The above drawing of St. Mary's Church and rectory was published in the 1876 Illustrated Atlas of Noble County by Wall, Mann & Hall of Philadelphia. The drawing of the property presented in last month's issue is based upon the deeds mentioned in the notes and upon an incomplete sketch in the Diocesan plat book now found in the Archives of the Diocese. On that drawing, only the approximate location of the new church is shown. The deed for the property does not provide enough data to locate it precisely relative to the old property.
The true history of a parish, the struggle of hearts to holiness, the winning of souls to heaven, is known only to God above. For the most part, we are left to chronicle the beginnings, the major changes in the physical makeup and population of a parish, and its leadership. The pastoral care is important to the true history of a parish, for as Pius X wrote early in this century, "A holy priest makes holy people," while on the other hand, "a priest who is not holy is not only useless but harmful to the world." Thus, it is proper in continuing the history of Beaver St. Dominic Parish to concentrate on what is known of its pastors.

Shortly after Bishop Purcell's visit to St. Dominic's he sent as its second resident pastor Rev. James Reid. Father Reid was born in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, Ireland in 1793. He came to America with his parents in 1817 and settled near St. Vincent's Abbey in Westmoreland County, Pa., where he taught school for a time. He also taught at the academy at Butler, Pa. He later entered the seminary at Bardstown and, having finished the course of studies, was ordained by Bishop Fenwick in Cincinnati on Easter Monday, April 23, 1832. (21) Prior to coming to Beaver, he was stationed at Cedarville and Brown County. He signed the baptismal register at Beaver from Oct. 31, 1834 until July 22, 1838.

Bishop Purcell visited St. Dominic's a second time on Sunday, July 17, 1836. Father Reid having prepared the people, the Bishop this time was able to confirm nineteen. After Mass, he preached to a large audience, chiefly Protestant, in a grove near the church, the building being far too small to hold the assembled multitude. (22) The report in the Telegraph makes clear that Father Reid had as missions both Malaga, where the Bishop blessed the church erected by Mr. Dorr, and Archer's Settlement on Duck Creek.

Father Reid, like Father Kundig before him, upon leaving St. Dominic's left the Diocese of Cincinnati. He next served at Deer Creek, Maryland, but he desired to be closer to his home in Pennsylvania and about the end of 1846 he entered the service of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He was appointed first resident pastor of Beaver, Pennsylvania, with responsibility for the entire Beaver Valley. He remained there, even after his retirement in 1866, where he died on February 14, 1868. (23)

Although little is known of the personalities of the early pastors of St. Dominic's, they must have stood in sharp contrast to the madman who appeared suddenly in the parish in 1828, claiming, "I am God and there is none else." Joseph C. Dylks appeared at a United Brethren camp meeting held in August of 1828 on the banks of Leatherwood Creek, two and one half miles northwest of Salesville. "His large black flashing eyes, pale face, low broad forehead, from which the long black locks were brushed back, reaching half way to his waist, and his melancholy, solemn aspect seemed to inspire the people with awe." As his following increased in Belmont and Guernsey counties, he became ever more bold and among his claims was that with a shout and a snort he could destroy the universe. He eventually was forced to flee to the woods, pursued by a mob, but his followers helped him to escape to Philadelphia. These followers of the "Leatherwood god" still believed in him and seven years later
one of the chief followers who had fled with him reappeared, claiming that Dylks had ascended into heaven and would return to set up his kingdom. This man too soon disappeared, but the belief died out only with the lives of the believers, so strong had been the influence of the mysterious stranger. (24) It seems highly unlikely that any members of St. Dominic's would have been swayed by him.

The next priest sent to the good people of St. Dominic's was Rev. James Quinlan. He was born in Ireland about the year 1800 and was ordained Aug. 18, 1834. St. Dominic's was his first assignment in the diocese, where he signed the register from Oct. 14, 1838 until Oct. 6, 1839. SS. Peter and Paul Church at the Doherty's Settlement mission on Crane's Nest Creek, Monroe County, is said to have been built in 1839, and if so Father Quinlan must be given some credit for it. It would appear from the annual Catholic Directory that St. Paul's in Columbiana County and Steubenville were added to his responsibilities before he too disappeared from the scene. (25)

