

ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH 1915-1965

Hempstead, New York



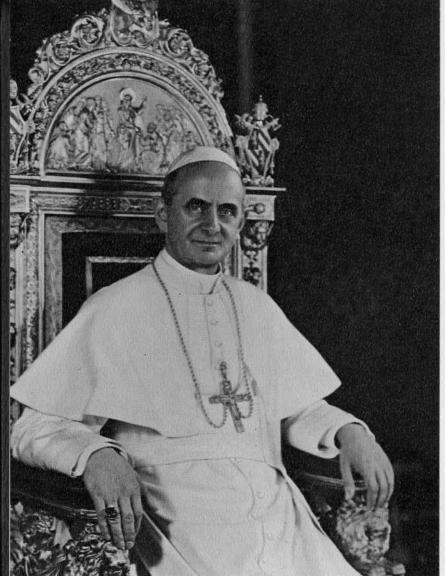
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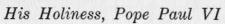
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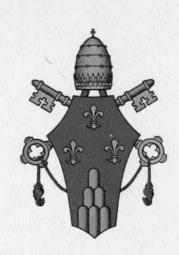
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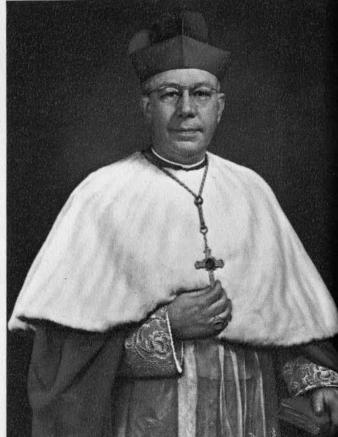
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His Excellency, The Most Reverend Walter P. Kellenberg Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre



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Dear Monsignor Glamkowski:

May I offer you my heartiest congratulations and prayerful best wishes on the Fiftieth Anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood.

It is my prayerful wish that God will grant you many more years of fruitful service in His holy ministry. I am pleased to join with you in offering thanks to God for this half century of priestly service which you have been privileged to enjoy. Ad Multos Annos!

It is a happy coincidence that your Golden Jubilee coincides with the Golden Jubilee of Saint Ladislaus Parish. Again, I am pleased to offer my prayerful good wishes and blessing to all the priests, religious and faithful of Saint Ladislaus Parish.

I join with you in the prayerful hope that this wonderful parish with its recent expansion might prosper in the work of the salvation of souls and in offering consolation, spiritual assistance and instruction to the faithful for many, many more years.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

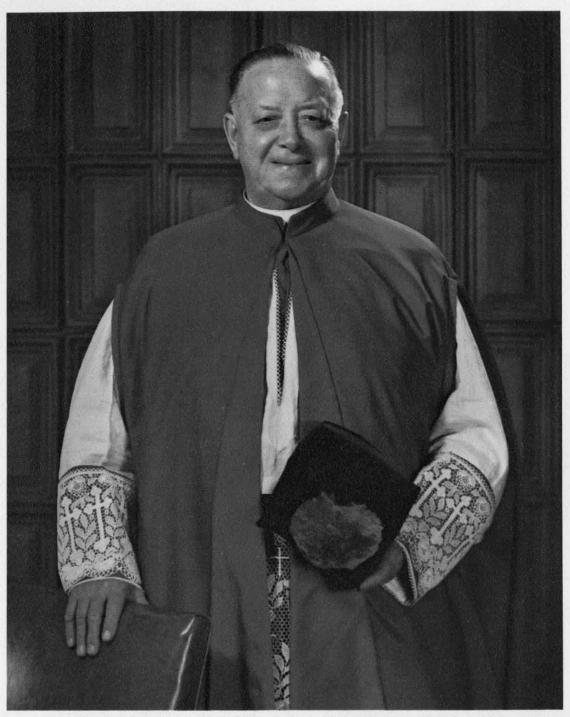
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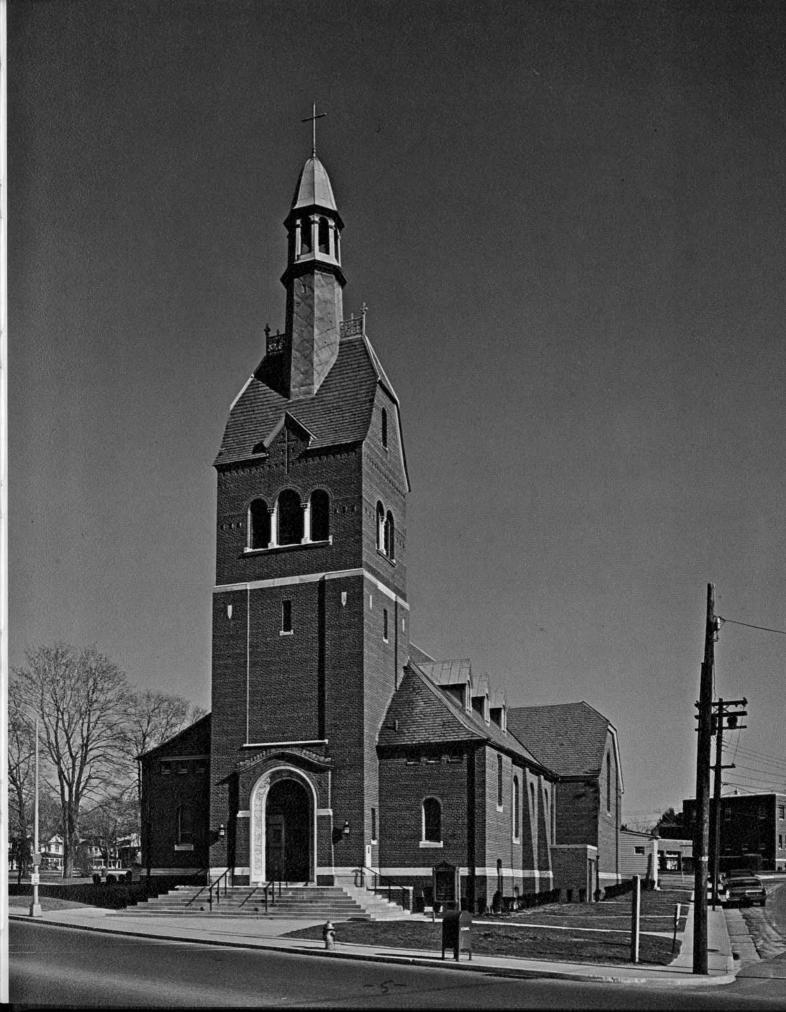
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Glamkowski Saint Ladislaus Rectory 18 Richardson Place Hempstead, New York



