

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church

Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

Celebrating One Hundred and Twenty-five Years
1875 - 2000



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whose faith, dedication, and efforts have made our parish grow,
and who continue to build for the future.*

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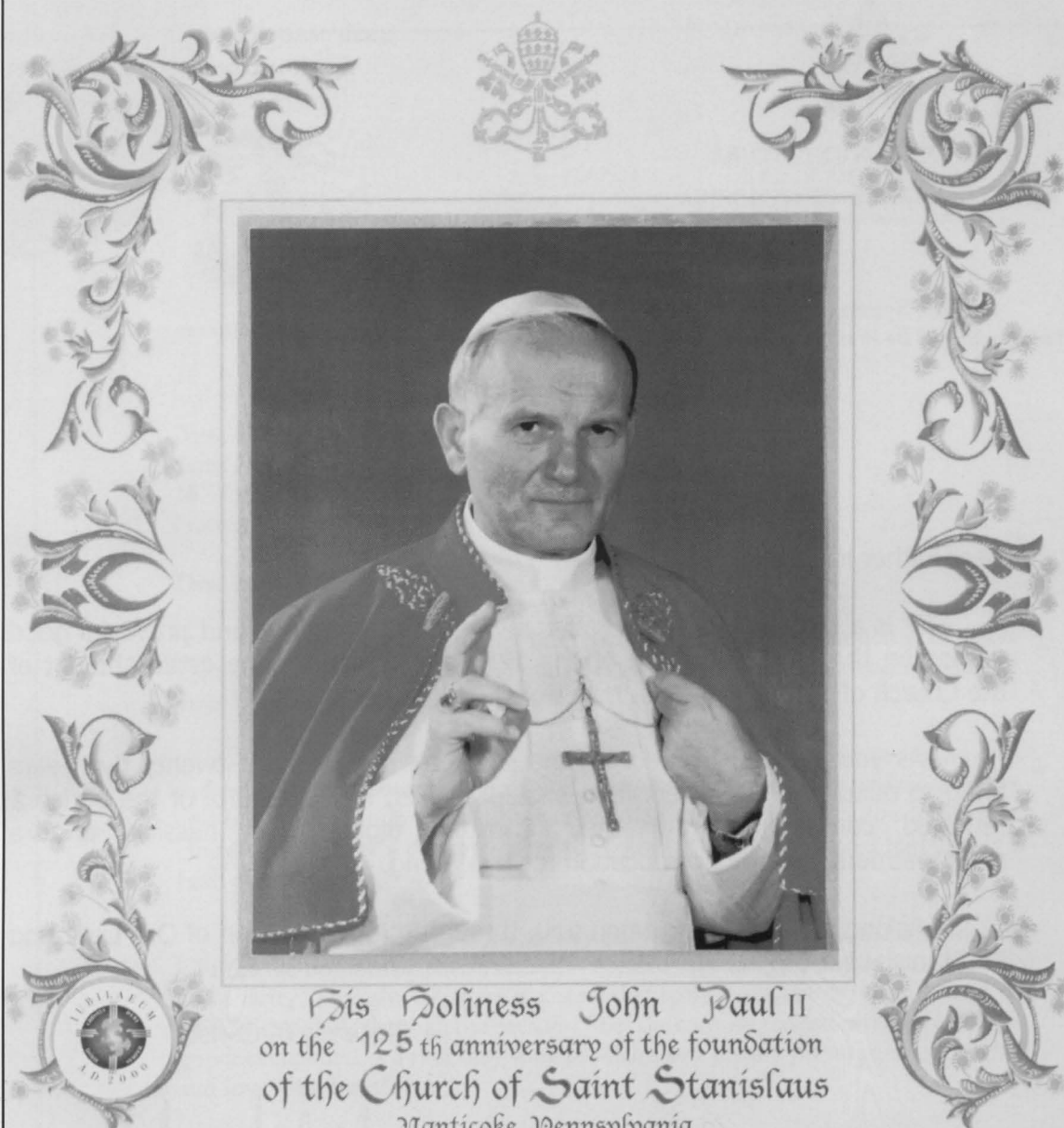
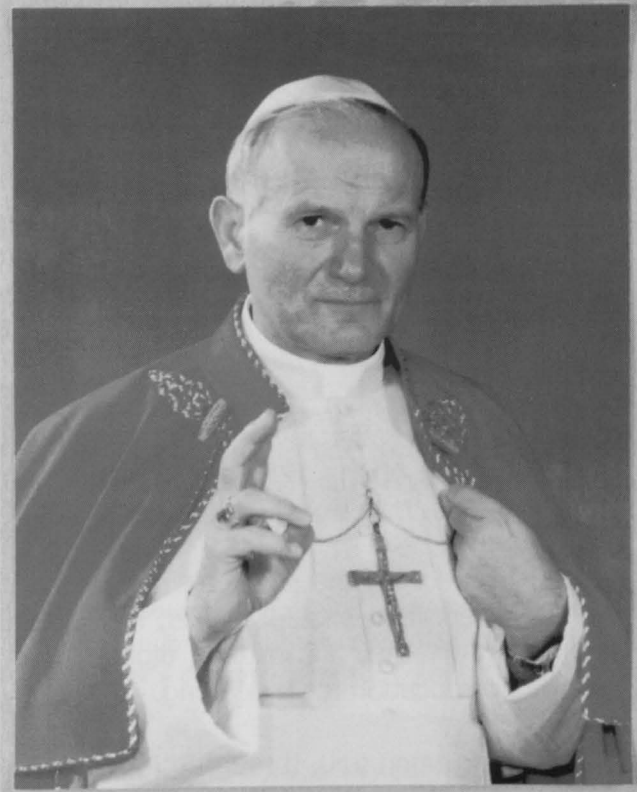
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His Holiness John Paul II
 on the 125th anniversary of the foundation
 of the Church of Saint Stanislaus
 Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

