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Rev. Geruase W. Kubier

50th Anniversary of Holy Priesthood

PASTOR

ST. HEDWIG'S R. C. CHURCH

FLORAL PARK, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

JUNE 19, 1955



Złoty Jubileusz

Kapłaństwa Wielebnego Księdza
Gerwazego M. Kuber
PROBOSZCZA
PARAFJI ŚW. JADWIGI



Golden Jubilee

OF THE ORDINATION
TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD
OF
Reverend Geruase M. Kuber
PASTOR
ST. HEDWIG'S R. C. CHURCH
Floral Park, New York



GREETINGS...

This day is truly a memorable one, and one that seldom occurs in the life of anyone. So, on this occasion, the Golden Jubilee Committee, extends very cordial and sincere greetings to all our friends who have honored us with their presence here this evening.

This Committee wishes to extend its sincerest thanks to all organizations, professional and business men, friends of the parish and the parishioners, and is grateful for their generous encouragement, contributions and assistance which made possible this memorable banquet and this album.

We are proud and honored in having the privilege of taking an active part in honoring our Jubilarian on his Golden Jubilee of his ordination, the Reverend Gerwazy W. Kubic, our Pastor.

The Golden Jubilee Committee extends to him their sincerest best wishes and congratulations and offers prayers to God to bless and honor our Jubilarian and grant him many more fruitful years of life among his friends and parishioners.

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE
COMMITTEE

Dr. S. J. Sluska, Editor

DEDYKACJA

Z wdzięcznością ku Bogu Który jest początkiem i końcem wszech rzeczy, ku czci Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej, Królowej Korony Polskiej i Sw. Jadwigi Patronki Parafii naszej, ku wyrażeniu uczuć głębokiej wdzięczności żyjącym braciom i siostram przy parafii Sw. Jadwigi w Floral Park, Long Island, którzy swoją ofiarą, pracą i poświęceniem przyczynili się do zorganizowania, wybudowania i podtrzymania parafii, ku uczczeniu tych parafian, którzy w mogiłach grobowych spoczywają, a którzy złożyli swą część pracy i dobrej woli w fundamentach tej parafii, niniejszy Album Jubileuszowy po święcamy.

DEDICATION

In humble gratitude to Almighty God, the beginning and end of all things, in honor of His Most Holy Mother, Our Lady of Częstochowa, — Queen of Poland and Saint Hedwig, of our Parish, in appreciation of the generosity, tireless efforts and sacrifice of the Catholic faithful, both living and dead, who have been instrumental in founding, organizing, building and maintaining Saint Hedwig Parish, this Jubilee Album is gratefully dedicated.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter J. Tomecki
Rev. Matthew J. Wisniewski
Chairmen



APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION



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May 26, 1955

THIS NO. SHOULD BE PREFIXED TO THE ANSWER

Reverend Gervase Kubec
St. Hedwig's Parish
Floral Park, L.I., N. Y.

Reverend and dear Father:

On this joyous occasion of the Golden Jubilee of your Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has graciously deigned to impart to you his special Apostolic Benediction. It is the express wish of His Holiness that this Blessing be shared by all the members of your Parish, by the Reverend Clergy and Religious associated with you, and by the relatives and friends who join with you in observing this happy Anniversary.

While conveying to you this August Message of the Sovereign Pontiff, I desire to add my own personal congratulations and good wishes. I trust that this Blessing will bring with it an abundance of heavenly graces to reward you for past devoted service to the Divine Master, and to strengthen and encourage you for the years which lie ahead.

With renewed felicitations and sentiments of esteem, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

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FELICITATIONS

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May 31, 1955

Dear Father Kubec:

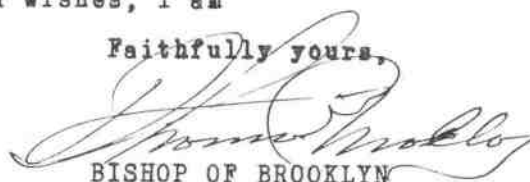
Permit me to assure you that it is a source of genuine pleasure to forward to you the enclosed Apostolic Blessing received from our Holy Father in recognition of your coming Golden Jubilee Anniversary in the holy Priesthood.

I wish to extend to you most cordial felicitations in recognition of this coming holy and happy day in your sacerdotal career.

May I express the hope that God will grant you grace of soul and health of body to continue your edifying and zealous sacerdotal services for souls.

With renewed congratulations and prayerful good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,



BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

Reverend Gervase W. Kubec
St. Hedwig's Rectory
Floral Park, New York

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J. E. KS. ARCYBISKUP - BISKUP TOMASZ E. MOLLOY, S. T. D.
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HIS GRACE THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS E. MOLLOY, S. T. D.
Archbishop-Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese

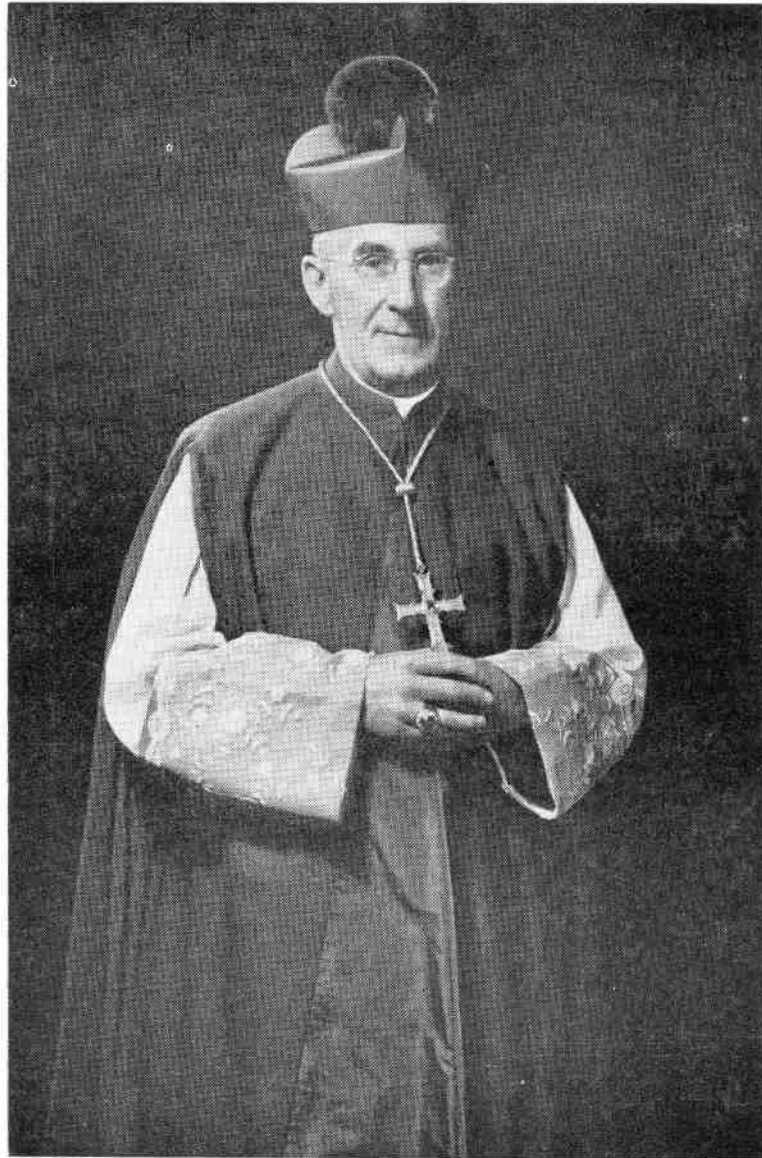
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Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn

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Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn Diocese

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Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn Diocese

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GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S CONGRATULATIONS



STATE OF NEW YORK
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EVERELL HARRIMAN
GOVERNOR

May 20, 1955

Dear Father Kubec:

I am pleased to learn that you will observe your Fiftieth Anniversary in the Priesthood on June 19, 1955, and I offer you my congratulations on your notable record of service to the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Be assured of my best wishes for a happy continuance of your priestly association with your good people.

Sincerely,

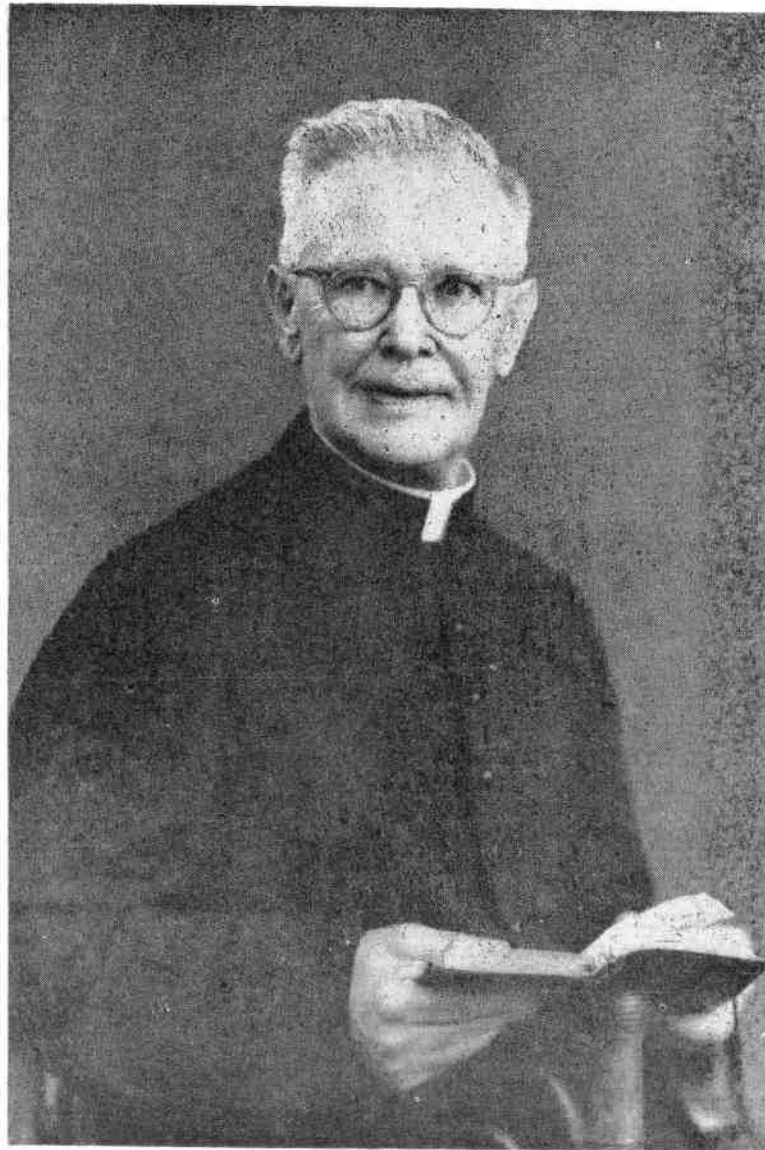
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Averell Harriman".

Rev. Gervase W. Kubec
St. Hedwig's R. C. Church
1 Depan Avenue
Floral Park, New York

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WIEL. KS. PROB. GERWAZY W. KUBEC
REV. PASTOR GERVASE W. KUBEC

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Życiorys Ks. Gerwazego W. Kubec

PRZEWIELEBNY JUBILAT

Do wybitnych osobistości znanych ogólnie tak wśród Amerykanów jak i Polonji w Long Island, w Brooklynie i w większej metropolji nowojorskiej, należy bezsprzecznie Wielebny Ksiądz Proboszcz Gerwazy W. Kubec, osobistość którego w historii tutejszego osadnictwa polskiego zapisana została przepięknymi czynami, jakich w ciągu swej pięćdziesięcioletniej pracy duszpasterskiej na chwałę Boga i imienia polskiego dokonał.

Obecny proboszcz parafji św. Jadwigi urodził się w Polsce, w mieście Sądowa Wisnia, z rodziców Wojciecha i Antoniny z Karczowskich. Po dwuletnim kursie filozofji i trzech latach teologii w roku 1903, przyjechał do Stanów Zjednoczonych, i tu został przyjęty do Seminarjum św. Jana w Brooklynie.

Po ukończeniu studjów teologii został wyświęcony na Kapłana 17-go czerwca, 1905 roku. Pracował kolejno w parafjach św. Stanisława w Greenpoint, św. Jana w East New Yorku, następnie w parafji angielskiej, św. Krzyża na Flatbush, gdzie po półtora roku pobytu, został mianowany proboszczem w nowo-powstającej polskiej parafji św. Józefa w Bayside w roku 1910. Nie szczędził sił ni zdrowia, pełen gorliwości i zapału zabrał się do czynu i zajął się budową tymczasowego kościoła i plebanji. Kosztowało to wiele trud i pracy, ale nie zniechęcał się i dlatego dziś może z chlubą patrzeć na swe przeszłe lata pełne owocu jego nieznużonej pracy.

Zorganizowawszy tą nową polską placówkę po dwóch i pół latach został przeniesiony przez najprzewielebniejszego Ks. Biskupa Mc Donnella na proboszcza do najstarszej w diecezji w Brooklynie polskiej parafji pod wezwaniem św. Kazimierza.

Po objęciu tej placówki 12go stycznia, 1913 r. rozpoczął swą gorliwą i energiczną dla niej

pracę, uwieńczoną bardzo dodatnimi wynikami, gdzie parafjanie szczerze go poparli, widząc w nim kochanego i dzielnego pracownika i wzorowego przewodnika i pasterza.

We wzorowej zgodzie, szczerzej i ofiarnej współpracy znacznych swych parafjan odrestaurował i przerobił kościół, sprawił nowy piękny organ, udekorował ślicznie kościół przez pracę wykonaną przez artystę p. Henryka Niemczyskiego, zbudował nowe ołtarze i ambonę, wykonaną przez artystę p. Adama Dąbrowskiego, odrestaurował plebanję i spłacił ciężący dotąd na parafji dług w sumie \$10,000. Oto niektóre z pomiędzy innych przez niego dokonanych dzieł, 41-letniej pracy Kapłana w parafji św. Kazimierza.

Po śmierci śp. Ks. Wilamowskiego, Ks. Kubec został zamianowany w grudniu 1953 roku, proboszczem parafji św. Jadwigi. Znowu zaczął mozolną i energiczną pracę nad polepszeniem i przebudowaniem plebanji, budowa nowego wejścia do kościoła i polepszeniem domu zakonnic Felicjanek. Remont i powiększenia plebanji zostały zakończone w tych dniach.

Na polu narodowo-patriotycznym odznaczył się pracą samozaparcia. Brooklyn, cały New York, Long Island i okolica wschodnich stanów słyszały go szczególnie podczas pierwszej, poprzedniej wojny, przemawiającego co niedzieli i w inne dni do chętnych i wdzięcznych, liczących zawsze tysiące słuchaczy.

Obowiązek nakazuje nam wspomnąć, że nasz Czcigodny Jubilat jest nieznużonym pracownikiem na terenie sprawy polskich. Widział on Polskę w kajdanach; widział ją wolną i znowu przeżywa z nią jej niewolę, do której wtrącił ją "niedźwiedź sowiecki" z pomocą "orła niemieckiego". Jedynym pra-

gnieniem i nadzieją naszego Zaczynającego Jubilatę jest widzieć Polskę wolną i niepodległą. Za jego pracę niestrudzoną o wolność Polski, otrzymał wiele wdzięczności i uznania od czołowych ludzi wolnej Rzeczypospolitej Polski, takich jak śp. Ignacy Paderewski, Generał Józef Haller, Roman Dmowski i inni.

Lata nie zdołały zmudzić energii naszego Zaczynającego Jubilata. Nie zwolnił ani nie zmniejszył swych starań i trudu w pracy nad duszami mu powierzonymi, i chociaż już dziś liczy 76 lat, jeszcze jest czynny słowem i przykładem, prowadząc lud swój coraz bliżej do Boga.

Tej 50-letniej szczerzej i uczciwej pracy dziś gratulujemy naszemu kochanemu Księdzu Proboszczowi, życząc mu długiego życia, zdrowia i sił do dalszej pracy na pożytek parafji naszej i szerokiego ogółu.

Żyj nam długie jeszcze lata i prowadź tą samą jak dotąd drogą.

W dniu Złotego Jubileuszu 17-go czerwca 1955 roku, z łaski Boga Najwyższego obchodził Czcigodny Ksiądz złoty jubileusz święceń kapłańskich. życzymy Mu Ad Multos Annos!

Po wielekroć cześć Ci Księżo Proboszczu Kubec!



GLÓWNY OLTARZ KOŚCIOŁA ŚW. JADWIGI
MAIN ALTAR IN ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH

BIOGRAPHY

OF

Reverend Pastor Gervase W. Kubec

The Pastor of St. Hedwig's R.C. Church, Rev. Gerwazy W. Kubec was born in Sądowa Wisznia, southwest Poland, June 19, 1879, son of Adalbert and Antoinette Kaczkowski — Kubec. He completed his secondary gimnazjum (H.S.) education in Przemyśl and majored in philosophy in Kraków.

Rev. Kubec studied canon law and theology in the Seminary in Lwów, and in 1903, when Father Joseph Słupek of Staten Island was visiting Lwów in Poland, he induced Rev. Kubec and Mons. Joseph Rysiakiewicz to come to the United States to work in the Polish Roman Catholic Churches which were then being founded all over America. He heeded this invitation and came to the U.S.A. in January, 1904 with Mons. Rysiakiewicz.

Father Kubec continued to study dogma and theology in the Brooklyn St. John's Seminary and was ordained as a priest on June 17, 1905. This year, 1905, marks his fifty years as a Roman Catholic priest in the labors in the vineyard of the Lord.

Rev. Kubec was the organizer and in June, 1910, he was named the first pastor of St. Josephat's Church in Bayside, Queens, L. I. Today, a former St. Hedwig Church and school graduate, the Rev. Francis Makowski is now the pastor of St. Josephat's.

For a short time Rev. Kubec was a curate in St. Stanislaus Church in Greenpoint, later he was sent to St. John Kanty Church in East New York and to the Holy Cross Church in Flatbush.

Appointed pastor in January, 1913, of the pioneer and oldest Brooklyn Diocese parish of St. Casimir's Church in Brooklyn, Father Kubec became most active in the various civic and social affairs of the parish

and the community. It is in St. Casimir's that Rev. Kubec secured a carved from natural wood crucifix sculptored by Herr Lang, who played the role of Christus in the Oberammageau, Austria, Passion Play. This is the only unique such man-size crucifix of natural wood in America. In 1918 Rev. Kubec secured an electric piston organ for the Church.

At St. Casimir's parish the Saturday morning classes in catechism and Polish language study were instituted. This was part of the education program introduced to keep the parishioners' children in the language and faith of their fathers.

Just before American entrance into World War I, Rev. Kubec, Rev. Rysiakiewicz, Emil Brykczynski, Leon Wazeter and other patriotic Polish Americans bought the daily newspaper *Kurier Narodowy* in order to present Poland's cause in the war that was being waged by the Hun. It is important to mention that the jubilarian is an untiring worker for the cause of Poland. He saw her in chains and he saw her freed and again enslaved by the Russian bear with the help of the German eagle. It is his wish and expectation to see Poland, the land of his fathers, free. For his untiring activity, speeches that were made for the cause of General Joseph Haller's Free Polish Army and for relief for the Polish Red Cross, Rev. Kubec was publicly acknowledged and thanked by the great leaders as Ignacy Paderewski, Roman Dmowski, General Józef Haller and others.

When the St. Joseph's Polish immigrant home in New York became inactive, Father Kubec assisted in financing and administering the organization of this social welfare

unit. He has traveled to hundreds of Polish parishes in America making appeals for assistance.

After World War II Rev. Kubec was very active in supporting the organization of the Polish Immigration Committee in New York that is headed by Mons. Felix Burant. This is the Immigration Committee that has assisted with N.C.W.C. some 300,000 Polish displaced persons to enter the United States for work and life in a new environment. Rev. Kubec still continues this work with Rev. Aloysius Wycislo and Mons. Edward Swanson in the Catholic welfare action.

Rev. Kubec attended the first organizational meeting of the Polish American Congress in Buffalo in 1944 when this large institution was organized.

Rev. Kubec was named the pastor to St. Hedwig's Church on December 9, 1953. As an able administrator, Rev. Kubec immediately began to improve the Church property, school building and equipment, and to renovate and enlarge the rectory quarters. Rev. Kubec doubled the size of the Rectory space in order that proper business of the parish would be further administered. These repairs and rebuilding have been completed last week for the golden jubilee celebration of the 53rd year of parish and for Rev. Kubec's ordination fifty years as a priest.

Rev. Kubec is preparing to renovate and to improve the Convent building that is

housing the Felician sisters who conduct the St. Hedwig School. Knowing that the school population is increasing, Rev. Kubec is also studying the improvement and extension of the education facilities of the St. Hedwig school. Since the parish has over 74% Polish or part Polish parishioners, the Catholic spirit and the learning of Polish tradition is still evermost in his heart for the School.

A side Church entrance is also being planned so that there is an easier exodus of the parishioners from the crowded Masses. All these works are being accomplished by an able priest and administrator. Father Kubec has attained the goals of his apostleship in the incessant work of a very active Polish American parish.

Father Kubec has been an indefatigable worker and is serving the people of the parish to their utmost satisfaction. He has been very zealous in his labors as manifested by his preaching and the time he has given to men and women of the parish and his visits to the sick and the infirm.

Apart from the work of in the Church he has been very active in arranging various parish affairs for the benefit of the Church and School which are always crowned with success. Years did not retard the energy of the jubilarian. He has not slowed up in efforts to bring souls to God, and even though 76 years old, he is still active and preaches the word of God.



HISTORJA PARAFJI ŚW. JADWIGI

SŁOWO WSTĘPNE

“Historja”, jak się wyraża sławny rzymski pisarz, Cicero, “jest pochodnią prawdy i życia mistrzynią”. Kształci ona bowiem rozum, ożywia pamięć naszą o ludziach i uczynkach, zachęca nas abyśmy się budowali przykładami naszych przodków.

Ksiądz Proboszcz Gerwazy W. Kubec obchodził 17-go czerwca swój złoty jubileusz wyświęcenia na kapłana, a Parafia Św. Jadwigi obchodzi w tym czasie 53-ci rok założenia. Z tej okazji wydajemy niniejszą księgę pamiątkową, która ma być zesumowaniem czyli krótką historją półwiekowego istnienia i jej dorobku.

Opisując historję parafii Św. Jadwigi opisujemy równocześnie w skróceniu wielką rolę jaką odgrywa parafia polska i także ksiądz polski w życiu Polonii Amerykańskiej. Wszak nikt nie zaprzeczy, że parafje polskie w Stanach Zjednoczonych są ostoją Wiary Świętej i życia narodowego. Parafje polskie były tą komórką organizacyjną — najpierwszą, z której wyrosło na tej gościnnej zie-

mi Washingtona — nasze . . . Wszystko. Parafje polskie skupiały lud u ognisk Wiary i narodowości; one dały i podtrzymywały szkoły polskie; one organizowały stowarzyszenia i instytucje, propagowały kult naszych pamiątek dziejowych; one patriotyzm słowa przekuwały w patriotyzm czynu — wartości, ważne i pożyteczne dla Polski i Ameryki. Ze istnieje dziś Polonia Amerykańska, lud wierny Bogu i Ojczyźnie, to plony religijności i wiary ojców naszych, to zasługa parafii polskiej.

Niechaj ta księga pamiątkowa będzie wyrazem czci i wdzięczności dla zacnych fundatorów i dla wszystkich, którzy przez te pięćdziesiąt trzy lata swoją ofiarą i pracą budowali i podtrzymywali parafję Św. Jadwigi, aby przez to pomnażała się chwała Boża i krzepiła się wiara w narodzie. Niechaj ich ofiarność będzie silnym bodźcem dla następnych pokoleń, aby szli śladami swoich zacnych ojców, dziadków i pradziadków.

—Prof. Zygmunt Szuska

PRZODKOWIE POLONII W AMERYCE NEW YORK I LONG ISLAND

Imigracja Polska w Stanach Zjednoczonych, sięga czasów bardzo dawnych. Najstarsze pierwsze osiedle trwałe w Ameryce i było w New Yorku od roku 1628, t. j. od samego założenia tej metropolii Amerykańskiej. Osiedle polskie w New Yorku jest więc tak dawne, jak dawny jest New York.

Polacy rzeczywiście byli w Ameryce na kilkanaście lat przed historyczną datą przyjazdu “Pilgrimów” na statku Mayflower roku 1620. Oto w Jamestown we Wirginji ma-

my ich już w roku 1607, dokładnie 26-go października. Druga ich grupa przybywa do Manhattan w roku 1615. W każdym razie na miejscu obecnego New Yorku było osiedle polskie już w roku 1628, drugie w roku 1643, a kroniki tamtejsze zapisują nazwisko Marka Daszkowskiego w roku 1653-im jako wybitnego i zasłużonego obywatela kolonji holenderskiej.

Ówczesny gubernator, Stuyvesant, doradzał rządowi Holandji, do której New Amsterdam należał, aby starano się o osa-

dników z Polski, jako szczególnie pożądanym. W tymże czasie był Polak, Aleksander Kurcysz, doktor i profesor pierwszej szkoły wyższej w mieście Niew Amsterdam. Dla uwiecznienia Dr. Kurcysza, szkoła ta jest znana jako Curtis High School.