The Most Reverend Vincent J. Baldwin, V.G., S.T.D., J.C.B. Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre and Titular Bishop of Bencenna



Standing tall and erect, and signifying great strength, the imposing tower of St. Ladislaus has been notable Hempstead landmark since 1928.



Three stages of progress in the life of Msgr. Glamkowski



As a Seminarian



After Ordination



His Silver Jubilee



In recognition of his many years of unselfish devotion to Church and Parish, Father Glamkowski was elevated to the rank of Rt. Rev. Msgr. on January 27, 1963. Bishop Kellenberg officiated at ceremony held at St. Agnes's Cathedral, Rockville Centre.

Monsignor Edward Francis Glamkowski Golden Jubilee in the Priesthood

Our Jubilarian was born in Brooklyn on October 1, 1889, the son of Valentine and Mary (Betowski) Glamkowski. He was baptized at St. Casimir Church, graduated from St. Stanislaus Kostka elementary school, St. John's High School, and St. John's University, all in Brooklyn. Father Glamkowski studied for the priesthood at St. John's, and was ordained on May 29, 1915, by the Most Reverend Charles E. McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn.

Father Glamkowski's career in the priesthood began as an assistant at St. John Cantius in the East New York section of Brooklyn—he served there until 1917, and during his stay also administered Sacred Heart Parish on Barren Island. He was next assigned to St. Stanislaus Kostka in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn (until June, 1918), Our Lady of Consolation in Williamsburg (1918-1922), St. Joseph's in Jamaica (until 1931) and Our Lady of Consolation (1931-1934).

The next step in our pastor's priestly career saw him appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr in Ozone Park on April 18, 1934. In 1936 he was transferred to St. Hyacinth in Glen Cove, where he remained until his appointment as pastor of St. Ladislaus, in the latter part of October, 1948.

Our pastor was notified of his appointment as a Domestic Prelate by the late Pope John XXIII through Bishop Kellenberg on December 22, 1962. This papal recognition carries with it the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Msgr. Glamkowski's investiture took place at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre on January 27, 1963, with the Most Reverend Walter P. Kellenberg officiating.

In addition to his challenging work in administering the thriving St. Ladislaus Parish, Msgr. Glamkowski has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Christopher's Home in Sea Cliff, Long Island, from its inception until 1964.



The Reverend Henry J. Gauer
Assistant
Ordained — May 22, 1948; Assigned to
St. Ladislaus on October 21, 1950



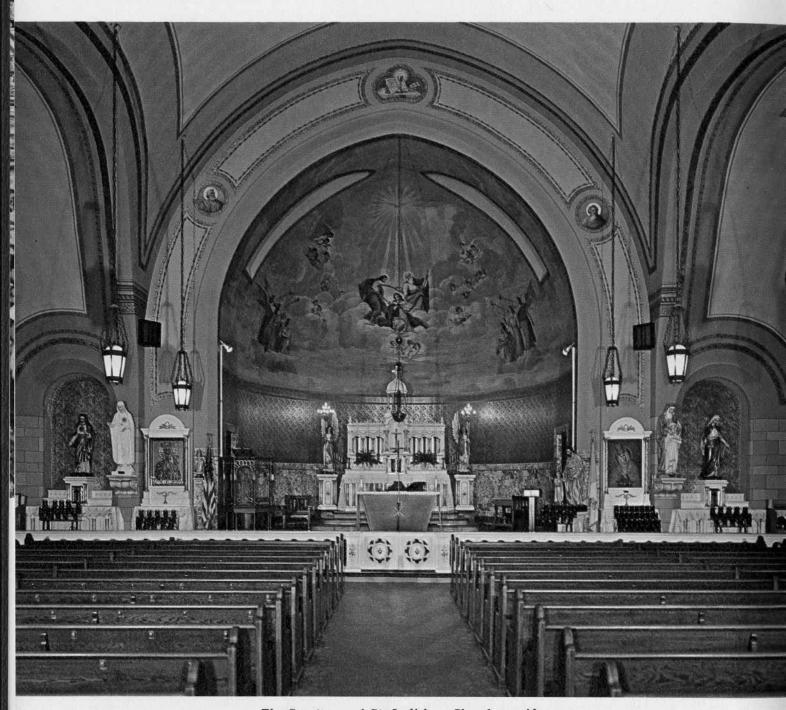
The Reverend John J. Mirecki Assistant Ordained — June 4, 1955; Assigned to St. Ladislaus on February 9, 1963

The Reverend John H. Askin In Residence at St. Ladislaus Chaplain at Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead

ASSISTANTS AT ST. LADISLAUS

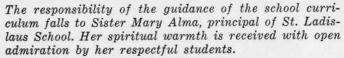
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The	Rev.	Leon S. Baltrucki	1940-1946	
		Edmund A. Mankowski		
		Paul E. Macknits		
		Theodore A. Wegrowski		
		Walter J. Tomecki		
		John F. Cwalina		
		Current Assistants		
The	Rev.	Henry J. Gauer	1950	
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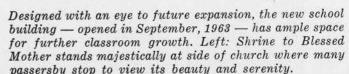


