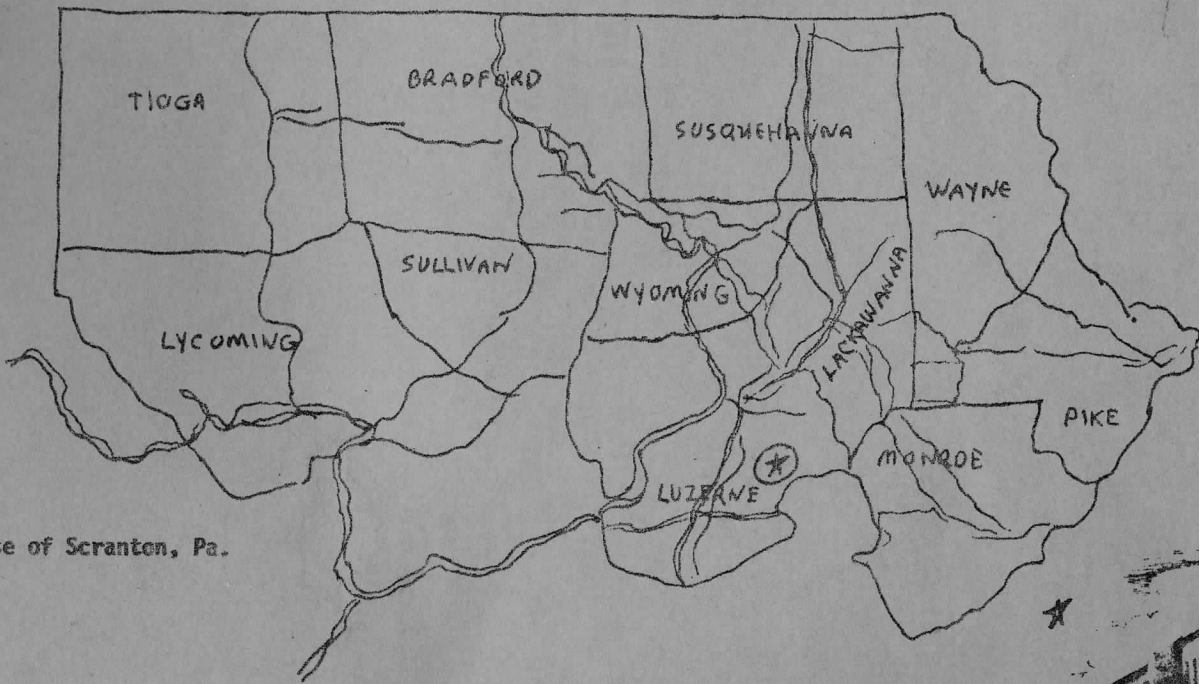


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Diocese of Scranton, Pa.

