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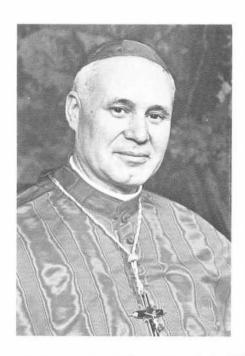
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Most Reverend Luigi Raimondi Apostolic Delegate



3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20008

July 24, 1968

Reverend and dear Father:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that on the joyous occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Ladislaus Church, our Most Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, has graciously deigned to impart his Apostolic Benediction. It is the wish of His Holiness that this Blessing be shared by you, the clergy and religious associated with you, the parishioners and all who join in the observance of this historic Anniversary.

A Jubilee day recalls many memories of past graces and spiritual favors bestowed by Almighty God through the parish church. For this reason, it is a day of deep joy and gratitude. In the years that lie ahead, may St. Ladislaus Church continue to be a center, as it were, where all are inspired to greater love and devotion for Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

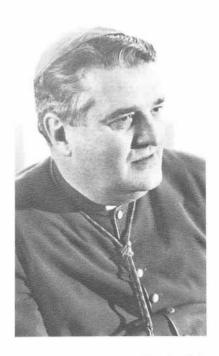
To this Blessing of the Sovereign Pontiff, I wish to add my personal congratulations and good wishes. With sentiments of esteem and renewed felicitations, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Titular Archbishop of Farsus

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Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski Administrator St. Ladislaus Church Natrona, Pennsylvania



Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D. Bishop of Pittsburgh



A Message from the Bishop

Looking back over the history of our land and, in particular, our part of this spacious country, Western Pennsylvania, one speedily realizes one of the major reasons for America's rise to greatness and for the place of the Church in that history. From corners of the earth as far apart as Ireland and Poland, Italy and the Orient men, devout peoples gathered here in search of freedom and new life in what was to them a new world. With them they brought spiritual and cultural riches as varied as their national origins. With that background, mingled generously with the spirit of freedom and tolerance, of enterprise and perseverance, they wrote new chapters of human accomplishment.

St. Ladislaus Church, as so many others in this diocese, was built by people who counted the Catholic faith foremost among the riches of their national heritage. Their faith was intimately part of everything that they vowed to keep vital, strong and active. The parish of St. Ladislaus today, as 75 years ago, is strong with the same energetic faith brought here by its ardent founders.

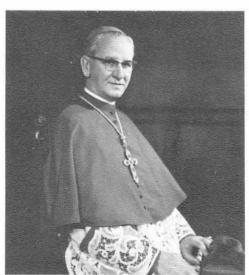
Time has witnessed the mellowing of many of the conditions of the first anxious years when our peoples tended toward defensive isolation. A wider sense of community is developing; it will include all our neighbors, whatever their origins, but it will in no way deny the heritage of our fathers. It will seek to share that heritage while profiting from the gifts of others. It will be enriched by the living testimony to the Catholic faith, fervently kept alive by those whose love for all that is good and beautiful in the present includes the love of God and His Holy Church that characterizes the past, the present and the future of our people.

My blessing, prayers and warmest wishes to all the faithful of St. Ladislaus on this happy occasion!

Faithfully in Christ,

Bishop of Pittsburgh

November, 1968



John Cardinal Krol, D.D., J.C.D. Archbishop of Philadelphia



Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski Administrator Saint Ladislaus Church 48 Spruce Street Natrona, Pennsylvania

Drogi Ksieże Maliszewski:

Z wielka przyjemnościa łaczę się z całą parafia Świętego Władysława, w piesni dziękczynej za liczne błogosławieństwa otrzymane wprzestrzeni 75 lat istnienia.

Niech ten obchod jubileuszowy będzie dla wszystkich zrodlem zachety do wiekszej solidarności i wspolpracy na korzyść dusz i na chwale Boga.

Przesylam wszystkim pozdrowienia i arcypasterskie blogoslawienstwa.

Sczerze oddany w Chrystusie,





Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski Administrator Saint Ladislaus Church 48 Spruce Street Natrona, Pennsylvania

Reverend and dear Father Maliszewski:

It is a pleasant privilege to unite with you, the religious, and the faithful parishioners in prayerful commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Saint Ladislaus Parish.

The parish's three-quarters of a Gentury of service was dedicated to the one goal of preservation of the faith of the immigrant pioneers and their children of the parish. This preservation of faith entailed also the preservation of the religious, national, and cultural heritage of the Polish people.

To you, to the devoted Bernardine Sisters, and to all of the faithful parishioners I extend my sincere congratulations, my Pastoral Blessings, and I join you in your hymn of thanksgiving to Almighty God for all the blessings that have accrued to the People of God through St. Ladislaus Parish.

With cordial and prayerful best wishes, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ,

John Cardinal Trol

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July 29, 1968

Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski Administrator, Saint Ladislaus Church 48 Spruce Street Natrona, Pennsylvania

Dear Father Maliszewski:

Congratulations to the faithful of Saint Ladislaus Parish on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. This is a momentous occasion which provides an occasion to thank God in a very special way for the blessings given to the faithful in Natrona and, indeed, throughout the diocese by these many years of His presence at Saint Ladislaus. I join with the many friends of the parish in expressing best wishes and promise my prayers asking God's blessing on you and your people.

I look forward to being with you on Sunday, November 24 at $4\!:\!30$ p.m. It will be a great privilege to offer Mass on that occasion for the people of Saint Ladislaus.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop Superintendent of Schools

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Very Reverend Walter J. Ziemba Rector and President Orchard Lake Schools

24 września 1968

The Reverend Divard Maliszewski St. Ladislaus Parish 40 Spruce Street Natrons, Pennsylvania 15005

Dostojny Księże Proboszczu, Ukochany Ludu Boży Parafii Św. Władysława,

Knidy jubileusz to dziękczynne spojrzenie w przeszłość, w dzieje, które mówią o wspólnocie, o umikowaniach i wspo-magundu się wzajemnym. Spojrzenie, które umacnia na sercu i usposobia na chwalebną przyszkość z gotowością do Ofiar i wysillou.

Rodzina to ta esencjonalna komórka społeczna, od której siły należy moc społecznaństwa. Przefia to ta rodzina nadprzyrodzona, w której społeczności otrzymujemy wszelkie radości j owoce życia sakramentalnego. Wiemy, że przefia wszza Św. Władyszkwa, to jeszcze więcej niż więż z Bojem i smakowanie w społeczności dobroci i mizości Rożej ale to i więż narodowa, kulturalna; to echo "Świętego Milenium -- Tysiąchecia wieruości Bogu, Krzyżowi, Ewangelli, Kościotowi, i Jego pasterzom. Parafia - rodzian nadprzyrodzona Św. Władysława to dunze po polsku uczulone, troskliwe, miżujące, wierne i jak w przeszłości tak pragną i na przyszłość po-

Zakkady Naukowe Seminarium Polskiego bączą się w radości pararian Świętego Wżadysławe w modlitwie, dziękczynieniu, I rozpamiętywaniu przeszłości.

Matre Majświętszej oddajemy całą Waszą przeszłość, redości dnie dzisiejszego, i chwelebuą przyszłość w służbie Bogu, bliźnim, i Polonii.

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Ks. N. J. Ziemba
Reitor

September 24, 1968

The Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski St. Ladislaus Parish 48 Spruce Street Natrona, Pennsylvania

Dear Wather Malisrevski.