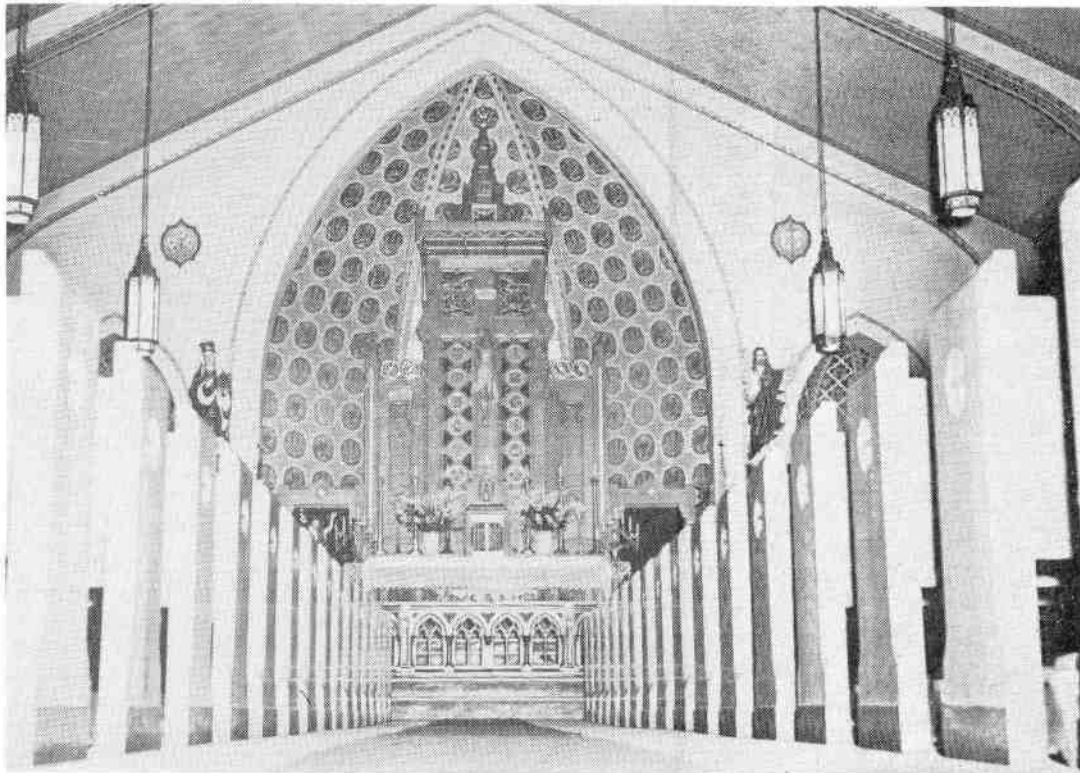
Dwaj inni Polacy, Jan Rutkowski i Kazimierz Budkiewicz, również byli w owym czasie nauczycielami. Widocznie musieli to być świetlejsi ludzie wśród prymitywnego ogółu mieszkańców Niew Amsterdam. Najpoważniejszym przedsiębiorcą budowlanym w Niew Amsterdam był również Polak, Wojciech Adamkiewicz.

W kronice "True Travels", która dziś znajduje się w Folger Library, w Washingtonie, D. C., Captain John Smith, angielski dowódca wyprawy do Ameryki, pisze o grupie Polaków, którzy są prawdopodobnie pierwszymi imigrantami tutaj, a do których należeli: Zbigniew Stefański z Poznania, Jan Bogdan z Kołomyji, Stanisław Sadowski z Radomia, Jan Mata z Krakowa, Karol Zre-

nica z Poznania i Michał Lowicki z Londynu. Ten ostatni pochodził z Polski, osiadł w Anglii, i nazwisko zmienił na Lowick. Tylko ten ostatni, Lowicki, władał językiem angielskim.

Captain Smith pisze: "Awanturnicy ci koloniści nie zaznali nigdy pracy codziennej, za wyjątkiem Holendrów, Polaków i może pół tuzina innych . . ." Polacy tam byli również uczestnikami pierwszej rady kolonjalnej, "representative assembly", a dostali w niej uznanie przez swe solidarne i stanowcze postępowanie, bo im koloniści angielscy odmówić chcieli prawa reprezentacji. Polacy oświadczyli, że jeśli nie dostaną reprezentacji i głosu, to zaprzestaną pracy. To słuszne żądanie Polaków, zostało wkrótce spełnione. Można by to uważać za pierwsze na ziemi amerykańskiej skuteczne wystąpienie — pracy zorganizowanej.

Stare Kroniki w Niew Amsterdam piszą, że około roku 1648, Polak, Daniel Liczko, był



Widok wewnętrzny do głównego ołtarza od wejścia
Interior view of the main altar from the main entrance

oficerem garnizonu w Nowym Amsterdamzie i miał tam gospodę, podobno najlepszą w mieście. Około roku 1693 sędzią pokoju w Kings County na Long Island, był Polak, Krzysztof Probowski.

W późniejszych czasach, po Konfederacji Barskiej, przybyli za ocean sławni bohaterzy polscy, Kościuszko i Pułaski z hufcem innych bojowników, aby walczyć za wolność dzisiejszych United States of America i zyskali dla siebie i dla imienia polskiego cześć i wdzięczną pamięć wśród Amerykanów.

Po powstaniu z lat 1830-31 do Ameryki przybyli budownicy tutejszych kolei: Aleksander Bielacki i Józef Smoliński. Po nich przybyła niejaka pani Ricard, Polka z kalifornijskiego, która stała się opiekunką Polaków-wygnañców coraz liczniej przybywających. Szczególniej troską otoczyła nieszczęśliwych 232 więźniów politycznych, których w marcu, 1834 roku, dwa okręty austriackie wysadziły na brzegi Ameryki. Dano każdemu z nich trochę pieniędzy i obdartych wyrzucono na obce brzegi. Na wieść o nieszczęsnych przybyszach, zbiegli się do nich różni opiekunowie z litości, ciekawości i dla spekulacji. W rezultacie niewiele dla tułaczy tych zrobiono, musieli oni jąć się ciężkiej, wyrobniczej pracy w kamieniołomach, karczowaniu lasów i t. p. Trzech z nich, młodszych, odano na pracę rodzinom amerykańskim, ci wybili się na poważne stanowiska.

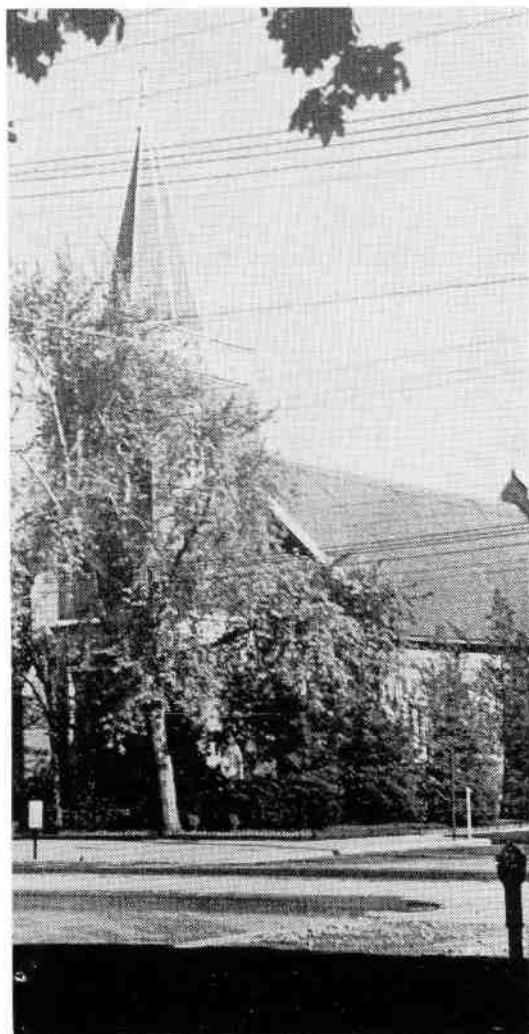
Jeden z nich, Kazimierz Gzowski, później był znakomitym adwokatem i członkiem nowojorskiej Legislatury w Albany, czyli piastował to samo stanowisko, które w naszych czasach zajmował śp. Jan Smoleński, brat Józefa Smoleńskiego z Hempstead.

Drugi, Sobokarski, był sędzią w Illinois, a trzeci, Truskolaski, jako inżynier rządowy, mierzył grunta w Louisiana i Utah. Inny z tejże grupy, Wierzbicki, dobiwszy się o własnych siłach stanowiska doktora medycyny, udał się do Kalifornii, gdzie dorobił się znacznego majątku i sławy. Napisał książkę wydaną przez siebie, "Kalifonia i jej naturalne bogactwa".

Dalsze porozbiorowe przejścia Polski, zwłaszcza większe, ważniejsze, jak więc lata porywów wolnościowych 1846-48, Węgierskie Powstanie roku 1849, wreszcie wielkie ostatnie powstanie polskie lat 1853-1864, przystąpiły Ameryce politycznych uchodźców polskich, o których przybyciu i pobycie kroniki nie zanotowały poważniejszych wzmianek. Utonęli oni we wielkim amerykańskim "tyglu ludów", czyli "Melting Pot".

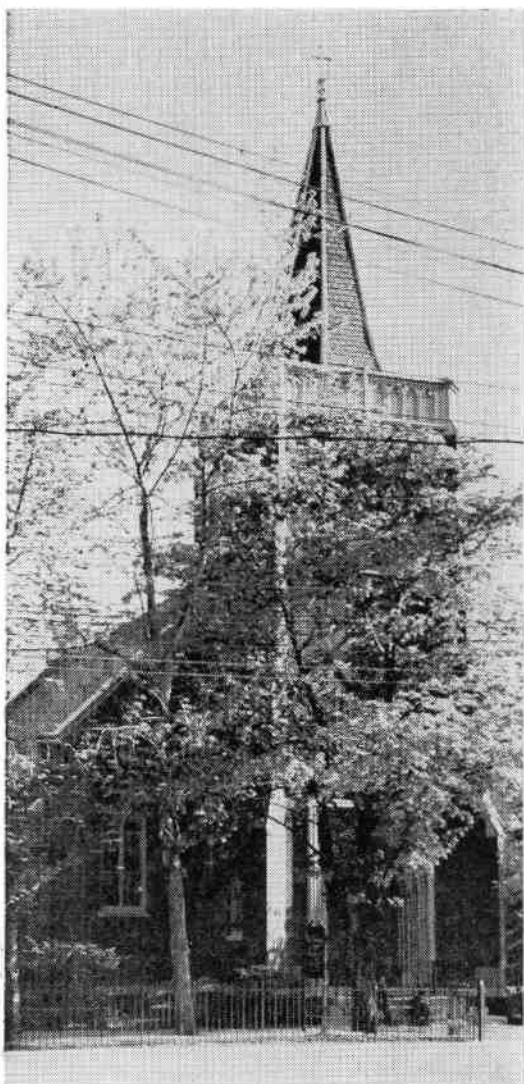
PIERWSZE ORGANIZACJE, KSIĘŻA, KOŚCIÓŁ POLSKI W NEW YORKU

Polacy w New Yorku, ożywieni gorącym uczuciem patriotycznym, posłuszni apelom i wezwaniom z Europy, Odezwy Komisji Emigracji Polskiej do Polaków w Ameryce, wydanej w Poitiers dnia 15-go marca, 1841 r., rozpoczęli akcję organizacyjną. Pierwsze realne usiłowania w tym kierunku spotykamy w r. 1842, gdy przy 265 Division Street, N.Y.C., zorganizowało się dnia 2-go marca pod przewodnictwem ks. Ludwika Jeżykowiicza, Towarzystwo Polaków w Ameryce.



Kościół Św. Jadwigi
St. Hedwig's Church

Jak serdeczne było współzycie Polaków z Amerykanami dowodzi chyba najlepiej fakt, iż Polak Wawrzyniec (Lawrence) Gołębicki, który przybył w r. 1824 do Ameryki, a w roku 1849 zasiadał jako poseł w kongresie washingtonskim, czyli Congressman from the New York District in the United States House of Representatives. Gołębicki był pierwszym reprezentantem pochodzenia polskiego w kongresie, a dzisiaj już liczymy jedenaście Kongresmanów w House of Representatives w Washingtonie.



Dzwonnica i główne wejście.

Bell tower and main entry.

Mimo istnienia zarodków życia organizacyjnego polskiego w New Yorku, mimo obecności pierwszych księży polskich w tym mieście, dużo czasu upłynęło, nim powstała pierwsza polska parafia. Pierwszym polskim księdzem w New Yorku był Ks. Ludwik Jeżykiewicz, który pracował jako wikary przy kościele św. Andrzeja, 13 City Hall Place, przez 27 lat, t. j. od 1834 do 1861.

Ksiądz Jeżykiewicz przybył do New Yorku jako jeden z 232 wygnańców, z byłych powstańców z 1831 roku, których Austria wywiozła do New Yorku w roku 1834. W latach 1850-1852 pracował w New Yorku Ks. Feliks Brzeska, a w latach 1852-1858 Ks. Felicjan Krebesz, jako asystent przy kościele św. Mikołaja, 133 Second Avenue. W latach 1853-1855 Ks. Alojzy Janalik, przy kościele św. Andrzeja, 13 City Hall Place. W roku 1865 pracował przy 130 West 31 Street, Ks. Teofil Pospizlik, w roku 1867-1868 Ks. J. Gezowski, 89 Street i Second Avenue.

W roku 1873 w sali Harmonia Rooms przy Essex Street grupa Polaków postawiła sobie jako główne dążenia, powołanie do życia polskiej katolickiej parafii i zbudowanie kościoła. Zbiórki, dochody z przedstawięń, stały się początkowym kapitałem. W pamięci starych wiarusów znajdujemy nazwiska najbardziej zasłużonych obywateli: Dr. Zolnowski, Dr. Skóra-Lewandowski, Krzemiński, Landeck, Rybicki, Grzeszkiewicz, Grochowski, Kantorski, Wroczyński, Waszyński, Jaworski, Krzywoziński, Jakubowski, Szumski oraz wielu innych. Byli to jedni z pierwszych członków Tow. Św. Stanisława.

Gdy w roku 1874 przybył z Europy Ks. Wojciech Mielcuszny, Tow. Św. Stanisława uprosiło go o stałe zamieszkanie w New Yorku i zaopiekowanie się Polakami. Równocześnie postarano się u władzy duchownej, aby go zamianowała duszpasterzem polskiej parafii.

Następcą księdza Mielcuszego, był Ks. Feliks Wayman z kościoła św. Mikołaja przy Second Avenue, któremu władza duchowna poruciła duszpasterstwo nad Polakami. Komitetowi parafii przedłożyło Tow. Św. Stanisława projekt zakupienia zboru po-prezbyteriańskiego przy zbiegu Stanton and Forsyth Street.

Pierwsze nabożeństwa w kościele św. Stanisława przy Stanton Street odbyło się 15 lipca 1878 roku. Ksiądz Błowaszczyński, następca Ks. Waymana, a następnie od 1882 roku Ks. Hieronim Klimecki, dokładają wiele pracy i wysiłków, by parafia św. Stanisława

stanęła o własnych siłach. Według kroniki parafjalnej pracowali w tym czasie w parafji św. Stanisława przy Stanton Street księża: Słowokowski, Suchocki, Dudkiewicz, Grabowski, Ciszewski, Karal, Machnikowski, Fremel i Strzelecki. W roku 1900, 27-go maja, położono wreszcie kamień węgielny pod budowę pierwszego kościoła polskiego w Manhattan, kościół pod wezwaniem św. Stani-

slawa, Biskupa i Męczennika, przy 7th Street, New York. Po proboszczach ks. Józefie Brzozewskim i ks. Ignacym Białdydze, nowa era parafji św. Stanisława rozpoczyna się z chwilą objęcia probostwa przez ks. Feliksa Buranta w roku 1924.

W Panna Maria, Texas, Ksiądz Leopold Moczygęba założył pierwszą parafję w Ameryce w roku 1854-ym.

PIERWSZE 50-LECIE PARAFJI ŚW. JADWIGI

Uchodźstwo polskie było licznie rozrzucone po Long Island i okolicy tutejszej już w roku 1875, jak Hyde Park, Hinsdale (teraz Floral Park), Garden City Park, Fosters Meadow (teraz Elmont), Mineola, Hempstead, Roslyn, Washington Square (teraz Munson), wtedy zwanej Kings County. Polacy żyli przeważnie pojedynczo, każdy dla siebie tylko, nie myśląc wcale co dalej będzie, nie troszcząc się o młode pokolenie i co z niego będzie. Charowali na powszedni chleb jako farmerzy i budownicy.

Polacy uczęszczali do kościoła św. Bonifacego w Fosters Meadow, gdzie proboszczem był św. pamięci Ks. Józef Hauber. Był to zany i dobry kapłan, lecz Polakom nie mógł zadość uczynić, nie rozumiejąc polskiej mowy.

Około Wielkiej Nocy w roku 1886 zaprosił polskiego księdza z Brooklyna z parafji św. Kazimierza w osobie Ks. Stanisława Marcinkowskiego, potem Ks. Hipolita Barańskiego, Ks. Wincentego Bronikowskiego, by choć raz w roku Polacy mogli uporządkować swoje sprawy sumienia i usłyszeć słowo Boże w języku polskim.

Mniej więcej około roku 1889, któryś z polskich obywateli zwołał wiec u pewnego farmera w Fosters Meadow, aby dać inicjatywę względem budowy własnego kościoła.

Lecz, niestety dzieło to z takim entuzjazmem rozpoczęte, upadło i pogrzebało tą sprawę na kilkanaście lat. Wprawdzie zjechali się Polacy dość licznie na czele z panami Wendelowskim, Kukielskim, Makowskim, Filarskim i wielu innymi, lecz niestety nie mogli się zgodzić co do wyboru miejsca pod kościół.

Pan Wendelowski ofiarował dwa akry ziemi pod kościół na swojej farmie w Creedmore. Pan Kukielski chciał kupić grunt pod kościół na Plainfield Avenue, gdzie się teraz

znajduje Belmont Race Track, co było niemożliwym do przyjęcia, gdyż główne środowiska polskie były i teraz są w Hyde Park, Garden City Park, Hinsdale, Floral Park i Mineola.

Później, niejaki pan Tyson, realnościowiec, Amerykanin i protestant, zaofiarował ziemię pod kościół katolicki bez względu na narodowość. Lecz niestety Polacy tak ostygli w zapale do budowy kościoła, że nie umieli czy nie chcieli wykorzystać tej sposobności. I Polacy jak dotąd tak i nadal chodzili do sąsiednich kościołów, to jest w Foster Meadow do św. Bonifacego i w Queens Village, gdzie już wtenczas były katolickie kościoły.

Mniej więcej około roku 1893 począł przyjeżdżać do Hyde Parku ksiądz z Westbury. Na hali pana Filipa Millera w Hyde Park urządzono tymczasowy kościół, czyli kaplicę rzymsko-katolicką. Zaczął kolektować na konto nowego kościoła i Polacy przyłączyli się także i składali ofiary na ile ich było stać w tej nadziei, że przewielebny Ksiądz Biskup przyśle kapłana, któryby władał polskim i angielskim językiem, lub też dał wikarego polskiego do pomocy. Musimy zaznaczyć, że Polacy już wtenczas stanowili około 65 procent obywateli tej miejscowości.

W roku następnym, to jest 1894, przystąpiono do budowy kościoła św. Ducha w Hyde Park, który też został wykonany i pozostał pod zarządem księdza z Westbury.

Coś w dwa lata później pobudowali plebanję, a Polacy znów nie szczędzili ofiar i pracy, zawsze w tej nadziei, że przeciw pokorą i uczciwą pracą, zdołają coś uzyskać. Lecz niestety i tym razem Polacy zawiedli się w nadzieji. Przewielebny Ksiądz Biskup przysłał młodego i energicznego kapłana władającego kilkoma językami, w tem i polskim,

lecz niestety dość słabo, aby mógł naszych Polaków zadowolnić.

Na dowód tego przytaczamy tu mały wypadek, który się wydarzył. Kiedy jeden z Polaków usłyszał, że jest już ksiądz, choć nie polskiego pochodzenia, ale przynajmniej władający językiem polskim, przysposobił się do spowiedzi, a wchodząc z kolei do konfesjonału, mówi na wstępie: "Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus."

A Ksiądz odpowiada, "Do you speak English?"

A Polak odpowiada, "A very little, Father."

Ksiądz odpowiada, "Well, I think you can speak more English than I can in Polish, go ahead, confess and I will help you a little."

To była druga spowiedź tego Polaka w języku angielskim, pierwszą odbył gdy brał ślub w języku angielskim.

Ksiądz Franciszek Videns, takie jest nazwisko tego księdza, wziął się energicznie do pracy i potrafił pozyskać serca i zaufania swych parafian. Nauczył się po polsku na

tyle, że co drugą niedzielę wygłaszał kazanie w języku polskim. Nawet chciał, ażeby Polacy zaśpiewali w języku ojczystym. Pewnej niedzieli na nieszporach wziął polski śpiewnik, postawił Siostrę Dominikanę przy organach i zaczęto śpiewać pieśń, "Nie opuszczaj nas", nie wiedząc o tem, że lud ten pochodził z trzech zaborów, to jest rosyjskiego, pruskiego i austriackiego. Jedni śpiewali na jedną melodję, drudzy na inną i tylko przeszkadzali sobie nawzajem. Zakonnica-organistka, słysząc to, zaprzestała grać na organach.

Wkrótce potem w kościele w Queens, gdzie proboszczem był Father Datzo, odbywała się misja. Polacy uczęszczali na tą misję dość licznie a widząc na misjonarzu i Father Datzo, postanowili Polakom przyjść z pomocą, oświadczając, że Polacy powinni mieć własnego księdza proboszcza.

TOW. ŚW. MICHAŁA

Polacy znowu pobudzeni, zorganizowali w roku 1895 Towarzystwo pod opieką św. Mi-



Towarzystwo Św. Michała, zorganizowane w roku 1895. Pierwsza organizacja przy Parafji Św. Jadwigi.

St. Michael's Society, organized in 1895. First organization at St. Hedwig's Parish.

chała i znów czekali naprzód na obcą pomoc. Okazało się, że Niemiec księża zamiast udzielać pomocy, szkodzili Polakom na każdym kroku, a jeden z nich miał się wyrazić, że jemu prędzej włosy na dłoni wyrósł, aniżeli Polacy dostaną polskiego księdza.

Polacy widząc, że na obcą pomoc nie mogą liczyć, postanowili wziąć się do pracy sami. P. P. Michał Wendelowski, Józef Filarski, Franciszek Makowski, Jan Filarski i inni, zwołali wielki wiec do gospody obywatela Nozla w Garden City Park, na niedzielę dnia 20-go kwietnia, roku 1902 i zaprosili pana Władysława F. Różyckiego na mówcę i organizatora.

Pan Różycki po wygłoszeniu mowy, którą potrafił wzruszyć serca wszystkich obecnych, przystąpił najprzód do zorganizowania Towarzystwa pod opieką św. Jadwigi. Zarząd Towarzystwa został wybrany jak następuje:

Michał Wendelowski, prezes; Marcin Pelkowski, sekr. prot., Michał Strauss, sekr. fin., Jan Filarski, kasjer, Franciszek Sidorski, marszałek, Juljusz Blumberg, chorąży.

Do Towarzystwa św. Jadwigi zapisało się na tym wiecu 78 członków, a mianowicie: Piotr Abramowski, Antoni Abramowski, Franciszek Abramowski, Julian Blumberg, Benjamin Blumberg, Antoni Biedrzycki —

Aleksander Czaplicki, Franciszek Czaplicki, Józef Ciwiński, Michał Drażba, Wojciech Domalewski, Franciszek Dowiało, Stanisław Gudewski, Józef Gudewski, August Gumuła, Stanisław Grzegorski —

Piotr Hmieliński, Walenty Jankowski, Juljan Kowalski, Józef Kaleta, Jan Korf, Jan Kriś, Kazimierz Kowalski, Józef Kowalski, Franciszek Krzywicki, Andrzej Łęciejewski, Józef Łęciejewski, Jan Lewandowski, Michał Lewandowski —

Franciszek Makowski, Franciszek Maleńkowski, Jan Maleńkowski, Jan Majkowski, Antoni Manulski, Ignacy Motyliński, Bronisław Motyliński, Wincenty Marcinkiewicz, Dominik Maczkowski, Józef Makowski —

Józef Filarski, Jan Filarski, Józef Paczeta, Marcin Pelkowski, Jan Pelkowski, Aleksander Pelkowski, Antoni Podgórski, Władysław Piwowarski, Michał Sidorski, Antoni Siniaka, Jan Siniaka, Karol Sadowski, Michał Siwiński —

Franciszek Świniarski, Michał Świniarski, Michał Świrupski, Kazimierz Sokolski, Konstanty Sosnowski, Edmund Surwiłło,

Stanisław Soraczyński, Wojciech Sumiłow-ski —

Leon Tucholski, Józef Tucholski, Michał Wendelowski, Józef Wendelowski, Feliks Wendelowski, Zygmunt Wolski, Jan Wolski, Feliks Wiensko, Franciszek Wiensko, Wincenty Nozel, Jan Ziblewski, Jakób Ziolkowski, Władysław Repacki i Jan Duszyński.

