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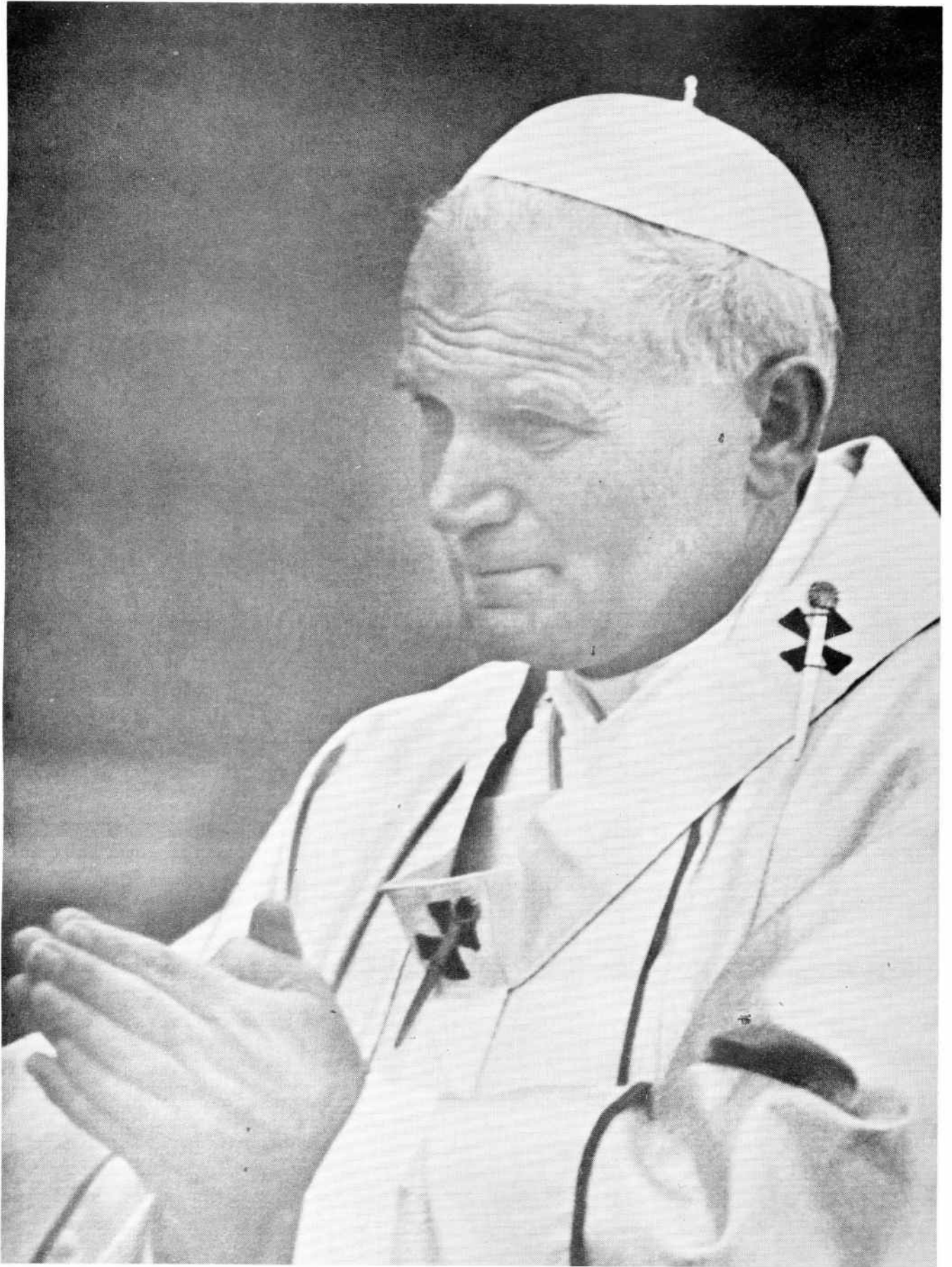
ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH
Greenwood, Scranton, Pennsylvania



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HIS HOLINESS
POPE JOHN PAUL II



3339 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

May 1, 1979

Dear Father Penkala:

It is my privilege to inform you that the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, imparts his Apostolic Blessing on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the parish of Saint Mary of Czestochowa, Scranton, Pennsylvania. This favor is to embrace all who comprise the St. Mary of Czestochowa community as well as those who will join in the Jubilee celebration on November 4, 1979.

The Holy Father recently visited Our Lady of Czestochowa parish in Rome. His words of encouragement on that occasion beautifully describe a Parish and appropriately reflect the identity of your parish for the past three-quarters of a century.

"The Parish is a family. Its house is the Church: 'the dwelling of God with men' (Rev. 29:3) ...Love the house of your family. Love this house, too, in which God dwells with you. May human life, which is developing in so many houses, find its central point here. Meet here in prayer. Meet at the table of the Divine Word and the Eucharist. Meet before the Mother, whose eyes speak to you of this great love with which the Father loved you in Christ."

His Holiness is grateful for all the choice gifts that God has bestowed on St. Mary of Czestochowa in making it a vibrant parish family. In the years ahead, may all of the faithful grow in their consciousness of the unity of faith, worship, and love which they share with the universal Body of Christ. In particular may all be one with the Pope whose "special love is with the poor, the sick, and the suffering."

To the Blessing of the Holy Father, I wish to extend a personal word of congratulations and best wishes. May the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa be a source of rich blessings and consolation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jean Jadot

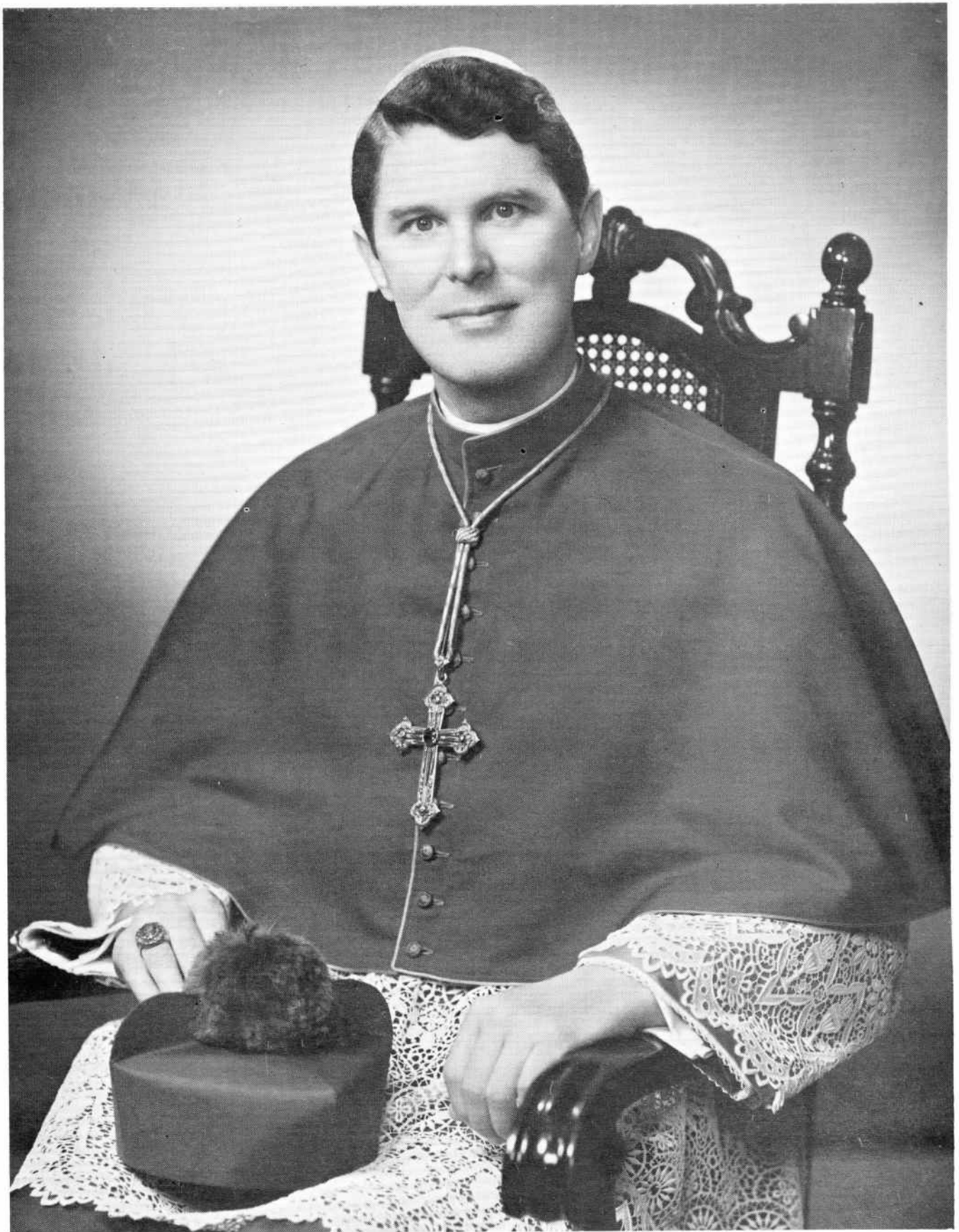
Apostolic Delegate

Reverend Edmund S. Penkala
Pastor: St. Mary of Czestochowa
Scranton, Pennsylvania



Most Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, D.D.