imparts from his heart a special Apostolic Blessing
 on the Pastor and on the Priests collaborating with him,
 on the parish staff and on the whole parish Community
 and he invokes on all God's help and celestial comfort
 wishing that this blessing might be a stimulus and encouragement
 for continual growth in fidelity to the Lord and a reenforcement
 of the commitment to the building up of the living Temple
 founded on Christ the cornerstone

September 17, 2000

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Dear Rector
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Dear Father Kakareka:

It is a pleasure for me to offer my heartfelt greetings and prayerful good wishes on the happy occasion of the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Church of Saint Stanislaus, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

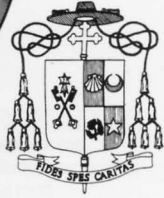
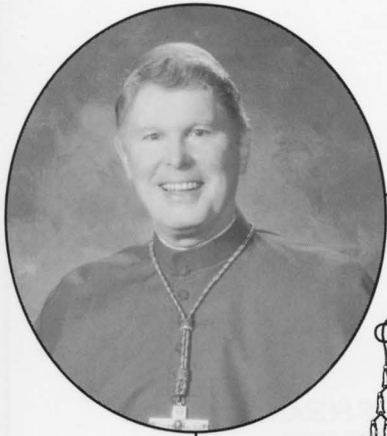
As you gratefully reflect on the past one hundred and twenty five years bring to mind that this celebration should awaken in the faithful of the parish a renewed consciousness of their Christian dignity and mission and a recommitment to Catholic education for the young.

Asking God's blessing upon you, through the intercession of Our Lady and St. Stanislaus, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

Reverend Joseph R. Kakareka
Church of Saint Stanislaus
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September 17, 2000



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Reverend Joseph R. Kakareka, M.Div., Pastor
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Dear Father Kakareka,

On the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of Saint Stanislaus Church, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, I am pleased to extend to you and your parishioners my sincere congratulations and best wishes.

More than a century ago, families of Polish ancestry migrated to an area in Pennsylvania known as Nanticoke. They prayed together, shared their labors and built community. With human toil and sacrifice, the families built their church, prayed for a priest to serve the congregation and worked together as a faith community.