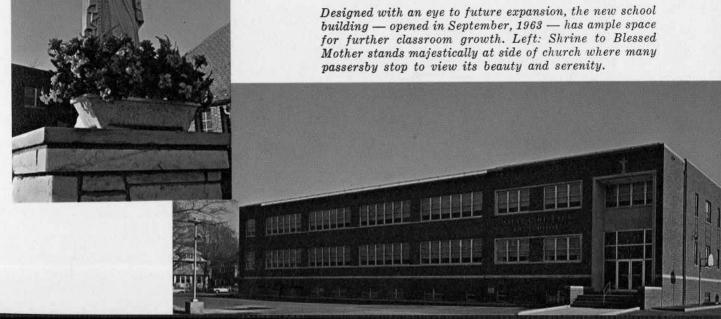


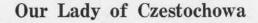
The Sanctuary of St. Ladislaus Church provides a striking contrast of old and new — the murals, side altars and shrines represent the traditional beauty of liturgical art, while the plain new altar facing the people symbolizes the modern approach to the liturgy which resulted from the Ecumenical Council.













The shrine located on the left side of the Sanctuary (facing the front of the church) is dedicated to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Poland and the people of Polish ancestry the world over have a very special devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa. The spiritual center of Poland for centuries has been the monastery of Jasna Gora in the city of Czestochowa, where the famous icon of the "Black Madonna" is enshrined in a chapel connected with the monastery church.

The origin and history of the smoke-darkened image are shrouded in legends, some dating to the time of St. Luke. The painting, possibly the work of some anonymous Byzantine or early Italian master, portrays Mary as the "Bogarodzica" (God-Bearer), holding the infant Christ in her arms, a theme common in Byzantine and Slavic iconography. According to the custom of the East, the icon is covered with engraved golden plates and jeweled garments, and both figures are crowned, leaving only the faces and hands of the painting exposed. This image was brought to Poland in 1382 by Prince Ladislaus Opolczyk and placed under the care of the monks of St. Paul the Hermit. Many miraculous favors granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa are recorded at the monastery.

Our Lady of Ostrobrama

The shrine located on the right hand side of the Sanctuary is dedicated to Our Lady of Ostrobrama (Matka Boska Ostrobramska). The painting of Our Lady of Ostrobrama can be traced back to the Bishop of Wilno, Lithuania, who walled in the town near the end of the 15th Century. He had these walls decorated with paintings. At the corner of a wall called Sharp Gate (Ostra Brama) was painted a picture of Our Lady.

In 1671 the Carmelites built a chapel to house the painting because of the increased devotion of the people to it. This chapel was burned twice, but the picture was saved each time. After the second fire a lasting structure, still intact today, was built by the Carmelites. From offerings left by the devout, a dress of precious stones and two crowns were affixed to the painting, while a silver half moon was placed at the base.





The modern St. Ladislaus Convent, housing five Felician Sisters, was blessed and dedicated on June 21, 1964. The parish rectory is seen at the left.

One of the most beautiful scenes in the parish is the convent chapel, where our Sisters pray and meditate, and, on occasion, participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Chapel's simple elegance reflects dedication and care applied by the Sisters.



SAINT LADISLAUS — KING OF HUNGARY

Born: 1031 — Died: 1095 Feast Day — June 27th

If Hungary owed the establishment of its monarchy and the organization of its Church to St. Stephen I, it was almost equally indebted to another sainted king of the same house of Arpad. This king was Ladislaus. He extended his country's borders, kept its enemies at bay, and made it a great state politically. But it is not for such activities that men are canonized. Vastly different from most worldly monarchs, who aspire only to passing grandeur, Ladislaus concerned himself mainly with the true grandeur — the acquisition of virtue. Even from his youth he was admired by all for his chastity, his modesty, his piety and his kindness toward the poor. He had not only the soul of a saint, but indeed all the qualities of a king. It is for his private life and his work for Christianity that reverence is due to his memory.

After a childhood colored by political intrigue and dynastic violence, Ladislaus (Laszlo) came to the Hungarian throne by the free choice of the people in 1077. The young prince was said to be the embodiment of the outward graces and the inner virtues of the ideal knight. Towering head and shoulders over the crowd, he had the strength and courage of a lion, combined with a courteous affability that endeared him to all.

Since he received all with the greatest affability, the most humble of his subjects came to him confident of his justice. His prudent judgments, acceptable to all, were more those of a father than of a judge. For this reason his people called him 'the pious one.' His piety, which was as fervent as it was well-balanced, expressed itself in his zeal for faith, in the punctilious fulfillment of his religious obligations, in the strictness of his morals, and in the austerity of his life. No one in all of Hungary was more majestic or more impressive than he. True, his table was royally furnished, but he himself took from it only what was necessary. He fasted

frequently, refused the use of wine, slept on the floor, mortified his body and by these means overcame the perils to which kings of a softer character are wont to succumb in the less guarded atmosphere of their courts.

Entirely devoid of personal ambition he accepted the dignity thrust upon him from a sense of duty. An enemy to unbridled amusements he devoted himself to exercises of piety and the duties of his state, seeking in all things but the glory of God. In his personal life religion was of prime concern. He would have nothing of half-measures when it came to the rights of his church or the defense of his country. In pursuance of a policy dictated by his religious and patriotic instincts alike, Ladislaus allied himself closely with Pope Gregory VII and the other opponents of the German Emperor, Henry IV. Within the boundaries of Hungary itself he had to face repeated invasions from the Kumans and others, but he successfully repulsed all of them and did his best to win barbarian tribes to Christianity and civilization. At the same time, though, he allowed civil and religious liberty to the Jews and the Mohammedans.

Pope Urban II called the First Crusade, and it was Ladislaus who was chosen by the Kings of France, Spain and England to be the commander-in-chief of that expedition. It was at this time that God called him to Himself. Ladislaus died suddenly at Nitra in Bohemia in 1095, at the age of 55.