Bishop of Scranton



Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D.

Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton

During the life of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

the following served as

SUPREME PONTIFFS of the CATHOLIC CHURCH



His Holiness Saint Pius X	.....	1903 - 1914
His Holiness Benedict XV	.....	1914 - 1922
His Holiness Pius XI	.....	1922 - 1939
His Holiness Pius XII	.....	1939 - 1958
His Holiness John XXIII	.....	1958 - 1963
His Holiness Paul VI	.....	1963 - 1978
His Holiness John Paul I	.....	1978 - 1978
His Holiness John Paul II	.....	1978



BISHOPS of the DIOCESE of SCRANTON

Most Reverend Michael J. Hoban	1899 - 1926
Most Reverend Thomas C. O'Reilly	1927 - 1938
Most Reverend William J. Hafey	1938 - 1954
Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan	1954 - 1965
Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick	1966



ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH

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PARISH HISTORY

Parish Is Established

In the late 1800's many of our forefathers emigrated from Poland to the United States. They had very few material possessions, spoke a language foreign to America, and found themselves strangers in this land. However, they did preserve their religious and cultural heritage that set them apart in this adopted country.

Some Poles settled in the South Scranton area, others in the community of Greenwood. These first settlers attended worship in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church, Scranton, which served the needs of the Polish people. In this way they fulfilled their religious obligations. Shortly afterwards, our forefathers in the Greenwood community decided they would like to have their own parish church.

On August 15, 1904, a pioneer group of stouthearted men of the community petitioned Most Reverend Bishop Michael J. Hoban to establish a parish in Greenwood. With the Bishop's permission, this group proposed a corporation called "St. Mary Czestochowa Society of Greenwood, Pa." The object of the society would be to create a fund from dues paid by the members and secure voluntary contributions to establish the church which would exist perpetually in the Village of Greenwood."

On August 30, 1904, a parcel of land had been put in trust to Bishop Michael J. Hoban for the said parish of Moosic Borough. This land, owned by Abram Nesbitt, E.P. Darling, and E.N. Willard (who had previously purchased the land from the Anthracite Coal Company in 1885), was bought for the sum of \$100.00 paid by the Roman Catholic Congregation of St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, Moosic Borough, Pa. This plot of land is described in the deed of purchase as follows:

"Beginning at the intersection of the Southeasterly side of Greenwood Avenue and the line between lots ten (10) and eleven (11) block twenty-one (21), thence along said line one hundred thirty five feet (135) to its intersection with the Northwesterly side of an alley fifteen (15') feet wide; thence along the side of said Alley two hundred (200) feet to its intersection with the line between lots number fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) block twenty-one (21); thence along said line one hundred and thirty five (135) feet to its intersection with the southeasterly side of Greenwood Avenue; thence along said side two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning, being lots eleven (11) twelve (12) thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) in block twenty-one (21) on the Trustees Map of Greenwood Lots as surveyed by C.W. Thompson, Jr."

On December 10, 1904, the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County granted a charter formally establishing "St. Mary Czestochowa Society." The names of the petitioners for the charter were: Alexander Chewitzki (Krzywicki), Alexander Helhoski, Alexander Koda, Peter Perko, Anthony Zukoski, Stanley Sadoski, Stanley Perko. The directors or trustees for the first year were Anthony Zukoski, Stanley Perko, Stanley Sadoski.

These generous and God loving people put their hands and hearts to work for the building of the new church. Thirty-seven men of the parish donated \$50.00 each for the materials to start construction. We must remember at that time funds were not that plentiful, so every piece of lumber, or stone, or nail or contribution given can be measured in value as precious jewels from those who gave so freely.

REV. EUGENE C. SEDLACZEK 1904 - 1906

The first pastor on record was Rev. Eugene C. Sedlaczek. Our first pastor and his faithful followers overcame many handicaps to establish their church in Greenwood. In the beginning of its

existence, the parish population consisted mainly of the immigrant generation. Households were not wealthy. Most were at the poverty level and the majority of the men worked as coal miners. However, these selfless and charitable people, under the direction of their pastor, who had provided the quality of leadership and unity necessary to them, had from their humble beginnings enshrined St. Mary of Czestochowa parish in the Scranton Diocese. A firm foundation for future growth had been established.

The first church was a wooden structure erected on the site of the present St. Mary's. It was a striking building, with a large belfry in the middle, windows on the front exterior, one door at the front entrance, with a small number of steps leading to the entrance and enclosed by a fence. It was very impressive.

The church was completely functioning as a parish in 1905. During Father Sedlaczek's brief pastorship, six baptisms were recorded, the first one being Ladislaus Lisiewski (Eddie Lis) on November 15, 1905. Two young boys were taught to serve as acolytes of the church, namely Alexander Krzesicki and Joseph Borkowski. Father established a residence adjacent to the church grounds and served his parish family from here. He provided for the temporal needs of his flock and fostered the spiritual life of this new parish. His stay with us was brief, but his presence and his work were firmly ensconced in the minds and hearts of the people. He had left St. Mary's in April of 1906.

REV. LEOPOLD SUCHOWSKI 1906 - 1913

On April 6, 1906, the Rev. Leopold Suchowski had arrived in Greenwood to become the next pastor of St. Mary's. Father Suchowski was a Jesuit missionary priest who came from Poland to work among the people. He was a scholar as well as a pastoral shepherd. In the span of time that he was at St. Mary's, from 1906 to 1913, there were recorded 548 Baptisms, 161 Marriages, and 64 Deaths. He could not have selected a more fruitful vineyard. The parish was flourishing spiritually and physically.

He set out to do many things. As a provision for the religious education of our youngsters, classrooms were set up in the basement of the church. Teachers were engaged for the students. Mr. Frank Wroblewski and Mr. Sylvester Kahnowski served in this capacity.

Father Suchowski established the Rosary Society. A group of 15 women of the parish would meet once a month to recite the Rosary in Church. However, it was a living Rosary. Each member would pray her decade at home. The Rosary was prayed continually throughout the week.

On September 11, 1906, Father Suchowski established the cemetery with land purchased from Mr. Nesbitt (Watson and May) Trustees, for \$100.00 paid by St. Mary of Czestochowa of Moosic Borough, Pa. This land is described as follows:

"Beginning at the intersection of the Northwesterly side of Ridge Avenue and the line between lots number (24) and twenty-five; thence along said side of Ridge Avenue 200 feet to its intersection with the line between lots numbered 28 and 29; thence along said line one hundred and fifty feet to its intersection with the Southeasterly side of an alley; thence along said side of the alley (200) feet to its intersection with the line between lots numbered 24 and 25 one hundred and fifty feet to the place of beginning. Being lots number 25-26-27 and 28 in block twenty one on the Trustees Map of Greenwood Lots as surveyed by C.W. Thompson, Jr. and being immediately in the rear of the lots conveyed by deed dated August 30, 1904.

This same cemetery now became Father Suchowski's resting place as he was overcome by sickness and died at the parochial residence on August 4, 1913. He is buried where he worked, prayed and loved. A large crucifix was erected in later years to mark the burial place of St. Mary's second pastor.



From August 1913, to December 1918, Rev. Roman A. Wandalowski served his pastorship at St. Mary's. Father Wandalowski, a native of Zelachy, Poland, was born February 25, 1886. He was a graduate of St. Bonaventure Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Michael J. Hoban, July 25, 1911. He came to us from St. Mary's Blossburg.

His assignment as pastor of St. Mary's was greeted with a tragedy. Shortly after his arrival, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenwood, had burned to the ground at 11:30 A.M. on January 19, 1914. The blaze started in the cellar and was caused by an overheated furnace setting fire to the woodwork. The fire was discovered by a coal wagon driver named Thomas Hessen.