Następujące osoby zapisały się do mającej powstać w przyszłości parafji polskiej, lecz nie przystąpiły do Tow. św. Jadwigi: Franciszek Waśniewski, Antoni Pieśnikowski, Teodor Orzechowski, Bolesław Polak, Jan Hickerski, Stanisław Grzeczerek i Bronisław Monkiewicz —

Anna Szczepańska, Konstanty Monkiewicz, Józef Falkowski, Marcin Wiśniewski ojciec Marcin Wiśniewski syn, Aleksander Sitak, Józef Szuska, Jan Kulikowski, Wojciech Gaska, Antoni Makowski, Aleksander Sakowicz, Paweł Cebulski, Franciszek Górka, Antoni Skwarkowski —

Jan Więgowski, Sylwester Węgrzynowski, Franciszek Makowski, Jan Jankowski, Paweł Danor, Fabian Buczek, Józef Abramowski, Jan Bylic, Jan Kochański, Adam Moniuszko, Franciszek Stankiewicz, Romuald Rapacki —

Józef Tyłkowski, Jan Matuszewski, Józef Wiśniewski, Jan Miarkowski, Stefan Lipnicki, Franciszek Sadowski, Franciszek Sadoski, Bolesław Sadoski, Jan Kobyliński, Adam Lipnicki, Maks Hecht —

Józef Zakrzewski, Władysław Cibiurski, Aleksander Polak, Franciszek Kopczyński, Franciszek Zawrotny, Wincenty Hodziński, Jan Nowak, Józef Spryczyński, Józef Daniewicz —

Władysław Chyrzyński, Juljan Tyma, Tomasz Lejman, Franciszek Nozel, Jan Budziński, Józef Jasiński, Jan Ziolkowski, Wojciech Parzyński i Józef Burzyński.

Po zorganizowaniu Tow. św. Jadwigi, Komitet przystąpił do kolektowania pieniędzy. Każdy z obecnych złożył swoją ofiarę lub zadeklarował pewną sumę.

Potem wybrany został komitet czyli delegacja do przewielebnego Księdza Biskupa, do której weszli: Michał Wendelowski, Józef Filarski, Jan Filarski, Franciszek Makowski i Andrzej Janosik.

Komitet ten wziął się energicznie do pracy i pomimo niepowodzeń z początku, Komitet ten nie zasypiał sprawy i pukał wielokrotnie do drzwi biskupa diecezji brooklyńskiej,

Nareszcie natrafili na szczęśliwą godzinę, że przew. ksiądz biskup Charles E. McDonnell raczył ich uprzejmie przyjąć i wysłuchał ich prośbę.

Dowiedziawszy się o co im idzie, zapytał, "Chcecie kościół budować, czy macie pieniądze?"

"Tak, mamy około \$2,000 a jak dostaniemy księdza polskiego, to więcej pieniędzy się znajdzie".

Nie mając innego wyjścia, przyrzekli zając się tą sprawą. Potem wkrótce przysłał swego generalnego wikarego, który wspólnie z Komitetem Tow. Św. Jadwigi, wybrał teren na kościół, — 19 akrów ziemi, za którą zapłacili zaraz gotówką. Miejsce było przy Jericho Toll Turnpike, pomiędzy Depan i Linden ulic.

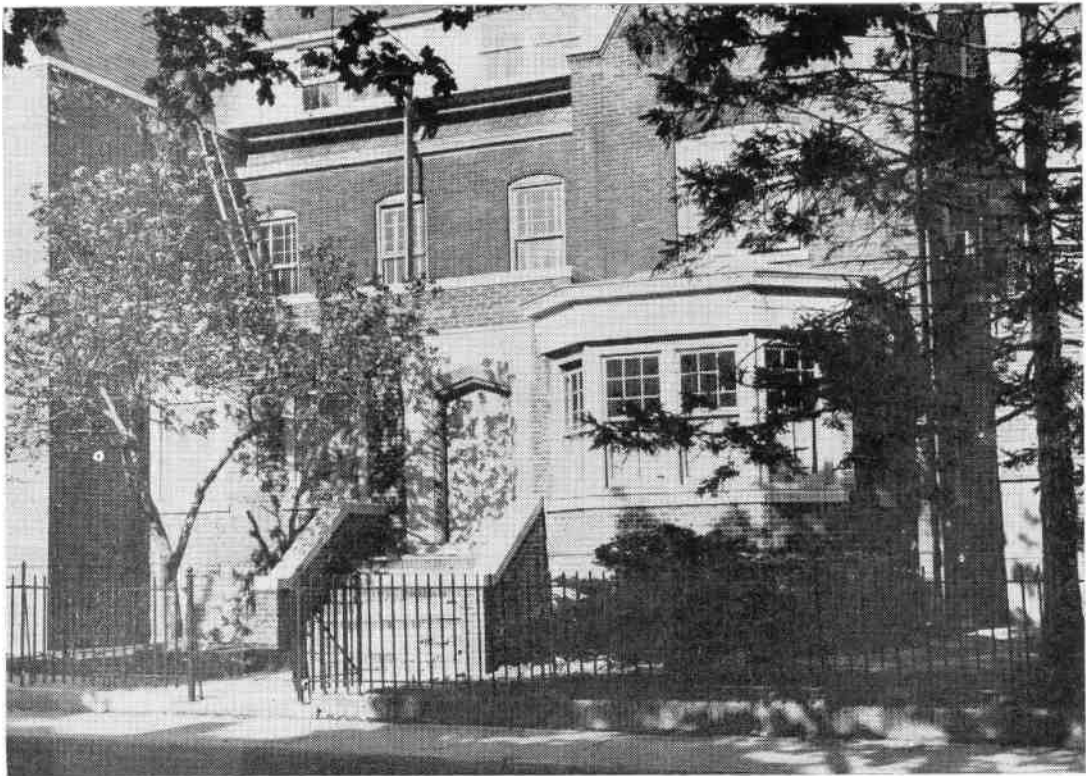
Tow. Św. Michała widząc jak Tow. Św. Jadwigi dzielnie pracuje ze swoim Komitetem, postanowiło złączyć się w jedną całość

jako jedno Towarzystwo Św. Jadwigi, i pieniądze które mieli w kasie w kwocie \$65.25, oddali jako ofiarę na kościół.

W niedzielę 4-go maja, 1902 roku, przybył do p. Wendełowskiego, ksiądz Adolf Świerczyński, który przedtem sprawował obowiązki wikarego w parafii św. Stanisława na Greenpoint.

Młody ten Kapłan, pełen energii i zapału, wziął się gorliwie do pracy. Praca jego przyniosła obfite plony, gdyż już w lipcu 1903 roku, kamień węgielny został poświęcony, a na Święta Bożego Narodzenia, 25-go grudnia 1903 roku, kościół został otwarty do użytku i wkrótce został poświęcony.

Tow. Św. Jadwigi sprawiło wielki ołtarz za który zapłaciło \$713.40, bardzo piękną chorągiew św. Jadwigi za którą zapłaciło \$130, a późniejszych czasach ofiarowało jedno okno z wizerunkiem św. Jadwigi, które kosztowało \$250 oraz kupiło obraz św. Jadwigi do wielkiego ołtarza za \$200.



Plebanja — wejście od ulicy DePan

The Rectory — DePan Avenue entry.

Trzeba przyznać, że Ks. Świerczyński był dzielny duszpasterzem i gospodarzem. Sprawił piękne ławki dla kościoła, dwa konfesjonały, meble do zakrystji i plebanji. W cztery lata zdołał spłacić dług ciążyący na kościele. Kościół został konsekrowany 15-go lipca 1906 roku, za zgodą przewielebnego Księdza Biskupa Ordynariusza z Brooklyna. Do konsekrowania zaproszono przewielebnego Księdza Biskupa Leon Haid, D.D. z North Carolina. Od tej chwili kościół ten nie może być użyty do innych celów, jak tylko na nabożeństwa kościoła rzymsko-katolickiego.

Jak już było wspomniane, Tow. Św. Jadwigi sprawiło wielki ołtarz; Tow. Św. Michała zakupiło boczny ołtarz św. Michała. Bractwo Różańcowe kupiło boczny ołtarz Matki Boskiej. Za staraniem Bractwa Różańcowego i Bractwa Serca Jezusowego, zostały sprawione bardzo piękne Stacje Drogi Krzyżowej. Michał Wendelowski sprawił ambonę, a wielki dzwon dwaj bracia Filarscy.

Ponieważ w miarę powiększania się liczby rodzin w parafji św. Jadwigi, powiększała się i liczba dzieci przeto Ks. Świerczyński w roku 1906-ym przystąpił do budowy szkoły i klasztoru dla zakonnice nauczycielek gdzie do dziś wielebne Siostry Felicjanki uczą naszą dziatwę. Po wybudowaniu czteroklasowej szkoły z przylegającym do niej klasztorem, sprowadzono z Buffalo Siostry Felicjanki.

Po dziewięciu latach, 1902-1911, ciężkiej i mozolnej pracy, ksiądz Świerczyński wystąpił z parafji św. Jadwigi, 16-go sierpnia, 1911 roku. Najprzewielebniejszy Ksiądz Biskup Charles E. Mc Donnell D.D. zamianował Ks. Franciszka Wilamowskiego proboszczem parafji św. Jadwigi. Młody kapłan objąwszy 17-go sierpnia urząd proboszcza, zabrał się do zreorganizowania życia religijnego i parafjalnego. Pod jego kierownictwem pomno-

żyła się liczba towarzystw służących prze-ważnie sprawom patriotyczno-religijnym.

W szkole zaś liczba dzieci wzrosła tak, że pierwotny budynek szkolny okazał się za ciasny. To też po spłaceniu długów ciążyących na szkole i plebanji, zebraniu pewnej sumy na rozpoczęcie budowy nowego budynku szkolnego, przystąpiono w maju, 1926 roku, do zrealizowania tego planu.

W roku 1927-ym stanął nowy dwupiętrowy gmach szkolny o dwunastu klasach, dwóch salach, z których jedna służy za jadalnią, gdzie uczniowie uczęszczający do szkoły otrzymują zdrową, pożywną, ciepłą strawę.

Budynek szkoły jest pierwszorzędny i ogniotrwały, który podczas drugiej wojny światowej wybrano na schronisko w razie najeźdu nieprzyjacielskich samolotów. Za staraniem nowego proboszcza Wilamowskiego, odnowiono pięknie kościół przez artystę Stanisława Chylińskiego i panie Stachę Nowicką, stare ołtarze zastąpiono nowymi, włożono nowe organy, nowe ławki, konfesjonały, stacje Drogi Krzyżowej i sprowadzono w 1952 roku z Włoszech przepiękną marmurową chrzcielnicę na uroczystość Złotego Jubileuszu Kościoła i Parafji św. Jadwigi.

Po zgonie Księdza Wilamowskiego w 1953 roku, Ks. Gerwazy Kubec został mianowany proboszczem parafji św. Jadwigi i przybył 9-go grudnia, 1953 roku. Z zapałem zaczął dalsze prace nad polepszeniem i rozbudowaniem parafji i kościoła, ażeby zaspokoić dalsze potrzeby duchowe i materialne parafjan.

Własność parafji św. Jadwigi, która jest bez długu, można oszacować na jeden miljon dolarów.

Wszystko co się w tej parafji dokonało w czasie jej 53 lat istnienia, dokonało się przy pomocy Bożej i ludzi dobrej woli.

TOWARZYSTWO ŚW. JADWIGI ZAŁOŻONE W ROKU 1902 SPRAWIŁO GŁÓWNY OŁTARZ

ST. HEDWIG SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1902 DONATES THE MAIN ALTAR

20-go kwietnia, 1902-1955 obchodzimy 53-letnią rocznicę założenia Tow. im. Św. Jadwigi, gdy tego samego roku Polacy tutejsi dostali księdza polskiego.

53 lat na pozór nie zdaje się być tak dłu-

gim czasem, a jednak gdyby który z tych ludzi zmartwychwstał, toby do swoich pieleszy dziś nie trafił. A jak jeszcze cofnie się wstecz do roku 1887, to jest do roku w którym Józef i Jan Filarski przybyli do Amery-

ki i do Floral Parku, to znajdziemy ją w dość prymitywnym stanie, gdyż nie było nawet stanowych dróg jak dzisiaj Jericho Turnpike.

W roku 1889 Polacy zwołali zebranie do Fosters Meadow (Elmont) u pewnego farmera. Było to zadanie nielada, gdyż telefonów wówczas nie było, a gazety mało kto czytał. Wybraliśmy pana Wendelowskiego i Makowskiego, aby zebranie prowadzili. Pan Wendelowski zaoferował dwa akry ziemi na kościół na swojej farmie na Creedmore. Pan Kukielski chciał ofiarować kawał ziemi również na swojej farmie, tam gdzie dziś jest Belmont Race Track

Trzeci proponował, aby kupić grunt ziemi. Lecz żadna propozycja nie była przyjęta a sprawa została pogrzebana na kilkanaście lat. W kilka lat potem zwołali Polacy posiedzenie w gospodzie Nozla w Garden City Parku, aby omówić sprawę budowy kościoła polskiego rzymsko katolickiego.

W roku 1893 zaczęli budować Polacy i Niemcy katolicki kościół św. Ducha w Hyde Park. Polacy już wtenczas stanowili 55 do 65 procent obywateli, więc spodziewali się, że dostaną księdza polskiego a przynajmniej takiego, któryby władał dobrze językiem polskim. Lecz znów zawiedli się. Kapłan wprawdzie władał kilkoma językami, lecz

po polsku bardzo słabo. Jednakowoż w kilka miesięcy nauczył się na tyle, że wygłaszał nam kazanie. Lecz w roku 1902, wszystko to zmieniła się na naszą korzyść.

Polacy widząc, że na obcą pomoc nie mogą liczyć, postanowili wziąć się do pracy sami. P. p. Michał Wendelowski, Józef Filarski, Franciszek Makowski, Jan Filarski, zaprosili pana Władysława F. Różyckiego na mówcę i organizatora, zwołali wielki wiec na niedzielę dnia 20-go kwietnia, roku 1902. Pan Różycki wzruszył wszystkie serca i obywatela zaraz zorganizowali Towarzystwo pod opieką św. Jadwigi. Zarząd został wybrany w następującym składzie: Michał Wendelowski, prezes; Marcin Pelkowski, wice-prezes; Michał Strauss, sekr. fin.; Jan Filarski, kasjer; Franciszek Sidorski, moderator; Franciszek Makowski, marszałek i Juljusz Blumberg, chorąży. I tak do dzisiejszego dnia Tow. Św. Jadwigi pracuje dla dobra parafji i ogółu Polonii.

Zarząd Tow. Św. Jadwigi w roku 1955 stanowią panowie: prezes, W. Wiśniewski; wice-prezes, Kruszewski; sekr. fin., Józef Osiecki; sekr. prot., Ludkiewicz i kasjer, Rapacki. Liczba starszych członków czynna do dzisiejszego dnia wynosi 23 według stanu na 1-go kwietnia, 1955 roku.



Towarzystwo Im. Św. Jadwigi, 1902-1955

St. Hedwig's Society, 1902-1955.

1902-1955

History Of The St. Hedwig's Church And Parish

FOREWORD

The faithful parishioners of St. Hedwig's Church with reverent hearts send up a shout of thanksgiving today for the blessings of fifty years accomplished by the Reverend Pastor Gerwase W. Kubec and pray for the continuance of Father Kubec and the Parish Church through all the future time.

The Golden Jubilee of a pastor and of a parish is an occasion that makes us realize how good God is to those who treasure the gift of faith, live by it and trust in His Divine Providence. Fifty years of patient labor by priests and by people alike have been richly blessed and rewarded by the Giver of all good things. Today, St. Hedwig's parish can point with reasonable pride to a magnificent church, a fully equipped grammar school building, a convent, a large, rebuilt rectory and parishioners of good will. But these structures of red brick and white stone and mortar, important as they are for a complete parish plant valued at one million dollars, are actually less important than the spirit of faith and loyalty to God which

they symbolize. They represent the strong and vigorous spiritual life of the parish, exerting a beneficial influence upon the individual, family and community for over the past half century.

And so, as in retrospect we look back in solemn pride upon the achievements of the pioneers of St. Hedwig's Parish and the glorious memories of the years that are sped; and as in anticipation, looking forward through the mists of yearning, we think upon the days to come, let us steel our hearts with the resolution to live worthy of the traditions we inherit — traditions of high achievement, so that fifty years from today another generations of parishioners may give thanks for us as we give thanks for the men and women of old, who in spirit of faith, love and sacrifice, in the love of God and for the glory of His Name and of His Blessed Mother, laid well and wisely the foundations of St. Hedwig's parish and school.

—Dr. S. J. Sluska

THE POLISH HERITAGE IN AMERICA

Polish immigrants, who were settling in the New York — Long Island area since 1628, and namely those who settled in what is now Nassau County, for many years, felt the lack of a Roman Catholic parish, wherein the Polish language of their fathers would satisfy their spiritual demands and continue the strong religious life that was brought to the United States from Poland.

In order to attain this hope, a census roll of all the Polish families resident in the villages and areas of Floral Park, New Hyde Park, Garden City Park, Roslyn, Mineola,

Hempstead, Elmont, was compiled in 1895. Then a mass meeting of those Polish families was convened in Garden City Park, in 1901, where it was agreed to elect delegates who would present a petition of organizing and building a Roman Catholic Church for Polish families to the Most Reverend Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese, who would nominate a Polish pastor.

The petition was accepted and fulfilled. The delegates were Michael Wendelowski, Joseph and John Filarski, F. Makowski and Andrew Janosik, who did not waste time, but



Saint Jadwiga, the Patroness of the Parish.

Święta Jadwiga Patronka Parafii.

who energetically appealed to the Most Rev. Bishop Charles E. Mc Donnell for an audience to present the plan for the erection of a Polish Roman Catholic parish to assist the old and newly arriving Polish immigrants in fulfilling their spiritual life with a priest speaking their native tongue.

The Most Rev. Bishop McDonnell agreed in 1902 to the formation of a Roman Catholic Church under the patron saint, St. Hedwig, in Floral Park, New York, and named Rev. Adolf L. Swierczynski as the pastor.

The new Pastor quickly gathered the flock of faithful Polish immigrants into one group with Floral Park as the central location for the new parish. Before the new church was erected, Masses were held in the Filip Miller Hall at Miller Lane in New Hyde Park, the present site of the old Fire House.

The tasks of organization and collection of financial contributions for the new church were many and widespread. Rev. Swierczynski devoted days and evenings to the proposition, often riding a bicycle many miles to cover the distance of the prospective, faithful Polish farmer parishioners. The Polish families who settled here in 1900 were animal stock husbandrymen, farmers, potato farmers in particular and hard-working laborers, carpenters and craftsmen. With a relay of personal contacts made by the new pastor and by word of mouth passed on by the new Americans, sizeable sums were donated for the purchase of lands for the erection of the church building and rectory.

Land area of 20 acres on Jericho Turnpike, bounded by Depan and Linden avenues in Floral Park was purchased in 1902. Plans for the erection of the Church building were quickly made and progress of constructing the edifice of red brick and white mortar progressed so rapidly, that the Church cornerstone was blessed and laid on July 25, 1903.

St. Hedwig's Church is built in Gothic style that is common in the Poznań area of Poland, with three bells in the Bell Tower that mold into the one harmony. The consecration of the bells was performed by the Most Rev. Bishop C. E. McDonnell, D.D. October 1, 1905. After payment of the debts, St. Hedwig's Church was consecrated on July 15, 1906 by the Most Rev. Bishop Leon Haid, D.D.

Because of the large increase of the number of new Polish families and large

numbers of children, Rev. Swierczynski, in the year 1906, initiated the building of a school and convent home. After constructing a four-room classroom school attached to the Convent, Felician teaching sisters from Buffalo were brought to St. Hedwig's and classes were taught in September, 1908.

In August 1911, Rev. Swierczynski left St. Hedwig's parish, and the Most Rev. Bishop C. E. McDonnell, D.D. announced the appointment of Rev. Francis L. Wilamowski as the new pastor. For 41 years, Rev. Wilamowski served St. Hedwig's parishioners. Father Wilamowski was born in Mlew, Poznań province, Poland, January 31, 1882. As a student he was a member of secret underground societies which fought against Prussianizing of Polish students by Bismarck. He began his religious studies at Collegium Marianum in Pelplin, Poland.

He came to the United States in September, 1903, settling first in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the Polish Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius. He was ordained to Holy priesthood by Bishop McDonnell on May 30, 1907. His first assignment was as assistant curate to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Brooklyn. On August 17, 1911, he was assigned to serve as Pastor of St. Hedwig's. He was decorated by the Free Republic of Poland with the Cross Polonia Restituta for relief services the parish rendered during World War I.

When the small school house became overcrowded, plans for a new school were drawn and donations for the new edifice were made, and in May 1926 the plan of the new school with twelve classrooms was realized.

In 1927 the new two floor plan school building containing 12 classrooms, two large auditoriums, one of which serves as an assembly hall and Sunday Masses and the other as a cafeteria to feed the children was dedicated. The Parent-Teachers Club supervised the management of the cafeteria.

The school, which is conducted by Felician Order of teaching Sisters since 1906, today teaches over 600 pupils, is a first class fire-proof building. During World Wars I and II, St. Hedwig's School was selected as a safety zone in event of enemy air attack. Through the efforts of Pastor Rev. Wilamowski, the Church itself in 1951-1952 was refurbished, decorated, old altars replaced with new, a new organ installed, new pews, confessionals, Stations of the Cross, and

from Italy, a marble baptismal font on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee in 1953 of the parish. The parish was completely without debt and valued above a half-million dollars in 1953.

After Rev. Wilamowski's passing away, Father Gerwazy Kubic was named the pastor of St. Hedwig's parish. Immediately, new plans for the improvement and renovation of the rectory and the grounds was in-



The rebuilt rectory in 1955 will now house all the St. Hedwig priests.

stituted at a cost of \$90,000. In 1955 Rev. Kubic completed plans for the rebuilding of the home for the parish priests. This project was completed last week. Plans for the renovation of the Convent and building improvements for the school are now considered. Another doorway to the Church is also being planned this year. With the generous assistance of the parishioners and wise leadership of the Pastor, St. Hedwig's parish will attain a completely enlarged and improved status as a firm institution.

Americans of Polish ancestry are proud of the achievements of the 54 years old St. Hedwig's Church, its School, Convent and its able Pastor and assistant priests. Parishioners are grateful for all the spiritual benefits derived through the efforts of all the two former pastors and hope that God will give good health to Rev. Kubic to complete his apostleship here.

St. Hedwig's Parish carefully kept Church records show that for the first fifty year 1,943 marriage sacraments were performed in St. Hedwig's. There were 5,283 children baptized into the Roman Catholic religion.

Value of St. Hedwig education is readily seen as one considers that since 1903, 9 girls were called to the Holy Vocation of the Felician Sisters and now are assigned as teachers, assistants, nurses as Felician nuns. Three men became priests from St. Hedwig's. Rev. Francis Makowski, the pastor of St. Josephat's in Bayside, Rev. John Mirecki, who sang his first Mass in St. Hedwig's June 5, this year, and Rev. Francis Powaza, who will sing his first Solemn Mass, Sunday, June 26 in St. Hedwig's Church. These workers for the Faith prove the close alliance between the Church and the Parochial School.

Among the prominent parish organizations which are in Church membership are St. Hedwig's Society, the oldest organization for men; St. Michael's, Rosary Society, Sacred Heart League, Sodality, Third Order of St. Francis, Parent-Teachers Club, Holy Name Society, Catholic War Veterans and their Auxiliary of Ladies, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Catholic League, and the Brownies and the Girl Scouts of America with four troops.

All that has been achieved in this parish in over a half a century was accomplished mainly through the help of the Lord and persons of zealous faith and good will.

Rev. Adolf F. Swierczynski

FIRST PASTOR OF ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH

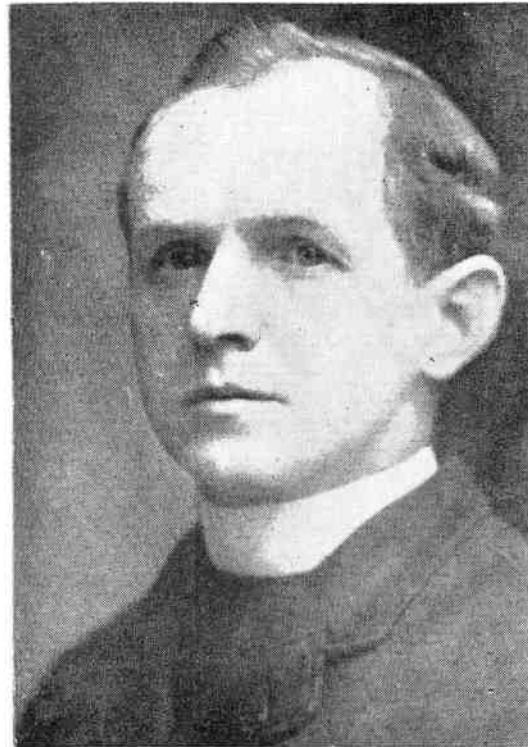
Old-time parishioners were sorrowful when they learned that Father Adolf Swierczynski, the founder and builder of the St. Hedwig Church, died one week after the quick passing away of Rev. Francis Wilamowski, who died October 17 and Father Swierczynski on October 24, 1953.

Father Swierczynski was born in Poland, and after coming to the United States in 1897, he was ordained a priest in the Brooklyn Diocese. He came to Floral Park in 1902 to organize and build the St. Hedwig Church, the very same Gothic red-brick building that now stands. There are recollections of Father Swierczynski zeal and interest in behalf of the Polish Americans who had appealed to the Bishop to send them a priest who spoke Polish. Some old-timers still recall how Father Swierczynski would ride a bicycle to Jamaica and Flushing to bring boards, locks, plumbing parts and other building supplies. There are others who recall the gaslight era when Father Swierczynski would light the large lamp in the interior of the Church for the evening vespers. His works in the form of the lovely Church building is the only monument that remains to his memory at St. Hedwigs.