The Family -- the basic unit of our social structure, that nucleus from which, through the Parish, the bonds of Christian Love are fostered, developed, and spread to join all of Humanity -- bears witness to the fact that man does not stand alone. In his life he must seek communication and interaction with his brothers. He must experience himself, he must experience his God in and through others.

The love of Christ, the worship of the one, true God, has for centuries united man in a strong bond. It is this religious bond fortified and complimented by common links of history, culture, and language which have made the Parish-Pamily such an important, revered and treasured element of the Parish Spirit.

Indeed, the Polish soul centers around an intense love, a deep and abiding Fidelity to God, country and heritage. And the Polish spirit has found the source of all these things in the Family and in the Parish.

Today, we the Orchard Lake Family -- students, faculty, friends, priests and Sisters -- rejoice with you in celebrating the 75th anniversary of St. Ladislaus Parish. The Church of St. Edislaus has been an effective witness for the past 75 years to the rich and living heritage which the Poles have always found in their Parish-Familles. We send our congratulations, our wishes of happiness to you, Father Maliszewski, and to your Parish for 75 years of active cultivation and development of the Christianity which led so many to Christ. which led so many to Christ.

May the God of all men bless you and join us all, by His Friendship, into the Love which gave us new life and eternal Joy. And may we together seek to live in that special Family which shares in so great a love, so great a heritage, and so great a

Sincerely in Christ

The Very Reverend Walter J. Ziemba, Most Reverend John J. Wright and Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski at Holiday Inn Banquet.



48 Spruce Street Natrous, Pennsylvania

My dear and beloved Parishioners ! Rrothers and Sisters in Christ !

Humbly, I present to you this Diamond Jubilee Edition of St. Ladislaus Parish. It unveils from the historical past the noblest efforts, labors, toils, prayers and sacrifices of our first pioneers who laid the foundation stones of the Church of St. Ladislaus.

Our Founders were poor in earthly possessions, but rich in their faith and love of God and their native land.

A great number of these champions of the glory of God and of the honor of their Polish heritage have left us for a life in eternity from whore they look down today on the fruits of their labors. A few of the founders have lived to see this day of Jubilee, and today they offer up their thanks.

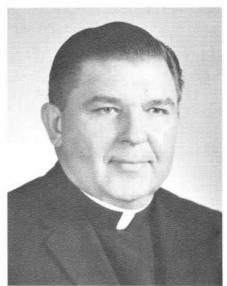
To them and to their zealous priests, who, consumed with the love of God and the love of their national heritage, spent their labors and even sacrificed their lives, we wish to offer a fitting tribute and thanks for their noble work.

You should rejoice today! Your Parish is 75 years old! Count your blessings! You have received so meny! Count the prayers that ascended to the heavenly throne of Almighty God! In your many trials you have received so much comfort in your beautiful Church! - from the Son of God in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I am convinced that you are very happy today because you have lived to see this Diamond Jubilee and togeather with me you are sending up your thanks to Almighty God, His Elessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Ladislaus, your Patron, for all the joys and sorrows of these past 75 years, for all the gifts and graces you have received.

Receive also from me my sincerest thanks for your most generous cooperation and continue to help me in the administration of your parish.

May Our Good Lord Bless you throughout the rest of your days. May St. Ladislaus protect you, your homes and your families.



Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski Administrator

Saint Ladislans R. C. Church

48 Spruce Street Natrona, Pennsylvania

Drodzy i Kochani Parafjanie ! Bracia i Siostry w Chrystosie !

Pamiętnik ten odsłania z mroku przezszłości minionych 75 lat szlachetne wysiłki, ofiary, prace, mozoły i trudy pierwszych pionierów, którzy pojóżyli fundamenty pod gmach Parafji 5w. Władysława. Byli oni ubodzy w rzeczach ziemskich, ale bogaci we Wierze i Mijości Foga i Ojczyzny. Wielu z tych szermierzy chwały Bożej i honoru imienia polskiego już przeniosła się do wieczności, skąd przyglądają się swemu dziełu, ufni, że ich ofiere i prace będzie pamiętnię i drogę spuścizną dla potomstwa. Majo jednak z tych fundatorów doczekało świętego radosnego dnia jubileuszowego i wielbi dziś Boga. Tym i ich dzielnym kaplesom, którzy przejęci mijością Boga i ludu polskiego wjożyli swe prace a nawet zdrowie poświęcili, pragniemy oddać w tym dziele słuszne uznanie i podziękę. Cześć Im i Chwała!

Radošť rozplywa w Sercach Waszych dzisiaj ! Parafja Wasza istnieje juž 75-lat !... Ile to modlitw Waszych poplynejo ku niebu - do Boga ! Ile to Jask Božych otrzymališcie w tym czasie !... Ile to pociech otrzymališcie we Waszych smutkach u stóp Pana Zastępów !... Tutaj w przepięknym, odnowionym Kościele Waszym, ile to Sakramentów Świętych otrzymaliście !....Pyjy teżtu dla Was smutne i ciężkie chwile, kiedyście staneli przy trumnie ojca, matki, żory, meża,drogiego dziecka, ukochanego Księdza Proboszcza, milego syna Parafji....Tak to bardzo bolajo, ale też czyście nie zosteli pocieszeni ?... Czy te sjowa : " Mjogoslawieni umarli, którzy w Panu umierają " nie byjy balsamem na ranę serca ?...

Kościół Wasz był świadkiem wszystkich Waszych przeżyć : i radosnych i smutnych i słodkich i gorzkich...Jestem przekonany, że dzisiaj radujecie się żeście doczekali tego miłego Jubileuszu i dziękujecie razem zemną Panu Bogu, Najświętszej Marii Pannie, i Św. Władysławowi, Waszemm Patronowi, za wszystkie smutki i radości tych 75-let, za wszystkie laski i dary. Nietylko dziękujecie, ale też choecie nadal pracować dla chwały Bożej, dla dobra Waszych dusz i dla Waszej Parafji !

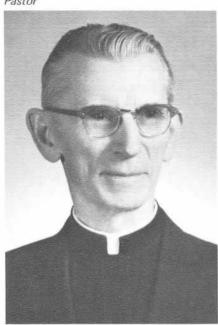
Niechaj Wam Bôg blogoslawi na dalszej drodze życia Waszego! Niechaj Sw.Wladyslaw, otoczy Swoję cpiekę Wasze domy i Wasze rodziny!... Przyjmijcie też odemnie serdeczne podziękowanie...za mile z Wami wspólpracę i pomagajcie mi nadal w prowadzeniu parafii.

> Oddany Wam w Chrystusie, Coward C. Maliszewski Ks. Edward C. Maliszewski, Administrator

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Edward ('Maliszewski', Administrator

Reverend Leo B. Buza Pastor



Seventy-Five Years of Grace 1893–1968 Bv Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski

On November 18, 1968, St. Ladislaus Parish commemorated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding in 1893, and proved once again that a parish does not age as the world does. A parish measures its age, instead, by the continuous bringing of immortal souls closer to God through the divine life (graces) of the Seven Holy Sacraments, the spiritual services it renders to its members, the cultural developments it fosters for its parishioners, the social progress it encourages and supports in the community, and the heritage it passes on to future generations.

A review of those years of grace shows that St. Ladislaus' history embraces four distinct periods.

The Founding Years (1893-1900)

A group of zealous men of Polish descent struggled to find the leadership and win the battle to organize and establish on an ethnic basis a Polish Church and parish within the framework of Roman Catholicism; and then, through zealous and sacrificial self-help and self-reliance, in spite of economic hardships, rooted firmly those foundations to withstand all obstacles of time.