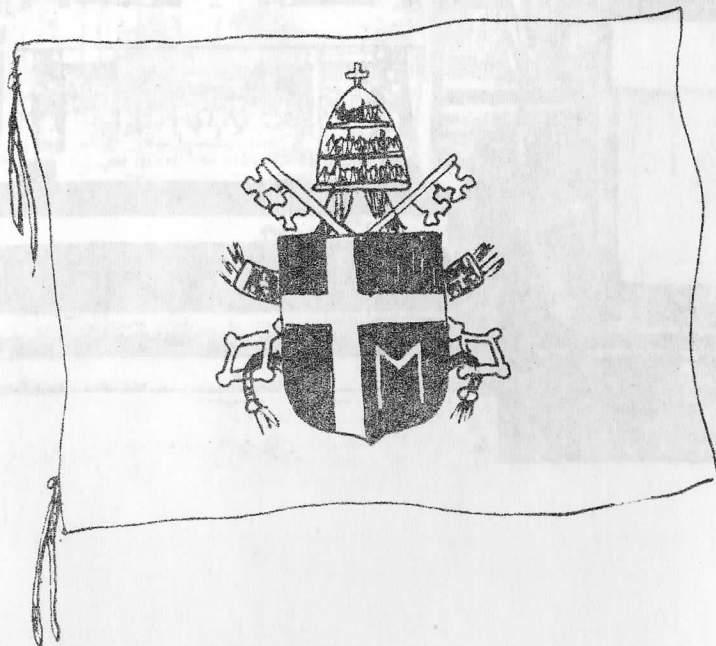
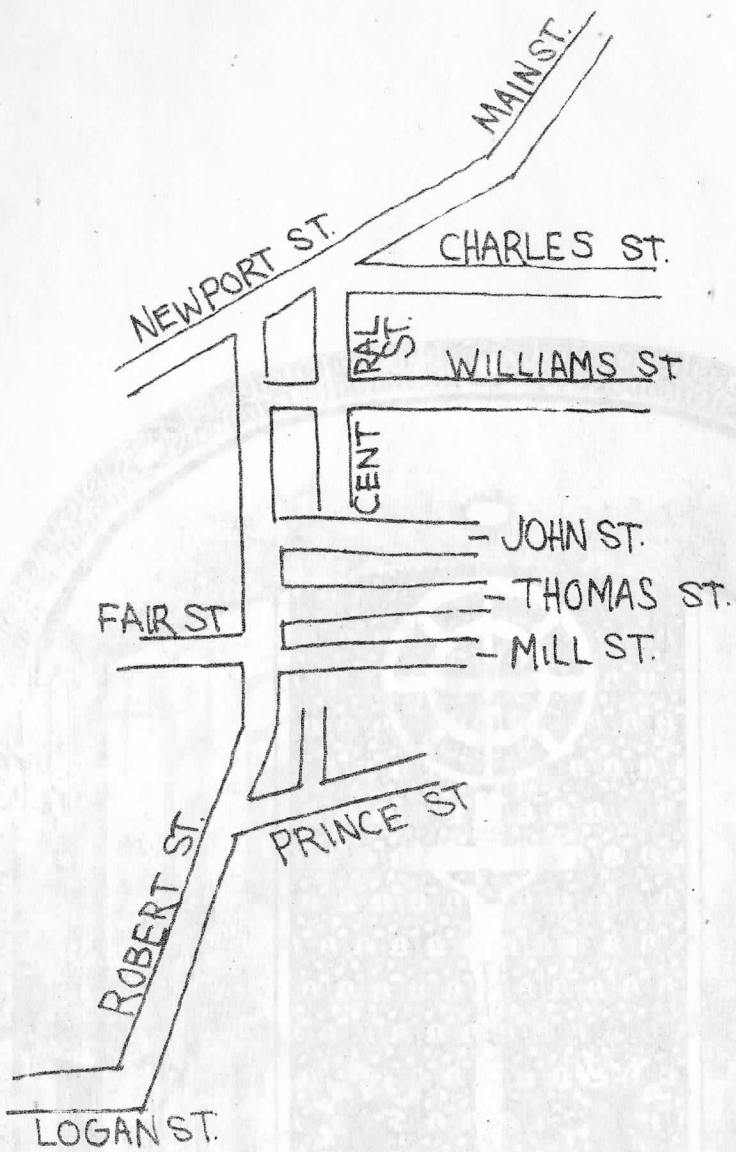