After leaving St. Hedwig's Church, Father Swierczynski resided in Rome, Italy, where he assisted the Polish refugees after World War I, 1918 and 1921-22 Bolshevik war escapees.

After World War II Father Swierczynski returned to Brooklyn, but he was in poor health. He was received by the Little Sisters of the Poor at their hospice in Queens Village, and remained there until January, 1947, when his physical condition demanded that he be hospitalized at the Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica. He remained at the Hospital since 1950 until the day of his death, October 24, 1953.

A Requiem Mass was sung for Father Swierczynski in the Chapel of Mary Immaculate Hospital on Wednesday, October 28, 1953. Father Swierczynski served as a chaplain at the hospital, despite his illness and suffering. With the Divine Office and Mass celebrated by the new chaplain, Rev. Thomas Ford. The Burial Mass was celebrated with the assistance of Deacon, Rev. Edmund Manowski, and sub-deacon Rev. Thomas Obanski of St. Joseph's in Jamaica. Auxiliary Bishop John Boardman presided.



Rev. Adolf L. Swierczynski.

Rev. Francis Wilamowski

PASTOR AT ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH 41 YEARS

When the St. Hedwig parishioners accompanied the remains of Father Francis Wilamowski to the Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, Tuesday, October 19, 1953, the final chapter was written in the life of this kindly, courageous priest and pastor. After a week's illness which he contracted after participating in the Forty Hours Devotion in St. Ladislaus Church in Hempstead, October 11, 1953, Father Wilamowski died Friday night, October 16, 1955, leaving his parishioners silently mourning the loss of a faithful, tireless worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He was a kind and zealous priest and patriot, a father to his people, a true son of the Church. As the bells of the church tolled out the news of his death and funeral, his faithful flock realized that their pastor had ended 41 years of toil and service in their behalf.

Father Wilamowski was born in Mlew, Pomerania Province, Poznań regino, Poland. As a student he was a member of secret underground societies which fought against the Hakatists' Prussianization and Germanization of Poland, especially Polish students, who were forbidden to speak, to write or to read Polish. He began his religious studies at Collegium Marianum in Pelplin, Poland, but the college was closed by Prussian government officials and he and other students were imprisoned in Niedenburg, East Prussia for daring to study Polish and for desiring to become a Roman Catholic priest for a Polish Church.

He came to the United States in September, 1902, settling at first in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the Polish Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Mc Donnell on Sunday, May 30, 1907. His first assignment was as assistant at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Brooklyn, where he served for four years. On August 17, 1911 he was



Rev. Francis Wilamowski

appointed the pastor of St. Hedwig's Church to replace Rev. Adolf Swierczynski, the first pastor of St. Hedwig's.

On becoming pastor of St. Hedwig's Church, Father Wilanowski proceeded to unite his flock under his able guidance, ministering tirelessly as long as his strength held out, never complaining in the face of failing health, cheerful in every circumstance, ever ready to acquit himself to the fullest where a soul was in need. Always alert to the vital part the Sacraments fulfill in the life of a Catholic, he took special care in the work of the confessional, spending long hours for the conversion of souls to the way of a devout and moral life. He took special pride in the performing of marriages, knowing that this Sacrament opened for many a new vista on life. In Church and in office, he gave his beloved attention and care as a devout priest.

During the first World War, Father Wilanowski was a tireless patriot, knowing that America's future and the independence of Poland depended upon the defeat of the Hun. He made countless speeches and even had the renowned Ignacy Paderewski and Roman Dmowski visit St. Hedwig's. He directed

the Liberty Bond sales for the parishioners and conducted the gathering of food and clothes for the war victims. After 1945 Father Wilanowski organized relief and an immigration Committee in the Parish to assist the displaced Polish persons to come to Long Island and to the parish to join their relatives. This work with NCWC made it possible for 236 immigrants to come to U.S.A. through St. Hedwig's.

Knowing that the Church needs more priests and nuns and Catholics who perform their duties with zeal, Father Wilanowski expanded the St. Hedwig School facilities. In 1927 a twelve room building was the result. In 1952 the Church was refurbished and decorated, old altars pews, stations of the Cross a new Italian Marble Baptismal Font were added, and other improvements were completed for the parish's Golden Anniversary, 1902-1952.

The 41 years which Father Wilanowski spent in St. Hedwig's remain as a testimony of his ardent zeal for the Faith. The parishioners will long remember the kindly man and he will be further remembered with countless prayers.

REV. MATHEW J. WISNIEWSKI

For the past nine years St. Hedwig's parishioners have observed the good works of Rev. Mathew John Wisniewski, who was born in Flushing February 17, 1916, of John Wisniewski, formerly of Wloclawek, Poland, and of Wladyslawa Zachorska, Mlawa, Poland. Both parents are still living. Father Mathew has two sisters. Mrs. Charles Kosciuk and Miss Teresa Wisniewska.

Father Wisniewski and the family were members of St. Joseph's Church in Jamaica. After finishing grade school, P. S. Nr. 26, Rev. Wisniewski attended Flushing High School, which he completed in 1934. During these school years he served as an altar boy in St. Joseph's Church.

In 1939 Rev. Wisniewski attended St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake, Michigan, where the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Polish

Seminary is located. He completed St. Mary's in 1943 and came to the Diocesan Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and was ordained a priest on April 27, 1943 in St. James Pro-Cathedral. Rev. Wisniewski sang his first Mass in St. Joseph's Church on May 2, 1943.

Rev. Wisniewski's first assignment was to St. Isidore's Church in Riverhead on May 17, 1943, and after three years he was assigned to St. Hedwig's Church July 6, 1946, and this year will complete nine years in our parish.

Father Mathew is well known for his organization of the annual bazaar activity. He is the moderator of the Parent Teachers Club, Holy Name Society, Altar Boys, Sodality, Holy Rosary Society and other church groups. He is a member of the Floral Park Council of Knights of Columbus.



Rev. Mathew J. Wisniewski
Assistant



Rev. Walter J. Tomecki
Assistant

REV. WALTER J. TOMECKI

Chairman of the Golden Jubilee honoring the St. Hedwig's Church pastor, Rev. Gerwase W. Kubec, is Rev. Walter Joseph Tomecki, one of the most alert and energetic priests on Long Island. Rev. Tomecki was born in Queens Village on December 8, 1923 of Walter Tomecki, now deceased, and Katherine Juwa, who were both born in Poland. Rev. Tomecki is an assistant in St. Hedwig Parish.

After graduating from St. Joachim and Ann Parochial School in Queens Village in 1938, Father Walter attended St. John's Prep, which graduated him in 1942. He studied in St. John's University, majoring in English, and received the B.A. degree in 1944. He decided to enter studies for the priesthood in 1944, and enrolled in the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan, which he completed in 1948 after four years study of dogma, theology, ceremony of the Mass etc.

Rev. Tomecki was ordained by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas E. Molloy in the St.

James Pro-Cathedral in Brooklyn on May 22, 1948 and sang his first Mass in St. Joachim and Ann Church on May 23, 1948. His first assignment was to the Holy Cross Church in Maspeth, 1948-50. The second assignment was to St. Josephat's Church in Bayside, where he served as the parish administrator after the death of Rev. Joseph Paprocki in 1950-52.

After Rev. Stefan Biedrzycki, pastor of St. Isidore's Church in Riverhead, died in 1952, Father Tomecki served as the administrator of the parish, 1952-53. He served for ten months as assistant in St. Ladislaus Church in Hempstead in 1953 when he was assigned as an assistant in the St. Hedwig Church on December 9, 1953, the same day that Father Kubec came to Floral Park.

As a very active organizer, Rev. Tomecki serves as moderator to the Girl Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine, Roses of Mary Society and to the Society of the Sacred Heart.

First Priest From St. Hedwig's Parish

REV. FRANCIS G. MAKOWSKI

St. Hedwig's Church and school are proud of its first priest to come from its parish, the Rev. Francis G. Makowski, a priest for 32 years. Rev. Makowski, the second child of five children in the family of the late Frank Makowski and Victoria, nee Mazur, was born November 1, 1897. in Floral Park. Shortly after his parents established a permanent residence in the village of New Hyde Park, where he attended and completed elementary schooling.

Manifesting a strong desire for higher learning, he was taken into hand by his pastor, the late Rev. Francis Wilamowski of St. Hedwig's Church, and was advised to enter St. John Kanty Junior College in Erie, Penna., in the year 1913. This famous Polish American institution was founded and supervised by the Polish Vincentian Fathers in 1912. Being a boarding school, it attracted a large number of students from every state in the Union. Rev. Makowski grasped the golden opportunity, registered there, and through a succession of years acquired a greater knowledge and better understanding of his highly cherished heritage, the Polish language, which now serves him so well.

Rev. Makowski was graduated from St. John Kanty College in June, 1918. In September, 1918, Rev. Makowski entered St. John's Seminary in Brooklyn. Completing his seminary courses, two years of philosophy and four years of sacred theology, the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, S.T.D., Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese ordained him to the Holy Priesthood on December 22, 1923.

He received his first appointment as assistant to the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Cronin, V.F. pastor of St. Francis De Sales Church at Patchogue on January 15, 1924. In this parish, among the many registered parishioners, 110 families were found to be of

Polish extraction. So now, fortified with a good knowledge of the native Polish tongue, he began his functions with great interest and fervor.



*Rev. Francis G. Makowski
Master of ceremonies.*

At the request of the pastor, he organized and guided the Polish parochial societies and became their chaplain. He preached not only in the English language, but also in Polish, a language these people knew from birth, loved it, and in which they craved to hear the word of God. He arranged a schedule of many spiritual exercises for the Polish people in the parish, such as missions, novenas, te deums and thereby brought them closely together in the worship of God.

After five years work in this parish, Bishop Molloy transferred him to the Holy Cross Church in Maspeth as assistant to the pastor, the late Rev. Adalbert Nawrocki, D.D. on January 15, 1929. Here he remained for 18 years, assisting two successive pastors. Father Makowski assisted the many Holy Cross societies, and the large parish school with teaching sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Catechetical instructions were given to these children every day as well as to the large confraternity class. Father Makowski guided the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society to help the poor in the parish and after the death of the pastor, Rev. Makowski administered the orphan-parish.

After having welcomed the new Pastor, Rev. W. Manka to Holy Cross Church, he was retained to continue his energetic assistance until July 22, 1925. His Excellency, the Ordinary of the Brooklyn Diocese, appointed him the administrator of St. Joseph's Church in Bayside.

After the death of Rev. Ignatius Zbawiony, pastor of Our Lady of Ostrabrama Church in Cutchogue, Father Makowski, was appointed pastor of the vacated parish in October, 1946.

Here he displayed in full array the qualities of a seasoned pastor, a skillful organizer, and a successful administrator. The snuggy-resting parish societies were awakened to Catholic action. A Holy Name Society was instituted with a large mem-

bership, spotlighting frequent Communion, monthly meetings were well attended and an active participation in all spiritual exercises and other functions such as rallies. The Church not having a parish school, special arrangements were made to give the children extra special care in religious training and catechetical instructions to those in the high school age. Attention was given to the temporalities of the church. Repairs and improvements within and around the church structure received the most careful attention.

With these many social and church activities, Father Makowski was also able to group the people around the parish into a greater unity and to strive as one to promote a variety of affairs to carry the financial burdens of the various improvements in the parish. The blessings of Almighty God have been plentiful upon the people and priests of the parish of Our Lady of Ostrabrama Church in Cutchogue, for the faith and progress of the parishioners give a living evidence.

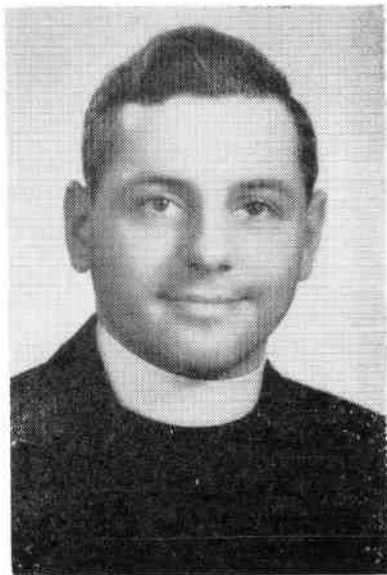
On July 2, 1952, the Most Rev. Archbishop Molloy promoted Rev. Makowski as Pastor to St. Josephat's Church in Bayside. Here, too, during his administration he has brought about the many necessary and favorable improvements in and around the church for the spiritual and temporal welfare of all concerned.

Last fall the St. Josephat parishioners with Attorney Chauncey Wilowski tendered a jubilee banquet in honor of Rev. Makowski's 30th anniversary of his ordination. Over one thousand persons attended the affair.

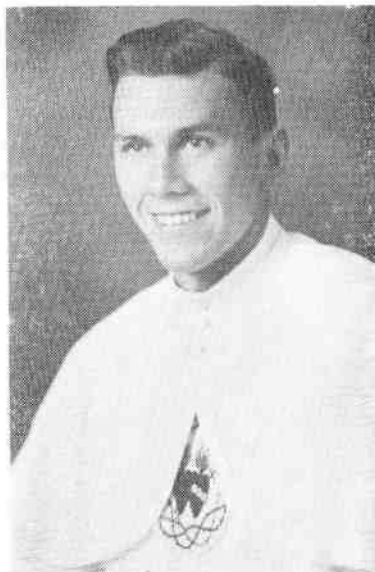
May this incomplete array of details characterizing Rev. Makowski's active and self-sacrificing personality motivate his friends and St. Hedwig's old-time family friends to pay the merited and grateful homage to the first priest to come from the St. Hedwig Parish.

NARÓD ŻYJE DOPÓKI
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1955 St. Hedwig's Parish Contribution To The Holy Priesthood



*Rev. John J. Mirecki
Ordained June 5, 1955*



*Rev. Francis X. Powaza, C.S.S.C.
Ordained June 17, 1955*

As the second St. Hedwig Polish American to be ordained into the Office of Holy Priesthood, Rev. John J. Mirecki, son of Mrs. Bertha Mirecki of 18 Central Avenue, Garden City Park, Long Island, and the late John Mirecki. Father Mirecki is a product of the St. Hedwig School and he will be assigned to a Long Island parish. Archbishop Thomas Molloy officiated at the ordination ceremonies Saturday, June 4 when he officiated at the solemn ceremonies in the St. James Pro-Cathedral, Jay Street and Cathedral Place, Brooklyn. Father John was one of 35 young men in the Brooklyn Diocese to be raised to the priesthood. He was the only Polish American to be ordained.

Father Mirecki studied at the Garden City Park School and then St. Hedwig School. Father Francis Wilamowski noticed Father John when he first began to serve at Mass

and encouraged him to continue in his chosen vocation.

Father John studied in Sewanhaka High School in 1942-1945 and decided that he would like to immediately start studies for the priesthood. With Father Wilamowski's encouragement and sponsorship, Father John went in 1945 to Orchard Lake, Michigan, to St. Mary's College and Seminary, the outstanding Polish seminary in North America. After completing studies at Orchard Lake, Father John was sent to the Diocesan Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Huntington, Long Island, which he completed this month. Rev. Mirecki was ordained a sub-deacon, May 30, 1954, and as deacon, June 1, 1954 in Huntington.

Father Mirecki celebrated his First Solemn Mass in St. Hedwig's Church Sunday, June 5th at the 12:15 p. m. Mass. Rev.

Gerwase W. Kubec was the archpriest; Rev. Charles T. Callahan, deacon, and Rev. Alfred J. Markiewicz, the sub-deacon. Rev. Felician M. Plichta, O.F.M. Conv., of the Church of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, Chelsea, Mass., preached, and Rev. Mathew J. Winiowski served as sponsor.

REV. FRANCIS X. POWAZA, C. SS. CC.

Rev. Francis Xavier Powaza was born on December 28th, 1928 to Sylvester and Michaeline Powaza (nee Slaski) of Floral Park, N. Y. He was baptized at St. Hedwig's Church on January 13th, 1929. The late Reverend Francis Wilamowski officiated.

He attended St. Hedwig's School and received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation while in school. He was graduated on June 21st, 1942 and entered Chaminade High School in September 1942. He graduated from Chaminade on June 23rd, 1946.

After two years in the business world he entered the Sacred Heart's of Jesus and Mary Seminary at Wareham, Mass., in September, 1948.

On September 14th, 1950 he made his

Temporary Profession of Vows at the Sacred Hearts Novitiate and received the name of Brother Leonard. After his Profession Brother Leonard was sent to the Sacred Heart Seminary in Washington, D. C., where he continued his studies for four more years. While in Washington during the Summer he attended Catholic University.

On September 14th, 1953 at the Sacred Heart Seminary Chapel, Washington, D. C. Brother Leonard made his Final Profession of Vows. On June 3rd, 1954 he received Orders of Sub-Deaconate at the Immaculate Conception Shrine, Washington, D. C. On August 15th, 1954, Brother Leonard was transferred to the Major Seminary at Jaffrey, New Hampshire, known as the Queen of Peace Mission Seminary. While there, he was ordained Deacon, on November 28th, 1954. Bishop Brady of the Manchester Diocese officiated.

Reverend Leonard Francis Powaza, SS. CC. was ordained to the Priesthood on June 17th, 1955, Feast of the Sacred Heart, at Jaffrey, New Hampshire and he will sing his First Solemn Mass at St. Hedwig's Church, Floral Park, N. Y. on Sunday, June 26th, 1955.

THE FELICIAN SISTERS AT ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH

Felician sisters came to St. Hedwig's Parish in 1906 at the request of the then pastor, Rev. Adolf Swierczynski, to assist in the instruction and the preparation of children for first Holy Communion, and for informal teaching of reading and writing. For two years this work was done before any formal school building was opened.

Felician sisters have served the St. Hedwig parish for 49 continuous years and their tasks are increasing with greater burdens of increasing numbers of school children and large numbers of parishioners. The Felician sisters are closely related to the Polish tradition and one must look into the History of Poland to understand their place in the Polish American church community. For it is in the Polish American community that the work of the Felician sisters flourishes and progresses.

The Congregation of St. Felix, popularly known as the Community of the Felician Sisters, C.S.S.F., is a branch of Franciscan Order, which holds up to its members the one ideal of Francis — TO REPAIR THE

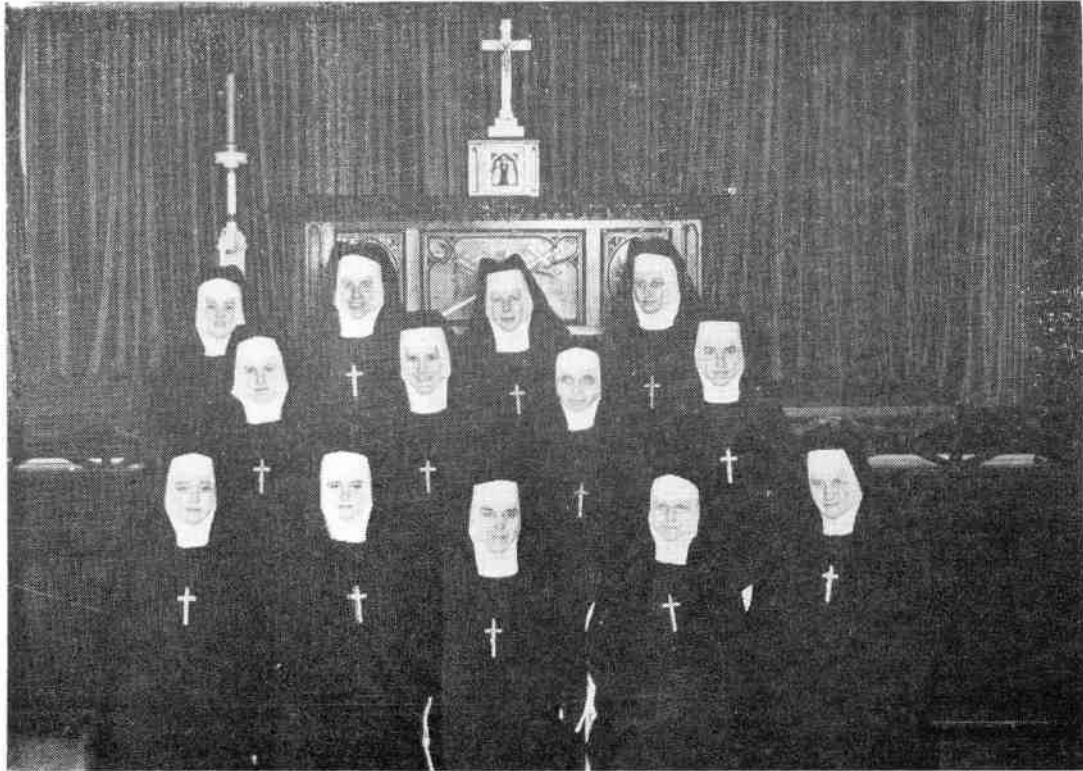
CHURCH — following the rule of the great Reformer. It was established in Warsaw, Poland, with the same purpose in view, though 700 years later, but in similar times of moral corruption and spiritual decadence.

In the 19th century, when Poland was disrupted by her triple enemy and her people persecuted, when society revelled in her unbridled passions and vice, disregarding the Christian principles in life, God inspired a humble soul with zeal and fervor to work for Christ.

In 1955, one hundred years ago, a band of zealous young women vowed to work for a common cause — to repair the Church — to bring souls to Christ. With Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska at the head, a new religious community was called to life to repair God's home, a task common to the Order of St. Francis.

With Christ as prototype for St. Francis, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Felix aspire to reproduce the Christ of Francis in their character and lives. In every phase of life, the Felician Sisters aim to grow up

THE FELICIAN NUNS WHO TEACH IN THE ST. HEDWIG SCHOOL.



Sister M. Emiliette, C.S.S.F.
Sister M. Eymard, C.S.S.F.
Sister M. Martha, C.S.S.F.
Sister M. Brunona, C.S.S.F.
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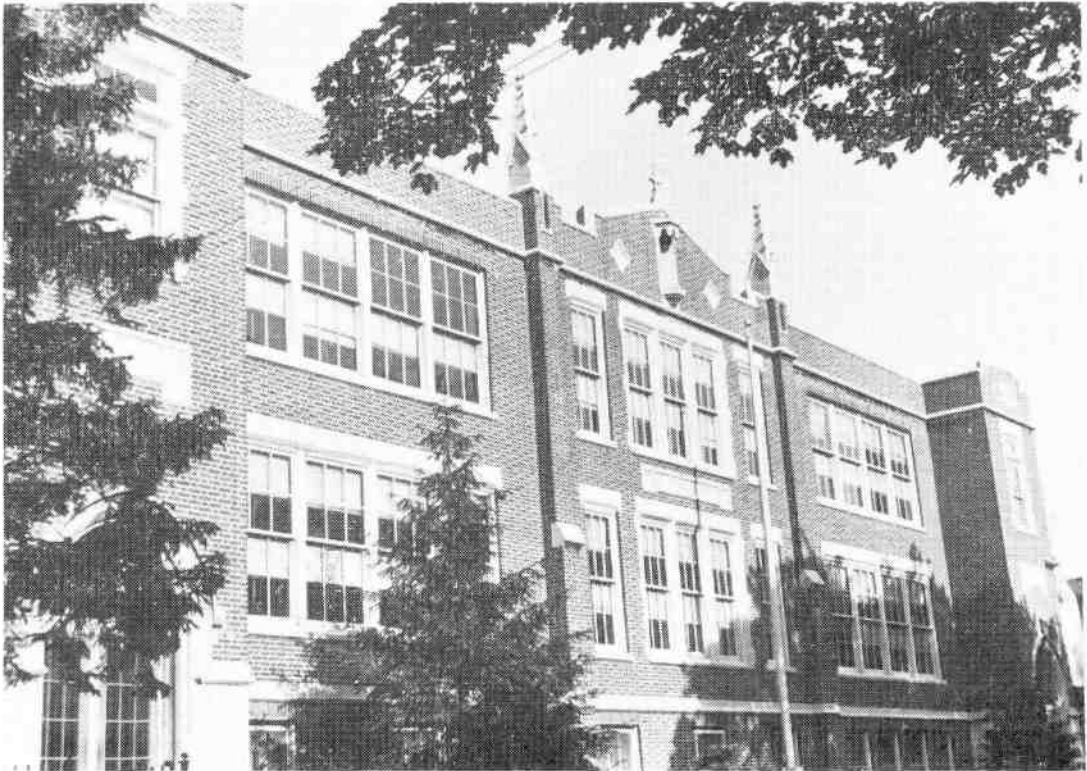
Sister M. Lucille, C.S.S.F.
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Sister M. Alma, C.S.S.F.
Sister M. Andrietta, C.S.S.F.
Sister M. Innocentia, C.S.S.F.

in Christ through their personal moral endeavor in conformance with God's general plan of salvation, specializing in atonement to God for offenses of man.

To attain the specific goal, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Felix lead a life of penance, mortification and self-denial. Such a way of life was Christ's way, "For the Son of Man has not come to be served, but to serve." — (Mark 10:45), to teach, to the world, but are opposed to the spirit of the world. Their contact with the world is friendly and apostolic.

It is this ideal that fires the Felician Sisters who are laboring in St. Hedwig's Parish and School. In their apostleship in teaching the youngsters they inculcate the religious ideals of Roman Catholic faith, and they attempt to maintain the linguist skill, that of speaking and teaching the Polish language, which was one of the principles in the early days of the Order of St. Felix in Poland. In the United States there is a conflict between the spiritual and the material. With the work of the Felician Sisters in view, one can see that the spiritual ideal will be triumphant.