The Developing Years (1900-1912)

A new rectory and larger church, school, convent and cemetery were erected to provide adequate facilities for the spiritual, cultural, social and educational welfare of the faithful, growing from the heavy influx of Polish immigrants and the birth of a new generation.

The Silver Jubilee Years (1912–1938) (1938–1941)

The reign of Reverend John Jaworski for twenty-six long years began with problems caused by unrestricted immigration, World War I, Prohibition, etc.

When Germany, Russia and Austria, the three militaristic powers that had partitioned Poland three times since 1772, began conscription of young men into their armies, the surging tide of escape to a free society grew into a flood. Many came to Natrona, Pennsylvania, and settled here to become members of St. Ladislaus Church.

During his pastorate, Father Jaworski, together with his parishioners, suffered the terrible Depression of the thirties, and the infamous St. Patrick's Day flood in 1936.

The pastorate of Father Jaworski ended with his death on November 2, 1938, and Reverend Walter Iwaniski was appointed administrator until July, 1941, when Reverend Leo B. Buza became pastor of St. Ladislaus.

The Golden Jubilee Years (July 1941 – June 7, 1966) Reverend Leo B. Buza

Five wars punctuated St. Ladislaus' history while its sons (and daughters, WW II) served their country gallantly from the Spanish-American War of 1898 up through the present war in Vietnam.

Strangely, the Silver Jubilee came during World War I; the Golden Jubilee was marked during World War II; and the Diamond Jubilee while the war was going on in Vietnam, Asia.

Immigrants Arrive in Natrona

Polish Catholic immigrants began to arrive in Natrona about 1875, and attended St. Joseph's Church, the only Catholic church in town, and the children, St. Joseph's School. As years went on the Polish Catholics became more and more dissatisfied and desired to found their own parish.

After attending St. Joseph's Church for a number of years, the Polish Catholics were forgetting their mother tongue because their children were being Americanized too fast. So, in 1892 a group of men of Polish descent met to organize St. Ladislaus Church in Natrona.

First Step Is Taken

In the spring of 1893', a delegation including initiator Joseph Rosinski, editor of a Polish newspaper, sought advice on founding a new parish for the Polish people in Natrona. Reverend Ladislaus Miskiewicz, pastor of St. Adalbert, S.S. Pittsburgh, advised them to organize into a Society of St. Joseph and to work as a unit. After a general meeting of the Society of St. Joseph in the spring of 1893, the Poles began to build their small wooden church on Garfield Street.

Every capable man and woman did everything in his or her power to see the new church finished. In a very short time these hard working pioneers, with pride in their hearts and tears in their eyes, saw their church standing. It was

Reverend Ladislaus Miskiewicz



sixty feet long and thirty feet wide, and they had built it for \$1,800.

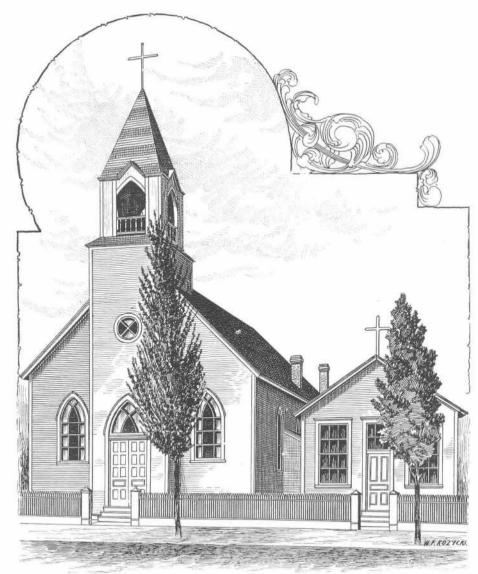
Pastors of St. Ladislans

These forty Catholic American Polish families were determined to have their own church where they could worship in their mother tongue, and they wanted a priest who understood the Polish immigrant, who loved the Polish language, culture and traditions.

His Excellency, Most Reverend Richard Phelan delegated Father Miskiewicz to bless the new House of God on Garfield Street, and the new parish was named St. Ladislaus after this pastor who did so much to help establish it in Natrona.

Father Miskiewicz was born in Poland in 1856, ordained in Rome in 1882, and came to the United States in 1885. That year he was appointed pastor of St. Adalbert on the south side of Pittsburgh, where he remained until his death on April 23, 1906.

Bishop Phelan appointed Reverend Henry Cichocki as the first pastor of St. Ladislaus Parish. Father Cichocki was born on September 22, 1845, in Kamieniec, Poland, studied and was ordained in Rome, and came to Pittsburgh in 1893. At St. Mary's in New Kensington from 1893 to 1898, he was pastor at St. Ladislaus for some three



An early sketch of the first St. Ladislaus Church and School

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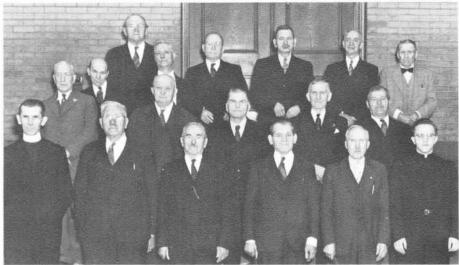
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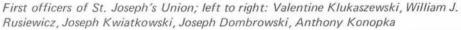
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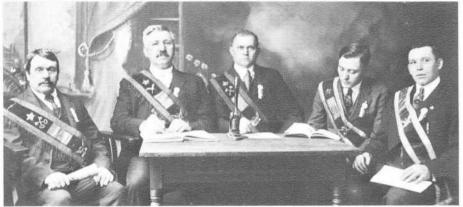


Reverend Andrew Lojek



Founders of St. Ladislaus Church living during the Golden Jubilee of the parish, I. to r., are: first row, William J. Rusiewicz, Stanislaw Lapczynski, Felix Michalski, Adam Cywinski; second row, Michael Jagodzinski, George Gorny, Stanislaw Kotecki, Frank Rutkowski, Martin Kush, Joseph Karolkowski; third row, Peter J. Pyszczynski, Martin Pyszczynski, Stanislaw Plocki, John Nowacki, Antoni Slomkowski, Joseph Barczykowski. Today all the founders are deceased except Felix Michalski.





months, and then he returned to St. Mary's.

After Father Cichocki left Natrona, Reverend Leonard Syczek administered the parish from February, 1894, until September, 1894.

Following Father Syczek was Reverend John S. Gorzynski, who was born in Poland in 1869, studied at Koronowa, Poland, St. Vincents, Latrobe, Pennsylvania and St. Mary's, Orchard Lake, Michigan. He was ordained April 23, 1893 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburgh, by Bishop Phelan. He served in Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville, from 1893 to September, 1894, when he came to St. Ladislaus, and served until April, 1897.

Father Gorzynski accomplished much, including the building of a parish elementary school, renovation of the church and adding of a steeple, and he organized several societies for men and women. Under his energetic leadership the parish experienced a renewed spirit and life both in the religious field and, also, in cultural, social and patriotic fields.

After Father Gorzynski left in 1897 to go to St. Mary's of Czestochowa Parish, Reverend Andrew Lojek came to Natrona as pastor of St. Ladislaus.

Father Lojek was ordained by Bishop Phelan in St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 1893. During his pastorate Father Lojek was instrumental



Reverend Alexander Siwiec

in buying eight new lots on Spruce Street where our present church, school and rectory stand. He organized the Society of Fraternal Help, under the patronage of Our Lady of Czestochowa, with about one hundred members.

