



HISTORY OF ST. MARYS CHURCH

- ▶ AS THE COAL INDUSTRY BEGAN TO BOOM IN THE BLACKLICK VALLEY AREA, COAL BARONS HIRED EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN THE MINES. THESE PEOPLE BROUGHT THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS WITH THEM TO AMERICA.
- ▶ AS A RESULT, NANTY GLO AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA WAS KNOWN AS A “MISSION FIELD” BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
- ▶ A MISSION CHURCH WAS FORMED IN 1902 IN NANTY GLO AS AN OFF-SHOOT OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN VINTONDALE, WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED A FEW YEARS EARLIER.
- ▶ ST. CHARLES CHURCH IN TWIN ROCKS WAS BUILT IN 1917, AGAIN AS AN OFF-SHOOT OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN VINTONDALE.

IN THE BEGINNING.....

- ▶ **THE FIRST SMALL, WOODEN FRAME BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1903 IN NANTY GLO AT THE SITE OF THE PRESENT DAY SCHOOL BUILDING. THE CHURCH FACED NORTH, ON ROBERTS STREET.**

INITIAL CONSTRUCTION



- ▶ **PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED ACROSS FROM THE ORIGINAL CHURCH ON CAROLINE ST, AND A BRICK CHURCH WAS BUILT THERE IN 1915. THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH FACED EAST ON CAROLINE ST, AS IT IS TODAY.**

PROGRESS!!!!



Architect's original drawing of the first brick church.

- ▶ THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION DESIGN REMAINED THE SAME FROM 1915 UNTIL 1955.
- ▶ THE PARISH NEEDED MORE ROOM! POST WORLD WAR II POPULATION IN NANTY GLO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA GREW TREMENDOUSLY; SO DID THE NEED FOR MORE WORSHIP SPACE. PLANS WERE MADE TO ENLARGE THE CHURCH BUILDING.
- ▶ ST JOHN VIANNEY PARISH IN MUNDYS CORNER WAS SPUN OFF OF ST MARYS PARISH DURING THIS TIME.

**POST WAR POPULATION IN THE VALLEY
GROWS....**



St. Mary's Church prior to 1955 renovation.



St. Mary's Church Prior to 1955 renovation.

- ▶ **MORE ROOM WAS PROVIDED TO THE LEFT OF THE ALTAR.**
- ▶ **ALSO, A SECOND CHOIR LOFT WAS CONSTRUCTED ABOVE THE NEW WORSHIP SPACE.**

ST MARYS IS RENOVATED.....



St. Mary's Church after renovation 1955 to 1984.

- ▶ **IN 1984, SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.**
- ▶ **THE BUILDING COULD NOT BE USED; CONSEQUENTLY, MASS WAS HELD AT THE NANTY GLO FIRE HALL UNTIL THE CHURCH COULD BE REBUILT.**

STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS: 1984

- ▶ **ST MARYS PARISH FAMILY CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST LITURGY ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1987 IN THEIR NEW STRUCTURE.**
- ▶ **MOST OF THE INTERIOR WAS SALVAGED FROM THE OLD BUILDING. THE PEWS, ALTAR, AND WINDOWS WERE FROM THE 1915 ORIGINAL BRICK CHURCH. BOTH CHOIR LOFTS WERE NOT DISTURBED IN THE CHURCH REBUILD.**
- ▶ **THE CEILING LIGHTS WERE RETAINED FROM THE 1955 RENOVATION.**

NEW BUILDING, SAME INTERIOR



- ▶ **ST. MARYS PARISH WAS DIFFERENT FROM MOST CATHOLIC PARISHES IN OUR AREA.**
- ▶ **MOST OF THE SURROUNDING TOWNS HAD CATHOLIC PARISHES MADE UP OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES (ITALIAN, SLOVAK, IRISH, CROATIAN, POLISH, ETC.)**
- ▶ **BARNESBORO, PORTAGE, AND JOHNSTOWN ARE EXAMPLES OF MANY DIFFERENT CATHOLIC ETHNIC PARISHES IN ONE TOWN!**

ORIGINAL PARISHIONERS.....

