## **Fun Facts**

\*Despite the Borough's relatively small size at 0.7 square miles, there are over 20 bars (and counting) in Millvale!

\*Before becoming part of the Shaler Area School District in the fall of 1971, Millvale had its own school district that went by the nickname the 'Indians.' Its sports teams rivaled those of Shaler, Etna, and Sharpsburg.

\*Prior to its annexation by the City of Pittsburgh in 1907, the Southern half of Millvale was actually a part of Allegheny City.

\*Girty's Run Creek that flows through Millvale is named after Simon Girty. As the legend goes, Girty was raised by members of the Seneca Tribe after they murdered his father for intruding on their land. Finding it hard to assimilate into "normal" society after his upbringing, Girty decided to live out the rest of his days as a settler along the creek that still bears his name today.

\*Though not the original Pamela's location, the diner that shares a business space with the Lincoln Pharmacy on North Avenue can boast having served the First Lady breakfast back in 2010.

\*When Maxo Vanka painted his famous murals on the ceiling of St. Nicholas's Croatian Church in the 1930's, he was reportedly contacted several times by the ghostly apparition of a priest. Legend has it that this was the ghost of a former priest at the parish who squandered parish funds and left the church in economic despair. It is said that the priest returned repeatedly to the church to seek forgiveness for his wrongdoings. Despite these freak encounters, Vanka pressed on and was able to complete his beautiful masterwork.