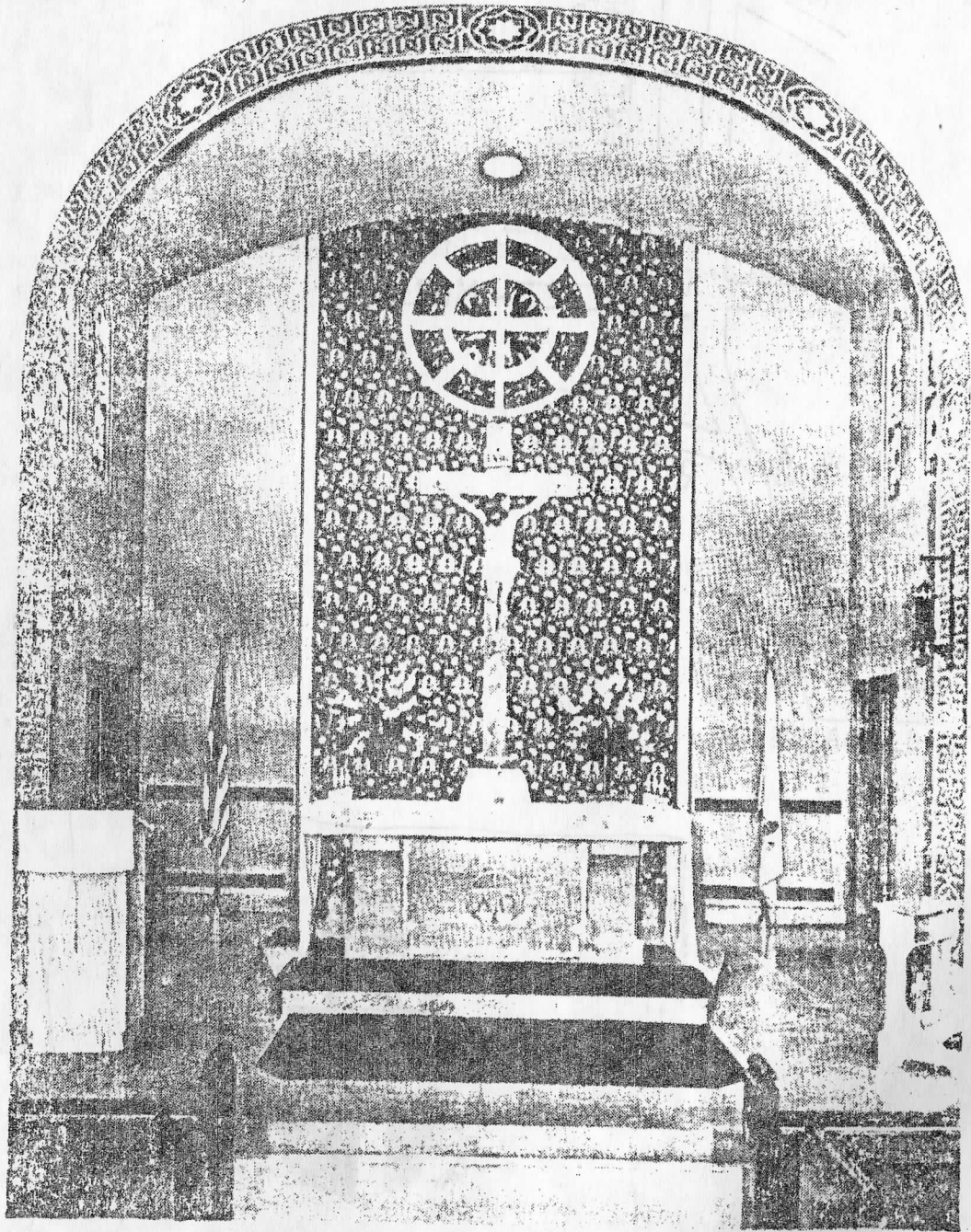
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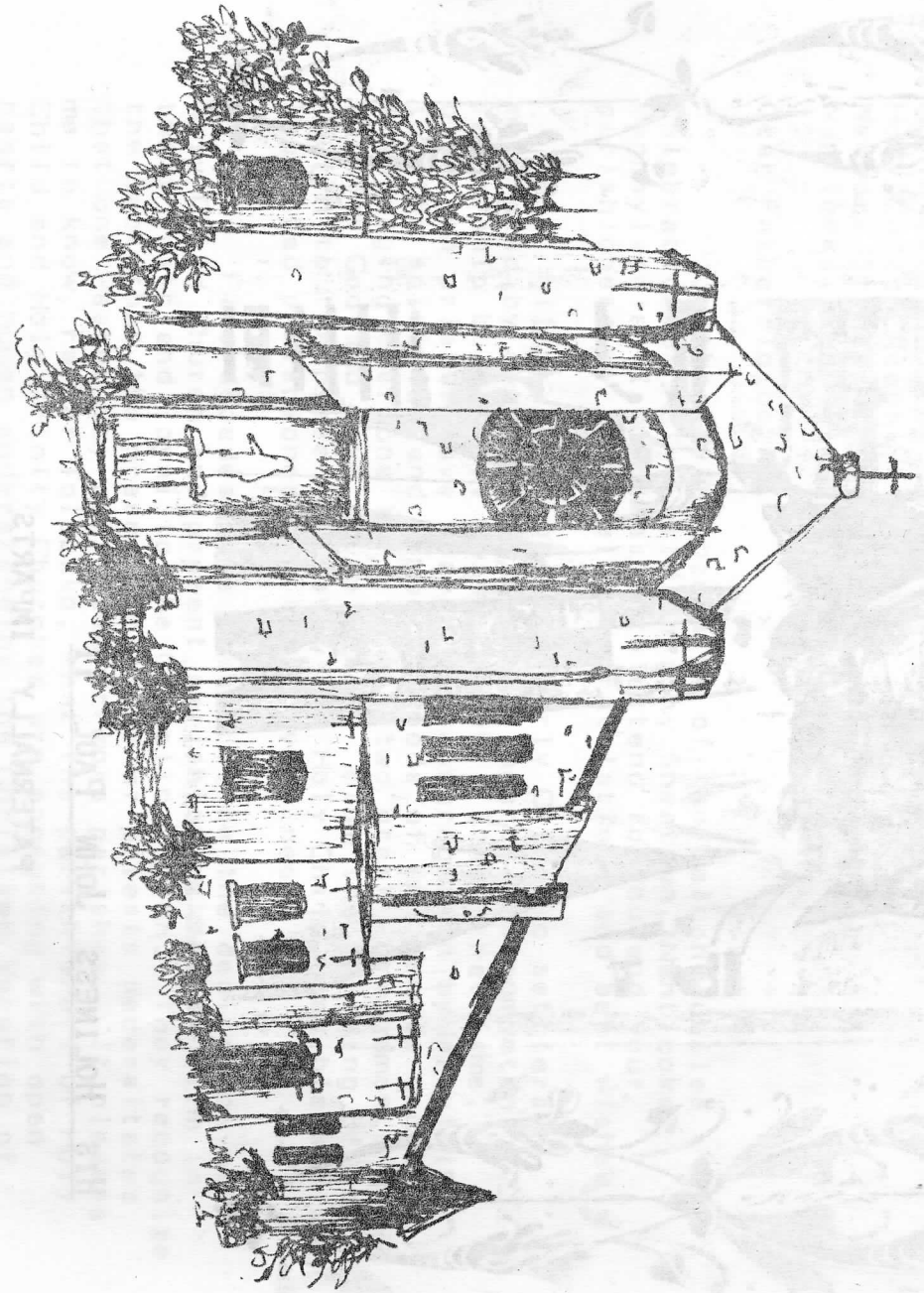
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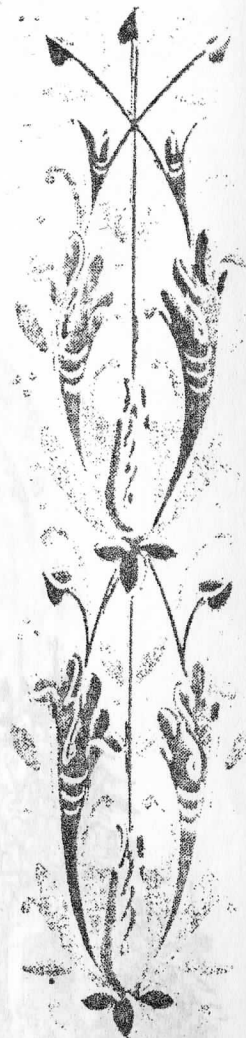
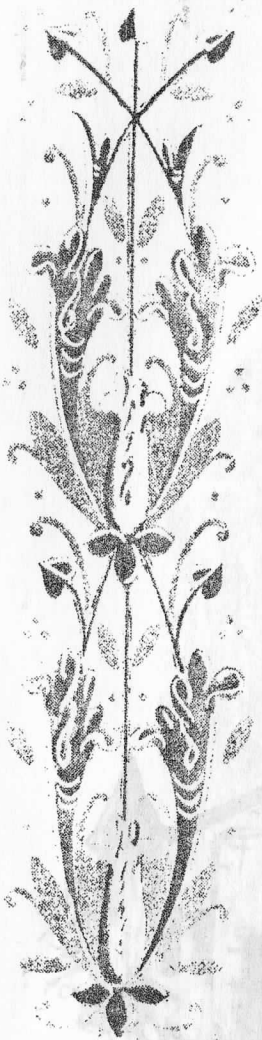
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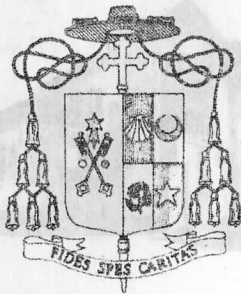
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HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