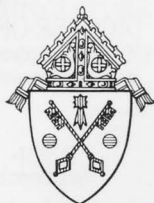
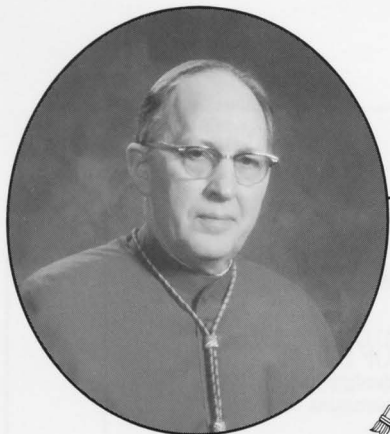
The decades moved along swiftly but the Congregation of Saint Stanislaus Church did not remain static; rather, it bonded together in worship, community and charity. In Psalm 22, there is a verse that aptly describes the vibrant faith of the Polish people through the decades. "Let the coming generations be told of the goodness of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn the justice and love God has shown."

As you and your families enter a new millennium while commemorating your 125 years as a parish, may the vibrancy of your faith and a spirit of evangelization permeate your church community. May you make prayer, scripture and the sacraments central to the life of your parish and its mission of evangelization.

Asking God's blessings upon you as a parish family, while assuring you of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D.
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Dear Father Kakareka,

On the occasion of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Saint Stanislaus Church, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, I am pleased to extend to you and your faithful parishioners my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

Knowing the faith of your people and having experienced the depth of their prayer and devotion, I am convinced that this jubilee occasion will also be a time for your parish to begin again and with renewed vigor the earthly pilgrimage of following the Lord in all things.

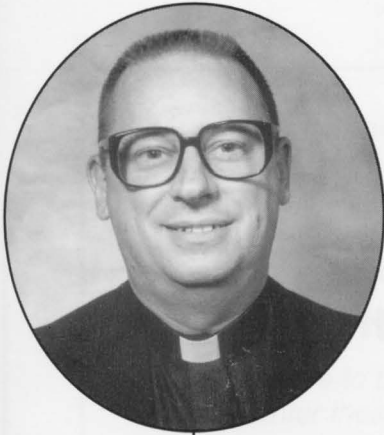
Memory of those who believed so fervently and sacrificed so generously in bringing Saint Stanislaus into being and keeping it an especially devout family of God must inspire the present generation.

May your heavenly patron, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop of Krakow and Martyr, so beloved by our present Holy Father, watch over you and all your collaborators as you prepare this sacred and parochial observance.

Asking God's choicest blessings for your parish and with every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, D.D., V.G.
Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton



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"This is my prayer: That your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God." (Phil 1:9 - 11)

Dear Parishioners,

In 1875 the world was smaller, slower, and simpler. In 1875 a trip to Wilkes-Barre by horse drawn carriage was probably a luxury, while also an all day event. In 2000 that same journey by car takes 15-20 minutes, while those lucky enough to be on the Internet could access libraries around the world in a few seconds, and spend the day "surfing" the net.

For the parishioners of St Stanislaus Church there is at least one constant in our world as we "time-journey" back over 125 years. It is the matter of **faith**. St Stanislaus Church building itself has been remodeled several times; the sanctuary underwent liturgical renovations since Vatican II; and the Polish and Latin languages of the church have changed; *but* St Stanislaus still honors the same Scriptures, celebrates the same sacraments, and extends the same basic concern for its people through service projects and different ministries as it did 125 years ago. The firm belief in God that initiated the building of St Stanislaus parish continues today in those who remain steadfast. It is the same **faith** that we hold dear and celebrate with full voice.

As we remember 125 years of our tradition and history, I hope all of us can rejoice in the realization that God loves us as He loved our ancestors. Let us be thankful to God for what He shared in the past, and what He continues to share in the present. In this pilgrimage of faith that is our life journey it *"is my prayer that your love may increase.....that you may be pure and blameless for the.....glory and praise of God."*

Finally, when our earthly journey has ended, as it has for many of our ancestors, may we all rejoice in heavenly glory because together with our ancestors we will share the reward that God promises to His **faithful** people.