The body of the king was taken for burial to Nagy Varad (Oradea Mare in Transylvania), to the city and the cathedral which he founded. From the moment of his death he was honored as a saint and a national hero. His deeds have formed the theme of many popular Magyar ballads and tales. His relics were solemnly enshrined in 1192.

ST. LADISLAUS PRAY FOR US!!!

A Half Century of Dedication and Progress

ST. LADISLAUS PARISH

1915 - 1965

"In the month of December, 1915, His Excellency Bishop Charles Edward McDonnell named me the pastor of a Polish parish in Uniondale, Post Office, Hempstead, Nassau County, New York . . .

"The Christmas season was drawing near, so I made my way to see my future abode, Uniondale. The Church of St. Martha was a mission of Our Lady of Loretto Parish. The pastor of this parish was Father Robert Boyle. With him I set out by horse and buggy to Uniondale to see my future home . . . "

It is in these words that the founding pastor of St. Ladislaus, the Rev. Wladyslaw Manka, described the beginnings of St. Ladislaus in an historical booklet published in Polish in 1928.

Father Manka described the church as being a modest building, an old public school rebuilt to serve as a church. It stood alone on a tract of land with only an occasional home in the vicinity. This building is serving today as a temporary library.

While acting as pastor of the new parish, Father Manka lived in the rectory of St. Joseph's Church in Jamaica. On Sundays and holydays he would make the trip to St. Martha's. His first residence as pastor was a rented home on Holly Avenue in East Hempstead, a distance of one mile from the church. The home was rented from a Mr. Vermann, an undertaker, for \$25 per month.

The Drive for a New Church

Not only was it inconvenient for the pastor to live at such a distance from the church, but many of the Polish people in the vicinity also felt inconvenienced. Many still travelled to St. Hedwig's in Floral Park to fulfill their spiritual obligations. The people constantly called for a church in Hempstead itself, with an organization called the St. John the Baptist Society taking an active lead in campaigning for the church.

To convince himself of the feasibility of such an undertaking, Father Manka began to take a census of the area. At the same time he began to seek contributions towards the building of a new church.

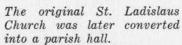
After a great deal of consultation between the Most Reverend



The Reverend Wladyslaw Manka, founding pastor of St. Ladislaus Parish.



The plain wooden chapel in which the first Mass was celebrated by Father Manka in December, 1915, has been well cared for through the years. It is currently serving as the Uniondale Public Library.





Bishop and the pastor and people, a plot of land was finally purchased on the corner of Front Street and Richardson Place. The plot was bought, along with a spacious home, from Floyd Weeks, at a cost of \$12,500. Father Manka moved from his temporary residence into the new parish home in Hempstead proper on Thanksgiving Day, 1916. With the help of his people the home was quickly converted into a rectory.

Our first pastor then began to think about what to do for a church. Since the home was so spacious he converted two large rooms into a sacristy and a Sanctuary. After two other rooms were dismantled an addition was made for a church. The new chapel had a seating capacity of 130. Despite the pleasure of our parishioners at their new house of worship, the chapel did prove uncomfortable in the winter months since it was raised from the ground and supported only by posts.

A "National Parish"

Early parish records show us that St. Ladislaus' parishioners came not only from Hempstead, and Uniondale, but also from such far-lying areas as East Meadow, Roosevelt, Freeport, Merrick, Lynbrook, Mineola, Bellmore and Farmingdale. The reason for coming such great distances is that St. Ladislaus was origi-



The physical growth of St. Ladislaus is indicated in the comparison of the original church (seen in the background) to the current beautiful structure.

nally founded as a "national parish," defined in Church law as one based on a common language background and embracing speakers of that language, even though they might reside within the territorial limits of another parish.

These same records reveal the names of many people who are still parishioners today. Among those still attending St. Ladislaus are some of the very pioneers of the parish. These are the first names appearing in the Marriage and Baptismal Registers:

Marriage Register—January 30, 1916—Boleslaus Stackiewicz and Julia Ostrowski; February 6—Clement Kozlowski and Alexandra Basara; and February 20—Ladislaus Owczarek and Pauline Azelonis.

Baptismal Register—Boleslaus L. Monkiewicz (January 16, 1916); Czeslawa Krodovil (January 16); Apolonia A. Mroz (January 31); and Lucy O. Grabowski, now Mrs. Edward Travers (January 31).

St. Martha's in Uniondale was a mission of the new church during the early days of the parish. Father Manka would offer one Mass in the chapel in Hempstead and another at St. Martha's. Until January, 1918, however, all parish records appeared under the name of St. Martha. At this time the name St. Ladislaus first made its appearance.

Father Manka moved into the first parish rectory on Thanksgiving Day in 1916. The spacious frame dwelling was purchased from the Floyd Weeks family.



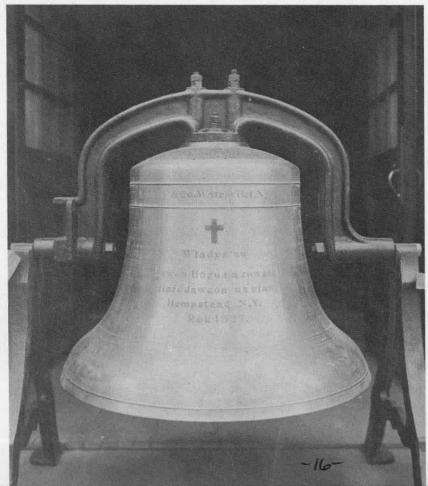
St. Ladislaus Named Our Parish Patron

The St. John the Baptist Society, which played such an instrumental role in organizing the Hempstead parish, strongly favored the name of their patron saint as the designation of the new parish. However, Bishop McDonnell assigned St. Ladislaus as the patron of the new church. This decision was unfavorable to many of our initial parishioners, but they quickly sublimated their wishes to the Bishop's decision and soon plans were being made for the development of the parish.

Before long the chapel became too small for the needs of the parish. It was necessary to separate the chapel and rectory, and when the building was relocated a two-story wing was added. This move and addition made it possible for the church to accommodate 300 people.