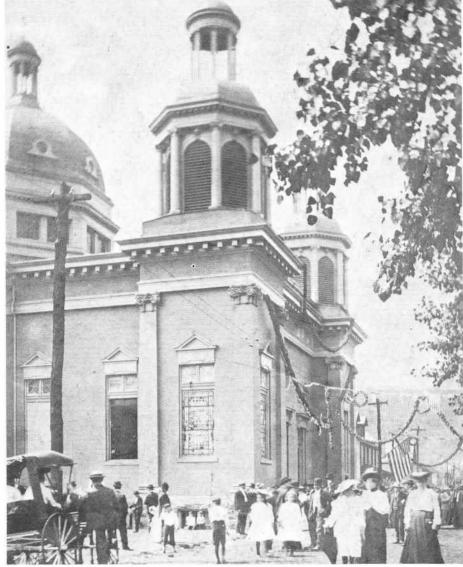
In 1899 this society organized a May Day celebration, and in November of that year the society celebrated the anniversary of the historical Polish November Uprising of 1863. Father Lojek left the parish on March 14, 1900, and became pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. After his departure, Reverend Joseph Karpinski served at St. Ladislaus for three months.

On July 6, 1900, Reverend Alexander Siwiec became pastor. Born in 1869 in Poland, he was ordained in 1894 at La Crosse Cathedral, Wisconsin, by Bishop James Schorbach. He served in the Nebraska Missions until 1900 and came to Natrona as pastor of St. Ladislaus on July 6, 1900, where he served until October, 1902.

Under Father Siwiec's leadership the parish built the present rectory at 48 Spruce Street which is still occupied by the parish priests. The cost to build the new rectory was \$3,400.

At this time the parish bought five acres of ground in Natrona Heights along Route 28 (Freeport Road), to be used as the Parish Cemetery.

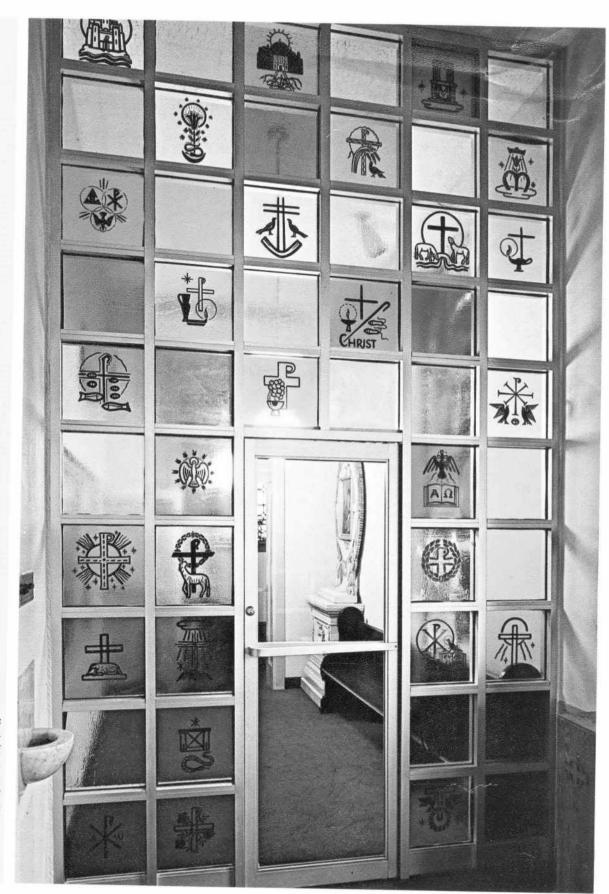
Since the parish was growing so



Blessing of the new church, 1903

Officers of the PRCU are, left to right: William J. Rusiewicz, Martin Wygonik, Father John P. Jaworski, Alex Kaniecki, Mr. Leo Bejankowski





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Interesting effect is achieved in this unusual treatment of glass panels surrounding doorway to mothers' and baby cry room and usher's room.

rapidly, the parish began to build a large, beautiful new church on Spruce Street, which is our present St. Ladislaus Church, Parishioners, working day and night after their factory jobs, dug the whole basement foundation by hand; and with the aid of picks and shovels, wheelbarrels, horses and wagons, all parishioners, men and women both, sacrificed to see another, bigger, more beautiful Church of God standing in Natrona, After Father Siwiec, with parishioners, finished the foundations of the new church, he was sent by our bishop as pastor of Transfiguration Parish in Mt. Pleasant.

Reverend Francis Pikulski, next pastor, was born in 1864 in Poland, studied in Rome and at St. Vincent's Seminary in Latrobe, and was ordained in September in St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh by Bishop Phelan. He served at St. Adalbert's Parish on the South Side of Pittsburgh from 1891 to 1902 when he came to St. Ladislaus, where he served only a few months.

After Father Pikulski's departure, Reverend John A. Rykaczewski became the eighth pastor of St. Ladislaus Church in January, 1903, and remained until January, 1905. Born in Zalesic, Poland, in 1877, he studied at St. Mary's, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, and was ordained in 1902, in St. Vincent Archabbey by Bishop Phelan. From July, 1902, to January, 1903, he served as assistant pastor at St. Adalbert's under Father Miskiewicz. He came to St. Ladislaus in January, 1903, and served until January, 1905.

During his stay at St. Ladislaus, Father Rykaczewski accomplished much. The new St. Ladislaus Church cornerstone was laid early in 1904 by Monsignor Edward A. Bush, Vicar-General of the Diocese. The church was dedicated by Bishop Regis Canevin in September, 1904.

At the end of January, 1905, Bishop J. F. Regis Canevin appointed Father Rykaczewski pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Braddock and Reverend John Kopera came to St. Ladislaus.

Father Kopera was born in 1868 in Kolaczyce, Galicia, Poland. He studied in Tarnow, Jasbc, Galicia, and at St. John's Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota. He was ordained there on May 1, 1893, by Bishop Otto Zardetti.

He served in Minnesota Missions until 1898, and subsequently in several parishes in Pennsylvania.

As the ninth pastor of St. Ladislaus, from January, 1905, to August, 1909, Father Kopera will be remembered as the one who installed, among many other renovations, electric lighting in the church as well as the steam heating system.

Reverend Ignatius Ostaszewski was appointed tenth pastor of St. Ladislaus in August, 1909, and served until November, 1912.

Father Ostaszewski was born in 1874, in Winnica, Poland. He studied in Winnica, and at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe. He was ordained on December 18, 1903, at St. Vincent Archabbey by Bishop Canevin.

Father Ostaszewski then served in several Pennsylvania parishes, and shortly after his arrival in Natrona, the St. Ladislaus wooden school on Garfield Street burned to the ground. The burning was a blessing in disguise!



Reverend Francis Pikulski 1903 – 1904

Reverend John A. Rykaczewski Eighth Pastor

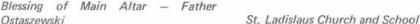
An early school group photo taken sixty years ago







First Holy Communion Class, 1912, with Father Ignatius Ostaszewski



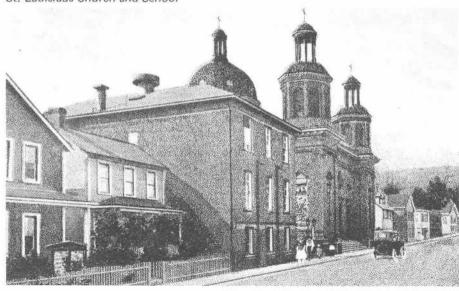


Reverend John Kopera



Because of the inconvenience of its location — the old school was separated from the church on Spruce Street and, also, from the rectory and convent — Father Ostaszewski decided to build a new school next to the new St. Ladislaus Church on Spruce Street. The new school building was dedicated and blessed on May 21, 1911, by Bishop Canevin.