Before Minooka and Scranton firefighters arrived on the scene, the blaze had gained such headway that there was no chance of saving the structure. The loss of the church was valued at \$15,000.00. The Minooka fire department and volunteers were called to help fight the fire. The hose cart was broken and it was necessary to put the hose on another cart. The company having no horses, the cart had to be pulled by boys and men and it was tipped over three times before it was taken as far as Greenwood Avenue. The water pressure was so weak, it was impossible to get a good stream on the fire and so the church was destroyed. The loss was covered by insurance.

The members of the parish, together with their pastor, did not accept defeat. A new church of Our Lady of Czestochowa was to rise from the ashes. Under the leadership of Father Wandalowski a new building, which is the present St. Mary of Czestochowa church, was constructed. The members spirit of faith and their love for their parish was stronger than ever.

Mr. Edward Sojka was engaged as contractor to supervise the construction of the new church, which would cost approximately \$38,000.00. The foundation of the church was laid by the men of the parish. The architectural plan for the new church was based on the early Roman basilica, which usually consisted of a vaulted hall terminating in a semi-circular apse. Flanking the hall and separated by a row of columns were the side aisles with much lower ceilings than the hall. Three entrances were included and twin towers developed. A photograph of the early church shows the towers with multiple dormers which disappeared with the passage of years. A very special feature of the church exterior is a statue of Our Blessed Lady holding the Infant Jesus. St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, Greenwood, has become a magnificent structure.

After their completion, many churches in the classic style were furnished in the Gothic style; and St. Mary's was no exception. The photograph of the interior church shows an ornate Gothic reredos and furnishings. This reredos, while perhaps of some individual merit, was foreign to the simple character of St. Mary's and has disappeared with the latest renovations.

Father Wandalowski's pastorate at St. Mary's was very diligent. During his stay here, there were 488 Baptisms, 76 Marriages and 155 Deaths recorded. He was also providential as to the spiritual interests of our young people. In 1915, the Blessed Virgin Sodality was organized, a religious society the purpose of which is to foster in its members a devotion to our Lady and manifest themselves in personal holiness and Catholic action. The love of our Blessed Mother inspired the young women of the parish to become active in this society.



ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH
Dedicated June 13, 1915 by
Most Rev. Michael J. Hoban, D.D.
Bishop of Scranton

PICTURE OF THE INTERIOR CHURCH



While the church was under construction, the parishioners of St. Mary's were cordially invited to share St. Joseph's Church on Davis Street, where the Divine Liturgy was celebrated each Sunday. A lack of church structure also necessitated holding religious classes away from the church grounds. Roth's home at 3509 Birney Avenue was made available for the classes.

The stewardship of Father Wandalowski was one of dedication and faithfulness to the people of St. Mary's. He received an appointment which took him from St. Mary's. In 1918, he returned to Sacred Heart parish, Forest City. His life long service as a priest of the Lord, ended December 10, 1963. He is laid to rest at St. Mary's, a faithful servant of St. Mary of Czestochowa.



- 1st row - Camilla Goss, Helen Otherski, Stella Perko, Ann Poplawski, unknown, unknown, Mary Zukoski, unknown, Miss Perko, Mary Koda, Helen Kobeski, unknown.
- 2nd row - May Bok, Cath. Rafalko, Mary Novick, unknown, unknown, Tillie Lasak, Helen Ralicke, Professor (unknown) Mary Sadoski, Helen Sadoski, Ida Cerep, Stella Szorec, Josephine Baronoski, Jean Rafalko, Sophie Cysko, Blanche Scep
- 3rd row - Unknown, Mary Perko, Josephine Savitski, Anna Krzesicki, Stella Danilowicz, Pauline Perko, Blanche Urban, unknown, Josephine Nevoraski.
- 4th row - Mamie Bartkowski, Helen & Frances Patchcoski, Anna Sienkiewicz, Helen Glowacki, Bertha Snarski.

REV. JOSEPH A. MROZIEWSKI 1918 - 1921



Rev. Joseph A. Mroziowski, was born February 9, 1893 at Sugar Notch. After graduating from the local schools, he attended St. Bonaventure College, New York, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N.Y. He did post graduate work at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and was ordained in St. Peter's Cathedral by the late Bishop Michael J. Hoban, D.D. on July 15, 1915. He came to us from Sacred Heart parish in Forest City.

Father Mroziowski was an eloquent preacher. In his 42 years of the priesthood, he is said to have preached in practically every parish for Polish speaking people in the diocese. He was a very scholarly person. As his stay with us was only for a short while, his presence was felt very keenly. He was untiring in his efforts of preparation for and administering the sacraments to the people. During his pastorate 268 Baptisms, 47 marriages and 79 deaths were recorded.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
Rev. Joseph A. Mroziowski
1918

Father was also a man of vision and initiative. In this respect he purchased a home at 3316 Greenwood Avenue, which was furnished and converted into a convent for the Sisters of St. Bernardine. This action marked the foundation of a school for the education of the children of St. Mary's. By insuring a residence for the sisters, we were assured of their educational efforts on our behalf.

During the years of 1918-19 a great Influenza epidemic broke out. The parish suffered much hardship and many families lost their loved ones to this terrible sickness. Father Mroziewski proved to be courageous, compassionate and dedicated to his fellow parishioners in these trying times.

He left St. Mary's in 1921 and was appointed to SS. Peter and Paul parish in Scranton. He died October 28, 1957 and was buried from Sacred Heart Church, Mayfield.

REV. EDMUND A. ZAWADZKI 1921 - 1928

The Rev. Edmund A. Zawadzki, who began his assignment at St. Mary's on April 21, 1921, was born October 3, 1891, in Sugar Notch, Pa. He attended the local schools of Sugar Notch, St. Bonaventure College, New York, and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was ordained to the priesthood December 21, 1916, by the late Bishop Michael J. Hoban. He came to us from Sacred Heart Parish, Forest City.

During his tenure at St. Mary's a busy schedule of Masses, sermons and sacramental administrations was observed. He kept our parish active and progressive.

When the Christmas Season was celebrated, much care was taken for the arrangement of the decorations in the church. Variations of musical talent were offered by the young people of the parish, who played violins and sang. The choir director, Mr. Alexander Bielaski, led his members and the congregation to the most heavenly praise in the annals of Sacred Music.



CHURCH CHOIR
Mr. Alexander Bielaski
Organist

To keep the rectory functional and comfortable, some changes and alterations were undertaken by Father Zawadzki. Porches were added on, steps restored, furnishings purchased.

Under his direction, the St. Aloysius Society came into existence. Its members paid \$1.00 dues which were used for the burial expenses of those who were enrolled. This society also had a social purpose and sponsored a baseball team in a local league.

A daughter of St. Mary's, Sister M. Charitas (nee Helen Sandrowicz), had entered the order of the Felician Sisters in 1926. Sister had served in that order until her death on February 25, 1945 at the motherhouse in Lodi, New Jersey.

While Father Zawadzki was here, classes were taught in the basement of the church. A school building was not yet erected in the parish, and, because of this, the teachers, Sisters of St. Bernardine, were withdrawn. Father tried in vain to continue the existence of the school, but this was an almost insurmountable task. Although lay teachers were engaged to continue classes, parents would not send their children to the school under these circumstances. The school had to close.

Father was appointed to St. Mary's Church, Eynon, and another pastoral shepherd left his flock of St. Mary's in Greenwood. He died on June 18, 1943 at Holy Rosary parish, Williamsport, where he had been an administrator. The Angel of Death had taken him home.

REV. VALENTINE S. MATUSZEWSKI 1928 - 1937

Rev. Valentine S. Matuszewski was the sixth pastor to serve the church of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Greenwood. He became pastor while our country was in the beginning of the depression. He strove to unite all his parishioners in their struggle, but hard times were upon the country, and this little community was no exception.

Father Matuszewski was born in 1874 at Morris Run. He was educated in schools at Morris Run and in Detroit, where his family moved when he was a boy. He was graduated from St. Bonaventure Seminary at Olean, N.Y. and was ordained to the priesthood on September 23, 1909 in St. Peter's Cathedral by Bishop Michael J. Hoban. He served as an assistant pastor in Nanticoke before being appointed to St. Mary's, Greenwood on June 26, 1928.



With fervent enthusiasm Father Matuszewski proceeded to administer to the needs of the parish. The loyal members of the church would let nothing deter them when sacrifices were needed, and so under the direction of Father Matuszewski, the church was painted for the first time. God's house must be well kept.

During the pastorate of Father Matuszewski, the Holy Name Society was organized. Rev. Walter Poplawski, a native son of St. Mary's (not yet ordained), along with Edward Helcoski, Henry Zukoski and Lawrence Ostrowski joined together with the young men of the parish to form this vital and active men's society.