This new church was used for nearly seven years. In the meantime another addition to the rectory was utilized as a meeting place. It also served as a school for the parish children. The school was in session only during the summer, however, and enrollment was limited to 30 pupils. The church organist, Frank

Each peal of the massive 1,000 pound bell hanging in the steeple of our present church reminds us that it was a gift of the St. Ladislaus Society.





A procession forms outside the parish rectory on the occasion of the church dedication. This parish milestone occurred on January 8, 1928.

Sadowski, and his wife assisted the pastor with the teaching chores. Unfortunately, the school was soon abandoned because of the expense involved and the scarcity of students.

Many of our older parishioners thought they would never see a new church. In 1926, however, plans were drawn by Gustave Steinbach of New York for the building of a new church. After the bids were opened the contract was awarded to Earl Kaufmann of Floral Park for \$92,600.

The Bishop of Czestochowa Blesses the Cornerstone

Excavation work for the new building began in April, 1926. During this same year an international Eucharistic Congress was held in Chicago, and Father Manka requested that one of the delegates—Bishop Theodore Kubina of Czestochowa, Poland—bless the cornerstone of the new church. With the consent of Bishop Molloy, Bishop Kubina obliged our pastor, and the cornerstone blessing ceremony was held on Labor Day, September 6, 1926.

The colorful affair began with the reading of the parish history, prepared and read by Father Manka in Polish. The English text was read by Fathers Alexander Cizmowski and Edward F. Glamkowski, our current pastor. The powerful sermon was preached by Father Stanislaus Rysiakiewicz, then pastor of St.

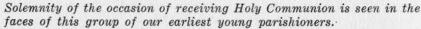
Joseph's in Jamaica. The outdoor ceremonies concluded with a talk by the pastor. The clergy, parishioners, and interested visitors then returned to the chapel for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, celebrated by Bishop Kubina.

St. Ladislaus Church, which has served our parish since its dedication in 1926, is romanesque in style, with an admixture of Slavonic Gothic. The church measures 126 feet in length, 56 feet in width, in the nave, and 74 feet in the transept. The steeple is 136 feet high.

Red brick and hewn stone (for the facade) were the primary building materials used in constructing the church. A New York artist named Hartman executed the carvings on the doorposts of the beautiful church, which had a total seating capacity of 535. A unique feature of the church is the massive 1,000-pound bell (see photo), a gift of the St. Ladislaus Society.

The First Mass in St. Ladislaus Church

Perhaps the greatest spiritual highlight in the history of any parish is the First Mass in a new church. This memorable day in the history of St. Ladislaus' Parish occurred on June 3, 1927, then celebrated as the feast day of our patron. An added feature of the day was the reception of First Holy Communion by a class of parish children. Vespers and a procession concluded the day's festivities. Father Stanislaus Rysiakiewicz of Jamaica conducted Vespers, and the sermon was preached by Father Anthony Wolosz of Brooklyn.







A well-deserved bow goes to the St. Ladislaus Society (with Father Manka) for having played such a vital role in the development of our Parish.

St. Ladislaus Church was solemnly blessed on January 8, 1928. The Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese, dedicated the church, while Father Paczoski of New York offered a Solemn High Mass. He was assisted by Fathers J. Daszkiewicz as deacon and V. Caso, a Redemptorist priest, as subdeacon. Father Meceslaus Mrozinski served as master-of-ceremonies.

Msgr. Boleslaus Puchalski and Father Boyle, pastor of Our Lady of Loretto, served as deacons to the Bishop at the Mass. Father Stanislaus Rysiakiewicz was the preacher. Also present at the ceremonies were: Fathers Alexis Jarka, Conrad Lutz, Joseph Goeller (St. Clare's in Rosedale), and John Brennan (Our Lady of Loretto).

In the years following the dedication of our church there were few changes in the physical appearance of the parish plant. The economic trials brought on by the Great Depression of the early 1930's, and the nation's slow recovery in the latter 30's, put a halt to church building and expansion throughout the country. But Father Manka, our founding pastor, had done the spade work—the heart of the parish, the church, had been built, and our parishioners had a focal point on which to direct their spiritual lives.

Father Regulski Named Our Second Pastor

When Father Manka was transferred to Holy Cross Church in Maspeth in 1940, he was succeeded by another capable administrator-Father John Regulski. During the eight years of Father Regulski's pastorate he too faced trying times. The men of our parish — husbands, fathers, sons and brothers — marched off to defend their country during World War II. Not only were our parishioners called on to make great sacrifices during the war years, but the parish also felt this depletion of its manhood. Parish societies lost vital members, church support lagged, and the entire vitality of our community — as was the case throughout the entire country - suffered while our men were

When Father Regulski was transferred to St. Joseph's Church in Jamaica in 1948, he was succeeded by our current pastor, the Rev. Edward F. Glamkowski. The parish was already 33 years old, and there was great need for repairs and replacement of parochial property.

Shortly after Father Glamkowski assumed the pastorate of St. Ladislaus a long-time parish connection was severed. St. Martha's in Uniondale was erected as a distinct and separate parish in 1949. Today our neighboring parish, the former mission, is a vital, flourishing spiritual institution.



The Reverend John Regulski Second Pastor







Fathers Gauer (left) and Mirecki, parish assistants, flank our pastor at the dinner celebrating his elevation to rank of domestic prelate, with the title Right Reverend Monsignor. Standing behind Msgr. Glamkowski are Joseph A. Leonard and Frank Bachmore, our able parish trustees.

Father Glamkowski Begins Building Program

The original rectory, an old building when it was purchased by Father Manka, had already seen its day. There was a need for larger and more suitable quarters for the priests, and shortly after his appointment Father Glamkowski saw that the time was ripe for meeting this need. The original chapel, which had been used as a parish hall since the church was built in 1926, was torn down and in its place the present rectory was built. Father Glamkowski and his assistants occupied the new rectory as of August, 1950.

