



West Side Trails

Parish Information and Photos



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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Address: 4366 Bridgetown Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Telephone: (513) 574-4840

E-mail: stalloysius5@fuse.net

Web Site: <http://www.saintals.org>

Community: Bridgetown

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1867

Original Church Dedicated: November 3, 1868

New Church Dedicated: 1963

Architect: L. P. Cotter and Associates

Style: Modern

Parent Parishes: St. John, Dry Ridge and Assumption, Mt. Healthy

Ethnicity: German

Bibliography: St. Aloysius, Bridgetown, History 1866-1941

University of Notre Dame Archives: Printed Parish History Collection, Box 85

St. Aloysius Gonzaga parish was founded in 1866 by a group of German Catholics. The first church building was dedicated in 1868 and included a school, church, priest's residence, and a teacher's residence.

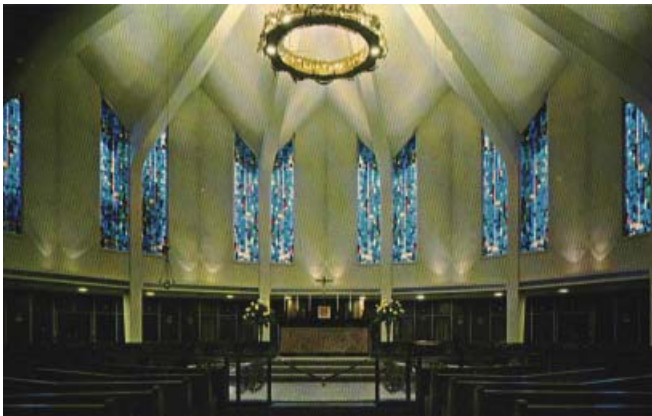
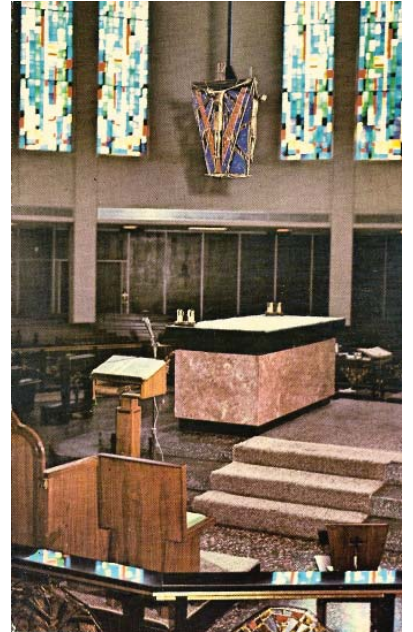
The parish grew through the remainder of the 19th century, and its expansion intensified at the turn of the century with population growth and the extension of streetcar lines into nearby Cheviot.

A second church was dedicated in 1914 and the original church was converted into classrooms in 1919. At that time St. Al's operated a grade school and a commercial school for high school students that eventually closed with the opening of Elder and Seton high schools in 1927. The Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg, Indiana, taught and administered at the school and resided in the convent on the parish property. The current school building was built in 1937, and additions were made in the 1940s and 1950s.

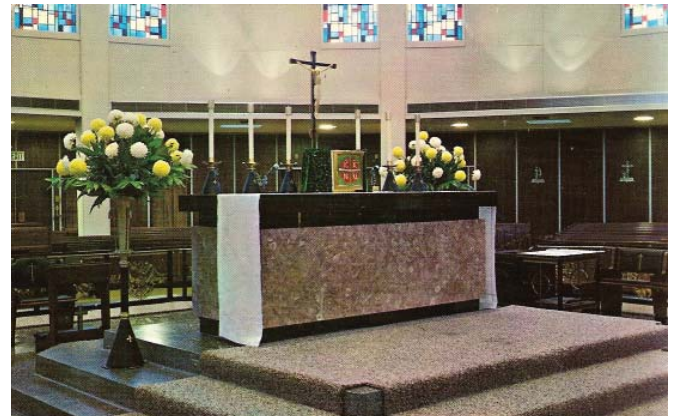
The opening of nearby parishes and schools helped alleviate crowded classrooms. The latest addition to the school was made in 1996 with the construction of the Monsignor Schmitt Hall gymnasium/multipurpose building. Renovations continue as needed to keep the facility current for 21st century learning. The undercroft of the church was renovated in 2006 into a state-of-the-art library and reading room. The kindergarten was enlarged and renovated in 2010.



St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Current Church



St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Interior



St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Altar

St. Antoninus

Address: 1500 Linneman Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238-1999

Telephone: (513) 922-5400, Fax: (513) 451-5871

E-mail: saintantoninus@fuse.net

Web Site: <http://www.saintantoninus.org>

Community: Covedale

Location: Julmar Dr. & Linneman Rd.

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1944

From The Parish webiste;

On the night of May 5, 1944, Father Carl F. Goeckeler, pastor of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, was asked by Archbishop John T. McNicholas to establish St. Antoninus Parish. The new church was nearly complete at that time, and the Archbishop dedicated it and formally installed Father Goeckeler as pastor on June 25, 1944.

And so, as we say, "the rest is history." The school was opened in 1948 in a prefabricated building of four classrooms placed over a basement with four classrooms and restrooms. Dominican Sisters from Adrian, MI, came to staff the school.

The parish grew in size and vigor. A new school and convent building was dedicated on September 29, 1957. Father Goeckeler saw the need for a larger church, but the Archbishop would only permit the building of a basement church and rectory because of parish debt. The first Mass was celebrated in the basement church on January 12, 1963.

Soon a new campaign began to add nine more classrooms to the school, a new auditorium/gymnasium, a library, and to add nine more rooms and a chapel to the Sister's convent. Auxiliary Bishop Edward McCarthy, brother of the present pastor of St. Antoninus, dedicated the new facilities on November 30, 1966.