Sincerely,

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The celebration of a 125th Anniversary of a parish is indeed a very significant milestone and certainly an event worth getting excited about. I feel privileged to be part of the celebration of this parish, now my parish, and many thoughts come to mind as I have witnessed events in relation to the 125th celebration. I feel from my own perspective honored to be assigned here at St. Stanislaus Parish as my second assigned appointment since being ordained a permanent deacon seven years ago. The feeling I have is a unique one as being the newest assigned member of the clergy to this parish as well as being the first assigned permanent deacon in the history of the parish and also the first in Nanticoke. This appointment has been in effect now for a few months short of two years and it has been truly a rewarding experience for me due largely to the warmth and welcoming displayed to me by the pastor, staff, and my fellow parishioners. The transition from one assignment to another is not an easy task but I must say I felt very much at ease with this change due to the positive attitude given me by the parish at large and for this I am extremely grateful.

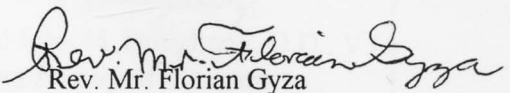
The words of Jesus commissioning His Apostles and us, His modern day disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" comes to mind at this 125th event.

I can reflect on this command as being accomplished in this parish community on a continuing basis, starting 125 years ago to the present. I can reflect on the abundant graces flowing from here over the course of the years available through the sacraments. I can reflect on hunger and thirst being satisfied over the course of the years through the Eucharist and the living word of God.

My heart is filled with the gratitude to my creator for affording me the opportunity to serve in my deaconate ministry here at St. Stanislaus. My prayer on this joyous occasion is to ask our Lord and Savior to shower countless blessings on us all as we celebrate together as a parish community and to give us all strength to continue our mission in the years ahead.

May the Lord bless us and keep us in his loving care.

Sincerely in Christ,


Rev. Mr. Florian Gyza

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

September, 2000

The main entrance to our church proclaims:

*Roman Catholic Church of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Founded 1875*

*Come to the House of the Lord, where seekers and finders are welcome.
Enter these doors with your praise, come and give thanks with your song.*

For one hundred and twenty-five years, our church has been a welcoming place, where stranger and neighbor alike are equally welcome to come, and give thanks and praise to our God.

What a tremendous time to be a part of Saint Stanislaus! We come together as a faith community to celebrate a milestone in our collective history. It is an incredible time. In this year 2000, we observe not only a new decade, but a new century and millennium! As the universal Roman Catholic community proclaims to "open wide the doors to Christ" throughout the world, we at St. Stanislaus can pause for a moment on this special anniversary to reflect on how, with God's grace and the dedication and work of His people, we have continued to proclaim His Word to all those who have come through our doors and who have been served in any way through one of our many ministries.

As you read through the pages of this narrative, you will witness the many ways our parish has served its community in the past, and how it serves in so many ways today, in both word and deed.

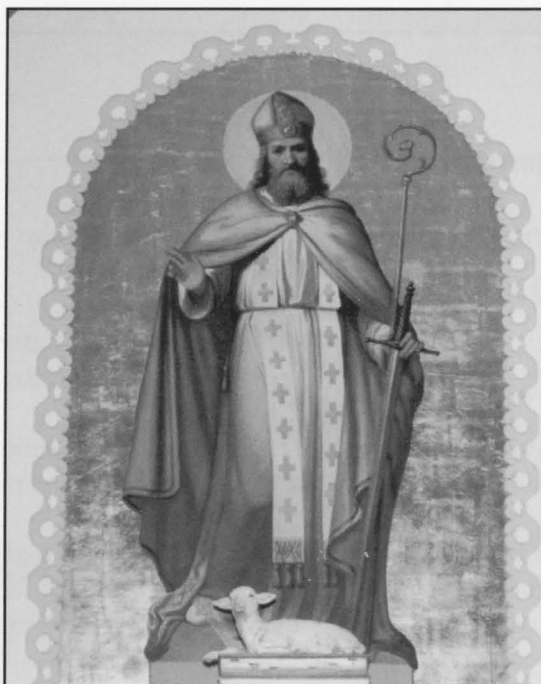
Jubilees and anniversaries are just some ways we celebrate the great gift of life God has given us. During this special year, may God help us to celebrate life to its fullest and bring vigor into the life of His Church, the Body of Christ on earth.