The St. Hedwig's School 1906-1955



The St. Hedwig School Building.

When the Polish Catholic Church was erected in Panna Maria, Texas, with a school for the Polish emigres in 1849, Little did the Americans then think that the Felician Sisters would be conducting 262 Polish parochial schools for the 1,168 Polish Roman Catholic parishes in the United States. The Felicians also conduct 29 high schools, and one college, Madonna College at Livonia, Michigan. Thus, a Polish American can now complete all three levels of education under complete Felician ideals for sixteen years.

Education in St. Hedwig's starts with the year 1906, forty-nine years ago, when St. Hedwig's first pastor, Rev. Adolf Swierczynski, requested that Felician Sisters be invited to come to St. Hedwig to instruct and prepare children for first Holy Communion and to teach reading and writing. These informal classes were not recognized as a "school" and not until 1908, was there a formal school so listed in the Church records, and in the Felician Sisters, C.S.S.F. documents that a St. Hedwig Parochial School was opened. St. Hedwig's Felician

sisters came from the Buffalo Province at first.

Sister M. Modesta, C.S.S.F., was the first principal who took charge of the St. Hedwig School starting with December 1, 1908. Forty pupils were enrolled in the first formal schoolhouse. In 1909 the second class was begun and 90 pupils were enrolled. In 1910 there were 120 pupils. In 1912 the fourth class was opened and in 1913 the Felician Province in Lodi, New Jersey, took over. The school kept growing and in 1916 another class added.

The school kept expanding and pupil population increasing. In 1933 the Felician Province in Enfield, Connecticut, took charge of the Felician teaching sisters in St. Hedwig's School. In 1927, the full school house as it stands today, was completed. Its red brick and white mortar are symbolic of Poland's colors and the tradition of the parishioners.

Today St. Hedwig School is a large educational unit in the community. In the September enrollment in 1954 there were 605 students; in 1953, 519; in 1952, 494; in 1951, 469 and in 1950, 463. These figures show that the student population is continuously increasing. The future indicates that parishioners should be thinking of purchasing some of the homes on Linden Avenue to be used as kindergarten and first grade classes schools as it is being done in other communities.

Those who are interested in learning how "Polish" is the St. Hedwig School will be able to quote the following figures. In the 1954 September class of 605 students enrolled, 212 were of non-Polish descent, and 393 were of all Polish, or one parent was of Polish stock. Thus, 66% of the student population is Polish, or of direct Polish ancestry. The average for the last five years runs from 63% to 72% Polish student enrollment. Thus, with St. Hedwig's Church numbering 1,155 families and of 5,644 parishioners, this stock is slowly changing into an assimilation that will take another fifty years to reduce it to 40% Polish direct line of descendancy. Perhaps this will reveal the "Polishness" of the St. Hedwig Church and school and the work of the "old-timers." It is a part of the growing American spirit and part of the assimilative process that since 1903, some 36% of the parishioners are of non-Polish stock. On the other hand, it shows the tenacity of the Polish national

spirit and national tradition to maintain its Polish identity.

There are 4,531 Felician Sisters in the United States and 15 are assigned to St. Hedwig's School: Sister Emilite is principal and teacher of the eighth grade; Sister M. Lucille, kindergarten; Sister M. Eymard, first grade; Sister M. Martha, first grade; Sister M. Edmund, second grade; Sister M. Lawrence, second grade; Sister M. Brunona, third grade; Sister M. Consilia, third grade; Sister M. Alma, fourth; Sister M. Anselma, fifth; Sister M. Andrietta, sixth; and Sister Mary, Regina. During the early part of this year Sister M. Innocentia at home replaced Sister M. Tekla who passed away.

The aim of the Felician Sisters education program is to inculcate a Catholic philosophy of life, to train the mind and heart by instilling and cultivating the fundamental principles of right Christian conduct.

The teaching sisters are actuated by the principle that religion should permeate and vivify the education of children committed to their care. The environment of their schools reflects this spirit. The Crucifix and pictures of the Sacred Heart, and the Blessed Virgin are visible in every classroom. The syllabus designated the prayers and hymns for each grade and supplies a complete outline for the teaching of Religion which includes catechism, Bible history, and Church History as well as American History, lives of the Saints and outstanding Catholics are bound to have a lasting influence on youth, for, through them they are inspired by the beautiful, the noble, and above all, the eternal.

Since character training and manners is considered essential, stress is laid upon politeness and promptness. A little bell appears on each Sister's desk. Its sound is indication for the opening and closing of lessons and classes, filing into ranks, prayers, etc. Upon entering the classrooms, each child is expected to bless himself with holy water, praise the Lord, according to the traditional Polish custom, and respectfully greet the teacher.

To enrich American culture by the sharing of gifts peculiar to the Polish people, the Sisters provided for the teaching of the Polish language. By their correct speech habits, the Sisters encouraged to attract children to the language of their forefathers. Pronunciation and enunciation receive their

proper share of emphasis. In the lower grades in particular, correct speech is emphasized. To this end poems and songs are advantageously used. In the intermediate grades this is continued by means of dictation and short stylistic exercises. Children are thus prepared for grammar and literature in the upper grades.

By no means is the study of the English language relegated to the secondary position. The teaching of Polish complements, rather than supplements the study of grammar and the correct usage of the native tongue. During the recent years the U.S. Office of Education has been urging all American public grade schools to teach foreign languages starting with the third grade. The Felician system predates this request.

The rest of the curriculum resembles that of the public schools and includes reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, art, history, English, geography, physiology and health hygiene, natural history, drawing, music, sewing and knitting. As a minor, a program of music and limited recreational facilities are included in the curriculum. The Felician Methodology calls for frequent recitations, repetitions, memory, tests and reviews so that the teachers could fairly judge and estimate the work of their pupils.

As to the cafeteria, here government aid helps the Parent Teachers Club to prepare a daily lunch of balanced diet foods. A large dining hall, and an assembly hall is available for chapel and various presentation programs. The school needs a library and the future should take care of this problem. Other equipment as projector and screen are available at all times in the school hall.

Nine St. Hedwig girls became nuns: Ann Lada is Sister Mary Chrysostum; Jane Prokopiak is Sister M. Louise; Alice Piorkowski is Sister M. Anuncia; Florence Synakowski is Sister M. Mercedes; Maureen Collins is in the Dominican Convent in Amityville; Sister M. Martha Rapararix; Antonina Michalecka, as Sister M. Romualda, died; and the first nun from St. Hedwig's is Sister Adelia, O.P., formerly Leokadja Belverd, who marked her fiftieth year as a nun in 1953. She is now assigned to the adjoining parish at Holy Ghost School, New Hyde Park.

When one considers the record that St. Hedwig School and Parish has compiled in education with its annual graduation lists, one can better see the good marks accomplished by the Felician Sisters and the Priests when he looks at the record of nine nuns and three priests contributed to the Holy Church.



The St. Hedwig Convent for Felician Nuns.

Among the laymen there are doctors, dentists, teachers, lawyers and professors. Dr. Louis B. Chmielewski is a practicing physician in Floral Park; Miss Cecilia Domalewska is a registered nurse in Mineola; Dr. Henry Jankowski a dentist in Hempstead, who is one of the first dentists to come from St. Hedwig's.

As to teachers St. Hedwig's produced we have Miss Angella Bonk, who as a teacher of music now administers 87 teachers of music in the Glen Cove schools. Robert Kaminski is a teacher now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. Sigmund J. Sluska, who was baptised in St. Hedwig's on September 10, 1910, is a lecturer in Polish Literature at Fordham University, a special lecturer in the Summer Session at Ottawa and Montreal Universities, Canada, and teaches in the local high school journalism and American Literature. Wanda and Laura Rajkowski sisters, who were Confraternity Class teachers in St. Hedwig, became elementary

school teachers. Dr. Mitchell Voydat is another high school teacher who was wed in St. Hedwig Church to a parishioner.

Dr. Stanley J. Makowski, brother of Rev. Francis G. Makowski, the first priest from St. Hedwig's, is a specialist and physician in Glen Cove. Jerome Bonk is a St. Hedwig product who went to St. John's University, and today is a church organist in Holy Ghost Church in New Hyde Park.

These are some of the individuals that follow the rule of higher education after receiving their foundation training in St. Hedwig's. There is little argument that the parochial school does not assist in teaching for God and country. The parishioners and St. Hedwig School are proud of its two most recent contributions to the Holy Church and to American life in the persons of Rev. John Mirecki and Rev. Francis Powaza, who sang their first Masses in St. Hedwig this June. God and St. Jadwiga have been good to St. Hedwig's Parish.

ORGANIST IN ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH 32 YEARS

Few persons know that the Mass in E-Flat composed by Prof. Valentine Bonk is played in more than ten thousand Catholic churches in America, or that Prof. Bonk has been a church organist and composer of sacred music for 55 years. St. Hedwig's Parish is proud to honor the accomplishments of this modest man during the Golden Jubilee of Rev. Gerwase Kubec's ordination into holy priesthood.

St. Hedwig's organist for 32 years, Mr. Bonk was honored with a testimonial dinner February 13, 1955, with more than 400 persons participating in his honor. Walenty Bonk, who has been in the United States 55 years, was born in Koronna, Poznań, February 14, 1879, son of a father who was teacher and parish organist. He studied church music and organ in Rawicz, Poland, during the time the Prussian orders made it impossible to undertake such activity. The Prussians made it necessary to emigrate to the United States from Poland in 1900, going to Reading, Penna., where he became a teacher and organist in the St. Mary Church and parochial school. In 1933 he moved to New York and was an organist at the St. Stanislaus Church on East 7th Street.

For a time he has been an organist at Our Lady of Częstochowa Church, St. Casimir Church, Our Lady of Consolation and in St. Stanislaus Kostka Churches in Brooklyn. He was married in 1907 and from this union there is his son, Jerome, who is now an organist in the Holy Ghost Church, New Hyde Park, and his daughter, Angella is organist in the St. Boniface Church, Elmont, and the supervisor of music teaching in the Glen Cove school system, directing the work of 81 teachers.

Prof. Bonk is one of the outstanding Polish American composers of sacred Church music in America. He owns the Jordan Music Publishing Company and he prints by offset, thousands of musical compositions. The Mass in E-Flat has had 15,000 printings. Other well known scores are the Mass in Honor of St. Stanislaus, Mass in Honor of St. Bobola, Jubilee Mass, Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass for the Dead, Mass in Honor of Mother Frances Cabrini and Mass for Palm Sunday. Mr. Bonk has composed 382 musical compositions for offertories, hymns, vespers, and various secular numbers as waltzes, tangoes, choral and mixed voices.

Prof. Walenty Bonk, Organista

Niedziela, 13 lutego 1955 r. pozostanie na zawsze w pamięci w historii Polonii Amerykańskiej na Long Island. W dniu tym w Polskim Domu Narodowym w New Hyde Park, odbyła się imponująca uroczystość dla wielce zasłużonego Polaka, wysokiej klasy muzyka i kompozytora utworów na organ, prof. Walentego Bonka, który w dniu tym obchodził 76 lat życia a 55 lat pobytu w Ameryce i pracy w dziele muzyki kościelnej.

Nie ma słów, by móc należycie wyrazić w tym opisie jak wspaniałe i pod każdym względem imponujący był przebieg tej uroczystości. Być może dlatego, że cała ta uroczystość urządzona przez Komitet Wykonawczy z prof. Drem. Zygmuntem Słuszką i mecenasem Stefanem Smoleńskim na czele, była w jak największej tajemnicy, i w bardzo krótkim czasie a na którą jednak przybyło z górą 400 osób. Licznie były reprezentowane towarzystwa i kluby. Wzięło również udział nasze duchowieństwo, nauczyciele i profesorowie, oraz wybitni przemysłowcy i właściciele polskich placówek handlowych.

Prof. Walenty Bonk urodził się w Poznaniu, Koronie, w Polsce, 76 lat temu, 13 lutego, 1879 roku. Studia rozpoczął w Polsce, przerywając je z powodów nakazanych przez zaborców pruskich w roku 1900. W tym czasie Prof. Bonk przybywa do Stanów Zjednoczonych i początkowo zamieszkuje w Reading, w stanie Pennsylvania, gdzie jest zatrudniony jako nauczyciel w szkole Św. Marji i jako organista parafialny w readingskiej polskiej parafii.

Przed 53 laty prof. Bonk rozpoczął swą karierę jako organista w parafii św. Stanisława B. i M. w New Yorku, następnie pracuje w swoim zawodzie w parafii św. Stanisława Kostki, w parafii św. Kazimierza i w parafii Matki Boskiej Pocieszenia w Brooklynie. Od 32 lat prof. Bonk pracuje jako organista w parafii św. Jadwigi w Floral Park, L. I. Również córka p. Aniela Bonk jest zatrudniona jako organistka w parafii św. Boni-

facego w Elmont, L. I. a syn Jerzy Bonk, jest organistą w parafii św. Ducha w New Hyde Park, L. I.

Uroczystość miała podwójny charakter 60-lecie pracy jako muzyka i kompozytora z górą 195 utworów, w tym większość kompozycji treści religijnej, 55 lat pracy na niwie kulturalnej w U.S.A., oraz 76 rocznicę urodzin która przypadła w tym dniu. Prof. Bonk jest właścicielem firmy muzycznej, X. Jordan Music Publishing Co. w Floral Park, która drukuje i rozpowszechnia utwory kościelne, po całych U.S.A., Kanadzie i Europie.

Prof. Zygmunt Słuszka zagal program. Uroczystości rozpoczęły się odśpiewaniem hymnów narodowych przez parafialny Chór przy kościele św. Jadwigi w Floral Park, oraz odmówieniem modlitwy-inwokacji przez proboszcza tejże parafii Ks. Gerwazego Kubeca. W części artystycznej programu, która była na bardzo wysokim poziomie, brali udział obok Chóru, uczniowie soliści pp. Stanisław Schultz, który swój Hammond organ przywiózł do Domu Polskiego, oraz soliści Irena Borosławska, Betty Kotish, Clara Witkowska, Albina Słabowska oraz Irena Polkośnik, która jest stypendystką Metropolitan Opera Auditions, przy akompaniamencie na organie panny Anieli Bonkównej.

LICZNY UDZIAŁ POLONII

Przemówienia programowe wygłosili: proboszcz parafii św. Jadwigi, Ks. Gerwazy Kubec, proboszcz parafii św. Józefata w Bay-side, L. I., Ksiądz Franciszek Makowski, który pochodzi z parafii w Floral Park, i tam też odprawił pierwszą Mszę św., podczas której pienia kościelne zostały wykonane pod batutą prof. Bonka. Dla licznych Amerykanów obecnych, prof. Słuszka przemówił o pracy prof. Bonka na niwie muzycznej i kulturalnej w U.S.A.

Przemawiali również proboszcz parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego w Brooklynie, Ks. Mie-

czysław Mroziński, Ks. Michał Hach z parafii św. Bonifacego z Elmont, L. I., a na zakończenie, asystent parafii św. Władysława z Hempstead, L. I., Ks. Jan Cwalina. Byli również obecni asystenci parafii św. Jadwigi w Floral Park, Ks. Walter Tomecki i Ks. Maciej Wiśniewski. Telegramy dla Jubilata przyszły od Ks. Edwarda Glamkowskiego z Miami, od Edwarda Witkowskiego i 20 innych depesz z różnych części stanów U.S.A.

NIESPODZIANKI I OBRAZ PRZYPOMI- NAJĄCY KORONĘ POZNAŃSKĄ

Przed zakończeniem oficjalnej części programu, panie z Komitetu Uroczystości, Michałina Powaza, W. Wiśniewska, Albina Słabowska, Stanisława Dembska, Betty Kottish przygotowały z p. Władzią Słuszką, małżonką dra. Słuszki, miłą niespodziankę jubilatowi w postaci dużego, 7-miu piętrowego tortu urodzinowego i liczne prezenty i dyplom śpiewaków z Brooklyna, Nowego Yorku i Philadelphii. Podarunki otrzymał Jubilat od dzieci szkolnych, licznych przyjaciół jak i zebranych gości.

Jednym z najmiłszych i na długo pozostałym w pamięci, będzie upominek w po-

staci pięknie wykonano obrazu-krajobrazu poznańskiego przez artystę p. Jana Sowińskiego z Astoria, L. I. Dzięki staraniom ks. proboszcza Gerwazego Kubeć, zostało wysłane z Watykanu Błogosławieństwo Papieskie dla prof. Bonka i jego rodziny. Mecenas Stefan Smoleński wręczył prof. Bonk dyplom uznania za pracę wykonaną w dziedzinie muzyki polskiej i kościelnej w U.S.A. Dyplom został wykonany przez prof. Ferdynanda Obrenskiego z Wantah, L. I. Pani W. Kostecka wręczyła w imieniu Związku Śpiewaków dyplom uznania Profesorowi Bonkowi.

Na zakończenie przemówił w kilku słowach nasz Jubilat a zarazem i Solenizant prof. Walenty Bonk. Niestety, przebiegiem tej pięknej i nie mającej słów określenia udule pod każdym względem uroczystości, prof. Bonk był tak wzruszony, że nie mógł poza kilkoma słowami podziękowania, wygłosić dłuższego przemówienia.

Chór zaśpiewał różne utwory napisane przez Solenizanta. Oklaskami nagrodzone było Trio Słabowskich, córek Walentego Słabowskiego — Irena, Klara i Albina — za wykonanie polskich pieśni.



Prof. Bonk przy organach kościoła Św. Jadwigi
Prof. Bonk at the St. Hedwig Church organ.

WHOM SO PROUDLY WE HAIL

To sweep the shadow of tyranny from the face of the earth, and to insure the blessings of freedom for America and for the land of our forefathers, Poland, many men and women of St. Hedwig's Parish have gone to war. Because of them our lives are free. Because of them our Nation exists and prospers. They fought for us; for us they fell. On the occasion of this Golden Jubilee for Rev. pastor Gerwase Kubec, St. Hedwig's Parish does them honor. The sacrifice and the deeds of these our brothers will always be held in grateful remembrance by all of us at St. Hedwig's Church.

In Loving Memory of Our War Dead, 1941-1945

CZESC NASZYM POLEGŁYM

Tym parafianom, którzy złożyli ofiarę krwi i życia dla Ameryki i dla Polski i którzy walczyli w pierwszej i drugiej wojnie, Parafja Św. Jadwigi tą drogą oddaje hold i uznanie najwyższe. Ich czyny bohaterskie tak chętnie złożone w ofierze na ołtarzu Ojczyzny i dla Boga zawsze zachowamy w wdzięcznej pamięci.

Died in World War I, 1917-1918

Thomas Kozerski

Joseph Kulesza

DIED IN WORLD WAR II, 1941-1945

S/Sgt. Leon Borkowski
S/Sgt. Henry Dziomba
Sgt. Joseph Fabianski
Pfc. Gregory Grabowski
Sgt. Edward Gromadzki
Pfc. John Jankowski
S 3/C Stanley Jankowski
Sgt. Henry Jasinski
Sgt. William Juchnowski



Sgt. Gerard Krug
Sgt. Anthony Kisazek
T/Sgt Leon Ostaszewski
Pvt. Joesph Radziejewski
Pvt. Henry Rafalko
Sgt. Adam Sokol
Pfc. John Suchacki
Sgt. Anthony Urkiel
Pfc. Joseph Zukowski

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

ST. HEDWIG'S POST NO. 882, CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

St. Hedwig's Post 882, Catholic War Veterans, Inc. was formed in July 1944. At this time, the post was under the temporary Commandership of John Motylinski. In October, 1946, Frank Ventgen became the Post's first commander. The Post's colors were blessed in 1948.

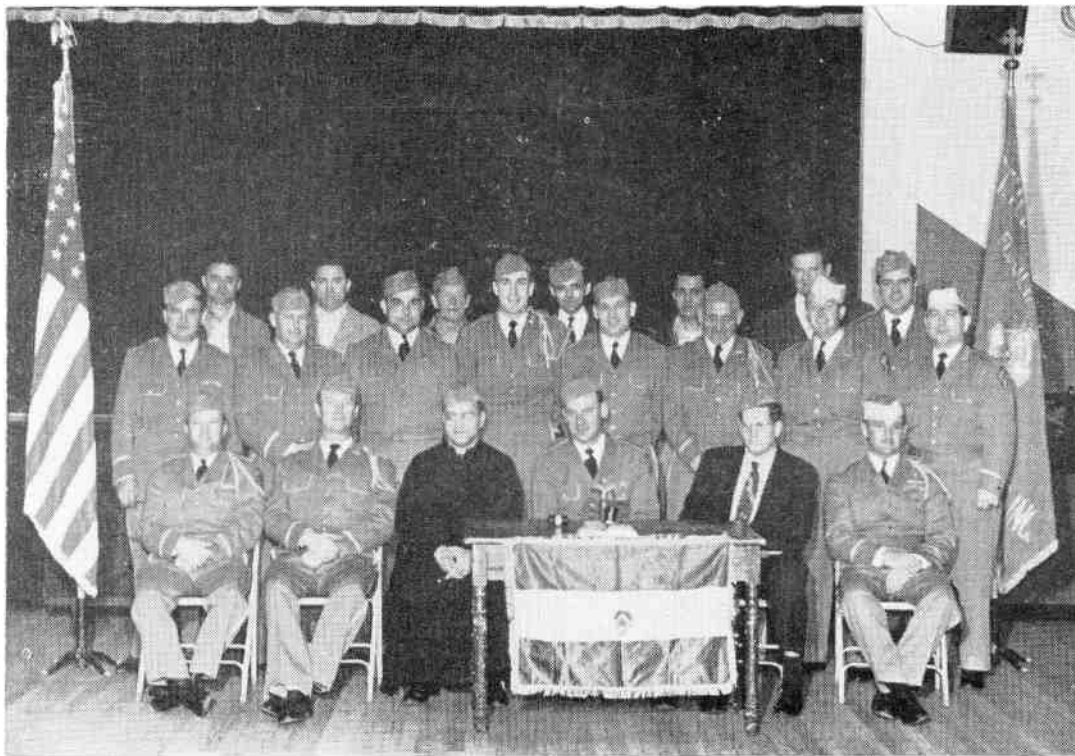
Now, the Post has a well-filled calendar of events in which they participate each year. These include the Memorial Services at Pinelawn National Cemetery, the Memorial Day Parade in Floral Park, a visit to the Northport Veterans Hospital and also

a parade on Veterans Day at the Long Island Exposition sponsored by the United Veterans Organization.

Each Fifth Sunday, the members of the post receive Communion in a body at St. Hedwig's Church. The annual Communion breakfast is usually held in November. The Post has two bowling teams. St. Hedwig's Post is the most active Catholic War Veteran Post in Nassau County.

The 1955 Slate of Officers includes:

Commander, Edward Mientkiewicz; 1st Vice Commander, Edward Miller; 2nd Vice



Catholic War Veterans, St. Hedwig's Post No. 882

Commander, Walter Bartoswicz; 3rd Vice Commander, Andrew Eichner and Welfare Officer, Frank Passaretti.

Also Judge Advocate, John Coughlin; Ritual Officer, Peter Purzewski; Treasurer, Frank Miastkowski; Historian, Walter

Weber; One Year Trustees, Joseph Cioffi; Two Year Trustee, Frank Rattinger; Three Year Trustee, Frank Danowski and Adjutant, Thaddeus Strynkowski.

Chaplain of St. Hedwig CVW Post 882 is Rev. Walter Tomecki.

POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS KOZERSKI AND KULESZA POST NO. 15 P. L. A. V.

In order to commemorate the memory of two St. Hedwig parishioners who made the supreme sacrifice fighting the Hun in 1918, Thomas Kozerski and Joseph Kulesza, the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post, number 15, was organized in 1932. These are the legionnaires who fought in the A.E.F. in France in World War I. Many were members of General Joseph Haller's Polish Army that was organized and trained at Cambridge Springs, Penna. and in Niagara on the Lake, Ontario in 1917.

At the dedication of the colors that took place May 8, 1932 in the St. Hedwig's Church and auditorium the following were the officers inducted: J. A. Grygo, Commander; J. Zuba, vice-commander; J. Bukowski, second vice-commander; J. Laskowski, adjutant; K. Zaniewski, treasurer; J. Markowski, financial secretary; F. M. George,

sergeant-at-arms; A. Stawecki, welfare officer and Rev. Francis Wilamowski, the chaplain. Dr. L. B. Chmielewski was the toastmaster.

Color bearers were W. Jacobs and I. Sosnowski. Honorary members were Rev. Francis Wilamowski, L. S. Desz, who contributed the flags to the Post, and H. Oskierko.

Members of Post Nr. 15 were I. Prokoplak, Z. Szczarz, W. Nowakowski, A. Rudziński, A. Polkosnik, S. Shipkowski, A. Safaryn, V. Slabowski, S. Ponichtera.

Also I. Jodowicz, F. Frockiewicz, J. Krupa, S. Fabianski, H. Wojtysiak, F. Cieslik, S. Dudkiewicz, A. Babinski, L. Brzudzowski, A. Gurski, F. Budzinski, B. Bojnowski, F. Katchura, W. Helkowski, J. Piekutowski and L. W. Chmielewski.