With the old parish hall dismantled to make way for the rectory, there was need for facilities for various parish functions. Father Glamkowski decided to expand the church basement, and thus provide facilities for society meetings and other functions. With the destruction of the old rectory in December, 1950, the parish's initial building was but a memory. A beautifully land-scaped lawn, with a statue of Our Blessed Mother, now occupied the site of the former rectory. Adjoining property was purchased to provide much-needed parking space.



The auspicious arrival of the Felician Sisters at St. Ladislaus was formally acknowledged by Msgr. Glamkowski and Father Gauer on Sunday, August 25, 1963.

THE FELICIAN SISTERS

The work of the Felician Sisters in the parish of St. Ladislaus in Hempstead dates back to 1938. In that year the Sisters from the neighboring parish of St. Hedwig in Floral Park, at the request of the pastor, Rev. John A. Regulski, undertook catechetical teaching in conjunction with the teaching of the Polish language.

Through the endeavors of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Glamkowski, the current pastor of St. Ladislaus, a new school and convent have been erected. On August 25, 1963, the first four Felician Sisters arrived to undertake the intellectual and spiritual development of the parish youth.

Here are a few questions and answers that will tell our parishioners something of the background of the outstanding Sisters to whom they have entrusted the spiritual and educational growth of their children.

Who are the Felician Sisters? They are a religious community of women who observe the Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis.

When and where did the Community originate? It began in 1855 in Warsaw, Poland. In 1874 the Sisters began their active apostolate on American soil. Since then seven provinces have been formed in the United States.

How many Felician Sisters are there? The Sisters number approximately 5,000, working throughout the United States, Canada, Poland, France, Germany, and Brazil.

What are their chief works? Teaching in elementary and secondary schools; the care of orphans and the aged; social service; catechetical work; nurseries; and missions.

Why are the Sisters called Felicians? This name was providentially given to the Sisters by people who often saw them with orphan children praying before a statue of St. Felix, a poor Capuchin lay brother. A trait suggested by the name Felician (Latin, Felix) is happiness. Each of the Felician Sisters strives to imitate the good St. Felix's trait of radiating happiness in her daily work.

THE PARISH SCHOOL

In Father Manka's historical sketch, prepared in 1928, we find the following statement: "The parish has, besides the church, which is the pride of the parishioners, a large hall and a spacious piece of land on which, before long, a school will rise . . . "

The words of our founding-pastor indicate that a school was in the concept of our parish planning for many years, although the school did not become an eventuality until 1963. The parish did have, however, a "Saturday School," staffed in its earliest days by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who came to Hempstead each week from St. Joseph's in Jamaica. These dedicated Sisters taught the children such subjects as Polish reading, writing, and Bible History. The classes lasted from 9 to 3, with the pastor himself teaching religion from 9 to 10. Approximately 200 children attended these weekly classes.

As time went on the secular subjects were discontinued, but the school of religion was kept open. When the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth were no longer able to continue this work the Felician Sisters from St. Hedwig's in Floral Park replaced them. The Felician Sisters from St. Hedwig's never relinquished this task until the construction of St. Ladislaus School.

During the early years of our parish the building of a school

Dedicated to educating the young parishioners of St. Ladislaus are five Felician Sisters: left to right: Sister M. Vincent, Sister M. Alma (Principal and Superior), Sister M. Ferdinand, Sister M. Henrietta, and Sister M. Martha.





Procession to the Groundbreaking Site.



School Groundbreaking - September 30, 1962.



was frequently in the prayers and aspirations of the priests and parishioners. It was felt by all concerned that our plant would not be truly complete until a parish school was added. But it was not until 1960 that this desire began to be realized.

Permission Received to Purchase Property

Our present pastor petitioned the Ordinary of the Rockville Centre Diocese, Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg, for the necessary permission to build a school. In due time permission was given to the parish to acquire property adjacent to the existing parish plant.

By September, 1962, seven parcels of land had been purchased, the existing buildings were dismantled, and the ground cleared, so that all would be ready for construction. (Three additional parcels of land, to complete the block, were purchased in the Summer of 1963.)

When final approval was given for the construction of a school and convent, no time was lost in selecting an architect for this important project. Mr. Michael A. Pascucci was chosen and approved as the architect. The plans drawn up by him were approved on March 22, 1962.

When final plans were completed bids for the work were accepted. Young-Rich Associates of New York City entered the lowest bid for the construction work. Msgr. Glamkowski, Mr. Young of the contracting firm, and a representative of the Diocesan Building Office met to sign the contracts in September.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony

It was with great joy that Monsignor, then Father Glamkowski, announced the groundbreaking ceremony. This memorable event took place on September 30, 1962, with the pastor and his assistants (Father John F. Cwalina and Father Henry J. Gauer) participating. Also present were Fathers John H. Askin, a resident at St. Ladislaus, and Anton Justs, a recently-ordained priest whose parents reside in the parish.

Sisters Mary Salvatore, Mary Virginelle and Mary Josephata from nearby St. Hedwig's were also participants in the ceremony; they represented the Community that would eventually staff the school. Colleen Jones, a great-niece of the Pastor, and a future student of St. Ladislaus School, assisted in the groundbreaking.

Actual construction of the modern, two-story school began within weeks of the groundbreaking. Work was begun simultaneously on the convent which was to house the Sisters.



Msgr. Glamkowski blesses the school children on opening day.

School Groundbreaking September 30, 1962,



School opening procession on September 10, 1963.



The Winter of 1962-63 saw the gradual rise of the steel structure of the buildings. In early Spring, 1963, progress was increasingly evident, and it was promised that the building would definitely be ready for occupancy for the 1963-64 school year. With this announcement, registration of the children was planned for March 23, 1963.

