

St. Mary *Our Lady of the Assumption* *Church and School*

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Did you know.....

- *The parishioners of St. Mary, under the leadership of Monsignor Newton, conceived and built Elyria District Catholic High School, laying the cornerstone in July of 1947.*
- *St. Mary is the oldest Catholic Church in Elyria, being founded in 1845*
- *St. Mary has been serving the needs of the community for 162 years and is two years older than the Diocese of Cleveland.*
- *St. Mary parishioners feed those in need each Tuesday evening, providing comfort to all who come.*
- *St. Mary Church was originally on the southwest corner of Middle Avenue and Fourth Street, until the new church was constructed in 1886 on the northeast corner. At that time, the organ (built in 1865...see below) was moved to the new church where it still serves the faithful.*
- *St. Mary Church is home to a Johnson "Tracker" pipe organ, referred to as Opus 195 by the Westfield, MA firm who built it in 1865. It is thought to be the second oldest "tracker" (completely mechanical) still in its original installation in the state of Ohio.*
- *The Stations of the Cross you see portrayed in the church are original oil paintings dating back to 1877.*
- *St. Mary School opened its doors to students in 1859 and has faithfully served generations of children and their families. St. Mary School will celebrate its 150th year in 2009.*
- *St. Mary students consistently achieve some of the highest high scores on the high school placement exam and receive scholarships for their academic excellence.*
- *Alumni of St. Mary School include a Rhodes Scholar, doctors, nurses, researchers, teachers, priests, sisters, deacons, community leaders and many other professionals who contribute **significantly to our community and our world.***

Enroll your child now for an education that prepares them for life-time!

Please join us each weekend at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption. We welcome you to become a part of the tradition that has faithfully served the Catholic community for 162 years!

**Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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