LADIES AUXILIARY, CWV POST NO. 882

The first meeting of the Catholic War Veterans Post Nr. 883, Ladies Auxiliary was held at the St. Hedwig's School on December 9, 1948. At that time, the Chaplain was Rev. Frances Wilamowski. The Auxiliary was formed through the aid of Mrs. Margherite Beckerman who was then the State Department Madam President and Commander Edward Seibelt.

In February, 1949, formal elections were held and the following people were voted into office:

President, Mrs. Wanda Krupa; 1st Vice, Mrs. Mary Slaski; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Helen Slaski; 3rd Vice, Mrs. Doris Ventgen; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Danowski; Secretary, Mrs. Emilia Kajokowski (now Motylinski); Welfare Officer, Mrs. Wanda Grocki; Historian, Mrs. Genevieve Mientkiewicz and Ritual Officer, Mrs. Genevieve Tabak.

Trustees are:

1 yr., Mrs. Ann Seibelt, 2 yr., Miss Victoria Rozycki and 3 yr., Mrs. Gertrude Lu-

lenski.

Liasons Officer was Mr. Henry Popielarski.

The first formal installation was held on February 27, 1949.

The first dance of the Auxiliary was held in May, 1949, with Mrs. Mary Slaski as Chairlady.

The Charter of this organization is dated June 1, 1949, with the names of thirty-five members listed on same.

The Auxiliary Banner and U.S. Flag were purchased in July, 1949 and the Cross and Bible were donated to us by Father Matthew Wisniewski, who took over as Acting Chaplain.

In July, 1949, the CWV Post and Auxiliary made its first visit to Northport Veterans Hospital, taking candy, cookies and cigarettes. We have made this annual project, taking entertainment for one hour show, cigarettes, candy and ice cream for 500 men.

On August 15, 1949, the Auxiliary sponsored its first "Holy Hour", in commemoration of V-J Day. This has been carried on every year since that time.

During the middle of 1950, the Ladies started a campaign to make Cancer Dressings. This project was held every Wednesday evening from 8:00 to 10:00 P. M., and it was completed, a total of 500 dressings were made.

The Auxiliary has participated in drives for collecting clothing for the Children at St. Christopher's Homes, also used postage stamps, used cards and old rosaries for different missionaries.

The Annual Communion Breakfast of the Post and Auxiliary is held in November of each year. The regular corporate communion is held on the fifth Sunday of a month which comes to about three or four a year.

CWV works for God, Country and the Home, dealing with Catholicism, Americanism, Veterans and Youth Programs. As to Americanism, we step out for Memorial Day Services at Pinelawn Cemetery, and participate in other local patriotic activities.

As to Catholicism, we try to keep our news-stands and theatres free from moral obstructions; and as to Youth programs, we help wherever we can at orphanages, and here at St. Hedwig's we supply the children with candles for First Holy Communion. Also, as a gift to a boy and girl graduate of St. Hedwig's with the highest rating in Americanism, the Auxiliary gives each of them a leather-bound dictionary.

The current officers of the Auxiliary are as follows:

President, Miss Albina Słabowski; 1st Vice, Mrs. Irene Boroslowski; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Genevieve Mientkewicz; 3rd Vice, Mrs. Adele Galasieski; Secretary, Miss Dorothy Pogozelski; Treasurer, Mrs. Wanda Krupa; Ritual Officer, Mrs. Grace Weber; Welfare Officer, Miss Ann Vella and Historian, Mrs. Marie Brown.

Trustees: 1 yr., Mrs. Cecelia Stawecki; 2 yr., Miss Josephine Di Pietra and 3 yr., Miss Veronica Miastkowski.

Liasons Officer, Mr. Edward Miller and the Chaplain, Rev. Walter Tomecki.

As can be seen from the above submitted report, our organization is small, but it is a very active one.



CWV POST No. 882, Ladies Auxiliary

CHÓRY PRZY PARAFII ŚW. JADWIGI

Gdy przy nowo założonej parafii św. Jadwigi w Floral Park, N. Y. zaczęły się organizować towarzystwa kościelne, założył się również i chór, który śpiewał w niedzielę podczas sumy i na wszystkich nabożeństwach wieczornych, gdyż dawniejszemi czasy kościół był wieczorami zawsze zapelniony parafianami; niestety zmieniło się to raptownie po pierwszej światowej wojnie.

Po drugiej światowej wojnie, parafia św. Jadwigi zaczęła się powiększać do tego stopnia, że trzeba było organizować dodatkowe chóry, które są prowadzone przez dzielnego organistę pana Walentego Bonka. Śpiewają na mszach świętych w niedziele, jak następuje: o godzinie 8-mej działwa szkolna pod opieką żony dra. Zygmunta Słuszka, głównego nauczyciela przy Sewanhaka w Floral Park, N. Y.

O godzinie 9-tej śpiewa chór ze szkoły średniej, o godzinie 10ej chór parafialny No. 2-gi z solistami: panią Ireną Borosławską, soprano i panną Albiną Słabowską, alto. Na specjalnych okazjach występują jako "Trio" trzy siostry: Irena, Albina i Klara Słabowskie z New Hyde Park, L. I. O 11-ej na sumie śpiewa parafjalny chór Nr. 1-szy z solistami: panią Elżbietą Kotish, soprano i panem Stanisławem Schultz, baryton. Na ostatniej mszy o 12:15 śpiewa regularnie solistka panna Irena Połkośnik z Floral Park, która w roku 1953 była wyróżniono przez Metropolitan Opera Auditions w konteście dla wszystkich solistów szkół średnich na cały Long Island jako najlepszą sopranistkę.

Należy nadmienić, iż podczas mszy św. o 10ej na hali szkolnej przygrywa pięknie na organach panna Irena Sokół z Floral Park.



Członkowie Chóru przy Par. Św. Jadwigi,
Members of the St. Hedwig's Choir

ST. HEDWIG'S GIRL SCOUT TROOPS AND BROWNIES

The Girl Scout and Brownie Troops were developed through the untiring effort and hard work of Mrs. Arthur Maloni and Mrs. Sigmund J. Sluszka with the encouragement of the late pastor, Rev. Francis Wilamowski. In March, 1947, twenty-six girls formed Troop Nr. 4 with Mrs. Sluszka as leader, and Mrs. S. Johson as assistant leader.

One month later, Mrs. Raymond Krug became leader of a Brownie troop that had twenty-nine girls and four assistant leaders. In order to exchange leadership ideas, a monthly leader's meeting with Mrs. Sluszka as Organization chairman for several years

has proved very successful. In the fall of 1953 Mrs. Frank Morris replaced Mrs. Sluszka in this position and in January 1954 Rev. Walter Tomecki replaced Rev. John Cwalina as Moderator.

Today the parish sponsors three Brownie Troops, two Intermediate troops which includes 110 girls, ten leaders and fifteen Troop Committee Mothers, registered with the Girl Scouts, Inc. National organization and with Catholic Youth Organization.

The entire group participate together in an Investiture and Tea for new girls and their mothers annually; a Holy Hour for Peace on the First Friday of each month



Girl Scout members of St. Hedwig's Four Troops

receiving Holy Communion and attending County-wide services in the afternoon of Girl Scout Sunday, Memorial Day and Pulaske Day parades, and community service projects.

As individual troops the girls have their handcraft and group play as Brownies, and badge credits and courses such as Cooking, First Aid, Good Grooming, Child Care, as Intermediates. Camp Blue Bay in Easthampton, and Camp Mackay (a day camp in Searington) are available to our girls who are affiliated with Sewanhaka Council of Girl Scouts, Inc. Mary Sluszka was awarded a campership in 1954 and Elizabeth Morris was awarded a campership in 1955, a gift of the Council chosen by its own committee. This is a merit award.

Cookie and calendar sales enable us to provide a varied program in the eleven fields: Arts and Crafts, Literature and Dramatics, Music and Dancing, Community

Life, International Friendship, Nature, Out-of-Doors, Sports and Games, Agriculture, Home-making and Health and Safety.

Among the interesting things the girls have accomplished through the years, are the following: mission work of gifts by the Brownies, singing of Polish songs by Troop Nr. 145, and the making of Polish costumes and learning to dance the Polish dances as the Krakowiak, Mazur, Oberek, Polonaise, and Kujawiak by Troop 4.

Mmes. Edward Banfich, Theodore Block, Henry Gates, Theodore Golik, John Kutch, Edward Moder, Frank Morris, Richard Outlaw, Angelo Rubino, and Sigmund J. Sluszka are the leaders of the various troops. Their troops include Mesdames Ambrose DaGiau, Thomas Deacon, James Doty, Paul Funk, William Keyser, Stanley Krupa, Stanley Lapinski, Ernest Martin, Blanche McGovern, Everett Naples, Frank Oszczapinski, Stanley Stecki, Bert Russell, Robert Stickly, John Tyrrell, and Arthur Zaun.

ST. HEDWIG'S PARENT - TEACHERS CLUB

Twenty-two mothers founded the Parent-Teachers Club with the cooperation of Rev. Francis Wilamowski as moderator in November, 1942. From this group the following became the first officers: Mrs. Blanche George, president; Mrs. Helen Tworowski, vice-pres.; Mrs. Sophie Pietrowski, recording secretary; Mrs. Rose Grabowski, treasurer; Mrs. Theresa Motylinski, corresponding secretary.

This organization works to promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, church and community; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of the children and youth; to bring into closer relation the home and the school so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children.

One of the first tasks of this group was to create a cafeteria, and one of those who were most helpful in establishing and equipping this cafeteria was the Rev. Sister Mary Illuminata, principal of the school at that time. Soon a kindergarten was successfully equipped and begun.

While Rev. Sister M. Anatholette was principal and Rev. Matthew Wisniewski became the club's moderator, buses were ob-

tained for the children. Through the years the various good works by the Parent-Teachers Club have included the following additions to the school: movie projector and screen, shades for the auditorium, books, school supplies, maps, classroom dictionaries, equipment for the cafeteria, secured and made drapes for the auditorium stage, equipped the nurses' office, purchased and installed clocks for each class room.

Each year two awards are given to the top boy and girl graduates and a graduation trip for the class. At Christmas time there is a complete Christmas party for the entire school. This year the group sponsored accident insurance and school banking for the children.

The girl Scouts and Brownies were begun at a meeting from which the following mothers volunteered to be leaders: Mrs. Sigmund Sluszka, Mrs. Arthur Maloni, Mrs. Raymond Krug, and Mrs. S. Johnson.

For the members themselves there is an annual Communion Breakfast and an annual Christmas party. Funds raised for the various needs of the school and group activities come from dances, card parties, cake sales. The club has managed to donate to all church and civic drives.

During the presidency of Mrs. Edward Zebrowski the constitution and by-laws became a formal project of the group.

The cafeteria which was the beginning project is today a thriving department all of itself. Mrs. Walter Wisniewski is dietician, Mrs. Anthony Borkowski and Mrs. Alphonse Bouchard prepare most wholesome and attractively complete meals for approximately 250 children daily. The cafeteria has become government subsidized and subject to government regulations which enables the cost of the meal to be kept low. Now the cafeteria is able to replace its own equipments needed in conformance with the regulations established.

Well remembered moderators of the group besides Rev. Wisniewski, included Rev. John Cwalina, Rev. Felician Plichta and Rev. Edward Olszewski.

Past officers of the Parent Teacher Club, many of whom still are active in the group

include: Mrs. Gertrude Polkosnik, Mrs. Helen Tworkowski, Mrs. Theresa Wisniewski, Mrs. Amelia Zebrowski, Mrs. Lillian Gocinski, Helen Kurat, Ruth McGovern, Mary Ruzkowski, Margaret Krug, Hedwig Pogorzelski, Ruth O'Dwyer, Michalina Powaza, Hedwig Wohlmacher, Betty Kotish, Adele Galasieski.

Also, Frances Lesewig, Helen Wispler, Mildred Sokol, Sally Burns, Jennie Borkowski, Frances Dudkiewicz, Anna Kucharski, Mrs. Jean Lacinski, Helen Cleary, Theresa Motylinski, Rita Convey, Mildred Subbiondo, Jane McClendon, Florence Danowski.

Helping Rev. Sister M. Emilite, principal of the school at this time, are the following officers: Mrs. Anna Kucharski, president; Helen Kutch, vice-president; Lena DaGiau, recording secretary; Frances Morris, Treasurer; Joan Outlaw, corresponding secretary with the Rev. Matthew Wisniewski as Moderator.



Members of the very active Parent-Teachers Club

MODLITWA ŚWIĘTEJ JADWIGI

„Boże, któryś świętej Jadwidze dał łaskę wzgardzenia wielkościami świata, a całym życiem postępować pokorną drogą Twojego Krzyża spraw miłościwie, abyśmy za jej zasługami i przykładem nauczyli się wzgardzić znikomemi tej ziemi rozkoszami i ująwszy się Twojego Krzyża, wszelkie przeciwności zwyciężali. Przez Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa, który króluje w Niebie i na ziemi, po wszystkie wieki. Amen.

ZYWOT ŚWIĘTEJ JADWIGI KSIĘŻNEJ POLSKI

Święta Jadwiga przyszła na świat roku Pańskiego 1174, z ojca Bertolda księcia na Karyntyi, margrabiego Morawskiego, hrabiego na Tyrolu, i Agnieszki księżniczki Rakuńskiej. Na wychowanie oddana została do klasztoru Benedyktynów w Lucyngu, gdzie już zauważono w niej szczególne upodobanie we wszystkim, co się służby Boskiej tyczyło. W dwunastym roku wydana została za mąż za Henryka, przezwanego Brodatym, polskiego i śląskiego księcia, prawnuka króla Bolesława Krzywoustego.

Pobożna, skromna, miłosierna, serce swoje od dzieciństwa Bogu poświęciwszy, od wszelkiej próżności światowej daleka, taka się okazała w stanie małżeńskim Jadwiga, a przez co małżonka swojego, doskonałego chrześcijanina, zbawiennym wpływem i własnym przykładem do jeszcze gorliwszej pobożności pobudziła. Działki któremi ich Pan Bóg udarował, wychowała w bojaźni Bożej, przykładem własnym do wszelkich cnót chrześcijańskich je zaprawiając. Książęcy dwór utrzymywała na tej stopie, aby się, na nim wszyscy nieposzlakowanymi obyczajami odznaczyli.

Za przyboczne swoje panie brała tylko te, które się szczególną odznaczały pobożnością, nie cierpiąc pomiędzy nimi nietylko żadnego zgorzenia, lecz nawet cienia płochości. Przestrzegała także, ażeby nie dopuszczano się grzechu obmowy, tak zwykle na wielkim świecie popełnianego; mawiała bowiem, że obmówca dwie dusze zabija, i swoją i tego, kto go chętnie słucha.

Dla poddanych swojego obszernego państwa była prawdziwie matką najtroskliwszą;



najchętniej za każdym z nich wstawiała się do księcia męża swojego, i skoro się dowiedziała o jakim ucisku biedniejszych, zaraz się o to przed nim uskarżała.

Na rzadców we własnych a nadzwyczaj rozległych dobrach, wybierała ludzi nieposzlakowanej prawości, zalecając im jaknajwiększe dla włościan miłosierdzie, a od czasu do czasu wysyłała tam swoich kapelanów, aby ściśle dochodzili, czy czasem jakiej niesprawiedliwości nie dopuszczają się ci rzadcowie względem jej poddanych. Oszczędna na próżne i zbyt kosztowne wydatki, tak hojnie czyniła jałmużny, że z ogromnych dochodów, których była panią, ledwie setną część na własne używanie potrzebowała, a resztę obracała na miłosierne uczynki. Wspierała ubogie duchowieństwo, kościoły wspaniałe budowała, zakładała i uposażała klasztory tak męskie jak i żeńskie.

ST. HEDWIG, PRINCESS OF POLAND

Poland's most saintly Princess, who caused to be built churches, monasteries and convents, was born in 1174 and lived a complete life of prayer and meditation for 69 years. She is the most Polish ideal woman who the early Polish Americans here elected as their Church Patron Saint.

St. Jadwiga, of royal origin and still more illustrious by the innocence of her life, was the daughter of Berthold, prince of Carinthia and maternal aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary from which came the Polish ancestral line of Queen Jadwiga of Poland, who married Jagiello, which act brought Christianity to Lithuania.

Having married Henry, the Bearded, Duke of Poland, she fulfilled her duties as wife so holily that the Church compares her to the strong woman whose portrait is drawn for us by the Holy Ghost in the *Epistle*. She had three sons and three daughters. She mortified her body both by fasting and prayerful watching and by the roughness of her clothes. She was very charitable to the poor whom she herself served at tables, gave clothes to the naked, and shelter in the palace to the homeless.

To devote herself more to the service of

God, she induced her husband to bind himself, by vow, with her, to observe continence. The Duke having died, Jadwiga, lived a life as of the merchant mentioned in the *Gospel*, and gave away all her riches to acquire the precious pearl of eternal life. After praying earnestly and under inspiration, she generously exchanged worldly pomp for the life of the Cross entering the Cistercian Convent of Trebutz, where her daughter, Gertrude, was abbess.

She died on December 15, 1243, after founding in Poland twenty churches, seven monasteries and eleven convents. Poland honors her each year with special veneration as her Patroness on October 15.

Saint Jadwiga is best known for the miracle of a cure she performed long after her death for Pope Clement IV in Rome, when she was being canonized. The Pope asked for a miracle at the proceedings. A blind girl, who was hopelessly sightless all her life, had her vision completely restored when the name of St. Jadwiga was mentioned. Poles, all over the world, have a special attachment and veneration and name their churches and schools under her Patronage.

TOW. IM. NAJSŁODSZEGO SERCA PANA JEZUSA

Towarzystwo im. Najśłodszego Serca Pana Jezusa było założone przy parafji św. Jadwigi w Floral Park, w dniu 10-go października, 1904 roku.

Założycielem tego towarzystwa był śp. Wielebny Ksiądz Adolf Świerczyński. Na tym zebraniu zebrało się dwanaście niewiast i uchwaliły, ażeby został wybrany zarząd, do którego weszły: M. Sidorska, prezeska; J. Jankowska, kasjerka.

Tow. im. Najśłodszego Serca Pana Jezusa zwołuje posiedzenie na pierwszy piątek miesiąca a wspólną św. Komunię ma Two każdej pierwszej niedzieli miesiąca. Towarzystwo pracuje dla Bożej chwały i dla dobra kościoła. Po upływie paru lat była obrana nowa prezeska, W. Głębicka, która pracowała przez pięć lat.

W roku 1937 był obrany nowy zarząd w składzie: Amelia Jeziorska, prezeska; Anna

Wiśniewska, kasjerka; Anna Kowalska, sekretarka. Ten zarząd pracował wspólnie przez siedemnaście lat. Towarzystwo im. Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa obchodziło złoty jubileusz 10-go października, 1954 roku. Towarzystwo ma dotychczas 65 członkiń.

Zarząd na rok 1955 składa się z następujących osób: Wielebny Ksiądz Władysław Tomecki, moderator; Czesława Stawecka, prezeska; Anna Wiśniewska, wice-prezeska; Michalina Powaza, kasjerka i Anna Kowalska, sekretarka.



Towarzystwo Im. Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

C O N F R A T E R N I T Y

Confraternity is the baby organization of St. Hedwig's Parish. It was organized many years ago for the teenage group of St. Hedwig's. One can say it is a continuation of the religious education of our catholic and the public grammar school students. The word 'confraternity' defined by Webster, "A religious association in the Roman Catholic Church usually of layman for devotional, charitable and educational object".

The need for extra stronger religious education has grown more urgent in the past three years, therefore, a reorganization was imperative.

It was always the ardent wish of our late beloved Pastor Father Wilamowski to form a stronger Confraternity. In October, 1953 Rev. Matthew Wisniewski worked to reorganize the group. With the assistance of a few mothers a new system was started.

The first three months were very difficult. On December 9th, 1953 Rev. Walter J. Tomecki took over the teenagers. He worked in with the young people immediately. The religious instruction was to get primary consideration, and the social plans secondary. Within one and a half year our Confraternity became the pride of St. Hed-

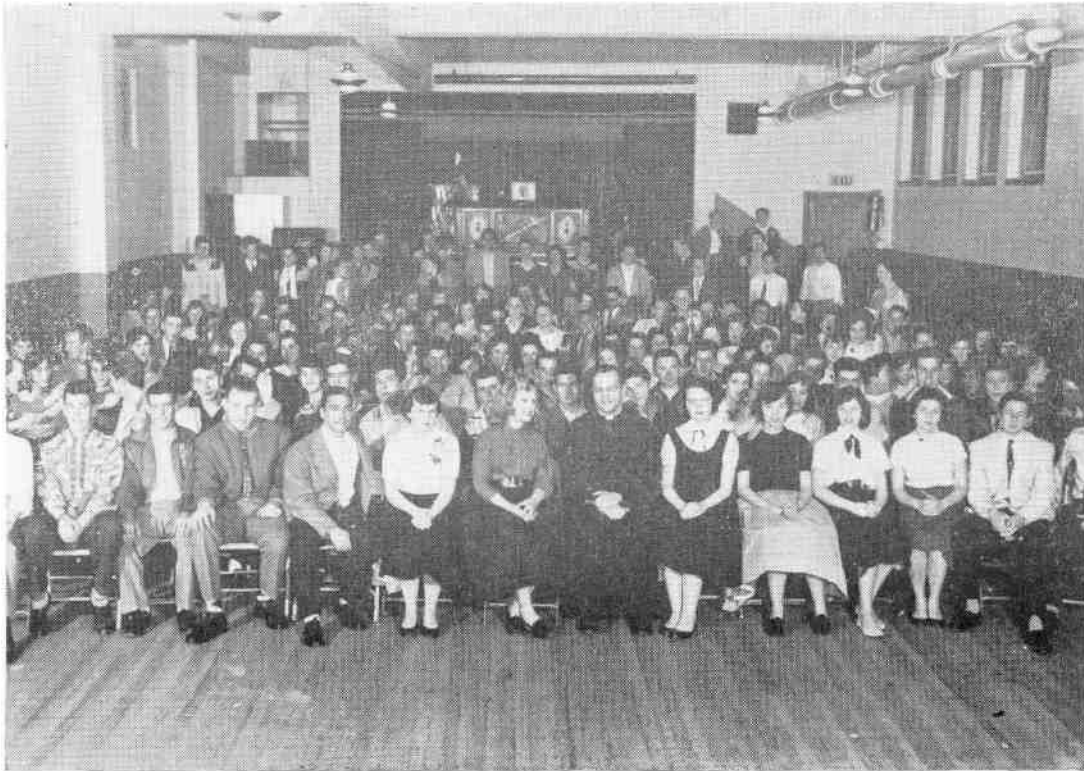
wig's and the envy of the neighboring Churches and civics organizations. It grew from 25 members to the present 255 in a period of 16 months.

Father Walter found it necessary to reach out among his parishioners and friends and bring six excellent teachers into the group. Miss Maryann Cullen, from Marymount College, Miss Mariann Bogner, Georgetown-Visitation Mr. George Bauman, Mr. Arthur Kearney and Mr. Joseph McDonald both from Manhattan College. Advanced catechisms were purchased by Father Walter in four series, each group advancing in the wisdom of our religion. The tremendous enthusiasm of our teaching staff helps carry on the heavy burden of the responsibility of our future citizens.

One of our members, Miss Maureen Collins entered the Dominican Sisters in Amityville. We feel this is something to boast of. How many other young men and women who might follow her footsteps into the religious orders can be told only in the future.

The social life under the careful

planning of our chairlady Mrs. Joseph Laine extends the most pleasant atmosphere for our boys and girls. It is the ardent wish of all that she continues her esteemed position with this group, as it would be impossible to replace the sincere love and interest that she has for the teenagers. She has the earnest cooperation of her co-workers Mrs. Frances Lowe, Mrs. Mildred Sokol, Mrs. Frances Oszczapinski, Mrs. Dorothea Majeski, Mrs. Blanche Rudolph, and Mrs. Dora Bouchard. The teenagers viewpoint in Confraternity is represented through the Student President Miss Betty Pogorzelski, ably assisted by Miss Connie Popielarski and Angelo Carbone. Plans are being worked on continually for the pleasure of our youth. Important holidays are party days, 10 dances a year are planned in advance, Major League baseball games are enjoyed, along with ice skating and roller skating, religious movies were shown during lent, with a closing of the Lenten season, a three night retreat under the spiritual direction of Father Edward Fus. Social dancing instructions were given for all members by professional instructors.



Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine

Money was been raised for this group by the mothers first luncheon, December 9th, 1953, since then the group earned their own money, by cake sales, selling Christmas cards, dances, change cards etc. All entertainment given to the youth at one forth its cost, balance taken from the treasury-money earned by the young people.

At the annual Easter dance the eighth graders are invited to join the group. They look forward to becoming members many months in advance. Teachers for this group are taken from the Senior Class of Confraternity. Under the direction of Father Walter Tomecki, they are trained in teaching and directing these young people. In a very short time they are trained to the ways of Confraternity and in September they enter as our Freshman Group.

We were confronted with the problem of our Seniors not wanting to leave us, there-

fore, Father is working on plans to keep this group together by forming an 18 and older group. Plans are in the making for them to continue their Catholic associations together in our own parish.

Four of the boys have entered the Armed Forces since 1951: Mr. James Lechmanski, the Marines, Mr. James Fairmen — US Navy Mr. Fred Jander U. S. Air Forces, Mr. John Martin US. Army.

The second annual Communion breakfast was held May 22nd, 1955 and attended by over 200 members.

None of this could ever be accomplished without the splendid and whole hearted cooperation of our Pastor Rev. Gerwase Kubec.