- ▶ **EVEN THOUGH NANTY GLO HAD ITS OWN ETHNIC NEIGHBORHOODS:**
- ▶ **ST MARYS PARISHIONERS CONSISTED OF A MULTI-ETHNICAL COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS. ALL NATIONALITIES WORSHIPPED UNDER ONE ROOF!!!**

PARISHIONERS.....

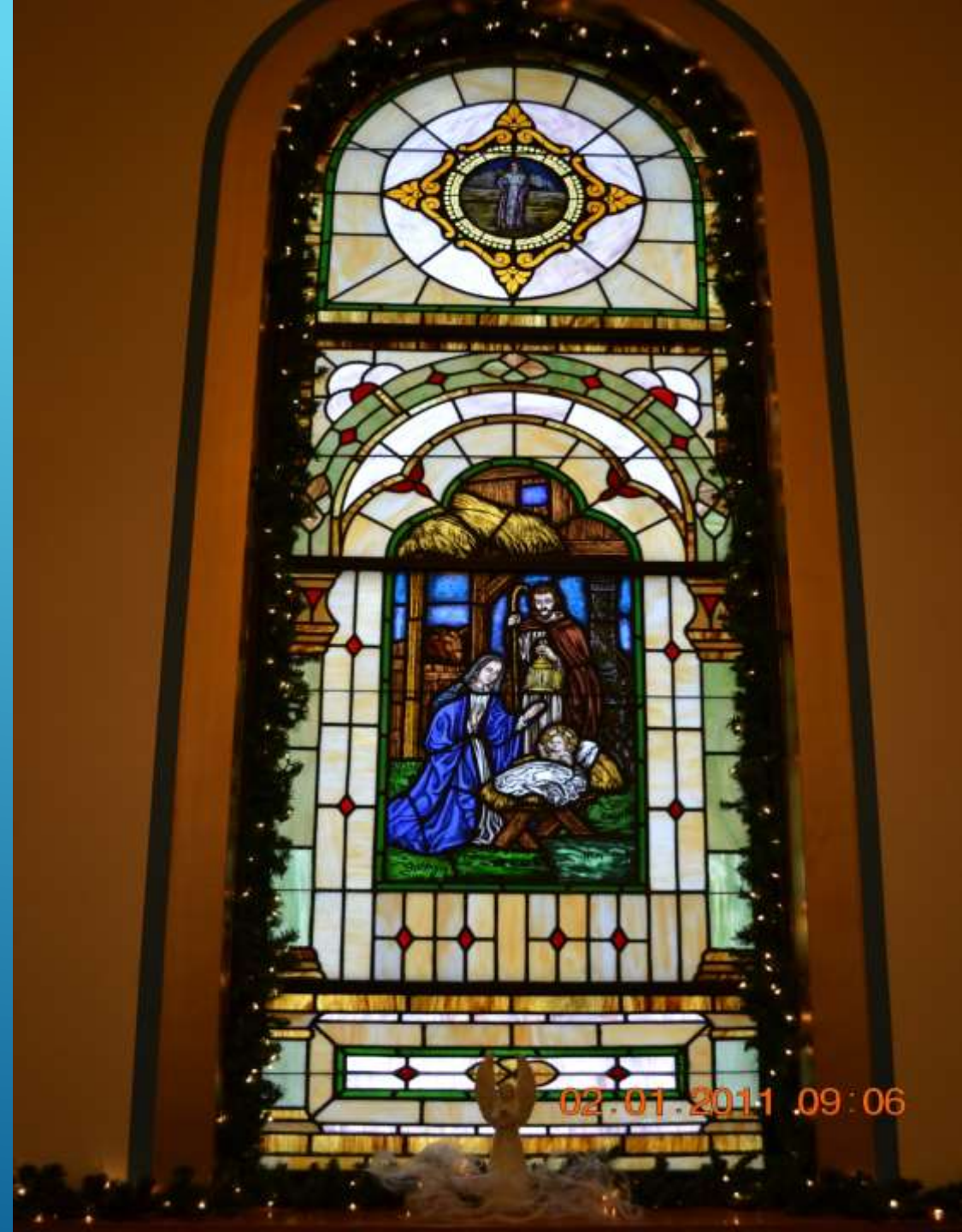
- ▶ **THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AT ST MARYS TELL TWO DIFFERENT STORIES!**
- ▶ **THE BOTTOM PART OF THE WINDOW TELLS MARYS STORY; THE STORY OF HER LIFE ON THE RIGHT AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH, AND HER APPARATIONS THROUGHOUT THE AGES ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CHURCH.**