St. Antoninus - Current Church



St. Antoninus - Previous Church



St. Antoninus - Current School



St. Antoninus - Old School

St. Catharine of Siena

Address: (for mailing) P.O. Box 111115, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211-1115

Church location: 2848 Fischer Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Telephone: (513) 661-0651

Web Site: <http://www.stcatharinesiena.org>

Community: Westwood

Location: Northwest corner of Fischer Place and Wunder Ave.

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: January 1, 1902

Original Church Dedicated: September 18, 1904

New Church Dedicated: 1922

Architect: Robert Crowe & Edward J. Schulte

Style: Romanesque Revival

Parent Parishes: St. Aloysius in Bridgetown (St. Aloysius Gonzaga)

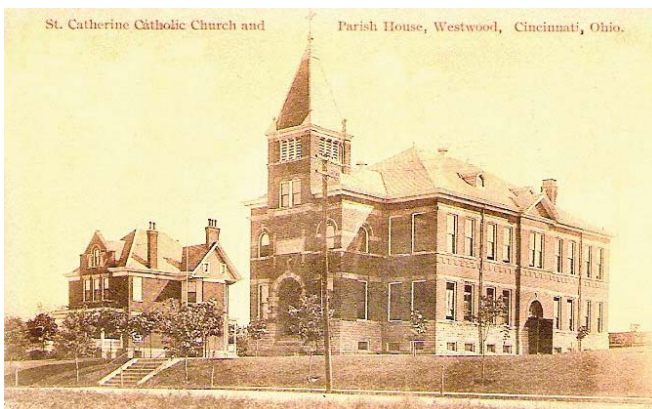
From the parish history booklet, <http://www.stcatharinesiena.org/files/section1.pdf>

On the first of January, Reverend Herman Ellerbrock, the pastor of St. Aloysius Bridgetown, called a meeting of the Catholics of his parish who lived in Westwood for the purpose of organizing a new parish. Owing to the increasing number of Catholics in his congregation and the extent of its territory it had become necessary to divide the parish. When Father Ellerbrock was ordained, he said his First Mass at the tomb of St. Catharine of Siena, in Rome. From that time on, his devotion to St. Catharine grew. Hence when it came time to name the new Catholic parish in Westwood, he asked the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for, and received, permission to name the new church St. Catharine of Siena. Thus, St. Catharine became the first parish to break off from St. Aloysius in Bridgetown. She is the eldest daughter of the six parishes formed from St. Aloysius.

At the time of the dedication, the church stood in the center of what was a cow pasture and the only building in the neighborhood was an old dairy farmhouse. Fischer Place and Wunder Avenue then existed merely on paper. The only sidewalks were old planks covered with mud most of the time. What is now Harrison Avenue and Fischer Place was a six-foot embankment, and on what is now Wunder Avenue was a gully 20 feet deep, spanned by a rustic bridge built by the men of the parish.



St. Catherine of Siena - Current Church



St. Catherine of Siena - Old Church



St. Catherine of Siena - Interior

www.jeffsphotography.com

Holy Family

Address: 814 Hawthorne Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45205

Telephone: (513) 921- 7527

Web Site: <http://www.hfschool.org>

+Treasured Catholic Churches of Cincinnati: Holy Family

Community: East Price Hill

Location: at West 8th St.

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1883

Original Church Dedicated: August 24, 1884

New Church Dedicated: 1915

Architect: John P. Sheblessy

Style: Baroque Revival

Parent Parishes: St. Lawrence

Notes: This parish was formed for the families of St. Lawrence living east of Elberon Avenue.

Holy Family Church was dedicated on the 24th day of August, 1884. The total cost of the new Church was \$8,060.61. The two room school and the pastor's residence were located in the Church building.

Reverend John H. Menke was appointed as the first pastor of Holy Family Church by Archbishop Elder. He served in this capacity until he tendered his resignation on the advice of his physician on August 22, 1897, he died three months later. He was succeeded as pastor by Father Alfred Drufner.

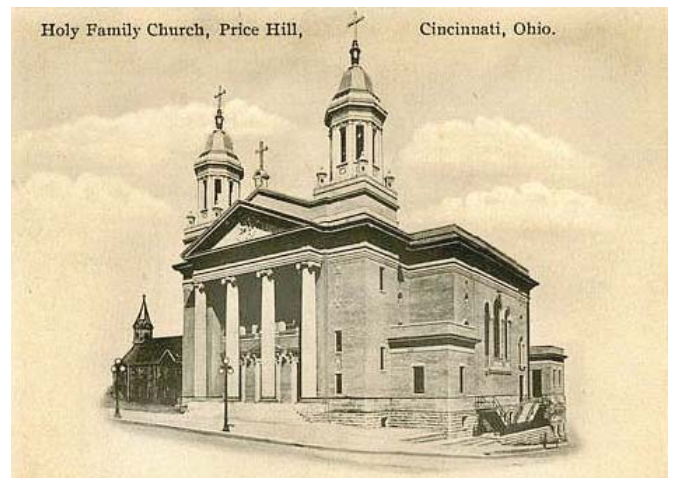
Library Hall on Price Avenue was purchased in 1905 and the school classrooms were moved from the Church basement to the newly purchased building. Due to the rapid growth of the parish, it became necessary to have the school building renovated. Upon completion Archbishop Moeller dedicated what has come to be known as Holy Family School on April 9, 1911. The Gymnasium Association took root and the space under the old school building was converted to a parish recreation center.

As the parish continued to grow plans for a larger Church were initiated by Father Drufner, who died suddenly in 1912 before the completion of the new Church. The continuation of this task was then passed onto Father Anthony Runnebaum, appointed Pastor in 1912. The Holy Family Church that stands today was dedicated by Archbishop Moeller on June 18, 1916, at a cost of \$175,000.00.