"Father Matt", as he was called, was also generous to the parish he served. He realized the necessity and value of a Catholic education. Therefore, he arranged the purchase of a substantial piece of property which would provide space for a school, as well as a substantial addition to the parish cemetery. Mr. W.E. Lewis, Mr. H.B. Schooley and Mr. C.S. Goldsborough, as trustees of the Nesbit,

Darling and Willard estate, sold a tract of land to St. Mary's Church. This parcel measured 250 feet in width by 300 feet in depth, a total of 75,000 square feet. The people of St. Mary's are much indebted to Father Matuszewski for this progressive achievement. The parish land holdings were now more than doubled in size.

It was through Father Matuszewski's efforts that the Bernardine Sisters re-established St. Mary's school. In 1936 six grades were taught in the church basement. The dream of a parish school was coming to a reality. It was the initiative of Father Matuszewski that directed the parishioners to realize their dream.

On the morning of July 17, 1937 at 9 o'clock, ground was broken for the new \$18,000.00 parochial school and convent of St. Mary's Church, Greenwood. The building will consist of four classrooms and also house the Sisters of the Bernardine Order. The school will face Greenwood avenue overlooking Birney avenue from the hill. Immediately after the ceremony more than sixty men of the parish began excavating for the foundation.



Standing left to right are: Alex Krzywicki, president; John Leyman, vice president; Joseph Rafalko, auditor, Stanley Kobeski & Felix Scep, the two oldest parishioners breaking ground; Benjamin Zukowski, Stanley Burkowski; kneeling in front are Richard Mozeleski, auditor, and Joseph Symuleski, treasurer.

Especially significant for St. Mary's was the religious profession of one of its daughters. On August 15, 1935, Sister Mary Josephite, the former Laura Bielski, received her garb as a Novice of the Congregation of Saint Bernardine at their motherhouse in Reading, Pa. This was one of the many signs God was giving of His blessings to the people of St. Mary's.

In the year 1934, Father Matuszewski celebrated with the members of St. Mary's the 25th Anniversary of his ordination, beginning the celebration with a solemn High Mass followed by a dinner at the Hotel Jermyn. In 1937 during the month of July, the faithful shepherd became ill and resigned his pastorate. After a short period of recuperation, he was appointed administrator of St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua, on April 3, 1940. His health failed him again and he took up residence at St. Michael's Church, Glen Lyon, where he died in his 68th year on March 16, 1942. St. Mary's will remember Father Matuszewski with many happy thoughts and affections.



SISTER M. JOSEPHITE



The presence of the newly arrived administrator, Rev. John J. Fedorowicz, was enthusiastically welcomed by all parishioners, young and old. Father Fedorowicz was born in Swoyersville, January 7, 1910. He graduated from Dom Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, N.J., attended St. Charles College, and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained to the priesthood at Innsbruck, Austria, on March 9, 1936. He came to us from St. Mary of the Assumption parish, South Scranton.

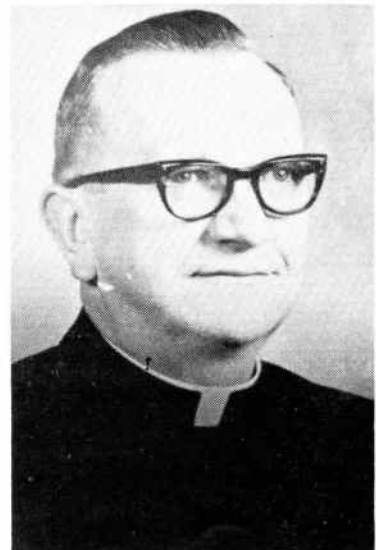
The arrival of this youthful priest had transmitted new life into the lifeblood of St. Mary's. It was through his efforts that the parish committee was dissolved and the pastor and parishioners joined together to let the physical and spiritual structure mesh as one. He had the most uncommon gifts of organization, energy and zeal. As administrator, he dedicated himself to the tasks before him. The school, which was started by Father Matuszewski, had to be completed. The construction of this building was set in motion, and on September 16, 1938, the new St. Mary's School and Convent was dedicated. It was a milestone in the parish history of St. Mary's.

Father's great love for our Blessed Mother had inspired him to commemorate the silver jubilee of the founding of our Sodality. On October 6, 1940, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the church and a banquet was held at the parish hall. Also, to venerate our Mother most solemnly, the May Coronation was introduced for the first time.

A parish mission was celebrated, religious and secular activities were scheduled frequently, movies of the Passion of Our Lord were shown, Sacraments were administered on a regular basis, loyalty and love to the church was fostered. On the lighter side the choir had presented a minstrel, "Anchors Away", in 1939. Also, the youth of the church put on a play called "Wyrodna Corka" or Cinderella, as we understand it. It was a good time for the parish and the pastor. Much was accomplished for the growth and solidity of St. Mary's of Czestochowa.

During the pastorate of Father Fedorowicz St. Mary's was granted its greatest gift from God, the ordination of the first of its sons to the priesthood of our Lord. Rev. Walter W. Poplawski, son of Frank and Helen (nee Krajewski) Poplawski, received the Sacrament of Holy Orders from the hands of the Most Reverend William J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton, at the Cathedral of St. Peter, May 30, 1942.

On October 1, 1942, Father Fedorowicz was called away from St. Mary's. His new post would be that of Procurator of St. Stanislaus Institute, Nanticoke. On December 10, 1953, he was honored with the title of Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII. He died June 12, 1957, while on retreat with his fellow priests. He was truly a servant of the Lord who gave his all for Christ and His Mother. St. Mary's of Greenwood will not forget him.



REV. WALTER W. POPLAWSKI



Rev. Joseph J. Losieniecki succeeded Father Fedorowicz as our next pastor. Father Losieniecki was born March 17, 1888, in Blossburg. He attended the local schools, entered St. Mary's College, Detroit, and finished his studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake. He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Peter's Cathedral on December 21, 1916, by Bishop Michael J. Hoban. Father came to us from St. Joseph's Church, Wyoming.

His gentle smile and amiable nature immediately made him a friend to the people of St. Mary's. He assumed his clerical duties most vigorously, leaving time for those who came in contact with him as their Parish Father. Some of the accomplishments he achieved with his fellow parishioners stand manifest today.

The parish family of St. Mary's of Greenwood is very inclined to invoke Our Lady for her favors. Under the direction of Father Losieniecki, our love for the Mother of God has blossomed into the beautiful Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima and the children. This grotto is enshrined on the church grounds near the church and rectory, where it is visible to all who visit St. Mary's.

The Large Cross of our Crucified Jesus is placed in the Old Cemetery. "Father Joe" made a special collection himself to place that cross in the cemetery.

The Saturday evening recitation of the Rosary was a must at St. Mary's. The First Friday devotions, where the children would walk in procession and drop flowers in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, were observed regularly. These are just a few of the spiritual activities which took place in the parish, all with the fatherly interest for the people committed to his trust.

Time took its toll on the interior of the church building, and in 1950 painters were engaged to give the church a facelift. St. Mary's became shining and spotless.

Father Losieniecki loved summer picnics. Because of his great love for his fellow man, more solicitude was evoked that they should gather and have a good time, rather than a monetary gain be made. He was right. They were a lot of work, not much money was made, but the people did love them. It was part of his program for family happiness. He called them "Barney Google Shows."

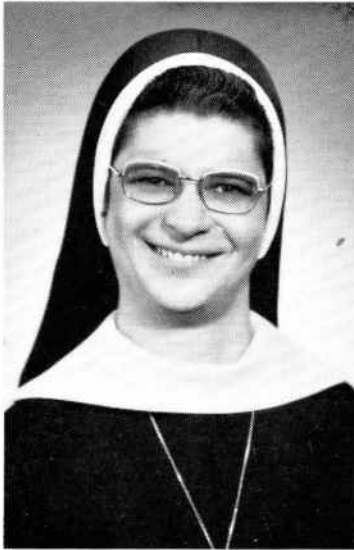
Pastor Losieniecki especially loved the children. With these thoughts in mind, a plan was set in motion to establish the Confraternity of Christian Mothers organization. This group of women dedicated themselves to the needs of the sisters and the children of St. Mary's school. The first members of the group called themselves, St. Mary's mothers, but they were the original Christian Mothers Society. It is a very active society which still functions in that capacity today.