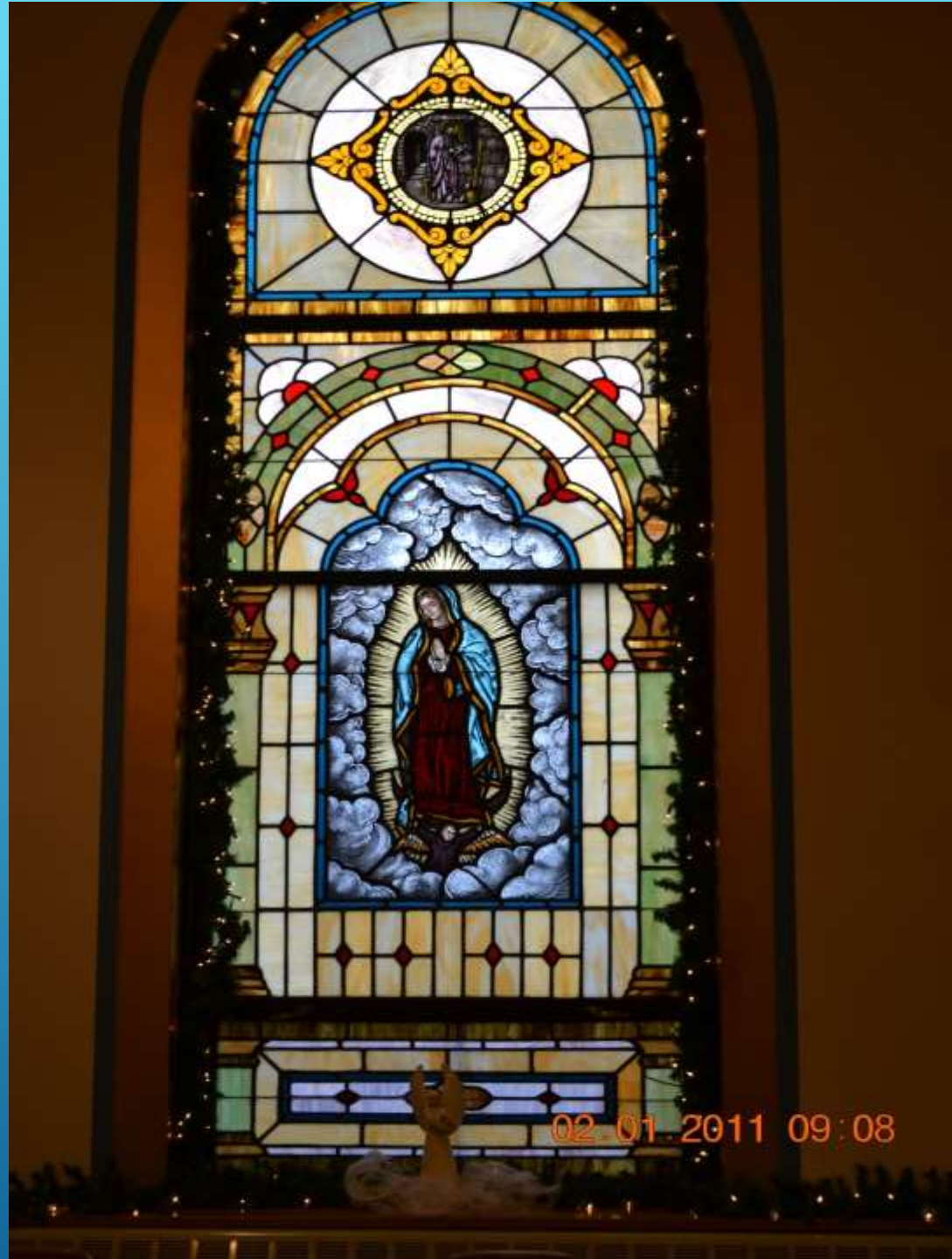
WINDOW DESIGN TELLS THE STORY....

