

Holy Trinity Church Started in Schwartz Home

The origin of Holy Trinity Catholic Church can be traced to the log home occupied by the John Schwartz family. On March 21, 1841, the first offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass took place. By 1841 the number of Catholic families numbered twelve and by 1844 this number had increased to forty-four. On August 14, 1843, a committee of seven men were empowered to collect funds, choose a site and build a church because John Schwartz's home had now become too small to ac-

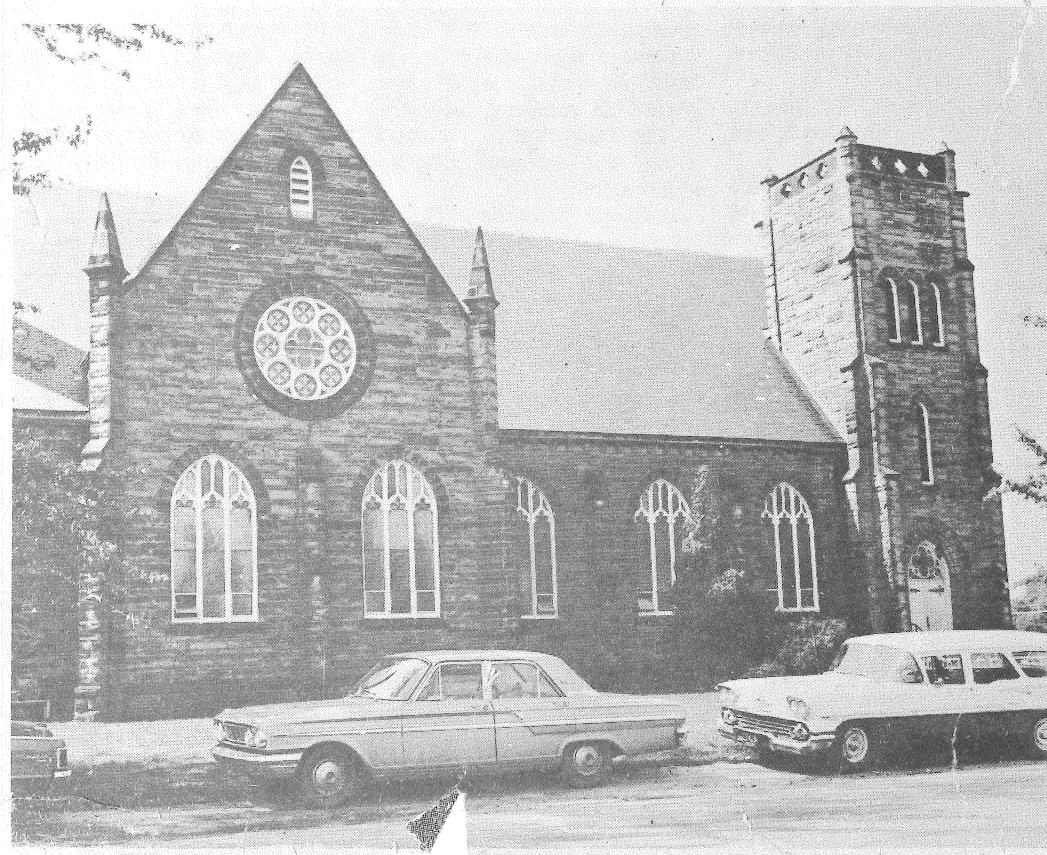
commodate the congregation. On Jan. 13, 1844, the contract for a frame church was awarded and in 1848 the dedication of the building and blessing of the cemetery took place.

In 1900 the present location was obtained and approximately 600 tons of stone was purchased.

Parishoners of Holy Trinity opened a school in 1845 in a rude log structure. The present building was erected with sister's residences attached in 1925.

In 1869 two bells were purchased at a cost of \$700 and the parishoners named them in honor of St. Benedict and his twin sister Scholastica. These bells still ring out each Sunday morning for Mass.

In 1924 a tornado ripped the roof off and otherwise wrecked the building and rectory. It required nearly \$100,000 to repair the damage. But everything in the historic old parish is serene under the leadership of Father Ondick.



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