PATERNALLY IMPARTS  
HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING TO  
REV. BERNARD A. TOLOCZKO, ADMINISTRATOR OF  
HOLY CHILD CHURCH, SHEATOWN, NANTICOKE, PENNSYLVANIA  
AND THE PARISHIONERS ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION.



Diocese of Scranton  
300 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503-1279

October 4, 1992

Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko  
Administrator  
Holy Child Church  
Newport Street - Sheatown  
Nanticoke, Pennsylvania 18634

Dear Father Toloczko,

On the joyful occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Holy Child Church, Sheatown, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, I am pleased to extend to you and your parishioners my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

Fifty years ago, the early Catholic settlers motivated by deep faith, generous hearts and competent leadership built Holy Child Church. Since that time, diocesan priests have served the congregation by providing for the spiritual and temporal needs of the people and by encouraging everyone to live the two great Commandments of love of God and love of neighbor. From the building of the Church to the present, Jesus, the Holy Child, has blessed and supported parishioners in their every need.

Five decades have passed since the dedication of Holy Child Church and present parishioners remain firm in their faith and loyal to the Catholic Church. They recognize the fact that the present shortage of priests necessitates that one Pastor may serve two or more parishes. It pleases me to know, Father Toloczko, that the parishioners of Holy Child and Holy Trinity Churches are accepting with open hearts and human understanding the Christian Vocation of God's people to carry out the mission of the Catholic Church which calls for praying and sharing together.

Asking God's blessings on you and your parish family, while assuring you of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D.  
Bishop of Scranton

# Holy Child Church

Newport Street - Sheatown  
Nanticoke, Pa. 18634



OCTOBER 1942 - A PARISH IS BORN

## PASTORS WHO SERVED YOUR PARISH

1942 - 1952

### REVEREND DOCTOR JOHN V. FEDEROWICZ

First Pastor of Holy Child Parish, Director, Procurator,  
President of Board of Directors of St. Stanislaus Institute

1952 - 1964

### MONSIGNOR ROMAN L. GIZARA

Pastor Holy Child Parish, Director of Saint Stanislaus  
Institute

1964 - 1977

### REVEREND CONSTANTINE A. CHRAPOWICKI

Pastor of Holy Child Parish

1977 - 1986

### REVEREND LOUIS S. GARBACIK

Pastor of Holy Child Parish, President of Board of Directors  
Saint Stanislaus Medical Care Center

1987 - PRESENT

### REVEREND BERNARD A. TOLOCZKO

Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Nanticoke was appointed as  
Administrator of Holy Child Parish and Chaplain of Mercy  
Medical Care Center.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HOLY CHILD CHURCH

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SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

THE MOST REVEREND JAMES C. TIMLIN, D.D.  
PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

CONCELEBRANTS

Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko	Reverend Louis T. Kaminski
Reverend Wieslaw M. Ziebac	Reverend Edward V. Sokolowski
Reverend Joseph A. Saltry	Reverend Francis P. Skitski
Monsignor Alexander T. Kulik	Reverend John T. Albosta
Reverend Mark G. Balczeniuk	Reverend Edward J. Zawodniak
Reverend John J. Kulavich	Reverend Carl T. Prushinski
Reverend Stanislaus J. Kalinowski	Reverend John S. Krafchak
Reverend Louis S. Garbacik	Very Reverend Santino J. Fanucci
Monsignor Stanley W. Piorkowski	Reverend Gerald J. Gurka
Reverend Joseph R. Kakareka	Reverend Edward M. Masakowski

Homily

Monsignor Alexander T. Kulik

Master of Ceremonies

Monsignor Neil J. Van Loon

Combined Choirs of Holy Child - Holy Trinity under Direction of  
Mr. Anthony J. Kubasek - Mrs. Diane Gardas

Lectors

Atty. Richard Shiptoski    Mrs. Stephanie Bozinski    Mr. Stanley Stoy

Gift Bearers

Dr. Raymond Detz	Mrs. Elizabeth Stoy
Mr. Marino Testaguzza	Mrs. Verna Tommor

Altar Boys

David Borofski	Christopher Clark
Joshua Bohinski	Matthew Skordinski
Jamie Danko	Eric Novak
John Clark	Adam Novak

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## A WELCOMING CHURCH

### THE CHURCH IS YOU

"THE CHURCH IS NOT MADE UP OF GOOD PEOPLE WHO ARE BETTER THAN THE REST BUT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BECOME BETTER THAN THEY ARE".

"YOUR CHURCH IS MUCH MORE THAN A BUILDING IT'S A WORSHIP AND A WELCOMING COMMUNITY, A SPIRITUAL FAMILY, MADE UP OF PEOPLE CALLED BY JESUS CHRIST TO GROW TOGETHER IN LOVE".

"YOUR PARISH IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. IF IT IS AN ACTIVE PARISH, IT'S BECAUSE YOU GIVE OF YOUR TIME, TALENT AND FINANCES TO PROMOTE ITS PROGRAM AND IT'S GROWTH BY PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION".