Father Quinlan was replaced by Rev. William Peter Murphy, in whom the parish seems to have found a true father. He was ordained at the Cathedral in Cincinnati by Bishop Chabrat, Coadjutor of Bardstown, on April 9, 1839. (25) He spent some time with Rev. Emanuel Thienpont at Dayton before being sent to Beaver, where he first signed the register on Christmas Day, 1839. The brick church of St. Michael at Archer's Settlement is said to have been built in 1841, and if so it must have been with Father Murphy's encouragement. Father Murphy did not allow the difficulties of his assignment to drive him away or to destroy his spirit, but his health suffered. He died at St. Dominic's on September 10, 1841, in his 35th year. He appears to have been cared for spiritually in his last days by Rev. C. A. J. Wilson, O.P., of Zanesville. (27) His remains lie in St. Mary's Cemetery among those of his parishoners, who wrote these words in tribute to him: "He was a man of singular purity of mind and goodness of heart, a Christian who faithfully followed in the footsteps of his Divine Master and a priest of the most high God who sought no consolation on his arduous mission but in sacrificing himself with the Savior for the salvation of the immortal souls of his people." (28) Father Murphy may have been the last priest to reside at Beaver for over a decade.

In the late 1830's, the complexion of the parish was changing somewhat, as the older generation began to pass on and the second generation came into its own. Colonel Delong died about 1840 (28) and his brother James, who had entered the Church in 1830, died May 3, 1838. (James's sons were Isaac of Perry County, Ohio, James Jr. of Guernsey County, and Alexander of Marion County, Indiana.) (30) In 1837 Robert Gallagher, son of Edmund, laid out the town of Temperanceville on the headwaters of Beaver Creek, across the line in Somerset Township, Belmont County. This began a gradual movement of the Catholic population to the eastward, which would culminate in the erection of the parish's third church in that town in 1891. By 1850 not a single Gallagher was living in Beaver Township, but Delongs, Jefferises, and other Catholic families remained.

After Father Murphy's death, Beaver was visited by Father Joseph S. Allemany, O.P. from Zanesville in November of 1841 and by Rev. James McCaffrey from Marietta in May of 1842. Interestingly, it was during this period when there was no resident pastor in the area that the people of the mission near Miltonsburg obtained land and began erection of the Church of St. John the
Baptist, which replaced St. Joseph Church, Malaga, the log building erected by Mr. Dorr.

We know that the next pastor was Rev. Charles Daniel McCallion, but the records leave many questions unanswered regarding this period. This priest was another native of Ireland, who first saw the light of day on August 13, 1815. He was ordained by Bishop Purcell on Feb. 24, 1842 and was sent almost immediately to eastern Ohio, where he first signed the baptismal register at Beaver on June 22. The annual Catholic Directory lists him as pastor of Beaver, Archer's Settlement, Malaga (i.e. Miltonsburg), and SS. Peter and Paul in Monroe County from 1843 through 1847. In 1846 he began regularly attending Washington in Guernsey County and began erection of St. Patrick Church there. In 1845 and 1846, according to the same source, he was assisted by Rev. Philip Foley.

Father McCallion signed the baptismal register at Beaver only from June 22, 1842 until June 25, 1843. Rev. P. Foley, however, began signing entries on Feb. 14, 1843 and signed every entry after June of 1843 until November of 1845. After that date, he made entries only randomly, a few in 1846, one in 1847, and one which seems to be dated Apr. 8, 1849. It would not be unreasonable to conclude that Father McCallion was pastor throughout the earlier part of this period, and that when Father Foley was assigned to assist him he delegated the care of the parish to him, as was the old practice in Ireland, where the rector would allow the "cure" to care for the souls of the parishioners.

The directories do not indicate where the two priests resided, and there is a good chance that they lived at or near the new church at Miltonsburg. The best history of the Beaver parish, published in the 1887 Noble County history, appears to list only the resident pastors (Reid, Quinlan, Murphy, Brummer, Jacquet, et al.); it mentions neither McCallion nor Foley. A gap was noticeable to the transcriber of the marriage book of the parish, who wrote, in Latin, "And this is a lapse of four years and six months in which time none was pastor in the Church of St. Dominic (Beaver)." But just which four years and six months? It could refer to the period from November of 1845 when Father Foley's entries were no longer continuous, until the spring of 1849 when Father Krämer of Miltonsburg took firm charge.

Father McCallion, like his predecessors at Beaver, upon departing from that post left the Diocese. In 1846 he went to Boston and in 1847 to Sandwich, Ontario. (31) In the early 1870's he was in Selma and Huntsville, Alabama. About 1881 he returned to Ohio, where until his retirement he served at London, Urbana, Reading, and Carthage. He survived all his contemporaries to celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination as the oldest missionary of the diocese, when his manners were "as simple and ingenious as a child's" and his "countenance beamed with unfeigned cheerfulness." (32) He died at Hartwell, Ohio on November 8, 1892 and his remains lie at Carthage, Ohio. (33)

From 1849 until nearly the end of 1852, Beaver was a mission, the pastor of the five congregations being Rev. John C. Krämer, who made his residence at Miltonsburg.