During the pastorate of Father Ostaszewski, three beautiful altars were bought for \$3,000 and the church organ was purchased for the sum of \$4,000. It is noteworthy that Andrew Carnegie donated \$2,000 toward the new organ



with the condition that the parishioners donate the other \$2,000. They did so, and the new organ was installed and is still played in the church today.

Twenty-Six Years at St. Ladislaus

At the end of November, 1912, Father Ostaszewski was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Everson, Pennsylvania, and Reverend John P. Jaworski took over at St. Ladislaus.

Father Jaworski was born in 1873, in Starozimia, Poland. He studied at Plock, Poland, and was ordained there in 1899. He then served in Pittsburgh and New Castle before coming here in November of 1912, where he served until his death in 1938.

Father Jaworski was a man who was not only learned and eloquent, but energetic and competent as well. When he came to Natrona, he found a heavy debt of \$49,000. During his years here, he paid off \$37,000. He kept all the buildings in good condition, and after the devastating St. Patrick's Day flood in 1936, he did all he could to repair the damage and carry on again.

In the first year after his Silver Jubilee as pastor of St. Ladislaus Parish, overburdened and weakened with work,

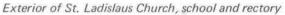


Mural in the school, painted by James Scalise, is "Christ the Teacher of all children." Fr. Maliszewski, Sr. Mary Lourdes, Mrs. Ben (Rita) Klucinec, Sr. Mary Victima, and Sr. Mary Celestian enjoying the mural.





Delicate hues of blues are predominant in stained-glass windows over entrance to church: Above, Our Lady of Orchard Lake; below, Our Lady of Czestochowa.







Eighth Grade Graduation Class, 1941



St. Ladislaus Drama Group, with Fathers John P. Jaworski and Joseph Forysiak — 1916 — 1921

St. Ladislaus CYO, left to right: James R. Begolly, Richard Dobies, Cathy Jurczak, Kathryn Anne Szarnicki, Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Marian Palyszeski, Janice Kowalski, James Szarnicki, John R. Szarnicki, Mary Jane Karbonowicz, Paulette Walkowiak, Debbie Guida, Elane Skwirut, Vivian Lucas, Gloria Schultz, John J. Bieranowski, Edward F. Bukowski, Michael Kocon, Marilyn Hudak, Jean Bombalski.



Father Jaworski's health began to fail. Finally God called him to his eternal rest and his beautiful life ended on November 2, 1938.

After his death, Reverend Walter Iwaniski became administrator from November 2, 1938, until July, 1941. As administrator, this young and zealous priest concerned himself in particular with the youth of the parish, especially with the school children.

The parish buildings needed repairs and renovations. Father Iwaniski did what he could at a cost of \$9,000, and in 1941 he had the church painted.

After Father Iwaniski left, Reverend Leo B. Buza arrived in July, 1941.

Father Buza was born on March 1, 1888, in Posen, Michigan. He studied at St. Mary's, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake. He was ordained on June 15, 1919, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Detroit, by Bishop Michael Gallagher. He served in the following parishes: St. Josaphat, Pittsburgh, St. Thomas, Footedale, St. Hyacinth, Pittsburgh, and then St. Ladislaus, from July, 1941, to June 7, 1966.

During his tenure as pastor of St. Ladislaus, Father Buza continued the work of his predecessors. The first large celebration he experienced here was the

Father Buza receives congratulations from George L. Rusiewicz at banquet celebrating his forty-fifth year in the priesthood.



Golden Jubilee Celebration of St. Ladislaus Parish in 1943.

Father Buza's next noteworthy accomplishment for the parish was the purchase of the Friel home on the corner of Pine and Center Streets, to serve as a new convent for the Bernardine Sisters who are still teaching in St. Ladislaus School. The purchase of the property and building was made on March 30, 1951.

Father Buza's task of remodeling the old building into a convent was a major undertaking, but is now an attractive and comfortable home. An addition to the building was made to accommodate a small chapel. The old convent was transformed into classrooms and offices which are part of the renovated school today.

The development of St. Ladislaus School was a gradual one. According to the recollections of aged parishioners who helped to organize the parish in 1893, the first elementary classes were held in a school on Garfield Street which was built through the efforts of Father Gorzynski.

When fire devastated the school on Garfield Street, and until the new St. Ladislaus School was built on Spruce Street, the Bernardine Sisters held classes in the basement of the Slovak Parish Church.

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Father Maliszewski performs his first marriage ceremony as administrator of St. Ladislaus Church.





Church Committee, left to right: John Hudak, Fred Rykaczewski, Walter J. Stanoski, Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Adm.; William A. Reeves, Thaddeus J. Dobies, Richard J. Bartkoski.



Reverend John Grabowski, parish vocation, with friends, left to right seated: John Kaniecki, Bruno Grondwalski, Fr. Grabowski, Stanley Naworski, Edward Obniski, Jr. Standing: Joseph Naworski, John Rutkowski, Anthony Sowinski, Fred Rykaczewski, Hank Dunn, Bruno Sypucinski, John Bart.

Millennium Banquet, October 30, 1966. . . Fathers Stefaniszyn, Maliszewski, Buza, Leonard Rusiewicz, Father Wlazlo, O.S.P., and Joseph Borkowski.





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Grades 3 and 4, Row 1: David Wasilowski, Carrie Chodkowski, Brian Endlich, Douglas Corbett, Mary Lynn Ropelewski, Dwayne Pawlak, Margaret Palysczski, Shawn Begolly. Row 2: Kevin Waner, Cindy Pawloski, Bernard Kowalski, Michael Stawinski, Diane Guenther, Richard Martonik, Susan M. Schultz. Row 3: Donna Dolniak, Maria Znosko, Wendy Phipps, Rosemary Hujo, Vincent Cieslinski, Jamie Kolodziejczak. Row 4: Danny Jendrzejewski, Annette Reeves, Kenneth Wasilowski, James Bieronowski, Mary Jo Kotecki, John Zylinski. Row 5: Randy Strzesjewski, Karen Phipps, Tony Jablonowski, Michael Szal, Terry Kowalski, Michaelle Wolfe, Michael Biernacki. Row 6: Michael Stanoski, Richard Stempkowski, Joan Konopka, Kevin Kocon, Michaelene Ropelewski, Raymond Jankowski, Amy Rozewicz. Standing, Fr. Maliszewski and Rita Klucinec.

Grades 5 and 6, Blackboard: Donna Figore, Daryl Ann Bukowski, Monica Prorok, Paula Nitowski, Claudia Waner, Robert Mark Hudak, Mary Fazekas, Timmy Koncki. Row 1: Janice Pawloski, Cindy Szal, Maryrose Jurczak, Christine Ziolkowski, Catherine Rykaczewski. Row 2: Mary Ann Szymkiewicz, Sandra Wasilowski, Geralyn Malkowiak, Cynthia Maliszewski, Deboran Ann Cieslinski, Donna Katecki. Row 3: Carla Polaski, Karen Stempkowski, Franklin Wolfe, Donald Slivan, Jeffrey Singer, Leon Richey. Row 4: Denise Martonik, Amy Endlich, Betsy Wasilowski, Joel Endlich, David Jendrzejewski, Raymond Kowalski. Row 5: Jo-Ann Homer, Mary Ellen Pawlak, Joyce Cieslinski, Claudia Falenski, Cindy Lucas, Robert Wasilowski. Row 6: Mark Nitowski, Martin Geslak, Larry Samay, Michael Kolodziejczak, Joseph Karolkoski, Neal Plocki. Standing: Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Sister M. Celestian, C.S.B.