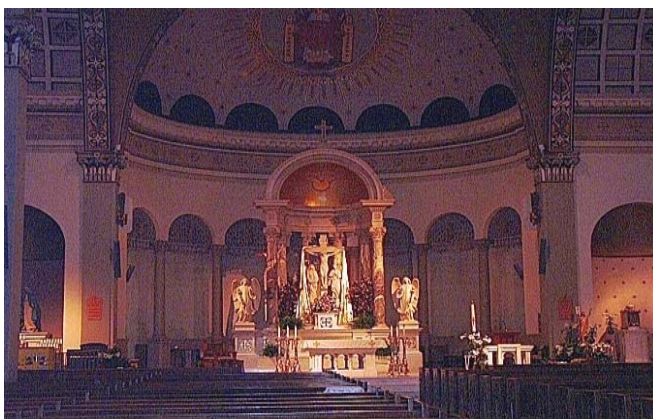
Under the personal direction of Emil Frei the stained glass windows were created. The windows in the sanctuary depict the four great sacrifices of the Old Testament, the sacrifices of Abel, Noah, Isaac by Abraham, and Melchizedek. The main windows, located in the body of the Church, picture the five joyful mysteries and events in the life of the Holy Family.



Holy Family - Current Church



Holy Family (postcard)



Holy Family - Altar

St. Jude (Bridgetown)

Address: 5924 Bridgetown Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45248-3108

Telephone: (513) 574-1230, Fax: (513) 598-2118

Web Site: <http://www.stjudebridgetown.org/>

Community: Bridgetown

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Founded: 1956

From The Parish website;

In 1956, during the papacy of Pope Pius XII, and at the direction of the Most Rev. Archbishop Karl J. Alter, St. Jude Parish began as a 16.25 acre tract of land on Bridgetown Road. On September 8, Msgr. Stanley Bertke was appointed to organize this new parish. In early October, the members of St. Jude Parish celebrated their first Mass in the Bridgetown Public School gymnasium.

Construction on a new parish “plant” began with ground breaking ceremonies on July 28, 1956. The design was a combination church and school. The first floor was used for church seating on Sunday and a classroom on school days. The basement served as a cafeteria. This temporary church was to be converted into a gym later.

Parish Council voted to build a new church in 1968 and by the following March construction had begun. Parishioners watched with anticipation as our present church was built. On a Sunday in July 1970, the cornerstone was placed. Finally, on Sunday, September 20, 1970, the new church was dedicated.

The windows of the church are both beautiful and meaningful. Two types of stained glass are used. The large front windows and the windows in the sanctuary are of faceted glass. The great window over the front entrance depicts the Holy Trinity with the large Christ figure, our Lord, the Redeemer, in the center. The left panel depicts God the Father, Creator.

The right panel has the Holy Spirit and the fiery tongues of Pentecost. The creation panel shows the symbolic hand of God from which emanates the sun, moon and stars, and humankind with its co-creation, sputniks and space ships.

The sanctuary windows show the seven sacraments. From left to right are Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.

The windows in the west side of the body of the church depict the Annunciation, the Birth of Christ, Jesus in the Temple, the raising of Lazarus, the Feeding of the Multitude, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, the Crucifixion, and finally the Resurrection.

The opposite side has scenes from the Old Testament that have some similarity with the scenes of the New Testament. They are: Noah's Ark, Abraham offering his son in sacrifice, Moses and the Ten Commandments, Elisha raising the dead son of the Shunamite woman, Moses and the manna from the sky, and water from the rock, Melchisedech offering bread and wine, the suffering Job and his love of God, Moses and the serpent, and Elijah raised to heaven in a flaming chariot. In 1976, two long-awaited statues were also added to the church — the Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Our patron saint, St. Jude, has very little known about him. He was a cousin of our Lord, an apostle, one of the inspired writers of the New Testament, and a martyr for the faith. Perhaps, the most important history of St. Jude is the supernatural action of God that has taken place after his death through his intercession. He is recognized as the patron of difficult and hopeless causes.



St. Jude (Bridgetown) - Current Church



St. Jude (Bridgetown) - Stain glass windows of the Seven Sacraments



St. Jude (Bridgetown) - Interior

Our Lady of Lourdes

Address: 2832 Rosebud Dr., Cincinnati , 45238

Telephone: (513) 922-0715, Fax: (513) 347-2644

E-mail: parish@lourdes.org

Web Site: <http://www.lourdes.org>

Community: Westwood

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Founded: 1927

Dedicated: 1959, Old Church; 1967, New Church (1982, Addition and Renovation)

Architect: Maguolo & Quick, Old Church; L. P. Cotter and Associates, Current Church; Gallagher, Craig & Associates, Addition

Style: Modern

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish began Easter Sunday, April 17, 1927. The first Mass was celebrated by Father Francis Biendl (1927-1932) in Dr. Charles Murray's home located near the site of the present church. Six months later the white frame building was completed as the first church.

Archbishop John T. McNicholas was the spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at that time. Rapid growth followed. Shortly after the frame church came another frame building was erected to serve as OLL School.

Our first festival was held in 1928. Energetic Father George Grunkemeyer (1932-1945) was OLL's second pastor. He was succeeded by Father George Lamott (1945-1971).

Under Fr. Lamott, there was more growth in the post-World War II era. In 1948, part of the present school building was built. Until the present church, both the school cafeteria and the gym were used as church.

In 1960, the school annex was completed with eight classrooms. It is called St. Bernadette Hall. The convent was built in 1961. Now it is the Parish Office Center. The present church was completed in 1967. An outward structure was added in 1981.



Our Lady of Lourdes - Current Church



Our Lady of Lourdes - Current Church



Our Lady of Lourdes - Interior



Our Lady of Lourdes - Previous Church



Our Lady of Lourdes - School

Our Lady of Visitation

Address: 3172 South Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45248-2998

Telephone: (513) 922-2056

E-mail: olvisitation@olvisitation.net

Web Site: <http://www.olvisitation.org>

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Founded: 1947

Original Church Dedicated:

New Church Dedicated: 1962

Architect: Elmer Schmidt

Style: Modern

From the parish website;

The history of Our Lady of the Visitation starts in 1946. After the Word War II, Cincinnati's suburbs grew rapidly, including Bridgetown and Mack. Archbishop John T. McNicholas purchased a 23 acre farm between South and Werk roads for \$21,000. Father VonderBrink was appointed by the Archbishop to organize what would be known as Our Lady of the Visitation Parish.