The final purchase for the parish was made by Father Losieniecki on June 11, 1940. Through the generous assistance of Mr. John Molenda, five lots were procured on Cotter Street, as well as a parcel, 450 feet in width and 200 feet in depth, adjoining the existing cemetery property. Because of the foresight of Father Joe, St. Mary's is assured of adequate space for future expansion, as well as sufficient burial space for another century.

Another important part of our history, which must not be excluded, was the Solemn Honor

Roll which was placed in the church. The years of 1942 through 1945 were war years, and our sense of patriotism and good conscience would not let us forget our loved ones, who gave up their lives. This very sad time affected everyone. One example of this: our organist, Mr. Chester Puchalski, served in the military and Sister M. Beatrice substituted as director of parish music until his return.

Two more daughters of St. Mary's had made their Religious Profession in the Congregation of Saint Bernardine at their Motherhouse in Reading. Sister Mary Laboure, (nee Rose Marie Kuchinski) had received the garb of Novice on August 15, 1948. Sister Mary Agnesine (nee Eleanor Keen), had received the garb of Novice on August 15, 1950. St. Mary's was beginning to repay the Bernardine Community for the many years of dedicated service the Sisters have given to St. Mary's School.



SISTER MARY LABOURE



SISTER MARY AGNESINE



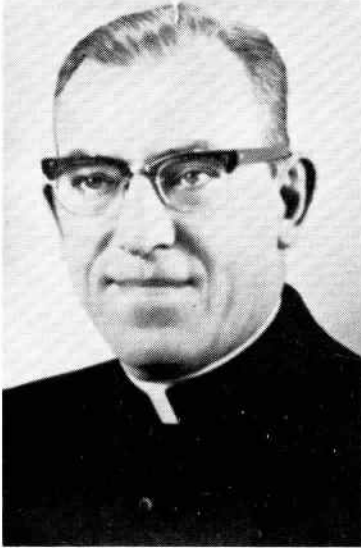
REV. EDWARD L. FUNDALEWICZ

St. Mary's was progressing very well. Rev. Edward L. Fundalewicz, who was to serve as St. Mary's first assistant Pastor was assigned to the parish. He was well received as the parish members were looking forward to his help and direction.

Father Losieniecki celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his ordination with the people of Greenwood. A testimonial dinner was held Sunday evening, February 3, 1957, in Hotel Casey, preceded by a Solemn High Mass which was celebrated that same morning.

These years brought much happiness to Father Joe, also some sadness too. During the month of February, 1959, Father Losieniecki was transferred to St. Hedwig's Parish, Kingston. The shepherd moved on to a new flock.

Father Joseph Losieniecki was a priest of the diocese for 49 years. He died on June 27, 1965, in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. He was a true priest of God whose services to others brought him the reward of his vocation.



To fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Father Losieniecki, our Bishop, the Most Reverend William J. Hafey, assigned to St. Mary's a priest who had labored with great zeal and devotion at St. Mary, Help of Christian Church, Dorrance Corners, that is, the Reverend Joseph F. Kalinowski. Father was born June 15, 1912, in Carbondale. He began his education in the local schools, attended St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, and completed his formation for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. He received the Sacrament of Ordination at St. Peter's Cathedral, June 3, 1939.

Father Kalinowski arrived at St. Mary's at a time when the parish buildings were greatly in need of repairs and replacement.

The first project to be undertaken was a new garage, spacious enough for all parish equipment. With the help of donations of materials and volunteered labor, this problem was readily solved.

A much more difficult situation had to be faced because of the deterioration of the church building. Entrance stairs, towers, brickwork were all in various stages of disrepair, and funds were not available for necessary reconstruction. A twofold program was undertaken. First, the parishioners initiated various activities which would provide money for a newly organized St. Mary's Church Building Fund. The Altar and Rosary Society began an annual Harvest Dinner. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers introduced an annual Quilt Social, for which the good ladies of the parish made beautiful quilts which would be given as awards to the lucky winners of the bingo games. The Holy Name Society contributed its share with weekly bingo parties and a 300 Club. And every family within the parish was given the opportunity to participate in the necessary repairs to the church by pledging money to a church Renovation Campaign. The goal of \$75,000.00 for this campaign was substantially oversubscribed. As a result, new steps were erected at the front of the church, the towers were reinforced with steel girders and the brick walls received an excellent repointing.

Since St. Mary's was now in gear for building, a decision was made to replace the existing rectory. Purchased during the administration of St. Mary's first pastor, this structure was no longer suitable as a home for the pastor and his assistant, nor did it permit the parish Fathers to fulfill their duties toward their parish family. After a careful consideration of plans, a contract was awarded August 13, 1962, for a new rectory which would cost \$81,350.00. A year later open house was held at the new home, dedicated to St. Martha, and, after a blessing of their new residence by the pastor and his assistant, Father Kalinowski and Father Bochinski moved into the parish rectory August 20, 1963.

An important event that occurred during the pastorate of Father Kalinowski was the affiliation of St. Mary's with South Scranton Central Catholic High School. Although the high school was in existence several years prior to this, increased enrollment necessitated the expansion of existing facilities. The Bishop of the Diocese decided that all parishes in South Scranton and Moosic would now become responsible for the operation of the High School, with each of the pastors being a member of a newly created Board of Pastors, and each parish contributing a monthly assessment for the expenses of the school. Father Kalinowski was named procurator for this board. The first

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RECTORY
1962



project of the Board of Pastors was a fund raising campaign for the addition of a new wing to the high school. St. Mary's share of this Expansion Campaign was \$65,000.00, to which the parishioners contributed willingly, knowing the value of the quality religious education that South Catholic High would provide for the young people of the parish.

Another addition to the parish which had great meaning for our own St. Mary's School was the erection of a statue of Christ with the Little Children between the Church building and the school. Everyone, especially the school children, was given an opportunity to contribute funds to cover the cost of the statue. At the beginning of the month of the Rosary in 1961, the statue was blessed with impressive ceremonies. All who were present were given special ribbons to commemorate the occasion.

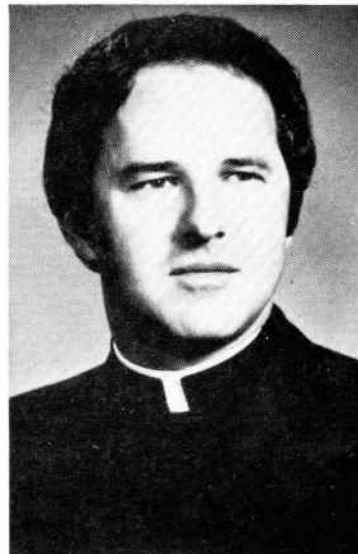
Father Kalinowski presided at many memorable events during his pastorate. Sister M. Josephite, C.S.B., came back to St. Mary's to observe the 25th Anniversary of her religious profession. The parish B.V.M. Sodality celebrated the Golden Anniversary of its existence in the parish. And Father Pastor himself reached the Silver Anniversary of his priestly ordination. This last event was marked by a Solemn High Mass in the parish church, with the Most Reverend Bishop Henry T. Klonowski, the Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, presiding.

A change of priestly personnel was witnessed on several occasions. Father Fundalewicz, who was assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Luzerne, was replaced by Father Mark Bochinski during

the month of June, 1962. Three years later Father Bochinski was assigned to Transfiguration Church, West Hazelton, and young Father Eugene G. Bilski became our Assistant Pastor. While at St. Mary's, Father Gene was named the first Diocesan Director of Religious Education, and his status at St. Mary's became that of priest in residence rather than assistant pastor. While still at St. Mary's Father Bilski was honored by His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, by being named a Papal Chamberlin with the title of Reverend Monsignor.



REV. MARK J. BOCHINSKI



MSGR. EUGENE G. BILSKI

December 11, 1971, was perhaps, the highlight of Father Kalinowski's pastorate, for on this day he witnessed the priestly ordination of the second son of St. Mary's at St. Peter's Cathedral. Reverend Stanley J. Kurash, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for his parents, relatives and friends at St. Mary's Church the following Sunday.

St. Mary's was a busy and progressive parish. Some parishioners might remember the prayers and devotions which were held Wednesday evenings in May, a family night of prayer in honor of our Lady; the devotion to St. Martha and her famous Scrub Club which met twice yearly to clean and freshen up the church for the Holidays; the tridium to St. Theresa in October; novena prayers to St. Anne and to St. Joseph; the days of recollection and Lenten Missions; First Saturday Holy Hours. These events were only a few of those which took place during Father Kalinowski's tenure as Pastor of St. Mary's.