Elementary School CCD Members, left to right: Row 1: Michael Moses, Debbie Szafranski, Deborah Olszewski, Thomas Bombalski; Row 2: Thomas Olszewski, Melinda Marika, Tom Perdeus, Pamela Olszewski; Row 3: Mark Wichrowski, Frank Veri, Annette Szafranski, Peggy Dorn, Ronald Dorn; Row 4: Tammy Ann Dorn, Donna Dorn, Amy Rozewicz, Melissa Marika; standing: Sister M. Celestian, Mark Scoff, Tom Zylinski, Patty Walkowiak, Sandy Kolodziejczak, Sister M. Lourdes, Carol Moses, Linda Olszewski, Marla Mieszkowski, Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski.





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Ushers: Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Joseph Stanoski. Row 1: John Hudak, Thaddeus J. Dobies, Leo Wasilowski, Joseph J. Bednarz, Felix C. Adrian, Stanley Jankowski, Fred Rykaczewski. Row 2: Fred Skwirut, Leon Maliszewski, Eugene Karwinski, Joseph Krzeminski, Ralph Nitowski, Francis Bartkowski, John Dolniak, Jr., Michael J. Szal. Row 3: John S. Jankowski, Edward J. Znosko, Joe Bober, John A. Clark, Walter J. Stanoski, William A. Reeves, Edwin Kamada, Stanley Maliszewski, Walter Koncki.



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Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, left to right, Row 1: Lottie Stempkowski, Frank Malinowski, Fr. Maliszewski, Walter Walkowski, Frank Dutkiewicz. Row 2: Leonard Ostrowski, Alex Kwiatkowski, Casimir Napierkowski, Regina Adamski, Katherine Plocki, Leonard W. Rusiewicz.



In 1911, a school consisting of four classrooms adjoining the Sisters' convent was erected by Father Ostaszewski. During the years 1926 and 1927, the records indicate that the enrollment reached its peak of 535 pupils, with eight teaching Sisters caring for pupils in eight grades. Since then, the enrollment has decreased to 166 pupils because younger families have moved to new residential sections with a brighter future. There are, at present, three teaching Sisters and one lay teacher.

Renovation of School

The third noteworthy accomplishment during the pastorate of Father Buza was instigated by the Catholic school fire in Chicago, Illinois, where many young grade school children perished. This tragic fire prompted religious and public school leaders as well as civil authorities to inspect all schools.

Upon inspection, St. Ladislaus School was condemned because it failed to meet state safety standards. Father Buza, with the church committee, immediately took action and successfully renovated the condemned school building so that it passed the rigorous safety standards required by the state authorities. The cost of the job was over \$135,000, including exterior walls, corridors, new lavatories, new stairwells and exits on Spruce Street and the alley-way; two new classrooms, principal's office, medical room and library room in the old convent building.

Assistant Pastors

Since March, 1913, the following assistant pastors have served the people at St. Ladislaus Parish: Reverend John Pudlo, March, 1913, to September, 1913; Reverend Joseph Rojewski, April, 1915, to July, 1916; Reverend Alexander Krajewski, December, 1916, to July, 1917; Reverend Anthony Muszynski, July, 1917, to September, 1918; Reverend Joseph Forysiak, July, 1919, to November, 1922; Reverend Stanislaus Gawronski, September, 1924, to October, 1924.

Also, Reverend Peter Rendziniak, November, 1924, to January, 1929; Reverend Ladislaus "Walter" Iwaniski, December, 1935, to August, 1941. (After Father Jaworski died on November 2, 1938, Father Iwaniski served as administrator until July, 1941, when Father Buza took over.) Reverend Charles Kobylarz assisted Father Buza from October, 1941, to August, 1943.

Next assistant pastor, Reverend Charles Demblowski, August, 1943, to July, 1952; Reverend Aloysius Jezewski (assistant pro-tem), November, 1940, to February, 1941. Reverend John Sieczkowski (assistant pro-tem), March to July, 1941.

Also, Reverend Walter Wichmanowski, July, 1952, to June, 1956. Reverend Boleslaus Pietrzynski, June, 1956, to October, 1959; Reverend Bernard Kaczmarczyk, October, 1959, to June, 1961; Reverend Edward Strzelinski, June, 1961, to June, 1965; and Reverend Ferdinand F. Lech, June, 1965, to June 7, 1966.

Reverend Edward C. Maliszewski

I was born on September 20, 1920, in West Natrona, Pennsylvania, and attended St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, for three years; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, for five years; received my B.A. Degree from St. Vincent's College, Latrobe; ordained on November 4, 1945, by Bishop Hugh C. Boyle, D.D., Bishop of Pittsburgh; celebrated my First Solemn High Mass on November 11, 1945, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Natrona Heights (the daughter parish of St. Ladislaus). A week later, on Sunday, November 18, 1945, I celebrated my second Solemn High Mass here at St. Ladislaus (the mother parish church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, my home parish church).

My first appointment was vicar econome pro tem of Immaculate Conception Church, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, from November 24, 1945, to December 26, 1945. The second appointment was assistant pastor of St. Adalbert Church,



St. Vincent DePaul Society: Edward Rutkowski, Stanley Olszewski, Stanley Maliszewski, Walter John Stanoski, Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Leonard Rusiewicz, President; John Bendick, Vice President; Eugene Karwinski, Secretary; Leon Maliszewski, Absent: Anthony Sowinski, Treasurer.



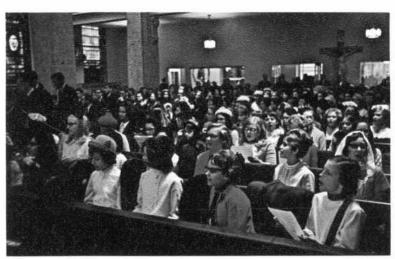
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Altar Boys: Row 1: Robert Wasilowski, Raymond Kowalski, Edward Wasilowski, Timothy Koncki, Donald Slivan, Robert Jankowski. Row 2: Paul Plocki, Kenny Reeves, Robert Hudak, John S. Jankowski, Paul Szarnicki, Michael Kolodziejczak, Darryl Cieslinski. Row 3: Gerard Pawlak, John Szarnicki, Richard Dobies, Larry Bonislawski, Edward Znosko, James R. Begolly, James S. Szarnicki, Daniel Bonislawski.

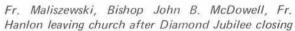




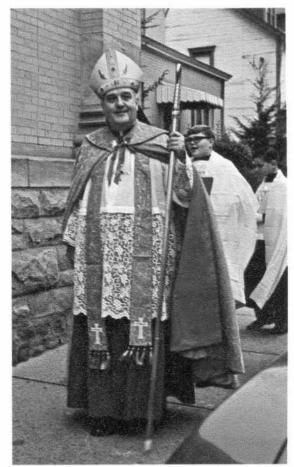
St. Ladislaus Childrens' Choir



Diamond Jubilee Confirmation Class with Sponsors







Bishop John J. Wright, Minister of Confirmation, preacher and celebrant at Mass

Miss Maryann Jonczak, organist and secretary



Southside, Pittsburgh, from December 27, 1945, to May 18, 1949, by Bishop Boyle. My third appointment was Assistant Pastor of Holy Family Church, Pittsburgh, from May 19, 1949, to June 15, 1955, by Bishop Boyle. The next appointment was assistant pastor of St. Colman's Church, Turtle Creek, from June 16, 1955, to March 4, 1964, by Bishop John Francis Dearden, D.D.