Summing up "Confraternity" one can be proud to be a member of the Confraternity family, an organization that will go down in the history of St. Hedwig's Parish.



Leaders of the Confraternity

ST. HEDWIG'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

In February 1949, an announcement was made from the Altar that our Pastor Father Francis Wilamowski desired to organize a Holy Name Society in the Parish, and all men interested, were asked to attend a meeting for that purpose.

That first preliminary meeting and one held the following week were given over to informal discussion of the Society, its background, its place in the Church, and its purpose. Father Edward Belaus, who had been appointed Moderator, by the Pastor was in charge. At these meetings and subsequent

regular monthly meetings that year, he gave the Society numerous inspirational talks.

The first regular meeting, at which the Society was organized, was held March 9th, 1949, and the following officers were elected for the period from March 9th, 1949 to January, 1950.

President, Mr. George M. Young; Vice-President, Mr. Stanley Schultz; Secretary, Mr. John Roszkowski; Treasurer, Mr. James Lynch and Marshall, Mr. Frank McGovern.

Application was made to the National Headquarters of the Holy Name Society, 141



Holy Name Society

East 65th St., New York, N. Y. and a charter was granted on March 23rd, 1949. Upon receipt of same, it was appropriately framed and presented to the Pastor, to be hung in the Sacristy.

During the first few months, the Society had little in the way of funds, and a Thanksgiving dance was decided upon to raise money, open a bank account, and purchase a banner, badges, butons and Holy Name Manuals. This event was very successful socially and financially because of the wholehearted united effort of all members. Several new members came into the Society as a result. The Society was able to purchase its banner and other Holy Name Supplies. It was decided to make the Thanksgiving Dance an annual occurrence.

At the December 12th, 1949 meeting, Father Matthew Wisniewski became the Moderator of the Society, and he has served capably in that capacity through the ensuing years, giving many fine spiritual messages, keeping before all, the main purpose of the Society, bringing men closer to God through greater reverence for the Holy Name of Jesus.

At the January 1950 monthly meeting, the same officers were elected by acclamation for another year, and delegates were appointed for the first time to the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies.

They were: Executive Delegate, Mr. Stephen McGovern; Alternate Delegate, Mr. George Baumann, Sr.; Alternate Delegate, Mr. Edward Martin.

On Palm Sunday, 1950, the Society held its first Annual Communion Breakfast, in the School Auditorium.

At the meeting held January 15th, 1951, the following officers were elected for one year.

President, Mr. Edward Martin; Vice-President, Mr. James Lynch; Secretary, Mr. George M. Young; Treasurer, Mr. Anthony Borkowski and Marshall, Mr. John M. Sturm.

In the fall of 1951 the President, Mrs. Edward Martin joined the Vincentian Order,

and has since been studying for the Priesthood.

At the meeting held January 14th, 1952, the following officers were elected for one year:

President, Mr. Anthony Borkowski; Vice President, Mr. John Motylinski; Secretary, Mr. Stanley Dembski; Treasurer, Mr. Michael Lettis and Marshall, Mr. M. Sturm.

In 1952, the Society held its first Annual Retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House, Jamaica, N. Y.

At the January 12th, 1953 meeting, the same slate of officers was unanimously re-elected for one year.

On January 19th, 1954, the following officers were elected for one year:

President, Mr. Joseph Marecki; Vice President, Mr. Stanley Dembski; Secretary, Mr. George M. Young; Treasurer, Mr. Michael Lettis and Marscall, Mr. John M. Sturm.

During 1945, a very active Membership Committee took full advantage of the Mission held in the Parish, to promote a very successful drive for new members.

On January 10th, 1955 the following officers were elected:

President, Mr. G. Richard Outlaw; Vice President, Mr. George Baumann, Sr.; Secretary, Mr. Andrew Scott; Treasurer, Mr. Stanley Kuczynski, Jr. and Marshall, Walter Bartosiewicz.

In February, 1955 the Society sponsored a Triduum in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus to which the entire parish was invited.

More activities are planned for the future, for the betterment of our Parish in general, and our men in particular — looking toward their eternal salvation, through affiliation with the men's Society that is world wide in scope.

There is still a long way to go to achieve the aim of the Holy Name Society — "Every Catholic man a Holy Name Man." but the Society has come far in a few short years from a very humble beginning.

ST. HEDWIG'S IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

After V-E Day in Europe St. Hedwig's parishioners and others were receiving pitiful letters from relatives and friends from all over the world asking for welfare aid and for assistance to immigrate to the United

States. The work that was being done by the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Red Cross, the Polski Czerwony Krzyż and other institutions went beyond the means of these organizations.

In March, 1943, the Right Rev. Bishop Thomas E. Molloy called a meeting of all Polish, Lithuanian, Slovak, Czech and other Roman Catholic parishes at the Catholic Charities of the Brooklyn Diocese headquarters, 191 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, to hear and consider the charitable welfare work that the Holy Father wished to be performed. From St. Hedwig's Church Rev. Francis Wilamowski, Miss Ann Grabowski, and Dr. Sigmund J. Sluszka were called to hear the plans for the formation of parish immigration committee.

Speaking of the NCWC welfare work for war prisoners released from concentration war camps in Germany was Monsignor Edward Swanstrom, the director of the Immigration Committee activity for the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Roman Catholic welfare organization that takes care of relief matters, orphanages, immigrants and other works of mercy and charity. Monsignor Swanstrom related the pitiful conditions of the Nazi concentration camps victims and he told of the Holy Father's wish that parish committees be formed to assist these war victims.

Monsignor Swanstrom also explained the plans of the United States Congress which passed an immigration bill in 1948 to permit war refugees and displaced persons to enter the U.S.A. Much of this work concerning the Catholic persons was to be handled by the NCWC which already had field representatives and priests all over Europe, and that each Roman Catholic parish in the United States is to assist in securing assurances, jobs and a place of residence for these new immigrants who will come to America. The work was to begin at once.

Rev. Aloysius Wycislo, the head of the Polish Immigration Department of NCWC, also spoke about the specific work for the Polish displaced persons, former prisoners of war and Polish troops who had relatives in America. He urged that the Polish parishes assist the parishioners in preparing

various immigration papers, assurances and job and living quarters guarantees. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kelly was named in charge of this welfare activity for the Brooklyn Diocese.

Rev. Wilamowski called a general meeting in March, 1948 of the parish to discuss the formation of the St. Hedwig Immigration Committee to assist the Brooklyn Diocese and the National NCWC in welfare duties. With some 200 persons present Dr. Sigmund J. Sluszka was elected chairman of the St. Hedwig Immigration Committee; Miss Ann Grabowska-Perzanowska as secretary, and Father Wilamowski as the moderator. Those present heard the reason and the need for such a welfare committee in the parish at the request of the Holy Father and the Bishop of the Diocese.

Dr. Sluszka was delegated to attend a meeting of the NCWC officers in Philadelphia in May 29, 1948, and also to attend the Immigration Commission of the Polish American Congress meeting at quadrennial convention the following day, May 30. At these meetings detailed explanations of the immigration law was explained. Dr. Sluszka was delegated to attend an NCWC Immigration Committee in Washington, D. C. in June, 1948, to hear the most recent changes in the law that the U.S. Congress had passed concerning displaced persons.

Beginning in June, 1948, a weekly meeting of the St. Hedwig Immigration Committee was held every Wednesday evening in order that parishioners could assist their relatives and friends to immigrate to U.S.A. Meetings were also held after the late Masses to expedite matters. The result was that there were 286 Polish displaced persons brought by St. Hedwig's to this area in the years 1949-52. Today, scattered requests still come to the chairman, and assistance, is willingly given. The Committee was often acknowledged by the Bishop and NCWC for its charitable assistance. Rev. Gerwase Kubic also assisted the Immigration Committee with annual donations of \$1,000 to the New York office.

THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE OF ST. HEDWIG

When the Nazis invaded Poland, September 1, 1939, and the Soviet Red Army began to despoil Poland, September 17, 1939 and still continues the arrests, exile and executions of the religious, and destruction of Ro-

man Catholic Churches, the Holy Father made pleas to the Catholics of the World, and especially to the Americans, to come to the aid of the faithful. More than 15,000 Polish priests have been arrested, exiled and

killed. Many Polish churches are still in ruins and the needs for the clergy are still greater than ever, because in Poland today, more Poles are attending Mass and are receiving the Sacrament than ever in history.

St. Hedwig's Parish joined hands to do their bit. Various clubs and Societies make regular donations to the Liga Katolicka. In 1945-46, when Poles were returning in the hope of a peaceful life, they found the churches in destruction, priests without chalices, vestments or even priestly soutanes.

St. Hedwig's contributions to Liga Katolicka have gone over the \$10,000 donation mark since 1945. After the Masses once a month, Sodality girls stand in the doorway of the Church, awaiting contributions for Catholic League aid. This need is not yet accomplished because Polish priests are still

working in former prisoner of war camps in Germany and Austria. Polish religious refugees also seek aid.

The Liga Katolicka is now organized into a welfare organization with John Aszkler, the national president. Contributions are solicited in the 1,389 Polish Catholic Churches in the United States. St. Hedwig has continued this assistance and will continue to aid the destitute Polish parishes, seminaries, and to aid the needy priests. Up to 1948, St. Hedwig's Parish had purchased 28 chalices that were sent to Poland. It is impossible to estimate other aid that St. Hedwig's Parish gave since gift packages, clothing and religious vestments go beyond the mere value of dollars. St. Hedwig's totalled about \$30,000 aid through the Liga Katolicka since 1945.

CHILDREN OF MARY SOCIETY



Children of Mary take part in religious observances and processions and during the month of May, the girls make vocations novenas to seek God's intercession for more girls to become nuns. Girls who are six years of age and who made their First Holy Com-

munion are eligible for membership. The Children of Mary receive Holy Communion every first Friday of the month as a body, and try to be frequent communicants during the schooldays.

President is Alice Oszczapinska; vice-

president, Mary Bortkowski; treasurer, Barbara Paschette; secretary, Carol Schultz and Sister Mary Brunona, CSSF., is the moder-

ator. Sergeant-at-arms are Barbara Ostro, Mary Bortkowski, Barbara Paschette and Carol Schultz.

ROSES OF MARY SOCIETY

Roses of Mary Society was organized November 2, 1945, during the second World War for the purpose of praying for peace. The Rev. Francis Wilamowski was the first moderator.

The Society began with 77 members and by Christmas, 1945, their membership increased to 117 members. Mrs. Victoria Zielinski was the first president with Mrs. Wladyslawa Glembocki as vice-president.

Roses of Mary Society continues to make many generous donations. They donated the Baptismal Font that is carved from Carrera marble imported from Italy, and donated the Baptistry wrought iron enclosure. The statue of the Blessed Virgin is also donated

by this Society. Other donations include aid to Poland for relief, especially in the years 1945-1947, gifts to various banquets, relief appeals.

On the first Saturday of every month, a Mass is offered for the peace and conversion of sinners. According to the wishes of Our Lady of Fatima on this first Saturday, the members recite the Rosary in a body.

Officers of the Roses of Mary Society today are president, Mrs. Victoria Zielinski; vice-president, Mrs. Wladyslawa Glembocki; secretary, Mrs. Eva Piorek and treasurer, Mrs. Frances Ratajczak. Rev. Walter Tomecki is the moderator of the Roses of Mary Society.



Members of Roses of Mary Society

GENERAL PULASKI AND ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH

Over 1,000 persons observed the ceremony of the laying of six wreaths at the Pulaski monument erected on St. Hedwig's Church property at the corner of Linden Avenue and Jericho Turnpike by the Floral Park American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Hedwig's Catholic War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary C.W.V. Posts Nr. 382 on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 1955. none knew who General Pulaski was except for the fact that he died in the American Revolution.

St. Hedwig's monument to General Pulaski was erected in 1924 through the efforts of Father Wilamowski to commemorate the efforts of this Polish and American patriot. There was a time in 1778 when General Pulaski trained on Long Island, a horse-artillery and cavalry for the American patriots. This is now noted as Pulaski Road that is south of Huntington. It was on these plains that the first American cavalry took form and today's United States mechanized forces featuring tanks and mobile units had its start under General Pulaski in 1778.

Today's New York and Long Island organizations select the name of "Pulaski" to revere the memory of this American warrior. Thus we have the Pulaski Republican League of Nassau County, Pulaski League, Pulaski Memorial Day Committee, The Brigadier General Pulaski Foundation, and the Pulaski Day Parade that will again take place for the 19th year on Fifth Avenue, New York, Sunday, October 2, 1955. Dr. S. J. Sluszkha has been a vice-president of the Pulaski Day Parade Committee for several years. Dr. Sluszkha also serves as the liaison chairman with all the Long Island organizations for the Pulaski Parade Committee for 18 years.

A look into the history books will reveal that Pulaski's tradition is still a part of American history. Benjamin Franklin, who was the first American Secretary of State, went to France to enlist assistance and

French and Polish officers to help General Washington wage war against the British. Through Lafayette, Franklin met General Pulaski, who took exile in Paris after the Polish failure to secure freedom from the uprising that he lead after the 1772 division of Poland by Russia, Austria and Prussia. Pulaski was hailed as the "hero of Czeszochowa" by the French in 1777.

In the letter of recommendation Benjamin Franklin wrote to General George Washington from Paris on May 28, 1777, these are the remarks the statesman made concerning Pulaski:

"Count Pulaski of Poland, an officer, famed throughout Europe for his



St. Hedwig's Monument to commemorate the memory of General Pulaski

bravery and conduct in defense of the liberties of his country against the three great invading powers of Russia, Austria and Prussia, will have the honor of delivering this into your Excellency's hands. The Court here have encouraged and promoted his voyage from an opinion that he may be highly useful to our service. Mr. Silas Deane has written so fully concerning him that I need not enlarge; and I add my wishes that he may find in our armies under your Excellency occasion of distinguishing himself."

Bearing a letters from Franklin and Marchioness de Lafayette, Pulaski came to the United States July 23, 1777, and with General Lafayette, who was his loyal friend, the two went to General George Washington at Neshaniny Creek not far from Philadelphia where General Lafayette introduced Pulaski to General Washington on August 7, 1777.

General Washington wrote a letter to Congress about confirming the rank of Brigadier General in these words:

"This gentleman, like us, was engaged in defending the liberty and the independence of his country, and has sacrificed his fortune in his zeal for these objects. He deserves from hence a title to our respect that ought to

operate in his favor, as far as the good of the service will permit."

General Pulaski immediately went into service at the Battle of Brandywine where the American forces redeemed themselves. He later went with his newly trained cavalry to Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. Here he suffered wounds in the Battle of Savannah, Georgia.

The St. Hedwig monument to this renowned American Revolutionary officer is today the beginning point of the Memorial Day parade in Floral Park. The wording on the granite stone reads: "In Memory of Brigadier General Count Casimir Pulaski, Born in Winiary, Poland, March 4th, 1748. Wounded in the Battle of Savannah, Georgia, October 9th, 1779, in the Revolutionary War, Died on Board the Brig "Wasp", October 11, 1779."

It is to be noted also that every October 11th or the Sunday closest to this date, The Paderewski University Club of Long Island, pays homage to this General by laying a wreath at the monument after the last Mass. There are other monuments in Hempstead at Cross, Bennet and Fulton Avenue, and a cornerstone plaque in front of the St. Ladislaus Church in Hempstead where appropriate services and the laying of wreaths take place on the day of General Pulaski's death suffered while fighting for American independence.

POLISH CATHOLIC YOUTH ASSOCIATION

In order to keep the St. Hedwig youth in line with the positive Catholic and Polish traditions, the Polish Catholic Youth Association was organized in 1937 under the sponsorship of Rev. Francis Wilamowski and with Father Francis Szczechowiak as the moderator. Frank Colby, the brother of Dr. Louis Chmielowski, was the first president; John Motylinski, vice-president; Casimir Jeziorski, treasurer and Emilia Slabowski-Motylinska as secretary.

Other presidents of the PCYA were Frank Slaski, John Motylinski and Mary Gorski-Slaski. Miss Angella Bonk used to play the piano and Jerry Bonk also entertained on various musical instruments.

Club rooms in the St. Hedwig School were arranged for three evenings for social activity. Young parishioners 16 years of age

and older until married became the members. The youth met to play games, ping pong, to read various magazines and to hear talks from invited speakers. During the war, 1941-45, the PCYA published a Youth Bulletin that was sent to all the drafted boys in the Armed Forces to tell them about the various news of their friends, new draftees, and general news of the parish. Gift packages were also sent from the funds realized from the picnics and annual dances run by the PCYA.

In 1947 classes in the Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine were organized for Wednesday evenings and the activity of the PCYA declined.

Many of the PCYA members married and today are loyal and zealous St. Hedwig parishioners.



Mistrz Ignacy Jan Paderewski

ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH AND PADEREWSKI POLAND

An appeal delivered by Ignacy Jan Paderewski to Long Island Americans and Polish Americans at a concert given here by Korneli Kolczynski, February 23, 1916, for the Polish Victims Relief Fund of the General Polish Relief Committee which was headed by the Polish Novelist, Henryk Sienkiewicz.

By Ignacy Jan Paderewski

"The European war on the Eastern front is raging exclusively over Polish soil. It is sweeping away every sign of civilization, destroying dwellings, devastating fields, gardens and alike. Two hundred towns, fourteen hundred churches, seven thousand five hundred villages have been completely ruined. The losses in property destroyed, and in agricultural, industrial and commercial production, brought to an absolute standstill, amount to \$2,500,000,000.

A total of eighteen million inhabitants, including nearly two million Jews, are continuously enduring the horrors of this gigantic struggle. Only very few could flee to the places which are still holding their own against the aggressors; the great majority, almost eleven millions of helpless women and children, homeless peasants, unemployed workmen, the very essence and strength of a nation, have been driven out into the open. Thousands and thousands are hiding among ruins, in weeds or in hollows, feeding on roots and on the bark of trees.

To provide an immediate aid to this almost incredible number of sufferers, to concentrate the efforts of all who may be touched by so appalling a distress, a General Polish Relief Committee has been formed on a neutral soil, in Lausanne, Switzerland. — The President of the Committee is the greatest of Poland's living sons, Henryk Sienkiewicz, the writer. Its members are all men of high standing, universally respected, re-

presenting the three parts of ancient Poland, all united by the one desire to lessen the sufferings of our countrymen without distinction of race, religion or political opinion.

Polish Relief Committees have been organized in this country, but, however noble are the hearts of the organizers, however, great the generosity of their supporters, the means so far collected will relieve but a very limited number of sufferers. And there are millions of families helpless, hungry, sick, succumbing and dying.

In the face of such a disaster individual efforts must remain inefficient. Only a great wave of mankind's pity can surmount so immense a wave of human misery.

Only a great, enlightened, generous nation can help effectually our perishing multitudes.

Nobody knows better than I do the kindness and generosity of the American people. Ardent and prompt, warm-hearted, free-handed, they always respond with the enthusiasm of youth to everything that is true, sincere.

Is there anything more true than human pain? Is there anything more sincere than the cry for help from those who suffer?

In the name of charity, in the name of common humanity, I therefore appeal to the great American people. They have already given much to other stricken nations; they may be tired of giving; yet I am certain that there is no soul in this noble country who will condemn me for asking, even before our thirst for liberty is relieved:

Some bread for the Polish women and children!

Some seed for the Polish farmers!

ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH AND RELIEF ACTIVITY FOR POLAND, 1914 - 1919

St. Hedwig's Parish played a very prominent role in the various relief and patriotic activities for the Polish cause during the first World War, 1914-1919. It was through Floral Park's many citizens like Korneli Kolczynski and Father Francis Wilamowski that concerts, mass meetings, literary readings, recitals and play performances in the Polish language were presented in the St. Hedwig School Hall. The St. Hedwig Church and school hall were centers of this activity.

One of the great concerts given by Korneli Kolczynski was on February 23, 1916, when he presented a violin concert with Zofia Naimska, Leon Schulz, Grace Niemann and Estelle Ashton Sparks. Paderewski made his great appeal entitled POLAND, for this concert. This concert was for the Polish Victims Relief Fund that was headed by Henryk Sienkiewicz, the Polish novelist, and Ignacy Jan Paderewski, the great Polish pianist and diplomat, and close friend of Father Kubec and the late Rev. Wilamowski.

Korneli Kolczynski played the violin for High Masses accompanying the organ. — There was a time before 1918 that violin music was the chief attraction in St. Hedwig Church that drew parishioners from various areas of Long Island to the St. Hedwig Masses. This artistic endeavor was the special work interest of Father Wilamowski and his sister Anna Antonina Wilamowski, now married to Dr. Thomas Szymanski and residing in Passaic, N. J. Many concerts were held in St. Hedwig's in 1916-17-18 for the Polish cause. For this work the Rzeczpospolita Polska later honored Father Wilamowski with the Polonia Restituta award for the patriotic and relief assistance services Father Wilamowski and the St. Hedwig parish had rendered to the Polish cause and Nation.

It is interesting to note here the career of the illustrious Korneli Kolczynski. He became a well to do real estate operator and resided many years in Rockville Centre, where he died in 1952. He is related to Arthur



Violinist Korneli Kolczyński entertains in 1916 for Rev. Wilamowski and his sister Antonina, wife of Dr. Szymanski in Passaic.

T. Roth, the president of Franklin Square National Bank, whose wife is Genevieve Kolczynska. Charles Forrest of Floral Park, and the director of Drake Business Schools is also married to Jean Kolczynska. The Kolczynskis are related to the late Father Joseph Paprocki, who was pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Bayside. Tom Paprocki, better known as the newspaper cartoonist, Pap, is also a cousin. All these persons at one time were patrons of St. Hedwig's Parish and its many activities.

In recent times, Mrs. Korneli Kolczynski and Mrs. Arthur Roth donated his electric Hammond organ to the Kosciuszko Foundation in Korneli Kolczynski's memory, in 1953. Every year the Kolczynskis, Paprockis,

Roths, Forrests and other family branches have a gathering of the clan at the Kosciuszko Foundation Polka Ball at the Waldorf Astoria. Another Kolczynska, Mrs. William Kollner, Sr. is still active. This is the meat products family. Dr. Sluszkas's sister Helen Sophie is married to William Kollner. These three and four generations Polish American families prove the American ideal of living and doing well that which is in accord with each ability.

Today, many families that had the future of St. Hedwig's Parish and the cause of Poland in their hearts, are scattered all over America. This historical period of the St. Hedwig Parish grandfathers is good to remind the present living: that the cause of the United States is also the cause of Poland.

PADEREWSKI UNIVERSITY CLUB OF LONG ISLAND

Realizing the need of a cultural and social organization among the Polish Americans who had completed college and university studies, a group of St. Hedwig mem-

bers met in early October, 1947, at the home of Prof. Valentine Bonk and organized the Paderewski University Club. The aims of the Club are to honor the memory of Ignacy



Rev. Gervase W. Kubic and Dr. S. J. Sluszkas congratulate Prof. Walenty Bonk on the receipt of the Pontifical Blessing for church music.

Paderewski, the great Polish statesman and musician, and to promote the best in Polish art, culture, music, literature etc. among Americans living in this area.

First president of the Paderewski University Club was Dr. Sigmund J. Sluszk; vice-president, Angella Bonk; Miss Frances Szczepkowski, secretary; Jean Zaremba, recording secretary and Edward Marcinkowski, treasurer. Other presidents were Henry Kalinowski, Edward Marcinkowski, Frances Kurdziel, and Edward Kopacz; assisted by Richard Tyszkowski, treasurer; Ann Grabowski, Dr. Irene Pyszkowski, Laura and Wanda Rajkowski, Edward Smolinski, Stephan Smolenski, Stephen Olko, Charlotte Sluszk, Ferdynand Obrenski, Edward Zembrzusi and others, who served in various offices.

One of the aims was to raise funds for college scholarships for worthy Polish Americans. To date, \$1,400 was donated for tuition scholarships. Cyril and Felix Kaliszak were the two boys who went to Alliance College on the Paderewski Club scholarships. Stephanie Dobrzanski is in Madonna College in Livonia, Michigan, a Felician College, on a Paderewski scholarship. Other awards were made to Polish Americans who went to Hofstra College, Brooklyn Polytechnic, Fordham, and Adelphi College. Chairmen of the scholarship committee was first, Ann Grabowski and Dr. S. J. Sluszk now.

This year the Paderewski Club has voted \$100 for a Polish American who would study the Polish studies course in Ottawa University 1955 summer session. The Club donated 100 Polish books to Fordham University in 1953 for the Polish Book Shelf. In September, 1955, the Club will donate a Mickiewicz Library to Fordham for the Polish studies program in honor of the Mickiewicz Centennial Year.

Funds are raised through scholarship dances and various donations. In 1947, in

the St. Hedwig parish hall, the scholarship dance netted \$750. for this work. During the recent years the Club has held dances in the Engineers Country Club, in the Garden City Hotel and in the Dom Narodowy in New Hyde Park.

Another activity was the invitation of various Polish American personalities to give talks, lectures and recitals. Among the famous persons who attended the Club's activity meetings are Col. Francis S. Gabreski, the American air hero who shot down 34 Nazi planes in World War II, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Coleman; Joseph Kalini, who sang from the Polish operettas; Walter Ilcewicz, Polish actor and sketch artist; Tadeusz Styka, the Polish artist; Tadeusz Sztuka, tenor and Wladyslaw Kiecura, a singer. The Club has held Parents Night program, observed Christmas z opiatkiem, enjoyed an Easter Świąconka, and has had participated in the various Polish cultural and musical programs in New York.