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- ▶ **THE UPPER PART OF EACH WINDOW TELLS US A DIFFERENT STORY.... THE UPPER PART PORTRAYS THE IMAGE OF A SAINT. ALL THE SAINTS IN THE WINDOWS ARE OF DIFFERENT ETHNIC ORIGIN!!!**
- ▶ **OUR PARISH FATHERS APPARENTLY RETAINED THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN WITH THE UPPER PART OF EACH WINDOW. SEPARATE, BUT TOGETHER AS ONE WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY!!!**

WINDOWS TELLS THE STORY.....





- ▶ **OUR PARISH SCHOOL WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL WOODEN CHURCH BUILDING IN 1923.**
- ▶ **THE GOOD SISTERS OF ST. AGNES ARRIVED IN NANTY GLO IN 1923 TO SERVE THE CHURCH COMMUNITY AS TEACHERS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL.**

ST MARYS SCHOOL



ST. MARY'S R.C. SCHOOL, NANTY GLO, PA.

- ▶ **THE BUILDING TO HOUSE THE NEWLY ARRIVED SISTERS WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SCHOOL. IT WAS LOCATED ON THE SITE OF WHAT IS NOW A PARKING LOT, TO THE EAST OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING.**

SISTERS OF ST. AGNES CONVENT



Sisters of Saint Agnes Convent 1923 to 2002.

- ▶ **THE ORIGINAL CONVENT WAS TORN DOWN IN 2002.**
- ▶ **THE SISTERS RELOCATED TO A HOME ACROSS ROBERTS STREET FROM THE CHURCH.**

SISTERS CHANGE RESIDENCE

Sisters of St. Agnes



Sr. Nancy Derhammer
C.S.A.



Sr. Agnes Scott
C.S.A.