There was no church. Fortunately, the Diocese was able to purchase several army barracks one of which was designated for Visitation as a church. To move it from the Wright Plant in Lockland, a downtown suburb of Cincinnati, to Werk and South roads, it was cut into three sections and moved by truck then reassembled.

Then it was time to turn the barracks into a Church. Only electricity was available. Andy Haas hauled water from his cistern using a sled and a team of horses. With water, the new parishioners could mix plaster for the inside walls and concrete to build an entrance and a room for the furnace. White siding was added too. The Luken family and other men of the parish built forty-six benches. Unfortunately, they used green wood, which was the only wood available and it bowed as it dried. The Archbishop, realizing that the parish was already concerned about their debt, paid for the cost of covered padding for the kneelers.

The first Mass was offered on February 2, 1947 on the feast of the Presentation. Sixty families celebrated in this little rural Church with its 8 foot ceilings and a seating for only 275. With a young parish, it became obvious that the parish needed a school. In January of 1950, the first 140 students enter a brand new school building.

The parish grew quickly and before long, Visitation had outgrown the converted army barracks. In 1959, Archbishop Karl J. Alter gave permission to build a new church with five classrooms in the basement once the parish was clear of debt. The church dedication took place in November of 1962. Seating 700 parishioners, its unique cruciform design is the product of architect Elmer Schmidt.



Our Lady of Visitation - Current Church



Our Lady of Visitation - Current Church newly built (1962)



Our Lady of Visitation - Altar



Our Lady of Visitation - First Church (after first Mass)

St. Lawrence

Address: 3680 Warsaw Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45205

Telephone: (513) 921-0328

Web Site: <http://www.stlawrenceparish.org> +Treasured
Catholic Churches of Cincinnati: St. Lawrence

Community: Price Hill

Location: at Carson Ave.

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1868

Original Church Dedicated: June 12, 1870

New Church Dedicated: 1894

Architect: Adolphus Druiding

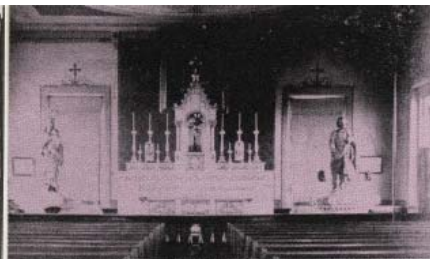
Style: Gothic Revival

Parent Parishes: First offspring of St. Michael's

Ethnicity: English-speaking

Records for this Parish are located at: St. Lawrence (on-site)

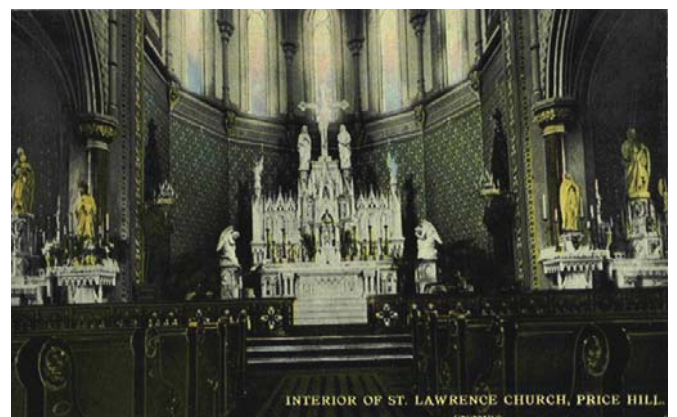
St Lawrence Church was organized at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in 1868 under the direction of Rev. J. M. Bonner. A tract of land was purchased and a building erected which was dedicated June 12, 1870. In 1886, work was begun on the present gothic structure, and the cornerstone was laid October 16, 1886. The basement was dedicated May 22, 1887. The superstructure was completed and the new church dedicated September 30, 1894 by Archbishop William Henry Elder. The new church is 72 x 165 feet and cost \$106,000. In 1896, the congregation numbered 475 families.



The first church and school. Small house on left was used for extra classrooms.



St. Lawrence - Current Church (historical postcard)



St. Lawrence - interior - High Altar (historical postcard)



St. Lawrence - Current interior



St. Lawrence - interior (historical postcard)

St. Martin of Tours (Cheviot)

Address: 3720 St. Martin Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Telephone: (513) 661-2000

E-mail: wesseler@choice.net

Web Site: <http://www.saintmartin.org>

Community: Cheviot

Location: at Glenmore Avenue

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1911

Original Church Dedicated: October 20, 1912

New Church Dedicated: 1923

Architect: J. Charles Grunkemeyer

Style: Lombardy – Italian Romanesque Revival

Parent Parishes: St. Aloysius (Bridgetown) and St. Catharine (Westwood)

In 1909, a group of parishioners was making the long trek home from Mass at St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Bridgetown to Cheviot. A rainstorm broke out, drenching them and turning the road into mud. That was the last straw. The churchgoers decided they needed their own parish and with that, the story of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Cheviot began.

More than two dozen people attended the first organizational meeting and more than 100 came to a second. A committee was formed to take the request for a new parish to then-Archbishop Henry K. Moeller. While there was some concern that a new parish would hurt attendance at the established faith communities, the committee persevered and, in late 1910, the archbishop agreed Cheviot needed a parish. Even before permission was granted, some of the founders had pooled their resources to purchase land for the new parish.

Father Otto Auer was named the first pastor in January 1911, and a small wooden church was quickly constructed. The parish was formed with 125 families, and the first Mass was celebrated on Feb. 26.

