

CHURCH BUILDING PLANS

ANNOUNCED- January 22, 1955

Rev. John T. Gallagher announced plans for construction of a \$150,000 Catholic church and an \$85,000 Instruction Center in Mercer. The church was designed by architect D'Orazio of Youngstown, Ohio and constructed of Tennessee crab

orchard stone trimmed in limestone. Five different Italian marbles were used throughout, verde antique, rosa verona, rosa broccato, red morocco and botticino. Fr. Gallagher stated that the reason for the move from All Saint's was due to the



CORNER STONE LAYING

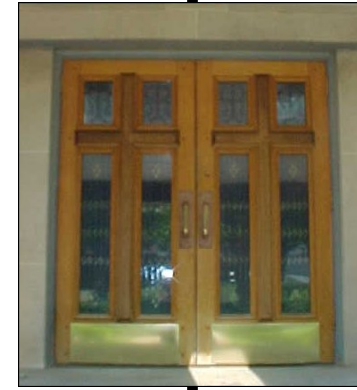
July 22, 1956

Cornerstone was laid by Rt. Rev. J. F.

Murphy, Rev. T. McGovern of Sharpsville, Rev. Geno Monti, Rev. J. Ciaola, Rev. C.

Nagorski of Farrell, Rev. David Zrno, Rev. R. Guzowski of Sharon, Rev. Hugh Gallagher of Cleveland. That evening featured a

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening followed by a sermon and recitation



NEW DOORS - 1996

As part of the 40th Anniversary celebration, the doors to the church were replaced. Handcrafted by Fred and Carol Stephan, the front doors feature a cross fashioned from black walnut while the side doors were made of red oak with white oak accents. The



TUSHIM MANOR

August 2003

In 2003, the parish began construction of a senior housing complex, Tushim Manor, named after Rev. Francis P.

1955

1956

1995

2003



GROUND BREAKING - May 7, 1955

The ground of the new IHM church was blessed and the first spadefuls of earth turned into a ground breaking ceremony. Present during the groundbreaking are shown, left to right:

Rev Hugh Gallagher (brother of Rev. John T. Gallagher), Rev. E. F. McIntire (Stoneboro), Rev. John Keating (Greenville), Rev. Msg. J. F. Murphy (Sacred Heart Sharon), Rev. John T.



FIRST MASS - October 28, 1956

On the Feast of Christ The King, Rev. John T. Gallagher celebrated the first Mass. Evening Benediction included a blessing of the new monstrance by Msgr. James F. Murphy. The

monstrance was a gift to the new church



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