Sooo.....

**HELP CARRY OUT JESUS' GREAT COMMISSION!**

BY

- 1). INVITING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN YOUR CHURCH.
- 2). WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS INTO YOUR CHURCH AS YOU WOULD INTO YOUR OWN HOME.
- 3). SUPPORT CHURCH EFFORTS TO GROW BOTH LOCALLY AND WORLDWIDE.

A GROWING CHURCH IS A LOVING PLACE TO BE!

# HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH

## "GOLDEN JUBILEE"

### SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

#### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS INVOLVING THE PORTRAITS OF A PEOPLE

- 966AD Christianity comes to Poland.
- 1492 Christopher Columbus pioneered the way to the New World from Europe bringing Missionaries to Christianize it.
- 1608 Five Polish Instructors in glass blowing arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, the first English settlement in the United States and conducted a strike for just and equal rights.
- 1850's The start of Polish immigration wave to United States begins.
- 1854 Poles established their first parish in Pana Maria, Texas. This parish is still in existence.
- 1868 Diocese of Scranton is born. Rt. Reverend William O'Hara officially becomes it's head.
- \*\*\* Next year, 1993, Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its 125th Birthday as a Diocese.
- 1872 At this time around 100 Poles reside in the Nanticoke, Pennsylvania area. Majority emigrated from the Providence of Poznan where they suffered intolerable conditions. Economic opportunities due to the booming mining industry attracted the Poles to this area.
- 1875 Saint Stanislaus parish, Nanticoke, together with Saint Mary's, Blossburg, Pennsylvania, first parishes established in the Diocese of Scranton during the Pontificate of Pope Pius IX and during Rt. Revernd William O'Hara's time as acting leader of Diocese.

- 1894 The next parish to serve the Poles in Nanticoke was Holy Trinity which will observe its Centennial celebration in 1994.
- 1899 There were at this time thirteen (13) Polish parishes throughout the Diocese to take care of the spiritual needs of the Poles who treasured their Christian culture and traditions and language.
- 1901 For various reasons a third parish, Saint Mary's was established in the Nanticoke Area to serve the growing population of Poles.
- 1918 Towards the end of the First World's War and particularly at a time when the heavy death toll of victims of the influenza epidemic made many children orphans and homeless, priests and people of Polish decent of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties decided to establish a residence for these Orphans. That same year the first building now called the V.I.P. building (Very Important People) was realized and dedicated by Bishop Hoban under the Direction of Reverend A. Zychowicz, the First President of Saint Stanislaus Institute. Furthermore, with the founding of the Orphanage a farm of 100 Acres was purchased to take care of the orphans various needs. A cemetery containing the remains of Reverend Jan Donaszewicz and twenty-nine (29) children buried between 1919 - 1928 was established in 1919 with Memorials donated by Saint Stanislaus Alumni in 1979.
- 1918 Six Bernardine Sisters were assigned to staff and take charge of some two hundred (200) orphans in one building.
- 1920 Reverend Valentine Biczysko, Pastor of Saint Stanislaus parish, main clerical supporter of the Institute, became President of the Institute Board and served as President until 1928.
- 1924 Due to ever increasing homeless and orphaned children of two Counties, Luzerne and Lackawanna, caused the addition of new buildings: A spacious building to house only the girls, also a nursery, a dining hall, classrooms, machine shop and a rectory for the Chaplain. This building is now the Holy Child Parish Center under renovation through the efforts of

parishioners and volunteers.

1928

Mortgage on the Institute was paid in full with a balance of \$46,000 for the Chapel Fund and \$20,000 in the Emergency Fund.

My Father, Mr. Benjamin Toloczko was involved in building this Chapel. He was sixteen years of age at the time.

1939

Saint Stanislaus Institute Chapel was built to take care of the Orphans spiritual needs. Bishop William Hafey, D.D. dedicated the Chapel and it was named Holy Child Chapel. Reverend J. A. Suchos was named Chaplain and Sister M. Philippina, Mother Superior.

1940

Saint Stanislaus Institute assumed a new role in child care. It provided treatment for dependent, neglected, or slightly emotionally disturbed children between the ages of five and sixteen.

During the Institutes fifty-six (56) years it sheltered and cared for some 8,000 needy and troubled youth.

1942

Bishop William J. Hafey, D.D., Bishop of Scranton, appointed Reverend Dr. John J. Federowicz, Director, Procurator and President of the Board of Directors on October 1, 1942.