A multi-purpose building housing worship space, classrooms and a convent for the Sisters of Notre Dame was dedicated in October 1912. Within eight years, worship space in the building was inadequate for the growing parish and, in 1920, it was decided to build a church, Kissel wrote in an article on the parish's history. The building was dedicated in August 1923. A rectory and new convent were also built in the 1920s. The current school building was dedicated in 1951 and expanded in the 1960s. Today St. Martin of Tours has about 1,300 families and 218 students in the parish school. There have been only eight pastors during the parish's history.



St. Martin of Tours - Current Church



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St. Martin of Tours - Interior

Mount Saint Mary's of the West

Thanks to a gift of 5 acres of land on Price Hill and \$22,000 from two businessmen, one of which was Reuben Springer, Bishop Purcell was able to build a new seminary building in 1851. With this move the seminary's name was changed to Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West, named after Purcell's alma mater at Emmittsburg, Maryland. This site is located at Warsaw and Grand Avenues.

In 1879, due to financial difficulties, the seminary was closed for 8 years. When it finally reopened it became apparent that a change was going to have to be made. The new inclines had allowed Cincinnatians to move to the suburbs and the area around the seminary was being crowded by new housing and the serene quality of the area was lost.

In 1890 it was decided not to reestablish a preparatory college seminary with the graduate school, so a separate college seminary-St. Gregory's Seminary-was opened in Mount Washington.

In 1904 everybody moved again. Archbishop Henry Moeller decided to transfer the seminary from Price Hill to the Mount Washington buildings of St. Gregory. Archbishop Moeller sold the Price Hill building to the Sisters of Good Shepherd in 1904 for use as a training school for girls.

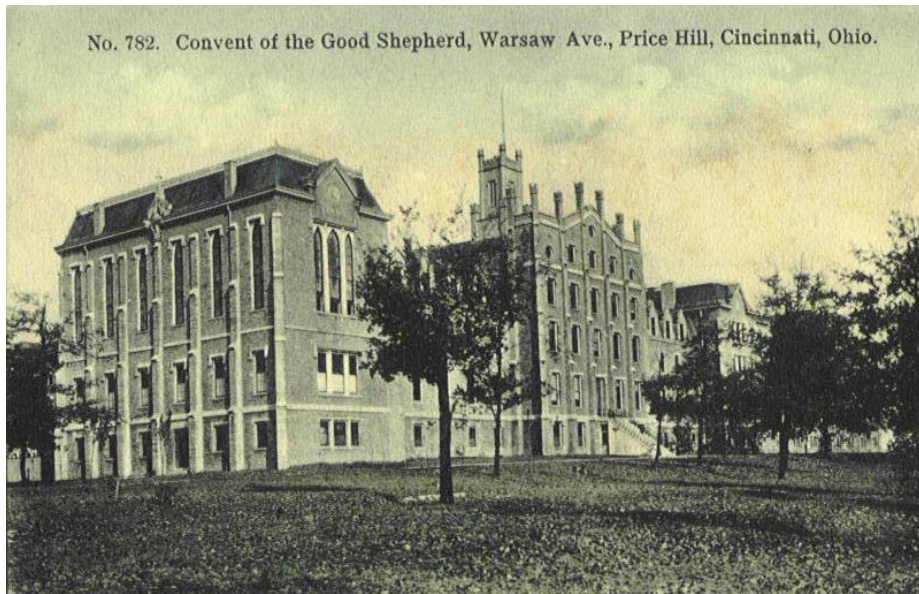
Mount Saint Mary's Training School for Girls, Convent of the Good Shepherd

The Convent of the Good Shepherd was the home and training school for girls and also the Provincial House of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The St. Mary's Training school educated children, ages 4 to 18, who were brought in by their parents or sent by the Catholic charities. Many were "problem" girls sent by the juvenile court. The bulk of their income came from the operation of workshops-laundries, sewing rooms where shirts were produced, and knitting rooms. Complaints were received, and confirmed, of long hours and mis-treatment. The archdiocese intervened in several instances to improve conditions in the workshops. The total capacity of the home was 450 girls, of which two-thirds were African American. In June 1949 the school merged with Girls'Town, another temporary shelter for "problem" girls. The Price Hill school remained open until 1959. The building was razed in 1962.

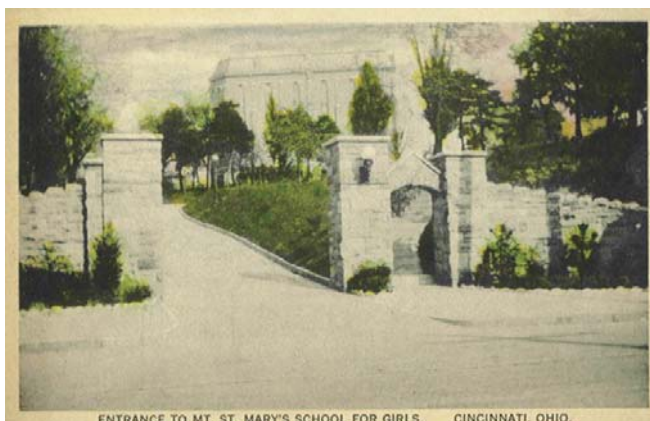
Although St. Mary's was razed in 1962 the entrance was kept intact and is still standing. It still looks the same as in the 1st postcard. It is located where Warsaw and Hawthorne Aves. meet.



Mount Saint Mary's of the West



Convent of the Good Shepard (historical postcard)



Gateway from Warsaw Ave. (historical postcard)



Existing Gateway from Warsaw Ave.