In November of 1852 arrived Rev. John W. Brummer, who divided the large parish with Father Krämer, taking up residence at Beaver and keeping as his
only mission St. Patrick's congregation at Washington, Guernsey County. Father Brummer was born Jan. 14, 1824 and ordained June 14, 1851. Like several of his predecessors at Beaver, his first assignment after ordination was to Dayton. This vigorous priest revitalized the parish at Beaver, recorded a remarkable number of baptisms, and saw to the needed construction of a new church there. A parcel of land lying on the next hillside east of the old church was obtained and on its northern, upper end a new brick church was built. The church measured 45 by 85 feet and faced west (see the diagram in last month's Bulletin). It cost eight thousand dollars. The property, containing one acre and sixty rods, was donated by John and Mary Ann (Brinton) Gallagher by deed dated Aug. 14, 1855. The new church was called St. Mary's and was often designated "Batesville." The rectory remained on the earlier property and the cemetery there was expanded.

Father Brummer left St. Mary's after August 22, 1855. His later assignments were at St. Nicholas in Zanesville, Fulda in Noble County (where he was the first resident pastor), St. Francis de Sales and St. Joseph, both in Cincinnati, and finally Geneva, Fairfield County, and its missions. He died June 19, 1872, aged just 48 years.

Rev. John Mary Jacquet succeeded Father Brummer at St. Mary's. His was one of the longer pastorates there, over thirteen years from September of 1855 until January of 1869, and he was dearly loved by the people. A biographical sketch of Father Jacquet (pronounced Jacket by Ohioans) was presented in the Bulletin of April, 1983 (IX, pp 217-221). Drawing upon that sketch, Father Jacquet was born in France on Aug. 20, 1817, ordained at Lyons on Dec. 20, 1844, and almost immediately came to America. He spent ten years among the poor Catholics of Tennessee, sleeping in houses no better than their own, eating their plain food and wearing the rough clothing of the ordinary workmen. He bore all for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. The only fault found with him was that he was at times harsh and crabbed, no doubt in part due to the life forced upon him. In 1855 when he was about to come to Ohio, Bishop Miles (who many years before had cared for Beaver as a mission of Zanesville) described Father Jacquet to Bishop Purcell as "an excellent missioner; industrious and full of zeal; plain, honest, and blunt; and one that will never deceive you."

Father Jacquet first signed the baptismal register at St. Mary's on Sept. 30, 1855. A letter written just three years later, Sept. 25, 1858 to Archbishop Purcell gives us some idea of the state of the parish. He mentions a new altar at St. Mary's, the decorative part to be finished for All Saints Day; he had a spring house completed during his busy summer. The next want of the parish was a school house, for which he asked the Archbishop for a subscription, "for I have no sufficient opportunity to teach children; the people in my charge here, are getting very wild and negligent. If we had not the jubilee [to be celebrated there in November], I would try to have a mission." The school was erected behind the church within a few years and in 1865 he reported it "doing well." Its teacher was a young lady from Wheeling and there were over forty pupils. (37)

The parish marriage registry contains a list of the Easter Communions made by Father Jacquet's parishioners in 1856 and 1857; that of 1857, which virtually constitutes a census of the active adult members of the parish, numbered 128 at St. Mary, 38 at St. Patrick, 22 at SS. Peter and Paul, 14 at
Archer's Fork, 15 at Millers Run, 17 at Lewis Mill, 8 at Mr. Burns', and 10 at Barnesville. (Lewis Mill and Millers Run are in Smith Township, Belmont County.) Father Jacquet also began a mission at Bellaire, some forty miles away, which he visited twice each month. He offered Mass in the house of Mr. Sherry there until the new church of St. John was completed late in 1858. (cf n 36)

It was during Father Jacquet's pastorate that American society was disrupted by the War Between the States. Many young men of St. Mary's parish served in the Union Army in Company K of the 78th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This unit seems to have suffered a disproportionate number of casualties and the parish must have suffered greatly from the loss of so many of its young men. This unit served from late 1861 until July of 1865. Among its members whose family names indicate some connection with the parish were the following: Daniel McDaniel, 1st Sergeant (died May 16, 1862 near Monterey, Tenn.); James Gallagher, Sergeant; William Delong, Corporal (died July 26, 1862 at Bolivar, Tenn.); John Jeffries; John Jeffries; Edmond Gallagher, Corporal (died July 31, 1864 near Atlanta); Edmond D. Delong, Thomas Delong (died June 17, 1862 at Shiloh); John R. Jeffries (died May 13, 1862 at Shiloh); Joseph Jeffries Jr., Joseph Jeffries (died July 5, 1864 at Temperanceville); Pius Jeffries, Daniel McNagnachie; Hugh McConaughy; Jerra McConaughy (died Aug. 16, 1862 at St. Louis, Mo.); and William and Levi Poulton. (38) Austin Gallagher and his cousin Charles, grandsons of Edmund, were members of Company B, Ninth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry; Charles died Apr. 15, 1864 at Camp Chase, near Columbus. It is said that raids by Ohio Cavalry units in Tennessee were one reason for the famous Raid of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan into Ohio, which reached Guernsey County in July of 1863. The raiders did much damage at Campbell's Station and stopped a short time at Washington, where St. Patrick Church was.