During that same year, Holy Child Chapel became Holy Child Parish with Reverend John J. Federowicz as first Pastor and Reverend John A. Suchos named as Chaplain of the Institute. Then in the same year the Robert Street public school consisting of eight grades was acquired by the Institute to provide a Catholic Education for the Orphans and Parishioners staffed by the Bernardine Sisters.

1943

Saint Stanislaus Institute observed its Silver Jubilee with a Solemn Pontifical Mass. The Most Reverend William J. Hafey, D.D., Bishop of Scranton celebrated the Mass in Holy Child Church.

1951

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Holy Child was organized and held their first meeting in Saint Stanislaus Institute on May 21, 1951. Reverend Dr. John J. Federowicz, first Moderator presided. This parish Society played a very significant role in the Institute history.

1952

Monsignor Roman L. Gizara succeeded Monsignor Federowicz as Pastor of Holy Child Parish and was appointed Director of Saint Stanislaus Institute until his unexpected death in 1964. During his tenure the Holy Name Society was organized. The Holy Name Society was an added asset to the Institute and parish.

1964

Reverend Constantine A. Chrapowicki assumed the Pastorate of Holy Child parish in November of 1964 and Director of the declining Institute.

1968

Golden Jubilee of Saint Stanislaus Institute was observed with the Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Bishop of Scranton as Principal Concelebrant on Sunday, December 8, 1968 at 4:30 P.M., Holy Child Church.

1969

The Luzerne County Medical Association singled out Saint Stanislaus Institute when it presented the Benjamin Rush Award to the Institute for its many contributions to the excellent health programs of the region.

1970

Due to the changing attitude regarding child care and decreasing numbers of displaced children, Saint Stanislaus Institute would be phased out to be replaced with a newly constructed facility to provide extended nursing care to patients transferred from hospitals to Saint Stanislaus Medical Center. It's construction began in 1970 and opened July of 1972 at a cost of three million dollars and included a Chapel and Convent to house the Bernardine Sisters. The Institute buildings adjoining the Holy Child Church continued to be utilized by the parish and community for various functions.

1976

The Christian Mother's of Holy Child parish celebrated their Silver Jubilee in May of 1976 with Mass celebrated in Holy Child Church by Reverend Burtrom, a Franciscan Father, followed by a Banquet in Medical Center.

1977

With the retirement of Reverend Constantine A. Chrapowicki, Reverend Louis S. Garbacik was appointed Pastor of Holy Child parish and Director of Saint Stanislaus Medical Care Center.

As Pastor, Reverend Garbacik was instrumental in having a ramp built to aid the elderly and handicapped of the parish. He had the interior of the church painted. Furthermore, working with the Housing Authority to convert the abandoned school on Robert Street into an apartment building named after Reverend Henry Korpusik who spearheaded the project.

Then in 1987, Reverend Louis S. Garbacik was involved with the Board of Directors of Saint Stanislaus Mercy Care Center and Polish American Parishes to sell the Medical Center and Convent to Mercy Sisters. This transaction took place on November 24, 1987 for the sum of \$100,000. This money was presented to the Bernardine Sisters upon the approval of the Board and Polish American Pastors.

1987 Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania succeeded Reverend Louis S. Garbacik as an Administrator of Holy Child Parish and appointed as Chaplain of Mercy Health Care Center.

1989 Exterior painting of the Institute 's first building began and will eventually be utilized as an adult and youth center.

1991 Christian Mothers observed their Fiftieth Anniversary with a Mass in Holy Child Church celebrated by a Franciscan Father and the National Director of the Christian Mothers, Reverend, Rolan Burtrom. Banquet followed in the Mercy Health Care Center Dining Hall.

The challenging task of restoring the Parish Center with the help of youthful volunteers and parishioners of Holy Child and Holy Trinity began. The building needed a great deal of scraping the paint off the walls, plastering and general housecleaning.

1992 Parishioners and a volunteer organization, Rotary Club, assumed leadership in completing the task of repainting, plastering, dismantling radiators in the Dining Hall, the hall way, and kitchen areas in preparation for the parish 50th Jubilee celebration.

The Infant of Prague Statue, Patron of Holy Child, which was found in the Parish Center now graces the background of Holy

Child Church. Thanks to the Christian Mothers and the craftsmanship of a member of Holy Child Church.

1992

The original building of the Institute, which was painted in 1989, is now being renovated to house the (W.I.P.) Very Important People, that is, an Adult and Youth Center, which our Area needs. Hopefully it will be completed in 1993.