May our Parish continue to grow and carry on the work of Christ.

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Our Patron: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Stanislaus was born on July 26, 1030, in the village of Szczepanowo, Poland, not far from Krakow. His name means "Praiser of God." He received his elementary education at Szczepanowo, then went to Gniezno, the most ancient of Polish cities, and finally attended the University of Paris.

Bishop Lambert Zula of Krakow encouraged Stanislaus to enter the Priesthood. He first was pastor at Czembocz, then preacher in the Cathedral of Krakow; later he was made Canon and Vicar General of the Diocese. He became the Bishop of Krakow in 1072. He zealously strove to fulfill his Episcopal duties. His humility and charity were exemplified in alms for the poor and compassion for the desolate. His efforts were directed to bring about needed reforms among the clergy and laity.

The King of Poland at that time was Boleslaus II. Bishop Stanislaus reproached him for his dissolute life. King Boleslaus II became enraged at the Bishop and was determined to take vengeance. On May 8, 1079, in the Church of Saint Michael at Skalka, as the Bishop was celebrating Mass, the king struck the back of his head with a sword and killed him.

He was laid to rest near the scene of his martyrdom at Skalka, where numerous miracles were soon attributed to his intercession. On September 8, 1253 at the church of Saint Francis in Assisi, Italy, Pope Innocent IV formally proclaimed Stanislaus a Saint. He is the Patron Saint of Poland.

Introduction

This book commemorates the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church. It is dedicated to the pioneering parishioners, clergy, and Sisters, whose deep faith, loving sacrifice, hard work, and perseverance made the Parish of Saint Stanislaus a reality. We should dedicate ourselves to preserve this rich heritage for generations to come.

*“For God so loved
the world that he
gave his only Son,
so that everyone
who believes in
him may not
perish but may
have eternal life.”*

- John 3:16

The Earliest Immigrants (Poles In American History)

The establishment of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church was probably the first organized effort of the group of Polish immigrants who settled in Nanticoke after the Civil War. The organization of a Polish language church within a decade of their arrival in Nanticoke emphasizes the importance of the Roman Catholic Church to the Polish people and how inextricably their language, culture, and religion are intertwined.

The Creation of Saint Stanislaus Church

The Catholic Church had served and guided the Poles ever since 966 A.D. when Poland's first historical ruler, Mieszko, was baptized and Poland was converted to Christianity. The Poles have played a vital role in the history of the Catholic Church in America. Panna Maria, established in Texas in 1854, was the first Polish parish in America.

Polish people from the Poznan area of Poland founded Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church, the first Polish Catholic church in Luzerne County.

These devout Poles had a strong desire to attend services held in a church. As there were no Polish language churches, the German-speaking Poles chose to walk the long distance to Wilkes-Barre to attend the only German language church, St. Nicholas, organized in 1856.

Even before their most pressing problems were solved, these Polish settlers began to take active steps toward building their own parish. In 1874, Rev. Peter Nagel undertook the task of helping them organize.

The first parish document is an old ledger in which is recorded a list of the first 120 contributors. It is dated February 22 and 23, 1874. A total of eight hundred dollars was collected toward construction of their church, under the patronage of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr of Krakow.

The Susquehanna Coal Company offered a small plot of ground near a creek at the corner of Church and Maple Streets. A frame structure was built, adequate to serve their immediate needs. Constructed of wood, the original church was a

modest, fifty-foot long building, erected on the site of the present church. The early settlers contributed their labor and used their limited funds for materials.

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church has the distinction of being among the first five Polish Roman Catholic Churches in the United States. It remained the only Polish church in Nanticoke until the Holy Trinity church was created in 1894, followed by Saint Mary's church in 1901.