The Parish Welcomes the Felician Sisters

Sunday, August 25, 1963 was another memorable day in the life of our parish when a warm and joyous welcome was accorded the four Felician Sisters and two lay teachers who were to comprise the first faculty of St. Ladislaus School. They were: Sister Mary Alma, (principal and Superior), Sister Mary Vincent, Sister Mary Benita, and Sister Mary Ferdinand; and Mrs. Agnes Cummings and Mrs. Elvira Guarriello.

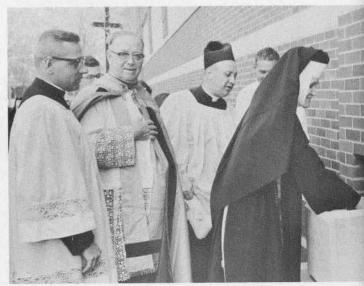
All was set for the formal opening of the school on September 10, 1963. This was a moment long- and prayerfully-awaited; a moment when our parish would become truly complete.

The first official act of the school year was a Solemn High Mass attended by faculty, parents, and pupils. The Mass was offered by Msgr. Glamkowski, with Father John J. Mirecki, a parish assistant, as deacon. Father Arceniusz Kosnik of the Pauline Fathers of Doylestown, Pa., was subdeacon, and Father Henry J. Gauer, also a parish assistant, acted as master-of-ceremonies.

Father Mirecki, Msgr. Glamkowski, and Father Gauer participate in cornerstone blessing ceremony, held on the Feast of Christ the King, October 27, 1963.



Sister Mary Alma, first Principal of the school, applies mortar to the cornerstone.



After the Gospel of the Mass, Msgr. Glamkowski spoke of his great joy at the opening of the school. He encouraged the parents and told them that their children would receive the very best that could be offered in the way of Catholic education. At the conclusion of Mass each of the Sisters and teachers approached the Communion Rail to receive an individual blessing from Monsignor.

A solemn procession comprising the pastor, the priests, the Sisters, the lay teachers, and all 258 children of the six grades made its way to the school. The procession moved up Richardson Place past the rectory and convent to Prospect Place, halting at the easternmost portal of the school, where all watched Msgr. Glamkowski bless the school. The doors then swung open and the first day of school was begun.

The Cornerstone Blessing

The blessing of the cornerstone took place towards the end of the following month, on the Feast of Christ the King, October 27. Msgr. Glamkowski, his assistants, and the Sister-principal each took part in cementing the cornerstone.

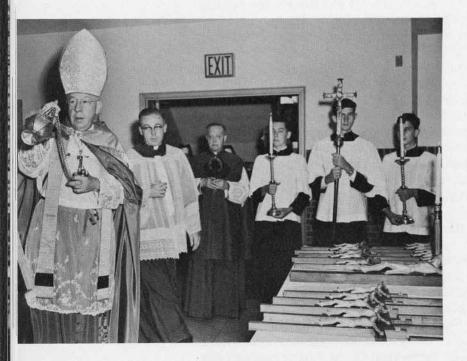
The cornerstone itself contained the usual mementos of the occasion, including: a brief history of St. Ladislaus School and Parish; U.S. coins from the years 1962-63; medals depicting Pope John XXIII (in whose reign as Supreme Pontiff the School building was begun) and Pope Paul VI (in whose pontificate it was

Our pastor, his assistants, and proud parishioners gathered on December 8, 1963, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, for the blessing of our school flagpole.



Bishop Kellenberg officiated at the solemn blessing and dedication of the school and convent and administered Confirmation on June 21, 1964.







Placement of the first crucifix is performed by Bishop Kellenberg. The bishop of the Rockville Centre Diocese (left) blessed all crucifixes before they were placed in classrooms.

completed); a photograph of Msgr. Glamkowski; a list of donors and contributors to the project; newspaper articles from the Long Island Catholic and the Hempstead Beacon; and the Parish Bulletin for Sunday, October 20, 1963.

Another most important day in the history of our new school was the solemn blessing and dedication of the school by the Most Rev. Walter P. Kellenberg, Bishop of the Diocese. This fitting climax to the years of dreaming, planning, praying and working occurred on Sunday, June 21, 1964. Assisting the Bishop were the Rev. Theodore A. Wegrowski, pastor of St. Isidore's in Riverhead, as deacon; the Rev. Alfred J. Markiewicz of St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary as subdeacon; the Very Rev. Msgr. John R. McGann, secretary to Bishop Kellenberg, as master-of-ceremonies.

Following the dedication of the school was the solemn blessing and dedication of the convent, at which time Bishop Kellenberg also erected the Stations of the Cross in the convent chapel. The day's ceremonies concluded with the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish church.

50 Years of Growth

St. Ladislaus Parish has grown through the years, both in physical and spiritual stature. Today our parish population stands





(Above) Bishop Kellenberg stands between Msgr. Glamkowski, and Sister Mary Alma. (At left) The Bishop, surrounded by members of the clergy, proud Sisters and teachers, parishioners, and pupils, prepares to enter the school.

Confirmation ceremonies held on the day of the school blessing and dedication.



at 850 families, with a total of 3,000 souls — a far cry from the 40 people who faced Father Manka in the original church in Uniondale a half century ago, and a considerable increase over the 230 families who comprised the parish in 1928. The physical growth of the parish plant is evident to any adult who has lived most of his life in the parish; but it is also evident to those who have known the parish only in the recent past.

One fact that is not immediately evident to us is the inner spiritual development of the parish. We can measure statistics in terms of attendance, Communions, Baptisms, etc., but only Our Heavenly Father can truly know the role that St. Ladislaus Parish has played in the spiritual development of the community.

We can be sure that the fruits of the labors of the many priests who served here are inscribed in the mind of God; we can also be confident that many of the people who were members of St. Ladislaus Parish during the past 50 years are now enjoying their eternal reward for their earthly labors under the direction of their devoted priests.

Important members of the school's administrative and teaching staff include from left to right: Miss Dolores Konchalski, school secretary; Mrs. Elvira Guarriello, 3rd Grade teacher; Mrs. Dorothy Cole, school nurse; and Miss Winifred McNamee, 5th Grade teacher.