Our Parish Census:

Total number of Families 125  
Total number of Parishioners 293

Since 1942 total number of Baptisms 255

Marriages 117

Deaths 134

First Communions 269

Confirmations 226

Parish Organizations:

Christian Mothers

Holy Name Society

Choir

Altar Boys

Lectors

Ushers

Volunteer Brigade

Priests serving the Parish:

Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko, Administrator

Reverend Wieslaw M. Ziebac, Assistant Pastor

Reverend Joseph A. Salty, In Residence

Reverend Edward J. Zawodniak, Week-End Help

1991

A PARISH PRAYER

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O God, the Creator and Giver of all things, bless our Parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our parish, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOD MADE US A FAMILY

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We need one another - We love one another - We forgive one another - We work together - We worship together - Together we use God's Word - together we grow in Christ - Together we love all - together we serve our God - Together we hope for Heaven - These are our hopes - These are our hopes and ideals - We pray that we may attain them at Holy Child Parish and always.

MANY, MANY THANKS

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Our generous gratitude is extended to those who planned, toiled and Participated in this memorable Celebration. God Bless your love of the Catholic Church.

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50TH JUBILEE HOLY CHILD CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 1992

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SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop of Savannah  
Principal Celebrant

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Entrance Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain: *Lift up your hearts to the Lord  
in praise of his mercy!  
Sing out your joy to the Lord:  
his love is enduring.*

- 1). *Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
Praise the glory of his name!  
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,  
How glorious your name!  
Let the earth worship, singing your praise.  
Praise the glory of your name!  
Come and see the deed of the Lord;  
Come, worship his name!*
- 2).

GLORIA: Response:

*We worship you. We give you thanks.  
We praise you for your glory.*

Readings:

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm:

GOSPEL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

HOMILY

Monsignor Alexander T. Kulik, Pastor  
Maternity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Stand

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Madonno Czarna

Jest Zakątek natej ziemi, gdzie powracać  
Každy chce, gdzie króluje  
Jej oblicze na Nim cieje rysy dwie.  
Wzrokma smutny, zatroskany, jakby chciała  
Prosićcie, byś w matczyną  
Jej opiekę oddał się.

Refrain: Madonno, Czarna Madonno,  
jak dobrze  
Twym dzieckiem być. O pozwól,  
Czarna Madonno, w ramiona  
Twoje się skryć.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation:

Keep in mind, that Jesus Christ, has died for  
us and is Risen from the Dead.  
He is our saving Lord, He is joy for all ages.

Danish Amen: Amen, Amen, Amen.

## COMMUNION RITE

Our Father: Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

AGNUS DEI: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

### COMMUNION HYMN:

#### One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One Bread, One Body, One Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

- 1). Gentile or Jew, servant free  
free, woman or man, no more.
- 2). Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.
- 3). Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

#### Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
The bread of life to eat.

- 1). As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice.
- 2). With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food.

Meditation Hymn:      Dwelling Place

- 1). I fall on my knees to the Father of Jesus,  
the Lord who has shown us the glory of God.
- 2). May He in His love give us strength for our  
living, the strength of His Spirit, the  
glory of God.

**Refrain:** May Christ find a dwelling place of faith  
in our hearts,  
May our lives be rooted in love.

- 3). May grace and peace be yours in God our Father,  
and in His Son.      **Refrain.**

Concluding Hymn:      Serdeczna Matko

- 1). Serdeczna Matko, opiekunko ludzi,  
Niech cię płacz sierót do litości wzbudzi!  
Wygnańcy Ewy do Ciebie wołamy:  
Zmiłuj się zmiłuj, niech się nie tułamy.  
(Repeat)
- 2). Do kogóż mamy wzdychać nędzne dziatki?  
Tylko co Ciebie, ukochanej Matki:  
U której Serce otwarte każdemu,  
A osobliwie nędzą strapionemu! (Repeat)
- 3). Beloved Mother, guardian of the nation  
Hearken, oh Hearken, to our supplication,  
Your loyal children from the plain and city,  
We kneel beseeching your great love and pity.  
(Repeat)
- 4). God of our fathers for so many ages,  
Justly His anger all about us rages,  
Still we implore our Mother, kind and tender,  
Oh, be our refuge, Oh, be our defender.  
(Repeat)

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THANK YOU LORD FOR YOUR LOVE AND BLESSINGS