Father Jacquet was "a man of powerful frame and in his truly apostolic life" partook of the rude labors of pioneer farmers, working a little piece of land with his own hands. When he left the parish early in 1869, he sold the piece of ground and the few farming implements he had used. The neighboring farmers, men of his parish, were anxious to have something that he had used, but on one article there were no bids: the great maul with which he had split fence rails was too heavy for any of them to wield. (38) He was sent as pastor to Coshocton and its missions, where he remained until his retirement in September of 1895. He died in Galveston, Texas on October 24, 1896.

(To be continued)

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ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, BEAVER TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
EARLY TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

The tombstones in the cemetery, now called St. Mary's Cemetery, were read on April 19, 1988 and those which bear early dates were recorded. Previous readings, of varying quality and completeness, were made about 1965 by Nola R. Enyon, in 1970 by Catherine Foreaker Fedorchak, and in 1981 by Bruce A. Yarnell. These have been published and are available at the State Library of Ohio. These previously published readings were used to supply portions of inscriptions no longer legible in 1988; such portions are shown below in brackets { }. Many of the stones include verses, only a couple of which have been transcribed.

James M., son of J. & E. Armbruster, died Aug. 24, 1851, aged 8m, 13d.
Louisa, daughter of J. & E. Armbruster, died Sept. 2, 1851, aged 10y, 15d.
Elizabeth wife of J. Armbruster, died Apr. 8, 1877, aged 69y, 4m, 29d.
John, son of J. & E. Armbruster, died Aug. 23, 1851, aged 7y, 6m, 23d.
Michael D. son of J. & E. Butler, died Aug. 19, 1854, aged 13 y.
John Butler, died Apr. 8, 1870 in the 71st year of his age.
Sacred to the memory of Margaret Butler, consort of John Butler, who departed this life Aug. 20, 1844, aged 38 years.
Susannah Carr died July 2, 1856 in her 70th year.
Cohlman - see Howiler
Sacred to the memory of Bridget Creighton, who departed this life Aug. 24, 1842, aged 84 years.

Sh. Ellen Creighton, died Mar. 28, 1854 (aged 17 years).

Sacred to the memory of Sarah, consort of James Delong, who departed this life Aug. 14, 1844, in the 32nd year of her age.

John Delong, died Sept. 7, 1873 in 72nd year of his age.

In memory of Elizabeth Delong, daughter of Nathan and Isabela Delong, born June 18 AD 1843, deceased July 3, 1845, aged 2y & 15d.

In memory of Elizabeth Delong consort of John Delong who departed this life March 27, 1844 aged 37 years.

N. M., daughter of F. & M. Divitt, died Mar. 1, 1859, aged 1m & 21d.

Eliza J., daughter of F. & M. Divitt, died Dec. 20, 1861, aged 8 days.

Angels are crowning their fair young brows.

In memory of Thomas Doherty of the County Donegal, Ireland, died Nov. 1846 in the 56 year of his age.

This tablet has been erected by Mrs. Doyle in memory of her beloved husband Mathew Doyle a native of the Co. Wexford Ireland who departed this life on the 2nd day of Sept. 1837 aged 76 years. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

May the most just and most high and the most amiable will of God be done in all things, be praised and exalted above all forever.

In memory of Hannah Doyle, consort of Mat. Doyle, (died Oct. 11, 1847 in the 78th year of her age, a native of Delaware Co., Pa.)

John, son of P. & M. Eller, died Nov. 16, 1851, aged 10 m, 16 d.

Edmund Gallagher, born May 4, 1815, died August, 1854.

Nancy his wife, died Sept. 19, 1879, aged 69 years.

Charles Gallagher (died 1848).

William H. Gallagher (died 1844, aged 11 years).

Rosannah Gallagher, died May 13, 1852, aged 47 years, 10 months, 4 days.

Sacred to the memory of Margaret Gallagher, who departed this life Apr. 10, 1843 in the 24th year of her age.

