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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Northeast corner of Fifth and Market Streets

CITY, TOWN Portsmouth

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE Ohio

VICINITY OF
CODE 039

COUNTY Scioto

CODE 145

3 CLASSIFICATION

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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

STREET & NUMBER

St. Joseph's Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street

CITY, TOWN Columbus, Ohio

VICINITY OF 43215

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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NAME / TITLE

Deborah Barrington (SCOPS) and Lois Rock (SORHAP0), Regional Preservation Officers

ORGANIZATION

Regional History-Architecture Preservation Office, 10 HA

DATE November, 1978/
May, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

103 Carnegie Hall, Ohio University

TELEPHONE (614) 594-6578

CITY OR TOWN

Athens

STATE Ohio

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Director, Ohio Historical Society

DATE 7/10/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 8-24-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William H. Bratton

8-21-79

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Ref # 79001940

State Ohio (Scioto) Working Number 7.17.79. 1712

TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 7.17.79

HISTORIAN

Architecturally significant Gothic revival structure ~~is~~ constructed by area German immigrants.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*accept
Braham
8.20.79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*accept
Braham
8.21.79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry _____

OCT 2 1979

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1) St. Mary's ^{ROMAN} Catholic Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

AUG 24 1979

May, 1978

Scioto County

David Brook, Photographer

Negatives: 15 W. Second Street
Chillicothe, Ohio

View: front or west elevation
with side or south elevation

JUL 17 1979



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November, 1978
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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
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Ohio University, Athens, Ohio (SORHAPO)

Interior of church

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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Interior of church--chandelier

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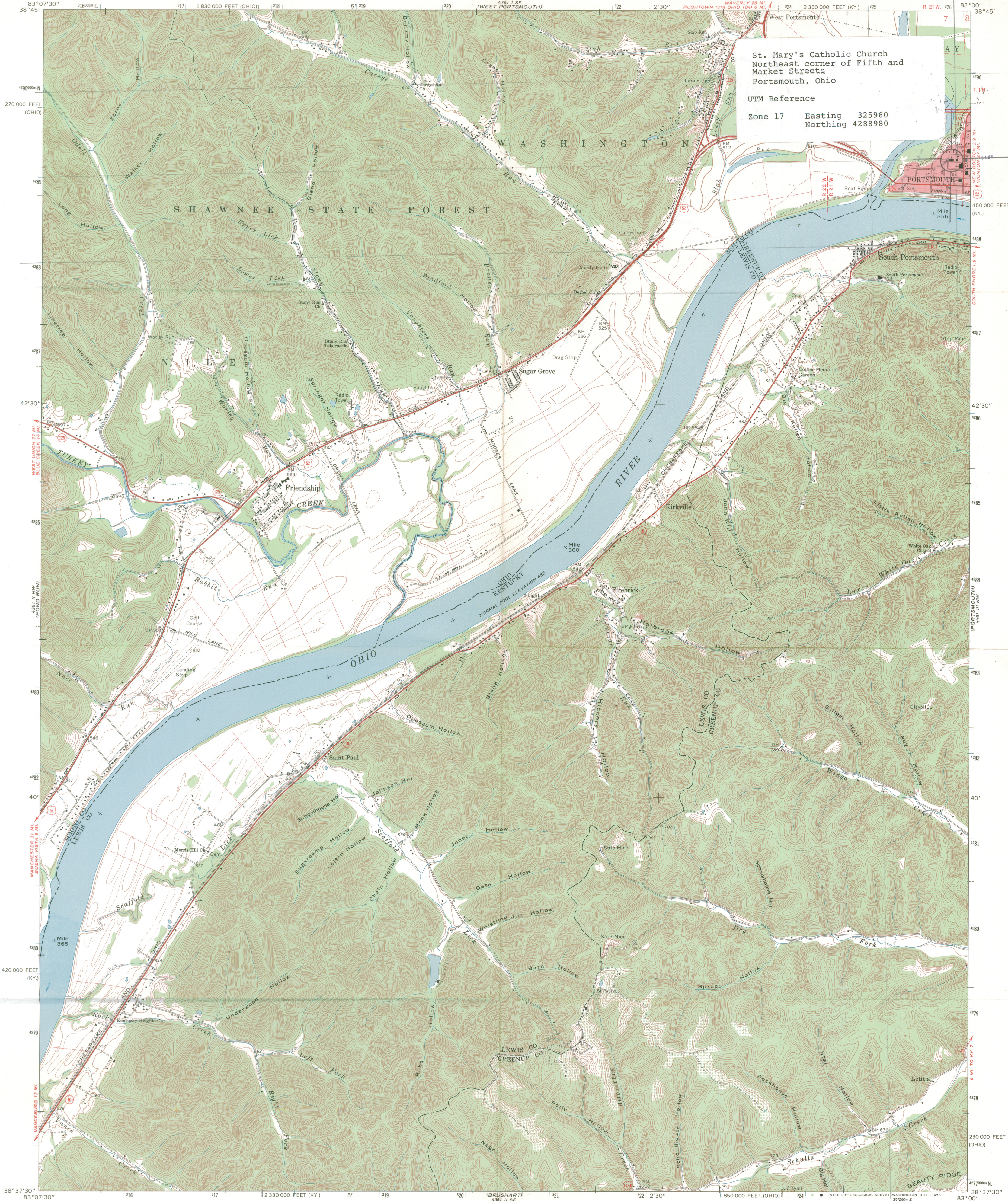