In the course of my Turtle Creek appointment, during the illness of Reverend Harry Thieret, Pastor of St. Michael's Church, Pitcairn, Pennsylvania, I served the good people of Pitcairn from August to December, 1957.

The author's fifth appointment was assistant pastor of St. Veronica's Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, from March 4, 1964, to June 7, 1966, by Bishop John J. Wright, D.D., and finally my sixth appointment as vicarius adjutor (administrator) of St. Ladislaus Church, which assignment I received on June 7, 1966, by Bishop Wright.

When I came to Natrona, I found St. Ladislaus without an active pastor because Father Buza was very sick in the hospital. I found the buildings in bad condition, needing repairs, renovations and modifications. Knowing that St. Ladislaus planned to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee on November 18, 1968, I decided to renovate the whole parish — step by step.

Updating

Since my appointment to St. Ladislaus, it has been necessary to make many modifications to update St. Ladislaus Church according to the teachings of Vatican Council II and the universal teachings of the Church. The most needed service, the service of preserving the religious and cultural heritage and faith of our forebears was started by introducing three types of Masses on Sundays, Holy Days and weekdays: The English Participated (Low and High) Masses for the young: The Polish Participated Mass for the older folks; and the Traditional Latin High Mass.



Ladies' Aid Society. Left to right: Irene Citterberg, Bessie Nowikowski, Corresponding Secretary; Josephine Cieslinski, Assistant Treasurer; Valeria Cieslinski, President; Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Bertha Danik, Vice President; Frances Klukaszewski, Sick Committee; Stella Koncki, Treasurer; Katherine Ratajski, Recording Secretary; Mary Wisniewski, Laura Jakubowski, Mary Messo, Katherine Pajewski, Helen Gaworski, Agnes Janosky, Frances Pajewski, Blanche Kapustnik.



Parish Liturgical Commission. Left to right: Richard Bartkoski, Walter John Stanoski, William A. Reeves, Miss Mary Ann Jonczak, Rev. Edward C. Maliszewski, Leonard W. Rusiewicz, Thaddeus J. Dobies, Joseph J. Bednarz.

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First Holy Communion Class, May 14, 1967, left to right, Row 1: Joseph John Karolkowski, Robert Eugene Wasilowski, Mark Edward Nitowski, Claudia Jean Falenski, Renita M. Rusiewicz, Lawrence Lee Davis, Martin Joseph Geslak, Neal John Plocki. Row 2: Michael Kolodziejczak, Peter Argo, Shawn Eric Campbell, Cynthia Ann Lucas, Elizabeth Jane Wasilowski, Donald Richard Rog, Timothy Walter Koncki, Lawrence Robert Samay. Row 3: Joyce Ann Cieslinski, Marianne Christine Campbell. Row 4: Mrs. Ben (Rita) Klucinec, Denise Ann Martonik, Phyllis Ann Urbanski, Amy Lynn Endlich, Joann Homer, Mary Ann Masa, Mary Fazekas, Mary Ellen Pawlak. Row 5: Fr. Maliszewski, Fr. Buza.



Graduation Class, 1967, left to right, Row 1: Marilyn Hudak, Maryann Prorok, Vivian Lucas, Cathy Jurczak, Elaine Sadowski, Yvonne Polaski. Row 2: William Reeves, James Begolly, John Szarnicki, John Bieranowski, Edward Bukowski. Row 3: Fr. Maliszewski, Robert Rusiewicz, Sr. Victima, Larry Bonislawski, Conrad Zylinski, Fr. Buza.

First Holy Communion Class, May 12, 1968, left to right, Row 1: Mrs. Ben (Rita) Klucinec, Annette Szafranski, Susan Theresa Kowalski, Michaelene Ropelewski, Joan Konopka, Amy Sue Rozewicz, Fr. Buza. Row 2: Anthony Jablonowski, Kevin Michael Kocon, Richard Allen Stempkowski, Raymond Leonard Jankowski, Michael Eric Biernacki, Randy Thomas Strzeszewski, Michael John Stanoski, Raymond Urbanski, Row 3: Leon Richey, Fr. Maliszewski, Michael Lucas.



Millennium Celebration

The greatest and most noteworthy celebration in 1966 was the commemoration of the Polish Millennium which we celebrate because of our Polish culture. The parish observance, to commemorate 1,000 years of Christianity in Poland, began September 4, 1966, with the first of nine weeks services held on consecutive Sundays, The services were in Polish and English.

At the close of the nine weeks, the celebration ended with an evening participated Mass in Polish at 5 p.m., October 30, 1966, celebrated by the author, followed by exposition, procession, benediction and a great Millennium Banquet in the church hall.

Renovating - Beautifying

After the grand commemoration of the Polish Millennium, our thoughts were on renovating, repairing and beautifying the parish buildings. The first and necessary repair job was the new convent roof which was replaced with a completely new roof.

During the summer of 1967, we began to renovate the school building. First, all the interior walls had to be repaired. Fourteen new aluminum windows replaced the old wooden windows in the four old classrooms. All four classroom floors were covered with half-inch plywood. New acoustical ceilings, using special fire guard metal system, were installed, suspended directly from the existing ceiling. Fifty-six new electrical fixtures were installed in four classrooms and necessary plumbing was done.

The painting of the whole school building was done, and when school opened in September, 1967, our school children and teachers were happy to see a beautiful school.

The next major undertaking was the repairing of the church dome, painting of the church hall ceiling, windows and pipes, and installation of shelves in two storage rooms.

The next step was to beautify and repair the exterior of all four buildings — the church, school, rectory, and garage. New roofing replaced the old slate roofings on the rectory and school buildings.

After all this exterior work was done, we concentrated on the interior of the church. The Main Altar was moved back against the wall and was set on a new extended predella. For the comfort of all our parishioners, we installed three roof exhaust fans in the church, and painted the exterior, and painted and decorated the interior of the church.

The pews were then renovated, the old broken kneelers removed and new aluminum ones with pads installed. All floor areas in the church building were covered with half-inch plywood, and twelve light fixtures were installed. The fixtures are traditional Romanesque to harmonize with the Romanesque style of our church.

All new wiring was run in a conduit and metal raceway, circuits were arranged so as to get the desired lighting effect, a separate conduit unit for a sound system was installed, and speakers were installed in eight of the light fixtures, three twelve inch and five eight inch speakers.

The next important, and absolutely necessary, job we did was to rebuild the organ console as well as to do some much needed replacement and repair in the organ chamber itself.

The most important and the largest job we undertook was the renovation of the front of the church with new steps, a new baptistry, cry room, ushers room, a new shrine under the front steps, two new side vestibules, new confessionals, steps, and ramp.

The general contractor for this job was John S. Smith Company from Coraopolis.

Next, to crown our work, the beautiful carpeting was installed throughout the church.

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Stained Glass Studios of Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania.