[William N. Gallagher, departed this life Sept. 28, 1822 in the 13th year of his age.]

[Thomas Gallagher, departed this life Mar. 25, 1839 in his 23rd year.]

Sarah C., daughter of R[. and] E. Gallagher, died Oct. 11, 1850, aged 16 y, 3m, & _ d.
In memory of Ann Gallagher, who departed this life Aug. 30, AD 1844, aged 47 years.

John Gallagher, born Apr. 10, 1801, died Feb. 5, 1867.
Mary Ann Gallagher, born Feb. 24, 1811, died Jan. 30, 1897.
William B. Gallagher, died Mar. 10, 1865, aged 34y, 10m, 9d.
Frederick B. Gardner, died Jan. 6, 1857 in his 40th year.
(Sarah, consort) of Andrew Hamilton, died May 15, AD 1846, aged 28 years.
John Hession, Ballingrode Co. Mayo, Ireland, died (1856, age 30).
Jacob Howiler died June 15, 1835 in the 55 year of his age.
[matching stones]
Mary Ann Cohlman, died Aug. 5, 1856 in the 53 year of her age.
In memory of Margaret wife of Ambroese [sic] Jefferis, died Sept. 25, 1851, aged 33 years.
Thomas Jefferis, died July 15, 1860, aged 31y, 3m, 26d.
Sarah, wife of Thomas Jefferis, died Jan. 18, 1854.
Margaret M., daughter of J. & M. Keenan, died Jan. 28, 1842, aged 6 mos.
James Keenan, died Feb. 17, 1842 in his 47 year.
Margaret, wife of James Keenan, died Feb. 11, 1887 in her 84th year.
In memory of James Lowe who departed this life June 23, AD 1837 aged 43 years.
In memory of Stephen A. Lowe who departed this life Oct. 23, AD 1846, aged 37 years.
Affliction sore long time he bore
Thy 'cisions were in vain
'till God above out of pure love
Called him and eased his pain.
Andrew Lowe, died May 23, AD 184(6), aged 6y, 3m, 9d.
In memory of Henry Lowe who departed this life on the 23rd day of November in the year of our Lord 1844 aged 48 years. May he rest in peace.
Sacred to the memory of James McCallion a native of Tyrone County Ireland who died Aug. 26, 1849 in the 36 year of his age.
Patrick McCormick, died May 7, 1853, aged 26 years a native of Ireland County Mayo.
John McCort, died (Sept.) 5, 1851, (aged 72 years.)
Sarah consort of John McCort, died Sept. 1(7), 1851, aged 62 years.
Erected by John McDaniel in memory of his son Daniel McDaniel who departed this life October the 21 AD 1837 in the 29th year of his age. Requiescat in pace. Amen.

James Maginess, son of E. & B. Maginess, died May 8, 1849, aged 12 years. also Robert Daniel son of the above, died May 21, 1849 aged 2y, 2m, 18d.

In memory of Christena Meighen, died Nov. 26, 1846, aged 72 years. Donated by Mary Ann Bates.

G. Morgan died 2 Nov. 1845 in 96 year of age.

Dennis Mullen a native of Parish Drumrah, County Tyrone, Ireland, died May 29, 1856, aged 41 years.

John Mulrines, died May 1, AD 1844, aged 87 years.

Go home my friends, dry up your tears
I must lie here till Christ appears
And when he comes I am to rise
And live a life that never dies.

This tablet was erected by the congregations once committed to his care in memory of their devoted pastor, Rev. Wm. Peter Murphy who died at St. Dominic's on the 10th day of Sep. 1841 in his 35th year. He was a man of singular purity of mind and goodness of heart a Christian who faithfully followed in the footsteps of his divine master and a priest of the most high God who sought no consolation on his arduous missions but in sacrificing himself with the savior for the salvation of the immortal souls of his people.

In memory of William H. Pearce, son of Joseph & Mary Pearce, born May 18, 1825, died 4 Mar. 1841, aged [15]y, 10m, 11d.

Konrad Rapp, died July 1, 1859, aged 36y, 11m, 9d.
Simon Rapp, died May 14, 1859, aged 58y, 6m, 16d.

In memory of John Shott, who departed this life Sept. 19, AD 1841, aged 59 years.

Sarah wife of Michael Sleving died Apr. 19, 1851.

Mary M., daughter of J. S. & R. Sammer(Summers?), died June 17, 1851, aged 8m.

Catharine Ann daughter of _ & B. Temple, died May 1, 1845, aged 15y, 7m, 21d.

In memory of Edward Ward who departed this life May 5, 1843, in 83rd year of his age.

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