REV. STANLEY J. KURASH

We think of Father Joe as a dear friend and loving Father. He tried to teach us what he himself lived, namely, a strong affirmation of his faith and trust in Christ. Father Joseph Kalinowski left St. Mary's in January of 1972 to become pastor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Plymouth. He was pastor there for five years, when he had to resign an active ministry because of ill health. He died November 17, 1977. His former parishioners and friends will always honor him as a sincere priestly disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



On January 22, 1972, Reverend Edmund S. Penkala arrived at St. Mary of Czestochowa from St. Stanislaus Church in Old Forge to begin his stewardship as the spiritual father of the People of God in Greenwood. Father was baptized in Transfiguration Church in West Hazelton. He attended the parish school, later graduated from St. Francis High School, Athol Springs, N.Y., and received his theological training and priestly formation at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 21, 1945, at St. Gabriel's Church, Hazelton, by the Most Reverend William J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton.

The pastorate of Father Penkala revolved around three important events in the life of the church and of our country, that is, the implementation of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, the Holy Year, and the Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of our country.

The decisions of the Fathers of Vatican II had a profound effect on the lives of our people, particularly in reference to their worship of God. It was not merely the change of language in the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass that was implemented at St. Mary's. Every Sacrament was now clothed in a new rite of celebration. This required extensive catechesis on the part of priests and people. Our Sunday worship was opened to the participation of the laity as some members began to exercise the ministry of lectors. Choir, ushers, acolytes, all had to renew their roles for the new Liturgy. To acquaint the parish members with the depth of theological and liturgical meaning that all these changes implied, an Augustinian priest of outstanding learning, ability and expertise visited St. Mary's to conduct a Liturgical Mission over a period of three weeks. Father Gregory Smith left a lasting impression on all of us with the beautiful celebrations of Vigils and Masses during the Mission. Witness the outstanding participation of our people in their Sunday worship to this day as a positive result of his efforts.

The renewal of the other Sacraments was introduced in the same manner, through extensive catechesis and participation. Parents fulfill their proper roles during the celebration of Baptism by presenting their child at the baptismal font. Family celebration of the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist was introduced, along with the new rite for these Sacraments. Every effort was made to instill the truth that the church of Christ is a Sacramental Church.

During the pastorate of Father Penkala several changes of personnel occurred. Monsignor Eugene Bilski was named administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Avoca, and he was replaced at St. Mary's for a brief time by Reverend George A. Jeffrey. When a successor to Msgr. Bilski was named as Director of the Office of Religious Education, Reverend David A. Bohr, S.T.D., was also assigned as a priest in residence at St. Mary's.



CONCELEBRATED MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 4, 1979
St. Mary of Czestochowa Church
Greenwood, Scranton, Pennsylvania



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D.
Bishop of Scranton



CONCELEBRANTS
Reverend Edmund S. Penkala
Reverend Monsignor Eugene G. Bilski
Reverend Mark J. Bochinski
Reverend David A. Bohr
Reverend Edward L. Fundalewicz
Reverend Stanley J. Kurash
Reverend John F. Poplawski
Reverend Walter W. Poplawski, *Homilist*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Reverend Bernard E. Yarrish

LECTORS
Attorney Raymond Talipski, Mrs. Henrietta Ameika

ACOLYTES
Daniel Copertino, George Glogowski, Richard Iannuzzo, Kenneth Kryeski
Charles Morgan, William Rinaldi, Clark Verchuk

ORGANIST & DIRECTORS OF MUSIC
Mr. Chester Puchalski, Sister Michael Mary, C.S.B.

LEADER OF SONG
Reverend Francis G. Kulig

SOLOIST
Mrs. Alfred Bouselli

INSTRUMENTAL TRIO
Susan Horensky, Mary Kay McAndrew, David Cinquergrandi

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Mr. John Kaminski, Mr. Joseph Symuleski, Mr. Stanley Kania, Sr.,
Sister M. Josephite, C.S.B., Mrs. Mary Stalica, Mrs. Ann Molenda

USHERS
Mr. Zigmunt Bartnikiewicz, Mr. Stephen Guzior,
Mr. Harry Maybock, Mr. Michael Milano

DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

Treadway Inn of Scranton

November 4, 1979



National AnthemAssembly

Invocation Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D.,
Bishop of Scranton

D I N N E R

Introduction of ToastmasterMr. John M. Kaminski
Diamond Jubilee Chairman

Toastmaster Mr. Robert L. Gronski

Speaker Rev. Msgr. Eugene G. Bilski,
Associate Director of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Medley of Polish Songs St. Mary's Choir

Presentation of Guests Mr. Robert L. Gronski

Remarks Reverend Edmund S. Penkala,
Pastor of St. Mary's Church

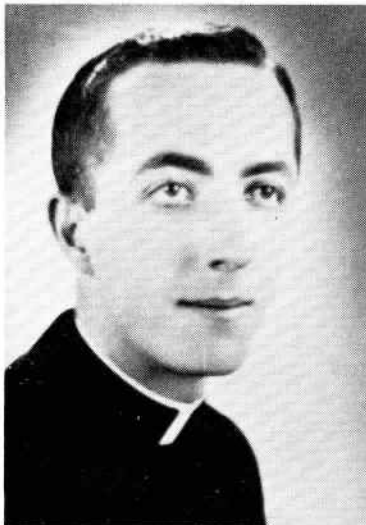
Benediction Rev. Stanley J. Kurash,
Assistant Pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Church



Cordovox Dinner Music by Mr. Leon Shuster



Refreshments and Dancing after the Dinner



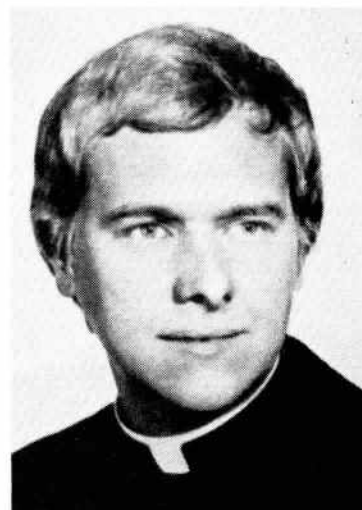
REV. GEORGE A. JEFFREY



REV. DAVID A. BOHR, S.T.D.

Finally, St. Mary's witnessed the ordination of her third son. Reverend John F. Poplawski, son of Stanley and Wencesla (Trykowski) Poplawski, received the Sacrament of Holy Orders at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, during the month of May in the year 1974 from Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, Bishop of Scranton. We recall the many services Father John performed for us, particularly during the Holy Weeks of 1973 and 1974, and we take this occasion to express our gratitude.

During the Holy Year, which was observed in 1975, we began an important project for our parish which would update the interior of the church and make it more suitable architecturally and liturgically for the celebration of the revised Liturgy. We began with a meeting of pastor and parishioners to discuss various courses which were available to fulfill this purpose. A decision was made and ratified by the people to extensively renovate the existing church building. So the Holy Year witnessed our removal to the church basement, which would be used as the parish center of worship for almost a year. How intimate and full of meaning were those liturgical celebrations in such poor surroundings.



REV. JOHN F. POPLAWSKI

Demolition of the church interior brought many sad moments to those who were accustomed to the furnishings of the church of 1914. Altars were razed, communion railing removed, windows and doors torn out, old pews given away, the entire interior gutted. It seemed we would never again have any order.

With the beginning of the Bicentennial Year of 1976, we began to see how our church would finally be reconstructed. In rapid succession the new Altar of Sacrifice was consecrated, and the relics of St. Quirinus and St. Casta, Martyers, were placed in the altar table. Then the stained glass windows and art glass doors were installed. This was followed by new lighting, carpeting, pews and sanctuary furnishings. Our patroness, our Lady of Czestochowa, an exceptionally beautiful sculpture, was given a prominent place in the sanctuary. At last St. Mary's, of traditional architectural style, was renewed in conformity with the present day rite of celebration of the Liturgy.

CHURCH INTERIOR

1976



Mother's Day, May 9, in our country's Bicentennial Year, was the date chosen to rededicate our parish church and ourselves for the worship of God. Father Penkala and the sons of St. Mary's who were priests, as well as former assistants, concelebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving. This was followed by a dinner at the Hotel Jermyn, where parishioners and friends joyfully observed this important event in our parish history.

At this time we must acknowledge those who contributed so generously to the costs of reconstruction. Almost a half million dollars was required for our project. This money was raised through the tireless efforts of our generous people, through the various fund raising activities of the Holy Name Society, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and the Altar and Rosary Society, and by a Memorial Campaign. In this campaign a number of parishioners contributed substantial amounts of money, totalling \$41,000.00, to memorialize various articles in the church in the name of beloved departed parents and relatives. The beauty of St. Mary's Church today is a tribute to the love of these societies and individuals for God and for His home. May He bless each of them.