Rev. Eugene Zychowicz, a Franciscan missionary, celebrated the first Mass at Saint Stanislaus in the Polish language. Upon learning of the Polish services, Polish residents of neighboring Newport Township, Hanover Township, and Plymouth attended the church, arriving by horseback, horse and buggy, and by foot. Some traveled from Pittston, a journey of ten miles. Rev. Zychowicz remained at St. Stanislaus until June 1, 1876.

The parish was served from June 1, 1876, until October 1877 by Rev. Joseph Juskiwicz, a Franciscan missionary, and from July 29 to September 20, 1877 by Rev. C. Mattingly.

Rev. Gramlewicz, The First Pastor

The first permanent pastor at St. Stanislaus Church was Rev. Ignatz Benevenuto Gramlewicz. Born in Poznan in 1837, he was ordained in 1862. Rev. Gramlewicz arrived on October 1, 1877, having been assigned to St. Stanislaus by Bishop William O'Hara.

On October 18, 1877, Rev. Gramlewicz recorded the deed for the two plots of land which were transferred by the Susquehanna Coal Company to Bishop O'Hara for the token consideration of one dollar. A parcel of land adjoining was also donated by the Susquehanna Coal Company. By 1878, the first brick church was built and dedicated on November 11, 1878 by Bishop O'Hara. The membership of the church continued to expand with the population growth of the borough which by 1880 was 3884. As a result, it became necessary to enlarge the church in 1883 and again in 1886, when it was reconstructed into the shape of a cross.



Early Education

Besides promoting the family's welfare, Polish parents emphasized the importance of religion and education. With their deep respect for education, church classes were begun almost simultaneously with the building of the church. They were held originally in the basement of the church soon after its reconstruction in 1883.

Arrival Of The Sisters

About 1890, Rev. Gramlewicz secured the services of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth from Chicago. Classes were still held in the church basement and the Sisters lived in a small house on Church Street until a convent was built in 1891-92. The first parishioner to enter the religious life was Augusta Chrzan who in 1894 joined the Sisters. They were succeeded by the Felician Sisters from Detroit in 1893. St. Stanislaus made its next contribution to the religious life in 1894 when two of her parishioners, Anastasia Gorski and Bronislawa Chylla, entered the community of the Felician Sisters. Later, the Bernardine Sisters were invited to teach on a full-time basis. The Bernardine Order came into existence more than five centuries ago in Poland.

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

- Matthew 16:18

Change Comes To St. Stanislaus

In 1894, a misunderstanding among the parishioners caused a number of families to drop out of the parish. This group became the nucleus for the Holy Trinity Church of Nanticoke.

Rev. Gramlewicz died on May 31, 1910 and was buried in St. Stanislaus cemetery. Having administered the physical and spiritual growth of the parish, he toiled among his flock functioning not only as a priest, but also as builder, financier, and judge. It took heroic efforts to face and resolve the grave issues of those days. His death ended the pioneer era.

After the death of Father Gramlewicz in 1910, differences arose among the parishioners concerning the appointment of a new pastor. Once again, a number of families left the parish and joined other Catholic parishes in Nanticoke. These differences were resolved with the appointment of Rev. Valentine Biczysko as pastor.

Rev. Valentine Biczysko

Rev. Valentine Biczysko was born in Poznan, Poland on February 11, 1883. He came to America in May, 1898 at the age of 15 to join his father in Scranton, where they were later joined by the rest of his family. At the time of entry at St. Thomas College, Rev. Biczysko could not speak one word of English, but by the end of the year, he was at the head of his class. Rev. Biczysko studied theology at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan and St. Bonaventure Seminary at Allegheny, New York. He was ordained in Scranton by Bishop Hoban on July 3, 1908. Rev. Biczysko's first assignment was assistant to Rev. Gramlewicz at St. Stanislaus until his transfer in April 1909 to Dickson City. His first pastorates included Church of the Holy Transfiguration, West Hazleton and St. John's, Exeter. On January 1, 1914, Rev. Biczysko became the second pastor of Saint Stanislaus; the congregation then numbered 300 families.