The Paderewski University Club sees the need to organize a Polish Arts Club on Long Island, and this matter will be considered in the fall meetings in 1955. This is to bring in many Polish Americans into the traditions of Polish art in the various media and to bring Polish art to the American audience.

Officers for 1955-56 are president, Attorney Stephan Smolenski, vice-president, Dr. S. J. Sluszk; Edward Marcinkowski, treasurer; Frances Kurdziel, recording secretary and Irene Smolinski, corresponding secretary. Frances Kurdziel is the chairman of the membership committee, and Dr. S. J. Sluszk, is the chairman of the scholarship committee.

Rev. Francis Wilamowski was an honorary member. Rev. Gerwase Kubec, Rev. Walter Tomecki, Rev. Mathew Wisniewski are honorary members, and Rev. John Cwalina is the moderator.

USHERS SOCIETY AT ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH

For many years the collectors and ushers in St. Hedwig Church did not have a formal organized group. In 1949 the gentlemen assistants met and elected George M. Young as president. The members maintain order within the Church, assist the priest if the altar boys do not appear and distribute collection envelopes and other church matter,

as well as assist with the collection at every Mass.

MEMBERS

Walter Bartoswicz, George Baumann, Pasquale Casino, Stanley Dembski, Stanley Dudkewicz, August Koemm, George Koemm, Charles Kosciuk, Stanley Krupa, Frank Ku-



St. Hedwig's Church Ushers

rak, Felix Kucharski and Stanley Kuczynski, Sr.

Stanley Kuczynski, Jr., Michael Lettis, Charles Lulenski, George McDonald, Stanley Molinski, John Motylinski, Eugene Natrosiewicz and Richard Outlaw.

Frank Passaretti, Francis Pelkowski, Stanley Piorkowski, Frnak Slaski, John M. Sturm, Bernard Szynaka, Donald Wisniewski, Richard Wisniewski, Walter Wisniewski, Douglas J. Young, George M. Young, Chester Zalewski and Alexander Zebrowski, Jr.



St. Aloysius Youth Club

ST. HEDWIG'S KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR



Among the altar boys who serve at the various Holy Hesses at St. Hedwig's R. C. Church are the following:

John Dombrowski, Lawrence Rafferty, Daniel Domagala, Robert Kucharski, Gerald Laczynski, Paul Rudolph and Henry Kozenko.

Also, Neil Kielty, Chester Zalewski, Donald Wesnofske, Richard Tabak, John Sokol, John Kutch, Kenneth Dudkiewicz, Raymond Majeski and Robert Dombroski.

Also, Thomas Domagala, Paul Brown, Paul Miglione, Richard Lulenski, Robert Jeziorski, Harold Krupper, George Rozycki and John Tyrrell.

TOW. III-GO ZAKONU ŚW. FRANCISZKA

Okolo 1930 roku zorganizowało się Towarzystwo III-go Zakonu Św. Ojca Franciszka, przy parafji św. Jadwigi w Floral Park. W tym czasie zapisało się mniej więcej 25-ciu członków.

Pierwszymi urzędnikami tej nowej organizacji były panie: N. Smith, B. George i pani Marja Kamińska. Podówczas nie było żadnych posiedzeń miesięcznych i te same urzędniczki sprawowały różne funkcje jak: zbierania podatków miesięcznych, urządzenia zabaw, lub innych imprez na dobro parafji, lub na korzyść Centrali III-go Zakonu,

na dobroczynne cele w Pulaski, Wisconsin, gdzie przebywa główny zarząd Ojców Franciszkanów.

Dnia 3-go lipca, 1933 roku, został urzędowo podpisany czarter i potwierdzono założenie istniejącego towarzystwa III-go Zakonu przy parafji św. Jadwigi przez O. Sebastyna Dzielskiego O.F.M. z kościoła Wniebowzięcia Matki Boskiej w Pulaski, Wisconsin jako moderatora i dyrektora III-go Zakonu.

Dnia 7-go grudnia, 1954 roku, nastąpił wybór nowych urzędników. Ten zarząd był



Tow. III-go Zakonu Św. Franciszka

potwierdzony przez wizytatora Ojca Bazylego Janoskika O.F.M. z Pulaski. Zostały wybrane następujące członkinie: pani B. George, prezeska; pani C. Dembska, sekretarka prot. i Stanisław Dembski, kasjer. Zarząd ten wybrany jest na trzy lata.

Celem III-go Zakonu jest na pierwszym miejscu udoskonalenie duchowe życia członków a zarazem powiększania łask świętych na żywot wieczny, a przez przykładowe życie zachęcanie innych do pobożności i popieranie tego wszystkiego co jest szlachetne.

TOWARZYSTWO LIGA KOBIEC

Towarzystwo Liga Kobiec zostało założone 4-go maja w roku 1933, przez dwadzieścia osiem (28) pań. Obecnie Tow. ma blisko sto (sto) pań.

Założycielkami i do pierwszego zarządu wchodziły panie: Marja Kuczek, Katarzyna Szczepkowska, Bronisława Urkiel, Anna Kowalska, Ludwika Backiel i Emilia Zgutowicz.

Klub pracuje w sprawach religijnych i politycznych.

Towarzystwo gwarantuje swobodę i wolną wolną każdej członkini. W razie wypad-

ku choroby, członkinie mają baczyć i dać pomoc w pracy domowej.

Celem Klubu jest ulepszenie niewiast jako obywatelki Stanów Zjednoczonych.

Wszystkie panie polskiego pochodzenia urodzone w Ameryce lub w Polsce, mogą być członkiniami Twa.

Towarzystwo Ligi Kobiec urządza bale, wieczorki, zabawy, wycieczki, przedstawienia na cele oświatowe, dobroczynne i narodowe.

Towarzystwo Liga Kobiec nie może się rozwiązać jak długo siedem (7) członkiń należy do Twa.



Liga Kobiet z Mineola

Liga Kobiet ma własne uniformy na wszelkie występy narodowe lub religijne.

Wszystkie niewiasty są proszone poprzeć cel i członkostwo Ligi Kobiet.

Skład obecnego zarządu jest następują-

cy: Kazimiera Nidzgorska, prezeska; Czesława Stawecka, wiceprezeska; Bronisława Urkiel, sekretarka finansowa; Marja Tienken, kasjerka i Gertruda Luleńska, sekretarka protokółowa.



St. Hedwig Sodality of the Blessed Virgin

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

One of the most active youth organizations in St. Hedwig's is the Sodality society composed of girls in the high school age. Over 75 girls are members. President is Eileen Olszewski; vice-president, Anne Kwiatkowski; treasurer, Betty Pogorzelski; secretary Helen Kwiatkowski and Rev. Matthew Wisniewski is moderator.

The Sodality holds annual Communion breakfast on Mother's Day and is in charge

of the Crowning of the Virgin Queen at the annual St. Hedwig May day crowning procession. The girls hold an annual dance in October to raise funds for various charitable works.

Sodality girls gather gifts and arrange a Christmas party for the Polish orphans at the St. Christopher's Home in Sea Cliff. The girls also roll bandages for the Red Cross and cancer dressings.

BRACTWO RÓŻAŃCOWE – ROSARY SOCIETY



Two Bractwa Różańcowego

Parishioners often wonder how the Felician Sisters manage to keep the altar cloths so clean and orderly and from where the flowers and other decorations come for the observance of the Corpus Christi Day in St. Hedwig when the many altars are erected about the church yard area to which the procession proceeds on this day of ob-

servance. This work is done with special zeal and care by the members of the Holy Rosary Society. Their special tasks are to see that the altars are always supplied and properly bedecked with flowers and proper cloth coverings.

The group meets for Holy Communion every other month in a body and during the month of October, the Holy Rosary month,

the Society holds evening devotions and says the Rosary in a body.

Since its organization in 1903, the Rosary Society has had a continuous existence and periods of great activity. President of the Rosary Society is Mathilda Grocka; vice-

president, Alexandra Krupa; secretary, Antonina Stypulkowska; treasurer, Sophie Piotrowska and Rev. Tomecki is chaplain.

Mrs. Victoria Makowska, vice-president; Marianna Moniuszko, president and Mrs. Chruscilewska, treasurer, served the Bractwo Różańcowe for 35 years as officers.

TOWARZYSTWO PAŃ BIAŁEGO ORŁA



Towarzystwo Pań Białego Orła z New Hyde Park, N. Y., pod opieką Św. Teresy od Dzieciątka Jezus zostało założone dnia 22-go stycznia 1932 roku.

W roku 1932 wybrano następujący zarząd: prezeska, Gorzelska; wice-prezeska, Jakubowska Franciszka; sekr. protokółowa, Kwiatkowska Helena (Kurat); sekr. finansowa, Kwiatkowska Helena (Kurat); kasjerka, Nowakowska Majanna i trustyski: — Galaszewska Józefa, Krupa Aleksandra.

This is just a small social club with 60

members. The club tries to help out. We had bought church linens, donated towards new confessionals. We gave large amounts of money to parish affairs, to Felician Sister's Convent Fund, in Enfield, Conn. and to various other organizations.

Present officers are: Frankowska Stefania, president; Szafary Bronisława, vice-president; Wiśniewska Teresa, sekr. prot.; Wiśniewska Teresa, sekr. fin.; Motylińska Teresa, kasjerka; Jakubowska Franciszka, i Prokopiak Helena, trustees.

CHILDREN OF MARY SOCIETY

With the coming of the Felician Sisters to St. Hedwig's School in 1906, the work of teaching the young girls was immediately begun with class and after school activity. The Children of Mary Society was organized

by the first Felician teachers in 1908. Today, 183 girls are members in a society that pays homage and prayer to the Blessed Virgin. The girls try to live a life modeled on that of the Blessed Virgin Mary in order to lead a good life.

Z. P. R. K. GRUPA ŻEŃSKA NR. 1021



Oddział żeński, Grupa 1021, Zjednoczenia Polsko Rzymsko Katolickiego, było założone 11-go października, 1931 roku. Felicja Moniuszko była założycielką tego oddziału.

Obecny zarząd składa się z pań: Antonina Stypulkowska, prezeska; Matylda Grocka, Gertruda Lulińska, Marja Kara, Galwina Kameńska, kasjerka i Wiktorja Strauss, marszałkini.

CITIZENS CLUB

Knowing that many Polish-speaking persons desire to become American citizens and voters, St. Hedwig leaders got together and organized the Citizens Club in 1935 to help with the filing of citizenship papers, first voters, and with the local elections in the villages and school boards. Anthony Oszczapinski was the leader and moving spirit behind the Citizens Club.

Officers who had served many years are John Stawecki, president; Edward Olszewski-Osheske, vice-president; Joseph Golik, secretary; William Sidorski, treasurer; Zygmunt Sluszkza, publicity; Frank J. Lawkins, legal counsellor and Tony Oszczapinski, the leader. Others who assisted were Ted Gry-

czewski, Ignacy Moniuszko, Joseph Giecwicz, Roman Piotrowska, Alb Grunet, Frank Zalewski.

Meetings were held in the New Hyde Park Vilage Hall and in the Fire Halls during the various election years. A class for new American citizens was one of the ambitious projects and Prof. Sigmund Sluszkza was named the teacher. Several meetings were held in private homes in Floral Park, New Hyde Park, Garden City Park and Franklin Square to explain the process for filing citizenship papers and the regulations regarding naturalization proceedings. Through this activity many new Americans became first voters and good American citizens.

PULASKI REPUBLICAN LEAGUE OF NASSAU COUNTY

In 1938-1939 there were eleven clubs in Nassau County that did the same work as the Citizens Club. These Citizen Clubs were organized on a County basis under the name Pulaski Republican League of Nassau County with Casimir Nidzgorski president. Meetings were held in Roslyn, Glen Cove, Oyster Bay, Port Washington, Uniondale, Elmont, Hempstead, Franklin Square. The County League also belonged to the New York State Republican League with John Tyminski, the president. The County leaders who played a prominent role were Ben Rogozinski of Port Washington; John Modzelewski of Williston, Casimir Nidzgorski of Williston Park, Joseph Zembrzuski of Hempstead and Tony Oszczapinski of New Hyde Park.

The leaders took a prominent role in national, state, county and local elections every year. A new program of activity is being instituted in 1955 to get new Americans from the displaced persons, who are now eligible for naturalization proceedings and American citizenship papers. With the newcomers into American public life of Attorney Stephen Smolenski of Hempstead, and Attorney Joseph Plonski in Mineola, the Citizens Club is planning to expand its community interests and activities.

Citizens Club and the County League have been represented on the New York State Republican Committee with Dr. S. J. Sluszka as the liason leader, who is a member of the New York State All-American Committee, Polish-American Division, whose office is in Hotel Roosevelt. Counsellor Francis J. Wazeter is the leader of the New York

State Polish-American Republicans. In the 1952 national nominations in Chicago, Counsellor Wazeter participated in the nomination of General Eisenhower, and Mr. Ignacy Nurkiewicz of Brooklyn was named a presidential elector. This is some of the recognition that the Citizens Club was able to secure during its twenty years activity.

Leader Tony Oszczapinski has designated an October meeting date to renew the necessary program of action for 1955-56.



*Dr. S. J. Sluszka
All-American Committee Member*

POLISH NATIONAL HALL OF NEW HYDE PARK

The Polish National Home of New Hyde Park is one of the most prosperous, solid business foundations not only in New Hyde Park but in the county of Nassau as well. It is the only Polish National Hall in the State of New York to utilize the modern convenience of air conditioning to bring comfort to all who enter its doors.

On December 8, 1938, a dismal cold winter night, a meeting was held at St. Hedwig's auditorium, Floral Park, of the Polish National Alliance Gr. 147 conducted by its amiable President Konstanty Bidga. In the course of the meeting, the President brought

up a movement citing the need for a Polish National Home in New Hyde Park.

On March 4, 1939, the special committee attended the meeting of the Kosciuszko Club which at that time was a strong unit. They were cordially invited and this club voted to participate in the procedure of erecting a hall.

Mr. Sasiadek organized a new committee and asked Joseph Kurat, the present General Secretary, to aid him. That is when the work started to progress. Officers were elected as follows: President, John Sasiadek; Vice-President, John Burczyk; Secretary, Jo-

seph Kurat; Treasurer, Michael Domanowski; Recording Secretary, Frank Kwiatkowski. Directors were also elected: Alex Dmuchowski, Eugene Zaremba, Benjamin Kuczera, Konstanty Bigda, Frank Murawski, M. Jamiakowska, and Julian Zaremba. Mr. W. Pietrowski and Mr. Alex Dmuchowski found a land site for the new Hall which was at Lakeville Road and Bryant Avenue. A committee for the purchase of this land was formed of John Sasiadek, John Burczyk and Benjamin Kuczera.

Among the first purchasers of shares are: Michael Domanowski, Alex Dmuchowski, John Sasiadek, Group 147 P.N.A., Benjamin Kuczera, Joseph Kurat, M. Zbikowska, F. Kwiatkowska, S. Kolakowski, J. Smolenski, Konstanty Bigda, T. Gryczewski. At a following meeting, personal loans were made from Michael Domanowski, M. Zbikowska, J.

Sasiadek, Joseph Kurat, Benjamin Kuczera, John Burczyk, S. Kolakowski, Teddy Gryczewski, Gr. 147 P.N.A., and Saddle Grygo.

Because of the war, there was a shortage of building materials and work was slowed down, but on June 6, 1941, barely eight months later, the Grand Opening of the Polish National Home took place.

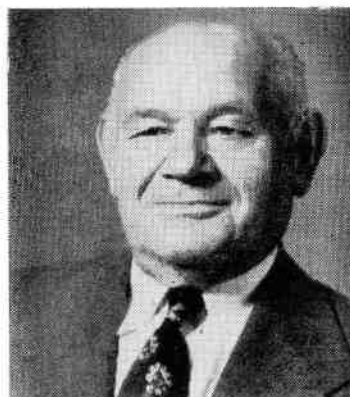
Under the present officers, who are, James Zaremba, President; Milton Frankowski, Vice-President; Joseph Kurat, General Secretary; Walter Backiel, Sergeant at Arms, together with the Board of Directors, John Sasiadek, Alex Dmuchowski, Joseph Kurkowski, Frank Kwiatkowski, Konstanty Bigda, Stanley Dabrowski, Peter Grocki, Edward Smolenski and Karol Broslawski, the Polish National Hall is continuing its success.



Jan Sasiadek
President, 1939-44



Ted Gryczewski
Treasurer



Konstanty Bigda
Director

ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

After one reads this first and brief history of the St. Hedwig's Parish, one can see the varied activity that centers around the parish. These activities bespeak the active role of many hundreds of interested individuals. The reader sees that there is still more to look ahead and more to be done. There are more necessary organizations to be formed with the able guidance of the priests as moderators and wise advisors. There are necessary material needs that the generous parishioners can plan ahead for future needs. All these matters are often discussed and action taken for their realization.

Parish leaders should think of the 50th

anniversary of St. Hedwig School that comes in 1956. This is an event of great jubilation, and shows a half century of achievement for God and country.

The Pastor already has plans for another Church side door entry and in the year to come further plans will be realized in additional improvement and repairs.

All these things are being realized as the Parish and the Pastor commence the second part of a century of life and work for the good of all the men, women and children of St. Hedwig's Parish. The Good Lord has been good to St. Hedwig's during the first 50 years.

PULASKI LEAGUE OF NASSAU COUNTY

The Pulaski League of Nassau County, Inc., a newly founded organization, was organized by Joseph T. Kurat, with the help of the Towarzystwo Tadeusza Kosciuszki Group 147 and the Polish National Home Inc. of New Hyde Park in 1954. Its headquarters are in the Polish National Hall.

The League has plans to stimulate added activity in interesting the Nassau County Polish Americans in participation in the annual Pulaski Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in New York every first Sunday in October. It hopes to raise funds to finance an active participation in the parades, and to donate funds to the Pulaski Memorial Committee in New York, the headquarters for the largest Polish American patriotic manifestation in the United States.

Officers of the League are president, Joseph T. Kurat; vice-president, John F. Dec; recording secretary, Jennie Dabrowski; treasurer, Frank Danowski; and now — Milton Frankowski; second vice-president, Czeslawa Stawecka; sgt. at arms, Joseph Osiecki.

Rev. Gerwase Kubec participated with the various St. Hedwig Parish organizations in

the Pulaski Parade of 1954 and marched with Rev. Walter Tomecki and Marshall of the Pulaski League of Nassau was Joseph Kurat. Felician Sisters also participated by accepting to sit on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral along with the Polish American clergy who were especially invited for this event.

Organizations that marched in the 18th Pulaski Day parade on October 2, 1954 were Liga Kobiet, Mineola; White Eagle Society Group 156 from Roslyn Heights; Tow. Tad. Kosciuszko, Group 147, New Hyde Park; Post 882 Catholic War Veterans; Ladies Auxilliary, Post 882, and other St. Hedwig organizations and members.

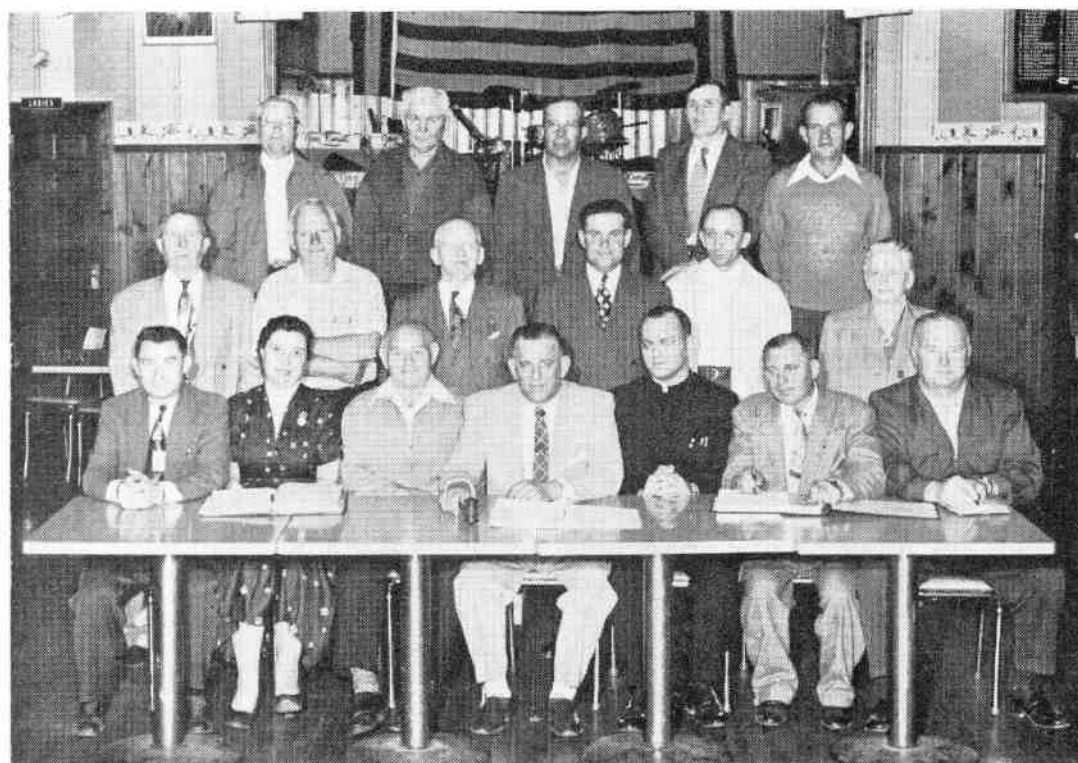
Pulaski League of Nassau County boasts a membership of 2,000 and 19 clubs, organizations and societies in its membership rolls. It has no connection with the Pulaski League of Queens County that is led by Chauncey Wilowski, nor with the Pulaski Republican League of Nassau County, organized in 1938, that is led by Casimir Nidzgorski, Frank Lawkins, Joseph Zembrzuski and Tony Oszczapinski. It is an independent organization planning great things for the Polish-Americans in Nassau County.



St. Hedwig Parish Marshalls in Pulaski Day Parade



St. Hedwig Jubilee Committee



Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn - Group 147 at New Hyde Park

1954 ST. HEDWIG'S SCHOOL GRADUATION UNDER REV. KUBEC



Beattie Dennis, Borawski Robert, Cimaszewski Thaddeus, Ciullo Angelo, Dabrowski John, Długokenski Raymond, Długozima George, Drasha Eugene, Feury Donald, Frankowski Milton, Kruzynski George, Guerin James, Laciński Robert, Nelson Donald, Oszczapinski Francis, Smart William, Sokol Joseph, Solecki Richard, Stawewski Ronald, Wohlmacher Richard, Balzarini Lucille, Bartkowska Jean, Burns Patricia, Cywinska Frances, Dziomba Emily, Harden Theresa, Katkowska Arlene, Korzenko Jane, Kubik Carol, Kozerska Ann, Kuczynska Dorothy, Lella Nancy Ann, Majewska Irene, Milinska Joan, Podgorski Madeline, Rosicka Jane, Siedlewicz Sandra, Sluska Mary, Wolski Barbara, Zebrowski Elizabeth.

AD MULTOS ANNOS

TO

OUR SENIOR AND FRIEND

FROM

MONSGR. FELIX F. BURANT

Księża ze Zgromadzenia Misji Św. Wincen-
tego a Paulo składają najserdeczniejsze Żv-
czenia Przewielebnemu Ks. Proboszczowi
Gerwazemu W. Kubec z okazji jego złotego
jubileuszu kapłaństwa z gorącą modlitwą
do Boga o zdrowie i powodzenie ad multos
annos.



KS. ANTONI MAZURKIEWICZ,
C. M.

Wizytator Zgromadzenia Misji

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ST. ADALBERT PARISH

Elmhurst L. I. N. Y.

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BEST WISHES

TO A FINE OLD PIONEER

REV. JOHN ORAWECZ

Z okazji 50 ciego Letniego Jubileuszu

Święceń Kapłańskich

Najserdeczniejsze Życzenia

składają

KS. EDMUND A. MAŃKOWSKI

KS. TOMASZ R. OBAROWSKI

WIKARIUSZE PRZY PARAFII ŚW. JÓZEFA

Jamaica, New York



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SZCZERE ŻYCZENIA
KS. PROBOSZCZOWI GERWAZEMU W. KUBECOWI

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*TOWARZYSTWO
BIAŁEGO ORŁA*

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ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
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OF

ST. HEDWIG'S SCHOOL



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1905—1955

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TO

FATHER GERVASE W. KUBEC

ON YOUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

*MRS. KATHERINE TOMECKI
AND HELEN TOMECKI*

QUEENS VILLAGE, L. I., N. Y.

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1905—1955

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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AND
HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

TO

REVEREND GERVASE W. KUBEC

on the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee
of His Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

REV. EDWARD A. FUS
MR. & MRS. WALTER FUS

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FROM

*TOW. BRATNIEJ POMOCY
TADEUSZA KOŚCIUSZKI*

Grupa 147 Zjednoczenia Polsko Narodowego

New Hyde Park L. I., N. Y.



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We ask you to join this Brotherly Organization.

Meetings every second Wednesday of the month.

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AND
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TO OUR PASTOR
FATHER GERVASE W. KUBEC
ON HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE

REV. MATTHEW J. WISNIEWSKI

REV. WALTER J. TOMECKI

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

NAJSERDECZNIJSZE ZYCZENIA

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TO
REVEREND GERVASE KUBEC
on the occasion of His
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of
Reverend Gervase W. Kubec
TO HOLY PRIESTHOOD

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1955

St. Hedwig's R. C. Church, 11:00 a. m. Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

PRESIDING:

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