Former homes on parish property were demolished in late March, 1965. Cleared site will provide additional parking facilities and play area for school children.

With Prayerful Gratitude . . .

Before concluding this brief history of our parish we should express the prayerful gratitude and appreciation of all connected with it to those who have played such a vital part in its development — to the officers and members of our parish societies and organizations, to the devoted parishioners who have never failed to meet the challenges put to them, to the men and women who have volunteered their time and talents to the wide variety of parish projects that have taken place over the years, to our current parish trustees (Joseph A. Leonard and Frank Bachmore) and their able predecessors (including Konstanty Oleksiak, Stanislaus Piekutowski and Ignatius Sliwoski), to the dedicated Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Felician Sisters, and, above all, to the pious pastors and priests who have so skillfully guided the material and spiritual development of St. Ladislaus.

May the faith and efforts of those who contributed to the first 50 years of our parish be rewarded and may it serve to urge us to even greater strides in the years to come.

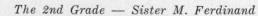


Mrs. Helen Hatch, our current parish organist.

Our School Children



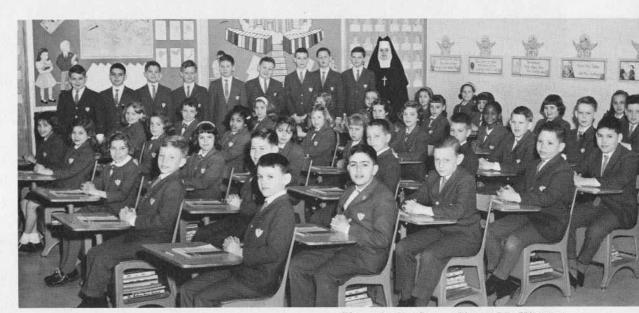
The 1st Grade - Sister M. Martha







The 3rd Grade — Mrs. Elvira Guarriello



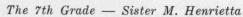
The 4th Grade — Sister M. Vincent

The 5th Grade — Miss Winifred McNamee





The 6th Grade — Sister M. Alma





PARISH SOCIETIES

Mention was made earlier of a society, the organization of which pre-dates the founding of the parish. This society, largely responsible for the establishment of St. Ladislaus, was known as the St. John the Baptist Society, and eventually became the Kosciuszko Society.

One of the first mens' groups to be formed after the founding of the parish was the St. Ladislaus Society. Father Manka makes mention of them in the historical sketch written in 1928. According to this same source, the St. Ladislaus Society was a right hand to the founding pastor. They did much in the way of setting things up in the new church. Their memory lives on, though they no longer exist as a group, through the 1000-pound bell which rings out from the steeple of the church. Another group existing around this same time was one affiliated to the Polish Roman Catholic Union, whose headquarters are in Chicago.

By 1928 there were two women's groups. The Rosary Society, established in 1916 is still in existence today. The Sacred Heart Society, having its beginnings in 1918, is no longer active. Mention is made of a Third Order of St. Francis up until approximately 1949.

Lest we think that groups were organized only for the men and women of the parish, we must also mention that in 1928 the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin (Children of Mary) was a flourishing group amongst the young girls and young ladies of the Parish. About this time, also, a group of boys and young men was being organized into the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society.

Just as the passing of the years witnesses the collapse of some groups, it also witnesses the creation of new ones. The year 1949 saw the birth of two new societies in the parish. The first of these was the Holy Name Society. The certificate of affiliation to the National Fraternity dates to February, 1949. In that same year the Fatima Rosary Society came into being. This group was formed to supplement the older Rosary Society, since the original society was geared more toward the Polish-speaking women of the parish. The Fatima Rosary Society today is very active, especially in providing a much-needed library for our parochial school.

Still another group for women came into being as recently as 1959. This group is the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. They became affiliated to the Archconfraternity in Pittsburgh, Pa., in November, 1959. It aims to unite all married and widowed Catholic women under the patronage of the Sorrowful Mother, that they might realize within themselves, their families and in the community, the Christian ideas and ideals of womanhood and motherhood. This group also concerns itself with the Sanctuary, since a part of this society forms the Altar Society of the parish.

Another group, finding itself in the memory of many today in the parish was a group organized for the youth of the parish. This group was known as the CYO, or Catholic Youth Organization. A recent addition to the list of parochial societies is the Scouting Program. St. Ladislaus boasts of a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop, known as Pack 570 and Troop 570, respectively. Their first charter dates to 1960.

The most recently organized group in the parish is the St. Ladislaus Home and School Association. This organization was most essential after the opening of the St. Ladislaus School. It was initiated in 1963-1964.

This group concerns itself with a closer relationship between the parents and the teachers of the school. It likewise presents various programs of interest to both parents and teachers for the education of their children. Among the noted speakers at the quarterly meetings were such individuals as Mary Reed Newland, a noted writer and speaker on parent-child relationships, and most recently, Mr. Spencer G. Shaw, the Children's Services consultant of the Nassau Library System.

An almost indispensable group in every parish is the choir. The St. Ladislaus choir is directed by Mrs. Helen Hatch, the former Helen Oleksiak, who grew up with the parish.

Recent liturgical changes resulting from the Second Vatican Council have created a need for lectors and commentators. Minor seminary students have filled the role of lectors, while a number of men, chiefly from the Holy Name Society, have undertaken the latter task.

One final group, though not directly affiliated to the parish, but recently taking advantage of the facilities at St. Ladislaus, is the Polish Supplementary School. This group meets on Saturdays with the intention of instilling into the minds of youth of Polish extraction a knowledge of the Polish language and culture. Previous to this past September it had its headquarters at the Polish National Club on Peninsula Boulevard in Hempstead.



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Fathers John Mirecki and Henry Gauer, with co-chairmen Theodore Sosnowski and Mildred Tyszka, planning the parish's Golden Jubilee Book.

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