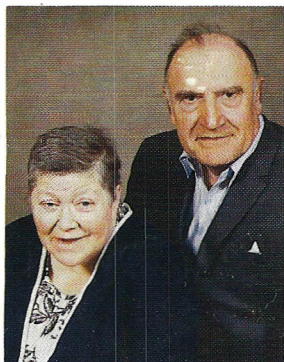
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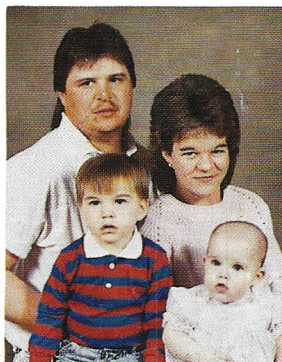
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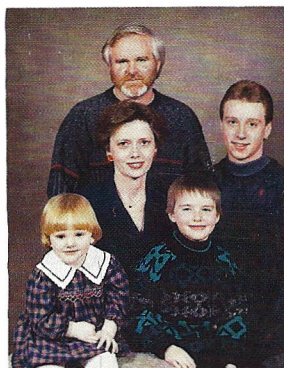
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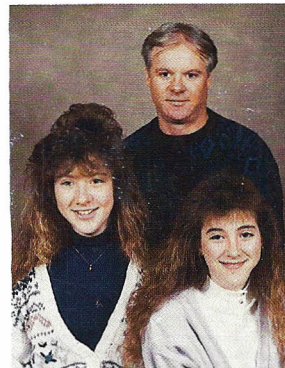
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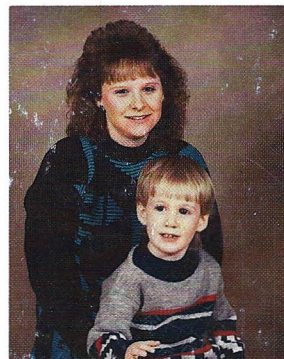
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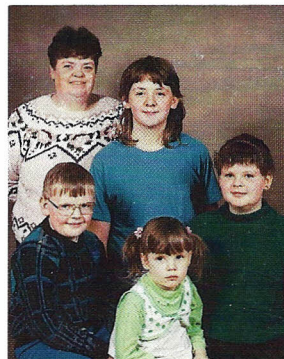
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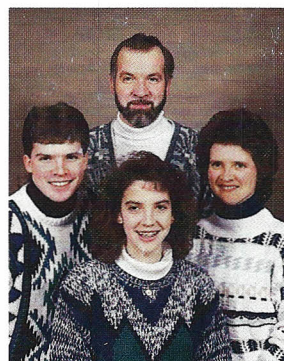
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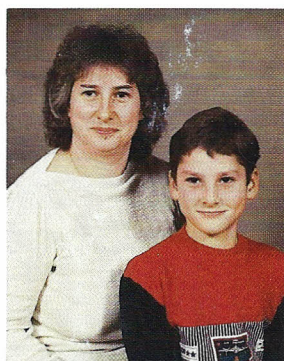
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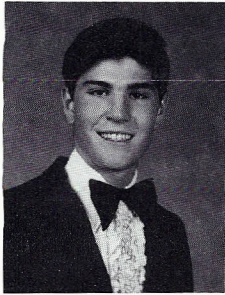


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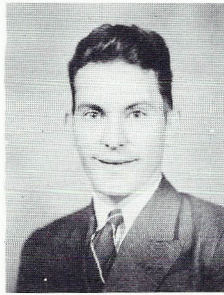


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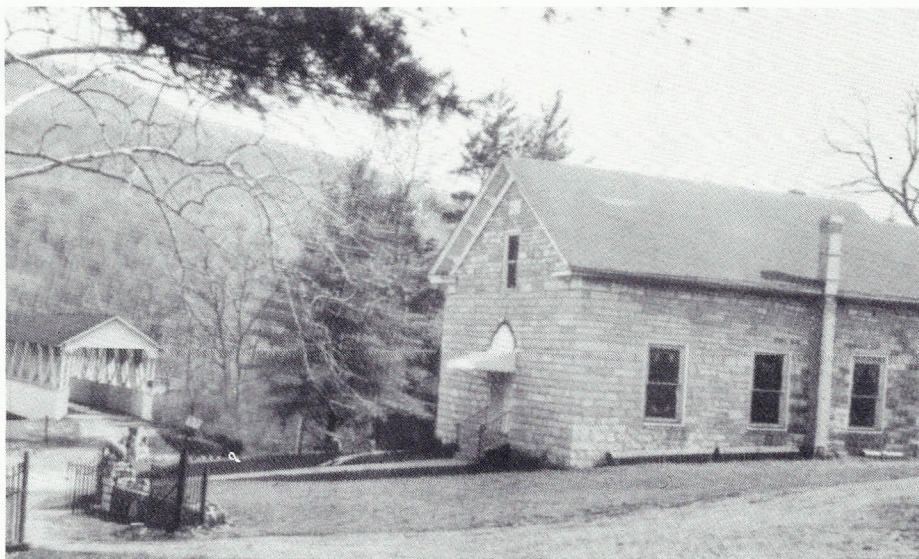
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