Resurrection of Our Lord

Address: 1750 First Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45205

Telephone: (513) 471- 2431

Community: Price Hill

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1919

Original Church Dedicated: February 1, 1920

Parent Parishes: St. Lawrence



Resurrection of Our Lord Church

St. Teresa of Avila

Address: 1175 Overlook Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Telephone: (513) 921-9200

E-mail: stteresa@fuse.net

Web Site: <http://www.stteresa-avila.org>

Community: Price Hill

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: August 1916

Original Church Dedicated: December 24, 1916

Old Church Architect: Anthony Kunz Jr.,

Style: Spanish Revival;

New Church Dedicated: 1962

New Church Architect: Gartner, Burdick, Bauer-Nilsen
(GBBN)

Style: Italian Romanesque Revival

Parent Parishes: St. Lawrence and St. William

Bibliography:

Commemorating the golden anniversary of Saint Teresa
Parish : October 16, 1966, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1966. 24 pages
Contents: Includes a history of the church, photographs of
buildings and architectural details, portraits of past and cur-
rent pastors, and group portraits of various church organiza-
tions. Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

St. Teresa of Avila parish handbook, St. Teresa of Avila
Church, 1175 Overlook Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45238,
1982? 22 pages Contents: A guide to the church for mem-
bers of the parish, brief history, schedule of activities, and
groups and committees. Public Library of Cincinnati and
Hamilton County.



St. Teresa of Avila - Current Church



St. Teresa of Avila - Old Church



St. Teresa of Avila - Current Church's stain glass windows

St. William

Address: 4108 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205

Telephone: (513) 921-0247

E-mail: ehenry@saintwilliam.com

Web Site: <http://www.saintwilliam.com>

+Treasured Catholic Churches of Cincinnati: St. William

Community: Price Hill

Location: at Sunset Ave.

Status: Currently Active

Congregation Organized: 1909

Original Church Dedicated: May 22, 1910

New Church Dedicated: 1931

Architect: Joseph Steinkamp & Brother

Style: Romanesque Revival

Parent Parishes: St. Lawrence

Bibliography:

St. William Church: dedicated Sunday October 4, 1931, Cincinnati: Breitenbach Linotyping Co., 1931. 31 pages
Contents: Includes portraits and biographical information about past and current pastors, photographs of the interior and exterior of the church and related buildings, and a history of the church and congregation, list of "patrons and patronesses."

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County; University of Notre Dame Archives: Printed Parish History Collection, Box 87

In the Fall of 1909, Archbishop Henry Moeller decided a new parish was needed in Price Hill to relieve St. Lawrence of its growing number of parishioners. Rev. Francis Roth was asked to begin this new parish and was appointed the first pastor. Mr. Herman Elsaesser donated a parcel of land for the new parish, which would be named St. William, after Archbishop Moeller's predecessor, Archbishop William H. Elder. On May 22, 1910, the first services were held in a temporary structure on the property. It cost \$3,736.80 to build and was paid for before the dedication.

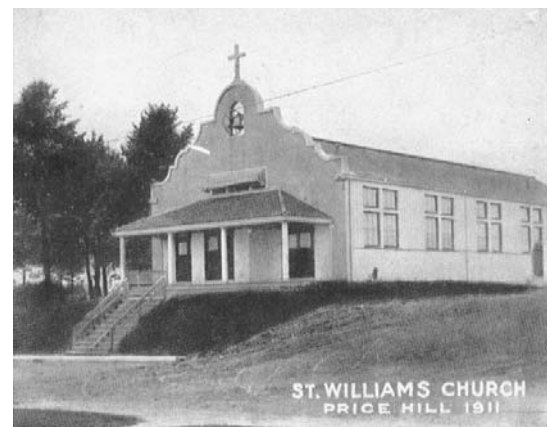
The 1st photo is of the St. William Church Dedicated on May 22, 1910 at the corner of Sunset Ave. & West 8th St. in Price Hill. The congregation, largely German and Irish immigrants, experienced exceptional growth and by 1931 they needed a much bigger church.

The new church was constructed in 1931 at 1401 W. Eighth Street. This church includes a parish house, Sisters' residence, and a community center. This was a massive undertaking during the depression and it cost so much the parish went deeply into debt (\$462,000).

In order to pay this debt off the Rev. Francis Reardon started, what is believed to be the very first bingo games sponsored by a church. These games became so popular that people came from as far away as Indianapolis to play. From 20 to 25 street cars would be seen lined up after the games were over to take people home.



St. William - Current Church



St. William - Previous Church



St. William - High Altar



St. William's central "wheel window"

Start the Pilgrimage of Faith - West Side Trail South Loop at:

1. **St. Lawrence Church**
3680 Warsaw Ave, Cincinnati, OH
(513) 921-0328 stlawrenceparish.org
A. Head SE, then East on Warsaw Ave.
B. Opposite Hawthorne Ave., is the old gateway to the previous location of the Athenaeum of Ohio.
C. Turn right onto Hawthorne Ave
D. Turn left onto W 8th St. Holy Family Church will be on the left.

2. **Holy Family Church**
3006 West 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45205
(513) 921-7527 holymfamilycincinnati.com
A. Head west on W 8th St toward Hawthorne Ave
B. Turn left onto Elberon Ave
C. Turn right onto W 8th St. Travel West on W 8th St. St. William Church will be on the right.

3. **St. William Church**
4108 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH
(513) 921-0247 saintwilliam.com
A. Head west on W 8th St.
B. Turn right onto Kreis Lane.
C. Turn left onto St Lawrence Ave
D. Turn right onto Schiff Ave
E. Turn left onto Glenway Ave
F. Travel NW on Glenway Ave. St. Teresa of Avila will be on the left. (The old church building is on Overlook Ave.)

4. **St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**
1175 Overlook Ave, Cincinnati, OH
(513) 921-9200 stteresa-avila.org
A. Head NW on Glenway Ave
B. Turn left onto Cleves Warsaw Ave / Cleves Warsaw Pk. Continue to follow Cleves Warsaw Pk
C. Turn right onto Linneman Rd. St Antoninus Church will be on the right.