The Bicentennial Year was the time of these celebrations. We noted our country's birthday with special services, particularly with an outdoor Corpus Christi procession. This devotion was a preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress which would be held in the City of Philadelphia.

We also celebrated various anniversaries. Sister M. Laboure and Sister M. Agnesine both returned to St. Mary's to observe the Silver Jubilee of their profession as religious of the Congregation of St. Bernardine. Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding with a visit from Father Betram Rohl, the national director of the Archconfraternity of

Christian Mothers. Father celebrated the Liturgy for members and friends on a snowy, winter day, and addressed the Confraternity with delightful, witty remarks at a gathering after Mass.

Some other improvements to the parish property were made. A new entrance was installed at the cemetery. The road in the interior of the cemetery was paved. A beautiful granite altar was erected at the cemetery, crowned with a marble statue of our Lady. Finally, the school parking lot and playground was paved.

The spiritual life of the parish continued to grow. It was nourished, in addition to the celebration of the Sacraments, by our Lenten devotions, by monthly devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with retreats and Eucharistic Days, with special Liturgies during Holy Week and for Christmas, Easter, and other occasions. We never lost sight of our goal of growing in Christ, even as our parish grew in numbers and improvements.

We have now reached our seventy-fifth anniversary. This milestone will be marked by the presence of our Bishop, the Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, who will preside at a Liturgy of Thanksgiving Sunday, November 4, 1979. As his concelebrants Bishop McCormick will have our present pastor, the priestly sons of St. Mary's and former assistants and priests in residence. For all parishioners and friends of St. Mary's this will mark a memorable stage in our history. A Diamond Jubilee Medal, depicting our Lady of Czestochowa, a replica of the sculpture in our parish church, was struck as a permanent souvenir of this Jubilee Year.

We rejoice in our past. We have much to make us proud of our heritage. We have so much to make us aware of God's rich blessings. We should more than ever be aware of the place of our Lady of Czestochowa in our parish life and in our individual lives. We have grown from a handful of immigrants to a well organized parish. May God be praised for all His wonderful gifts.

We now look toward the future, confident that, as a parish, we will continue by our lives to show Christ to the world around us. We pray that our devotion to God and His Holy Mother will intensify daily. We hope that our children and young people will continue the beautiful traditions of our faith in their own lives so that they may look back at some future date with the same love and pride we have today as sons and daughters of St. Mary of Czestochowa.

Mrs. Alfred Bouselli,
Historian



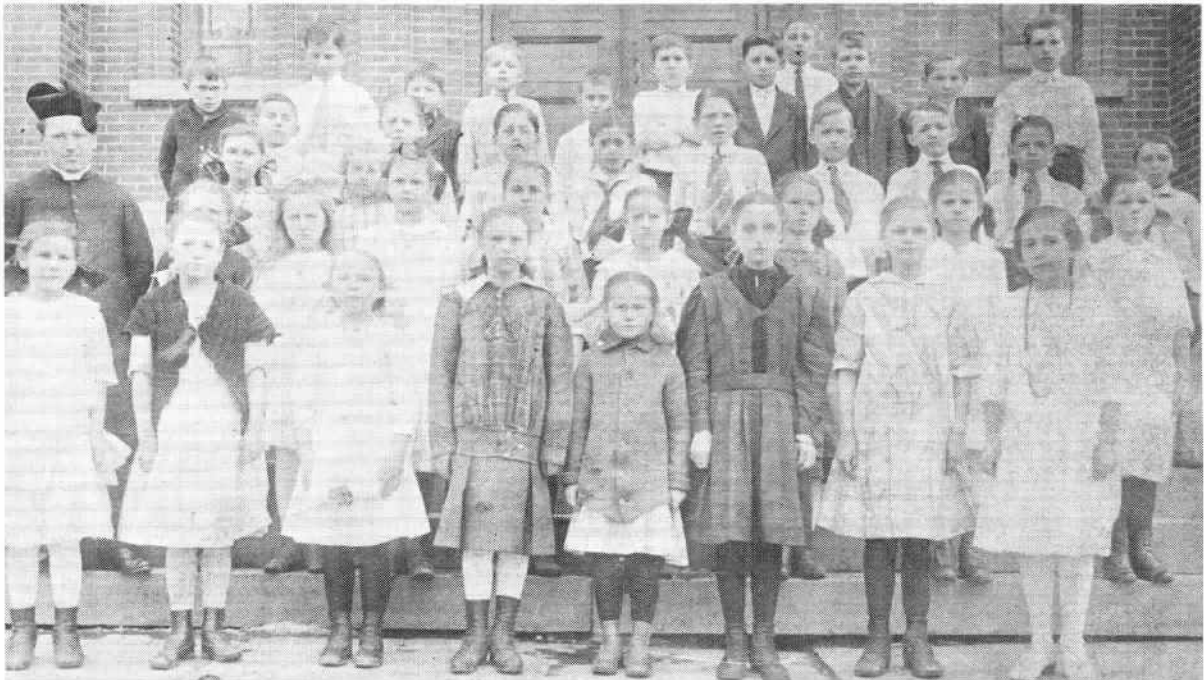
HISTORY OF ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA SCHOOL

Though many of our immigrant forefathers did not have an opportunity to attend school in their young years, they were determined that in their new homeland their children would be given the chance to be educated in the fullest manner, both for their spiritual growth and to prepare the young people to take their place in the American workplace and in American society. In the minds of these people no educational effort was worthwhile unless it included a systematic presentation of the religious truths and values which were so important in their own lives.

At first all that the parish could provide was a catechetical center. The pastor and the parish organist would assemble the children in the church at regular intervals for religious instructions. At times the organist (always designated "professor") would also teach the basics of reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic. Special attention was given to prepare the young for their first reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Not much more was possible because of the limited facilities that were available.

When it became necessary at St. Mary's to replace the parish church building, the plans for this structure of 1914 included a spacious basement hall. Father Wandalowski, the pastor at this time, envisioned this room as the means by which he could finally provide the children of St. Mary's with a more formal education. A request was made to the religious of the Congregation of St. Bernardine at Reading, Pa., to provide a teaching staff for a school. The Bernardine Sisters graciously accepted the invitation to come to Greenwood, and in 1916 Sister M. Victoria and Sister M. Severine, commuting from SS. Peter and Paul Church, West Scranton, along with the secular organist, formed the first faculty of the new St. Mary's School. At the beginning only grades one through three were taught.

1918 ST. MARY'S CZESTOCHOWA SCHOOL CLASS



1st row - Lucille Zukowski, Mary Zukowski, Ida Ciecierski, Tillie Lasak, Ann Poplaski, Tessie Czyzek, Helen (left to right) Rutkowski, Sophie Zutek.

2nd row - Rev. Roman Wandalowski, Pauline Perko, Ceil Rozaieski, Mary Patchkowski, Lucy Niemotka, Sophie Sysko, Jule Filipkowski, Josephine Kulikowski, Mary Smith.

3rd row - Pauline Rutkowski, Pauline Borkowski.

4th row - Edward Rafalko, Anthony Zukowski, Frank Groncki, Stanley Sklar, Frank Wroblewski, Walter Genko, Joseph Rafalko, Frank Kulick, Peter Borkowski, Walter Kuchinski.

5th row - Al Kornish, Stan Bielski, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Walter Jurcak, unknown, Walter Snopek, Chester Wallace, Bart Gushinski, John Symuleski, Stanley Kania, Joseph Zutek.

The following year, with the arrival of Sister M. Paula and Sister M. Severine, a home at 3360 Greenwood Avenue was furnished to provide living quarters for the Sisters within the parish. This home served as a convent until the parish purchased another home at 3316 Greenwood Avenue in 1919. An additional grade was added to the school annually, and soon our young people were being taught in regularly assigned classes from grades one through seven.

The Bernardine Sisters had accepted the call to teach at St. Mary's with the understanding that a separate school building would be erected within a reasonable time. Since no arrangements were made to implement that promise, the Bernardine community recalled the teaching sisters from St. Mary's in 1924. Father Zawadzki attempted to continue the school. He employed Miss Helen Sandrowicz, Miss Ceil Rozaieski and Miss Mary Smith as lay teachers who would replace the departing religious. This effort was unsuccessful. Within a few years the school was reduced to a catechetical center. Classes were held only on Saturdays, with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, teachers at Sacred Hearts School in South Scranton, coming to Greenwood to instruct the children.