1) The twelve sections, required for the two new side entrances where the confessionals are, were made of selected colors and shapes of Blenko dalle glass. The windows symbolize the following: 1) The all-seeing eye - God the Father. 2) The sacrificial lamb - God the Son. 3) The descending dove - God the Holy Spirit. 4) The cradle - the birth of Our Savior, 5) The butterfly - the Resurrection of Our Lord, 6) The sea shell with anchor - the Sacrament of Baptism, 7) The seven rays descending from the Divine Hand - the Sacrament of Confirmation, 8) The chalice - the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. 9) The keys - the Sacrament of Penance, 10) The two intertwined circles - the Sacrament of Matrimony. 11) The opened book - the Sacrament of Holy Orders. 12) The stock of holy oils - the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick or Extreme Unction.

The first side entrance faceted glass windows were donated by Edward and Regina Obniski and family. The second side entrance faceted glass windows were donated in memory of Edward Wojdowski by Edward, Phyllis, and Marc Obniski.

The two aluminum entrances to the Mother and Baby Cry Room and the Ushers' Room contain various pastel shades of seedy marine antique glass with selected symbols placed throughout each entrance. The symbols were painted and kiln fired. All one hundred memorial windows were donated by parishioners.

Among the most beautiful are the stained-glass windows in front of the church on either side of the main door. One window depicts Our Lady of Orchard Lake, Queen of the American Polonia, and was donated in memory of Joseph and Julia Grabowski by Father John Grabowski, the Obniski family, the Pikor family, the Kubat family and L. and C. Nadrowski. The other window depicts Our Lady of Czestochowa donated in memory of Anthony and

Theodosia Korobczyk by Henry Korobczyk.

The window over the main door carries the same design and glass type as the figure windows. The name of *St. Ladislaus* is placed on the window in white opaque glass. This window was donated in memory of Robert Sikorski by Mr. and Mrs. Boleslaus Sikorski.

As you enter the main door of the church you will see a most beautiful mural painting of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, in His Most Sacred Heart, with outstretched arms, calling all to come to Him to be refreshed . . . "Come to Me, all of you who are wearied from toil and heavily burdened, and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon your shoulders and receive My instructions, because I am gentle and humble of heart. Thus will you find refreshment for your souls. For this yoke of Mine lies easy, this burden of Mine is light" (Matthew 11: 25-30).

The painting of Our Good Shepherd was executed by James Scalise, and John Wesner installed the mural on the wall. It is a gift from my mother, Mrs. Sophie Maliszewski, in memory of my father, Alexander Leon Maliszewski. May his soul rest in peace!

"Come to Me... and receive My instructions" — the words of Our Lord and Savior inspired me to install a perfect sound system in our church. Eight speakers are in eight of the electrical fixtures and four speakers are installed in each of the rooms: Boys' and Priests' Sacristies, Mother and Baby Cry Room, and the Ushers' Room. The volume in each of these rooms can be controlled individually. Now, I am happy to know that all who will come to Jesus will receive His instructions! All will be able to hear the word of God!

Now we have a most beautiful church, and those to whom we are grateful include Stanley S. Pyzdrowski, our architect, and John S. Smith, our general contractor, and John Wesner of the Church Decorating Company, our painter.



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Firsts at St. Ladislaus Church

First Baptism: November 2, 1893

Catherine Peszczynska, daughter of Adalbert Peszczynski and Anna Hofman. Sponsors were Michael Wierzelewski and Josephine Kromkowski. The priest was Reverend Henry Cichocki.

First Marriage: October 24, 1893

John W. Lewandowski and Valeria Zielesinska by Reverend John Gorzynski. Note: According to the Golden Jubilee Booklet, the first marriage was between Francis Nowicki and N. Reczynska. I could not find it in our record.

First Funeral:

The first recorded in our record was for *Frances Syput*, eight months old, buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery. The priest was Father Gorzynski. Note: According to the Golden Jubilee Booklet, the first funeral was that of Nicholas Waligorski. Francis Syput was born on November 3, 1894, and baptized here on November 4, 1894.

The first organist was Anthony Karabasz.

One of the first teachers and organists was Anthony Korpanty.

Parish Vocations

St. Ladislaus Parish gave ten vocations to the religious life and seven to the priesthood.

The parish has given of its daughters to the religious life the following Sisters: M. Duclane-Plocki, M. Joachim-F.



St. Ladislaus Convent and Shrine of Our Lady

Klukaszewski, M. Cornelia-J. Klukaszewski (deceased), M. Camilla-M. Kraczewski, M. Hortense-Borowski, M. Melchior-Kolodziejczak, M. Justinian-Baranowski, M. Eleanor-Benclawski, M. Joselma-Klukaszewski, and Jane Francis-Dutkiewicz.

The Sisters who served as Superiors from 1924 to the present are: Sisters M. Henrietta (1924-1926), M. Daniel (1925-1928), M. Xavier (1928-1934), M. Joanna (1934-1935), M. Daniel (1935-1936), M. Liberata (1936-1938), M. Gabriel (1938-1942), M. Philomena (1942-1943), M. Leopold (1943-1946), M. Modest (1946-1948), M. Wladimier (1948-1949), M. Bogumila (1949-1954),

M. Honorata (1954-1955), M. Paula (1955-1961), M. Justine (1961-1967), and M. Victima (1967 -).

The parish gave seven priests to Holy Mother Church. They are: Reverends Stanislaus Pekalski (deceased); Leonard Michalski (deceased); Francis Gorney, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul, Altoona, Pa.; John Grabowski (Col.), Chaplain U. S. Navy; Francis S. Lapczynski, assistant pastor, St. Adalbert Church, Pittsburgh; Donald R. Barczak, Santa Fe Archdiocese, New Mexico, St. Pius X High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Thomas Aquinas Dutkiewicz, O.F.M., Cap., Diocese of Salina, Kansas, St. Joseph's Church, Hays, Kansas.

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20.00	Zdunkiewicz Family	Frank Zdunkiewicz
25.00	William and Frances Polczynski	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Polczynski
25.00	Husband, Stanley Siemianowski	Wife, Frances Siemianowski
50.00	Sophie Rogalski	John Rogalski
20.00	Anthony Zbrzyski Stanley Paluszewski	Thaddeus Zbrzyski
25.00	Alovsius Palasleva Cl	Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Grondwalski
10.00	Aloysius Boleslava Glogowski Walter Rutkowski	Louise Bukowski
. 0.00	Stanley and Tillie Mialki and	Mother
25.00	John and Rose Dombrowski	
	Deceased Members of Steve Pajewski	Raymond and Sophie Dombrowski
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50.00		Janina Pyszczynski
	Alexandra and Marianna Ziemkiewicz and	Mrs. Catherine Kotecki and Daughters
100.00	Paul and Marianna Pozorski	Front and Cl. 7: 1:
	Deceased Members of Pawlowski	Frank and Clara Ziemkiewicz
25.00	and Cieslinski Families	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Cieslinski
25.00	Stanley Wojcik	Wife, Valerie Wojcik
15.00		Mr. & Mrs. Zdzislaw Stryjewski
50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lewandowski	Mr. & Mrs. John Sadowski
25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lewandowski	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Pattock
	Eva, Alvin, Roch and Constance	Same Fattock
25.00	Stanoski Family	Joseph Stanoski Family
100.00	Stanislaus and Balbina Kaliszewski	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kelly
100.00	A.W. Commercial Commer	Frank and Victoria Starczewski
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50.00	Sypucinski	Capt. Raymond J. Napierkowski
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