Trail Awards

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5. **St Antoninus Church**
1500 Linneman Rd, Cincinnati, OH
(513) 922-5400 saintantoninus.org
A. Head North on Linneman Rd toward Julmar Dr
B. Turn right onto Julmar Dr
C. Turn left onto Sylveld Ln
D. Continue straight onto Muddy Creek Rd
E. Turn left onto Rosebud Dr. Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be on the right

6. **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**
3450 Lumardo Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45238
(513) 922-0715 lourdes.org
A. Head NE on Lumardo Ave toward Glenway Ave
B. Turn right onto Glenway Ave
C. Stay on Glenway Ave
D. SE onto Warsaw Ave. St Lawrence Church, the starting point, will be on the left.

Travel Information

- 1 to 2 - Total: 1.0 mi – about 18 mins
- 2 to 3 - Total: 1.3 mi – about 27 mins
- 3 to 4 - Total: 1.2 mi – about 25 mins
- 4 to 5 - Total: 1.8 mi – about 35 mins
- 5 to 6 - Total: 1.4 mi – about 27 mins
- 6 to 7 - Total: 3.3 mi – about 1 hour 7 mins

Estimated Distance – 10 miles

Estimated Hiking Time – 3 hours, 19 min.

Trail Safety

This is an urban trail along a busy road with few sidewalks. Follow BSA Safe Hiking Rules and travel with a min. of two adults and four scouts.

Trail History

This trail was developed for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Committee of Scouting in 2013.



West Side Trail - South Loop (10 miles)



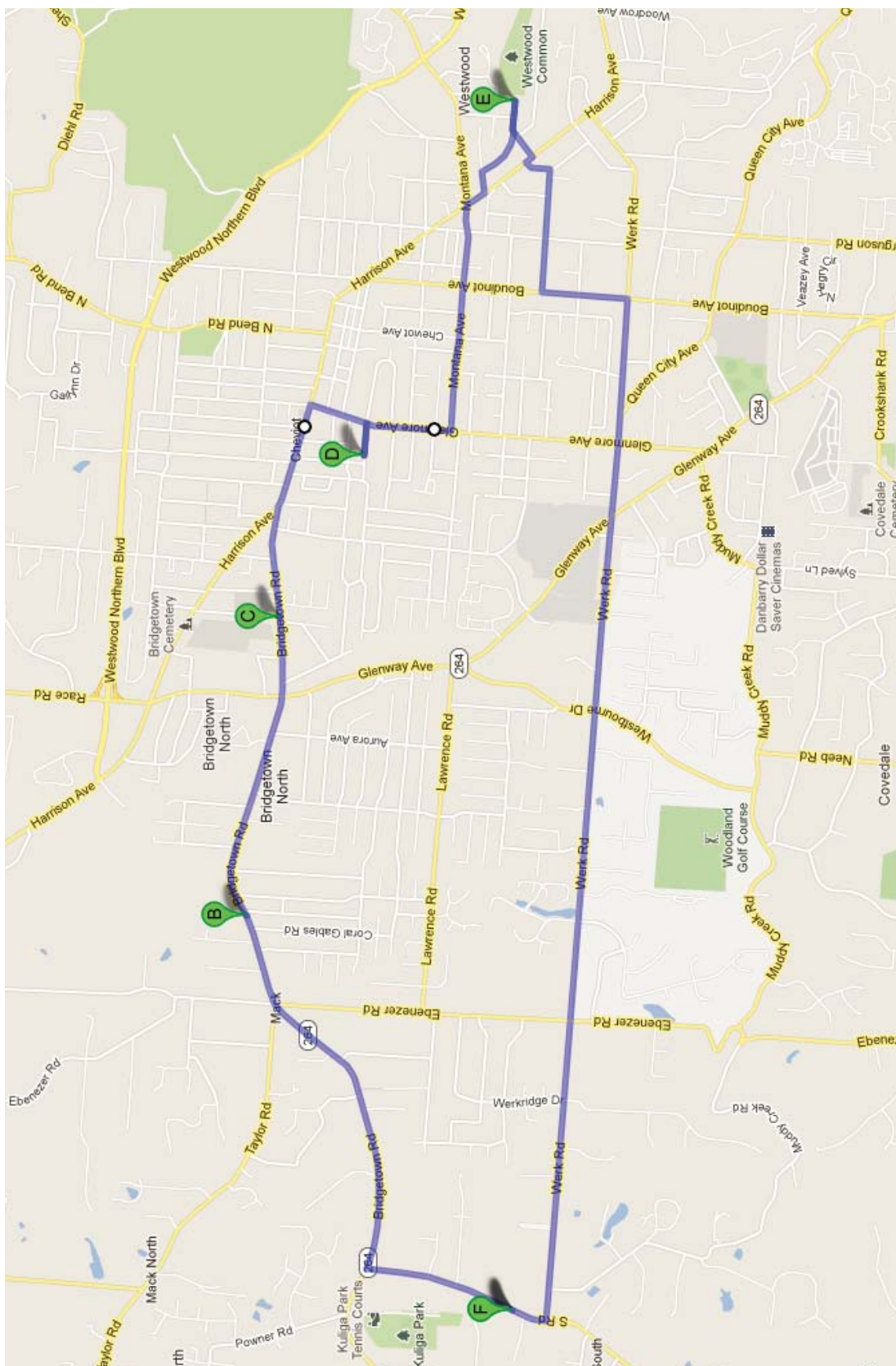
Christians have been traveling to Holy places since the beginning of the Church and have been actively encouraged to go on Pilgrimages since the Middle Ages. The Pilgrimage participants (pilgrims) are on a spiritual journey as well as a physical journey. The Pilgrimage is a time of leaving our daily lives behind, turning to the Lord, repenting of our sins, increased prayer life and in some cases, hope for miraculous cures for ills.

The West Side Trails are an extension of the Cathedral Trail. It follows the movement of the faithful as they moved up and out of the Ohio River valley and began establishing the third and fourth generation of parishes. These west side parishes became the support centers of the Church much like the establishment of stations and forts in the American wilderness 100 years before.