SCHOOL DEDICATION
September 16, 1938
Most Rev. William J. Hafey
Officiating



In 1936 Father Matuszewski once again petitioned the Bernardine Sisters to return to St. Mary's. The pastor had the support of his parishioners for a new school building. On the strength of this promise Sister Mary de Sales, who would be the superior, Sister M. Bogumila, Sister M. Evangelist and Sister M. Emilia resumed the work of instilling Catholic ideals into the minds and hearts of the students of St. Mary's. Six grades were provided for on a temporary basis in the church hall. A building next to the rectory was rented and furnished with all the necessary equipment so that it could serve as a comfortable convent for the Sisters. Meanwhile, plans were approved for the new school. On July 17, 1937, ground was broken by the pastor and members of the parish committee. Funds and hours of labor were contributed by many of the parishioners. By the time Father Fedorowicz became the pastor of St. Mary's, the school was well begun, and on September 16, 1938, the Most Reverend William J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton, dedicated the school and convent.

During the summer of 1938 Sister M. Valentine, the superior, Sister M. Evangelist, Sister M. Liberta and Sister Waclawa moved into the new convent. St. Mary's was now fully established and would continue to provide a superior education for the young men and women of the parish.

SCHOOL



CONVENT



THE FIRST EIGHTH GRADE CLASS GRADUATED FROM ST. MARY'S IN 1939
WHILE SISTER M. VALENTINE WAS IN CHARGE



1st row - Edward Krajewski (dec'd), Marion Pydlok, Msgr. John J. Fedorowicz, Ann Wielebinski, Marion (left to right) Zalewski.

2nd row - Eleanor Poplawski, Florence Filipkowski, Regina Davidowski, Eleanor Dawitt.

3rd row - Stanley Polinski, John Andrulewicz, (dec'd).

St. Mary's School continued to prosper. By 1957 there were four religious teachers on the staff and the school had an enrollment of 190 students. In recent years the composition of the school has changed. For the first time a sizeable number of non-parishioners were admitted as students to the school. In our Jubilee Year this group makes up one third of the total enrollment. The teaching staff is comprised of three religious and one lay teacher. And 125 children make up the student body.

St. Mary's School is well known in Moosic and South Scranton as a school which provides the best education that can be given to students. Its graduates invariably are among the top students in our local high schools, and very frequently one finds them listed as valedictorians and saluator-

ians of their graduating classes. Our debt to the dedicated Sisters and to our gifted lay teachers could never be repaid. We are equally indebted to those of our former pastors and parishioners who worked so hard to establish a school at St. Mary's. May the exemplarily Catholic laymen and laywomen, former students of St. Mary's, who are now dedicated members of the parish, be their reward. Christ was formed in the lives of these men and women at St. Mary's School by our beloved Bernardine Sisters. May God bless them all.



Following is a partial listing of Bernardine Sisters and teachers who taught at St. Mary's School.

Sister M. Evangelist	(1936-38)	Sister M. Rayneria	(1958-60)
Sister M. Valentine	(1936-38)	Teacher - Jean M. Carden	(1960-61)
Sister M. Eustasia	(1938-41)	Teacher - Mrs. Mary Doughton	(1961-63)
Sister M. Maristella	(1943-45)	Sister M. Leroy	(1963-65-68-73)
Sister M. Theodore	(1943-45)	Sister M. Silvester	(1963-69)
Sister M. Floretta	(1946-47)	Sister M. Roberta Ann	(1966-71)
Sister M. Ignatius	(1948-49)	Sister M. Sylvia	(1969-75)
Sister M. Martinette	(1948-50)	Teacher - Miss Lucille Mikolaczyk	(1971-79)
Sister M. Joanita	(1950-52)	Sister Miriam George	(1971-74)
Sister M. Octavian	(1953-54)	Sister M. Valerian	(1974-76-77-79)
Sister M. Lucille	(1954-55)	Sister M. Agnesine	(1976-77)
Sister M. Callista	(1957-58)	Sister M. Alacoque	(1975-79)
		Sister Michael Mary	(1975-79)



PRESENT TEACHING STAFF AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

First & Second Grades	Sister M. Valerian
Third & Fourth Grades	Miss Mary Ann Hummel
Fifth & Sixth Grades	Sister M. Alacoque
Seventh & Eighth Grades	Sister Michael Mary, Principal
Librarian	Sister M. Yvonne



JUBILEE COMMITTEE



1st row (L to R) Miss Dorothy Talipski, Mrs. Jean Klepadlo, Mrs. Helen Maybock, Miss Cath. Pawlukanis, Miss Helen Pawlukanis, Miss Anne Kakareka, Rev. Edmund S. Penkala, Miss Ceil Filipkowski, Mrs. Marie Martz, Mrs. Joy Markowski, Mrs. Josephine Kania, Mrs. Mary Stalica, Chester Puchalski.

2nd row Stanley Mozeleski, George Charnogursky, Joseph Symuleski, Frank Maros, Stanley Yankelitis, Joseph Smigiel, Sylvester Bieryla, Edward Sadoski, Steve Guzior, George Grega, Mrs. Hedy Mozeleski, Mrs. Virginia Perfetto, Ceil Exter Warnek, Mrs. Dorothy Bouselli, Mrs. Henrietta Ameika, Edward Helcoski, Joseph Kakareka, John Jackowski.

3rd row Joseph Stalica, Frank Kakreka, Edward Pietrowski, Walter Pawlukanis, Robert Gronski, Harry Maybock, Thomas Moroski, Paul Gronski, Sr., Edward Ludwikowski, Stephen Dehaba, Joseph Krzesicki, Frank Golembieski, Zigmund Bartnikiewicz, John Klepadlo, John Molenda, John Herbinski.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR - 1979



Seated (L to R): Mrs. Josephine Kania, Chester Puchalski (organist), Ceil Exter Warnek.

Standing: Edward Pietrowski, Joseph Kakareka, John Molenda, Mrs. Joy Markowski, John Herbinski, Mrs. Hedy Mozeleski, Mrs. Dorothy Bouselli, Edward Helcoski, John Jackowski, Joseph Krzesicki.

USHERS - 1979



Seated (L to R): Edward Helcoski, Frank Maros, Edward Pietrowski, Stephen Dehaba, George Grega, Frank Golembieski, Joseph Smigiel, John Klepadlo.

Standing: Joseph Stalica, John Jackowski, Edward Ludwikowski, Stanley Yankelitis, Sylvester Bieryla, Harry Maybock, Steve Guzior, George Charnogusky, Frank Kakareka, Edward Sadoski, Zigmund Bartnikiewicz.

LECTORS - 1979



1st row (L to R): Mrs. Mary Ann Puzycki, Mrs. Dorothy Bouselli, Mrs. Henrietta Ameika.

2nd row: Joseph Stalica, John Jackowski, Thomas Moroski, Robert Gronski, John Molenda.



CONFRATERNITY
OF
CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
OFFICERS
1979

1st row (L to R) Mrs. Joy Markowski, Ceil Exter Warnek
2nd row Mrs. Stella Gasper, Mrs. Mary Ann Puzycki, Mrs.
Carol Domal.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

OFFICERS

1979



1st row: Thomas Moroski, Walter Pawlukanis.
2nd row: rear - John Molenda, John Jackowski.

ALTAR and ROSARY SOCIETY OFFICERS - 1979



Seated (L to R): Mrs. Helen Maybock, Miss Catherine Pawlukanis.

Standing: Miss Ceil Filipkowski, Miss Helen Pawlukanis, Miss Dorothy Talipski, Miss Anne Kakareka.

THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS - OFFICERS - 1979



(L to R): Miss Ann Kakareka, Mrs. Mary Stalica, Mrs. Jean Klepadlo.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS - 1979



1st row (L to R) Lynne Banick, Georgette Sepelyak, Denise Potosky, Mary Jean Janik, Lisa Boland, Suzanne Heil, Janice Molenda, Ann Poplawski, Michele Grzenda, Jacqueline Glogowski, Janet Moroski.

2nd row Rev. Edmund S. Penkala, Jerome Washo, Paul Bouselli, Paul Warner, Arthur Fratamico, Thomas Mozeleski, Stanley Yankelitis, Joseph Zakreski, Thomas Kasuba, Sister Michael Mary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS - MAY, 1979



1st row (L to R) Patricia Zakreski, Sharon Lepkoski, Andrea Morgan, Patricia Sickler, Lorraine Marek, Jeffrey Albrecht, Edward Zyats, Barbara Jeffers, Donna Copertino, Colleen Kanton, Lisa Urban, Amy Selwocki.

2nd row Paul Novak, Anthony Gallia

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