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Interior of Church--window, north side
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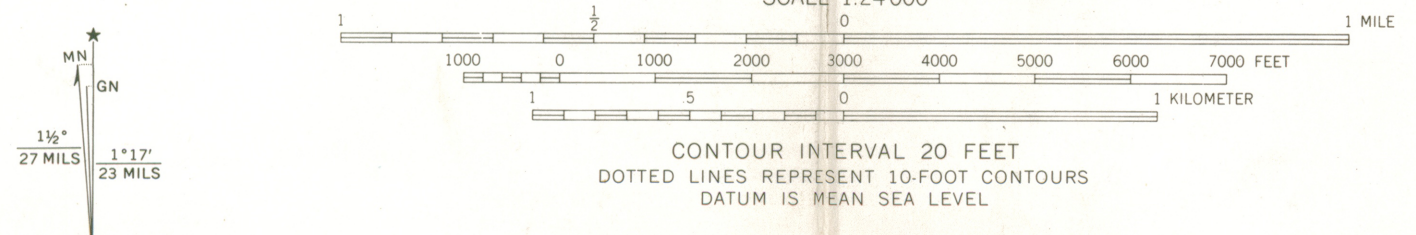
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UTM Reference
Zone 17 Easting 325960
Northing 4288980

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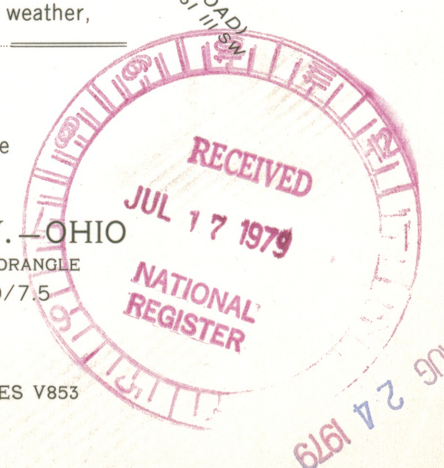
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, Light-duty road, all weather, hard surface, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

U. S. Route State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242, KENTUCKY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506, AND KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

FRIENDSHIP, KY, OHIO
NE/4 GARRISON 15' QUADRANGLE
N3837.5-W8300/7.5

1968
AMS 4361 II NE-SERIES V853



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church	Portsmouth Scioto County
Nicholson, James, House	Lakewood Cuyahoga County
Coulby, Harry, Mansion	Wickliffe Lake County
Pretzinger, Rudolph, House	Dayton Montgomery County
Columbia-Tusculum Multiple Resource Area	Cincinnati Hamilton County

8/30/79

Also Notified

NR Byers/bjr Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum

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Pickands, Jay M., House	Bratenahl Cuyahoga County
Wheatley, Phillis, Association	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
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ATTEST:

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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



Boneyfiddle Multiple Resource Area
Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio
J. Williams photo 3/87
Neg. at 391 Library Park S.
Columbus, Ohio

St. Mary's Catholic Church (NR)
NE Corner Fifth and Market Streets
View looking northeast
Photo # 3

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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