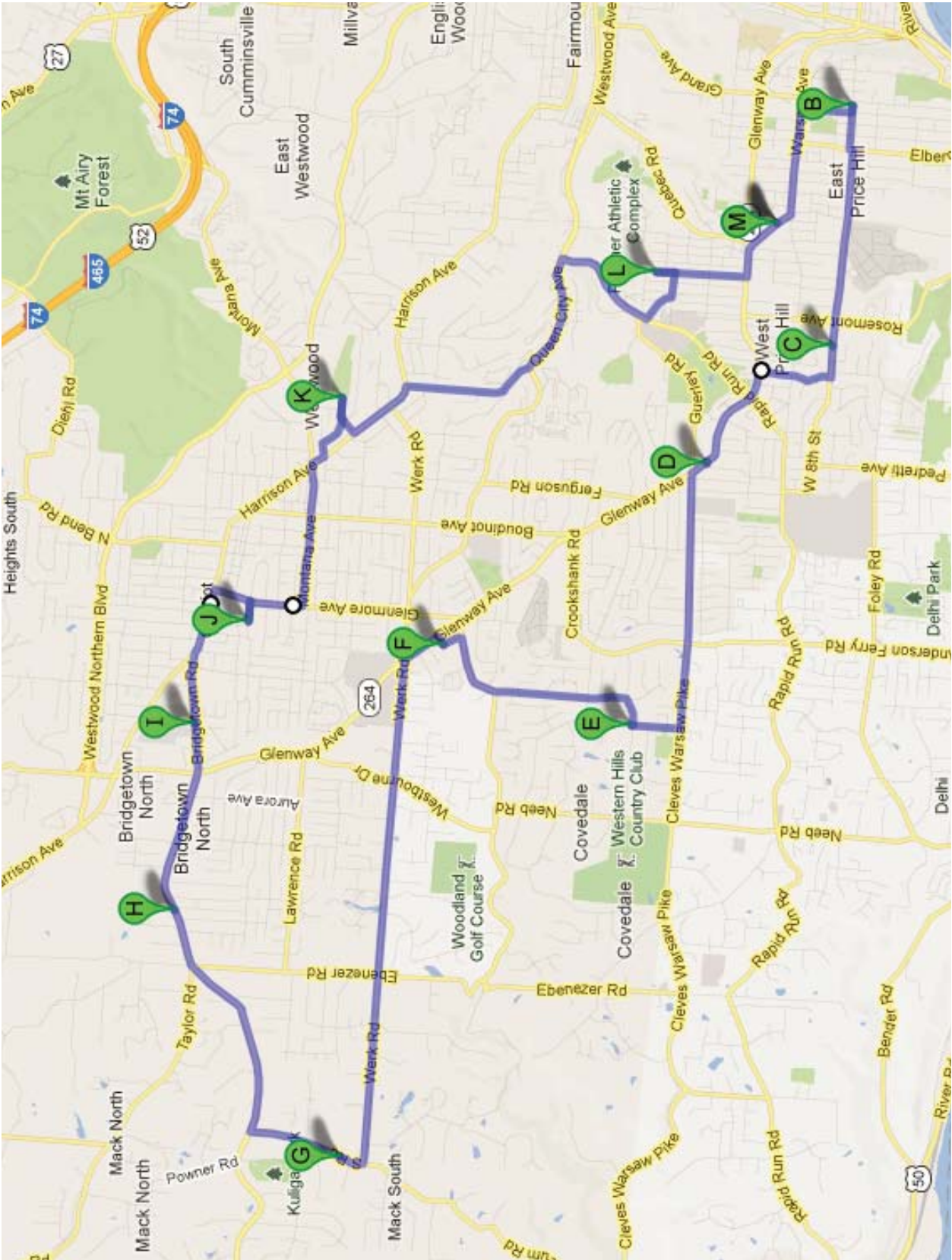
This Pilgrimage of Faith trail has been developed for the local Scouting organizations but all are encouraged to participate in this hike in an effort to increase their faith and to help each on their own walk with the Lord. Depending on the time of day, some of the Churches may be open. All participants are encouraged to pray at each Church, inside if open. Possible prayers could be the "Our Father" and several "Hail Marys" or something similar. While on the Pilgrimage, all pilgrims are encouraged to attend Mass if available, attend the Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation and make use of sacramentals such as holy water as they enter the Churches. As is the biblical and historical custom, pilgrims are also encouraged to give alms to the Churches they visit. Fasting from food is recommended along the trail but drinking water is highly encouraged.

All Scouts are required to hike the Pilgrimage of Faith Trail wearing the regular field uniform (weather permitting). Our Scout uniform tells people who we are and what we stand for in a similar manner that the outward signs (clothing) the ordained and consecrated religious wear to remind them and others of their vocations to the Lord. All participants should be respectful of private property along on the Trail and should practice the principles of Leave No Trace.





Preliminary route of the West Side Trail - North Loop



Preliminary route of the West Side Trail - 20 Mile Loop



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Worn after hiking any of the
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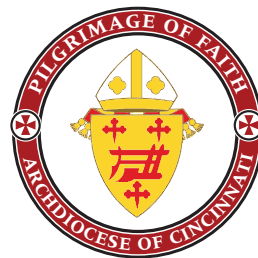


Complete Rocker Segments Set



Complete Set - 3" Central Patch and Rocker Segments

ORDER FORM



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John Kennedy
2009 Maple Ave.
Norwood, Ohio 45212

Item Description	Item Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
3" Pilgrimage patch	\$2.00	_____	_____
Cathedral rocker	.75¢	_____	_____
East Side rocker	.75¢	_____	_____
West Side rocker	.75¢	_____	_____
Central rocker	.75¢	_____	_____
North rocker	.75¢	_____	_____
20 Mile Hike rocker	.75¢	_____	_____

Grand Total

Please make all checks out to the
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Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

We will try to send out the patches as soon as possible but if a particular patch is out of stock it will take 20-25 days for the patches to be made.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at jfkennedy@fuse.net