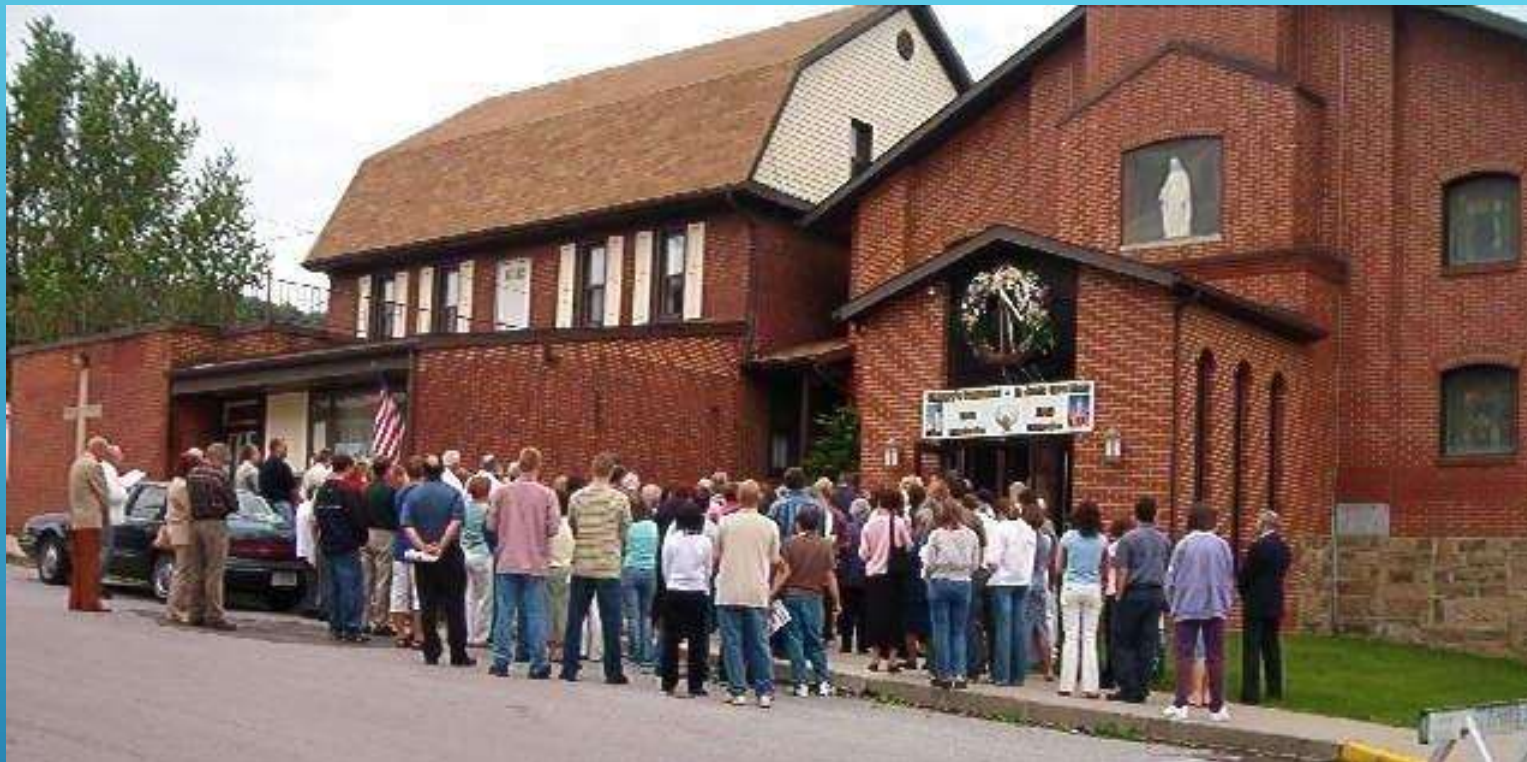
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- ▶ **ST. MARYS SCHOOL WAS CLOSED IN 2009.**
- ▶ **THE LAST THREE SISTERS OF ST AGNES WERE RELOCATED TO WISCONSIN IN 2012.**

SISTERS OF ST. AGNES

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ST MARYS TODAY



- ▶ **OVER 360 HOUSEHOLDS CALL ST. MARYS HOME.**
- ▶ **MINISTRIES: OVER 40!!**
 - ▶ **INTERNAL: GREETERS, LECTORS, CHOIR, SERVERS, VARIOUS CHURCH COMMITTEES, CCD INSTRUCTORS, FAMILY LIFE, ETC.**
 - ▶ **EXTERNAL: FOOD PANTRY, ST. VINCENT DePAUL, PRO-LIFE, CURSILLO, PRISON MINISTRY, DIOCESAN COUNCILS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ETC.**
 - ▶ **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES.**
 - ▶ **LIVESTREAMING MASS (8:00 A.M.); ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY.**

ST. MARYS TODAY

- ▶ **PASTOR: FR. LEONARD VOYTEK**
- ▶ **DEACON: MR. JAMES JANOSIK**
- ▶ **MASS TIMES:**
 - ▶ **DAILY: 8:30 a.m.**
 - ▶ **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 p.m.**
 - ▶ **SUNDAY MORNING**
 - ▶ **8:00 a.m.**
 - ▶ **10:30 a.m.**

**ST MARYS TODAY: MASS TIMES
COME JOIN US! YOU ARE ALWAYS
WELCOMED!**