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The Erie Amvets Post 55 congratulates you on your 150th Anniversary! The future for the City of Avon looks bright.

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## Origin of St. Mary's Dates Back to 1833

The origin of St. Mary's congregation dates back to 1833 when it was combined with Holy Trinity's congregation and ministered to by a priest from Cleveland. However, as French Creek grew in population the two congregations were split to provide parishes in Avon to the east and French Creek to the west.

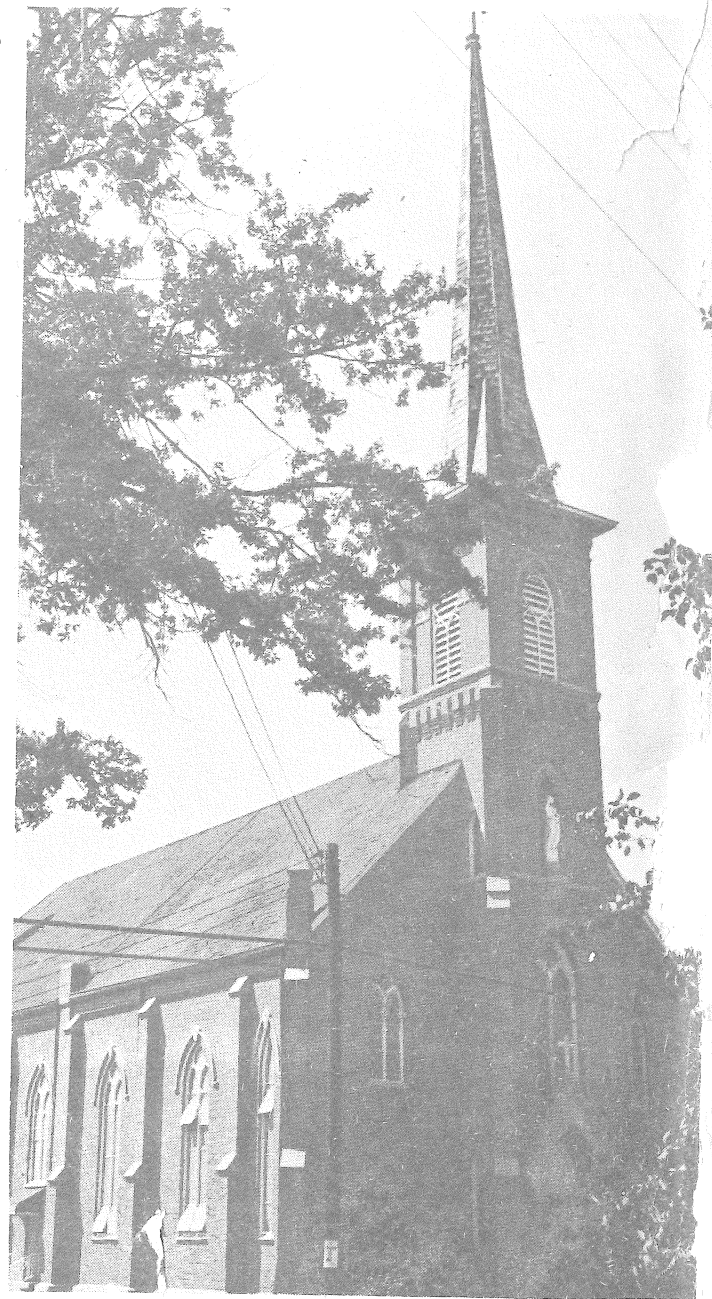
In 1849 a Father Ringle was appointed to take charge of French Creek. He built a frame church on a plot of land he had secured but for which the deed was not given until February 1850. The plot had been the site of a log house belonging to John Steele, son-in-law of Wilbur Cahoon, one of Avon's earliest settlers.

The pastoral residence was a small frame structure built in 1851. The present rectory was completed in 1901 at an estimated cost of \$7,000.

The first of the present school lots was bought in April 1862. In 1885, after the school had become unfit for use, the existing school building was erected. It was finished by fall of the same school year at a cost of nearly \$8,000.

In 1892 a subscription to raise funds for a church was initiated, and the foundation was commenced in August 1892. On May 28, 1893, the cornerstone was laid and by November of the same year the church was enclosed and the spire completed. By spring of 1895 the interior was finished and solemn dedication took place on Sunday, August 6, 1895.

Much restoring and redecorating is now being completed under the able leadership of Father Joseph Foster.



St. Mary Church, Stoney Ridge Rd., formed soon after Holy Trinity Church early in the 1830's.