Building And Extensive Renovation Programs

Under Rev. Biczysko's dynamic leadership, Saint Stanislaus grew rapidly, thereby necessitating the construction of new facilities as well as many innovations in existing church structures. Particularly interested in advancing education, his first project was the erection of a four room brick school building, completed in 1917. The first major steps in renovating the church were taken in 1921-22 in preparation for the 50th anniversary when the church steeple was moved from the rear to the front, and a front vestibule was added. Brick siding and a new tile roof were added, and the interior was completely renovated and new pews installed at a total cost of \$50,000.

In 1933 a large building was constructed adjoining the convent providing additional classrooms and a large auditorium for school and parish functions. The convent was painted and repaired. The last extensive improvements took place in preparation for the 75th anniversary in 1950, when renovations were made in the church, convent, school, and rectory. Donations by individuals and societies included a pulpit, two tabernacles, carpeting, and other sanctuary and church fittings.

Return Of The Bernardines

At the request of Rev. Biczysko, the Bernardine Sisters returned in September, 1914. Sister Bronislawa and three other Sisters undertook the tasks of teaching and caring for the sanctuary and sacristy. Between 1924 and 1929 the school enrollment increased so rapidly that six Sisters were engaged in the teaching of 250 pupils in eight grades. When mining hit its peak in 1930, the population was 26,043 and the enrollment increased in 1934 to 305 pupils, the highest in the history of the school. Saint Stanislaus had been extremely fortunate and grateful to have had dedicated, diligent Sisters over the years. The Sisters exuded a positive influence over every aspect of parish life. Their example of spiritual faith, self-sacrifice, and zealous service helped mold the lives of all with whom they came into contact.

“You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

- Micah 6:8

Humanitarian And Public Benefactors

Rev. Biczysko was not only a very able administrator, devoting his time and attention to his pastoral work and to the interests of the church and congregation, but he was also prominently active in other directions.

Both he and his parish were very active in charitable and patriotic affairs. He gave freely of his experience and labor to all worthwhile civic and benevolent enterprises and similar undertakings. When the flu epidemic swept Nanticoke during World War I, it left many children homeless. This created an immediate need for an orphanage to provide for children of Polish extraction. Rev. Biczysko and the parish played a large role in its establishment. Built in



Sheatown, Saint Stanislaus Orphanage was dedicated by Bishop Hoban in 1918. Under the direction of Rev. A. Zychowicz, its first president, on February 22, 1918 six Bernardine nuns, with Sister Phillippine as instructor, were placed in charge of the 200 orphans.

Rev. Biczysko served as president of the board from 1920 to 1928 and also two later terms. Saint Stanislaus Church was the main support of the Polish orphanage for 10 years, contributing \$25,000, more than any other Polish parish. Fund-raisers, such as the Saint Stanislaus Charity Balls, begun in 1920, and yearly picnics at Sans Souci Park, were memorable occasions for all. By 1928 enough money was raised to pay off the mortgage with a balance of \$46,000 for the Chapel Fund and \$20,000 in the Emergency Fund.

Later, no longer an orphanage, the Saint Stanislaus Institute was established in 1940, providing resident treatment for dependent, neglected, or slightly emotionally disturbed children between the ages of five and sixteen. For 56 years, it had sheltered and cared for 8000 needy children. This has been a tremendous record of sacrifice and love by priests like Rev. Biczysko, by Sisters, and by parishioners who worked so hard during all those years.

During both World Wars, the parish was foremost in the U.S. Bond Drives and also in Polish Relief activities. Vitally interested in the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland, Saint Stanislaus had the distinction of being in first place in the entire Diocese in 1958 for its contribution to this cause — over \$15,000. It also contributed many thousands of dollars worth of goods to the American Relief for Poland. Rev. Biczysko's steadfast devotion to the cause of Poland earned him the highest award of Poland and he was decorated with the Order of Polonia Restituta. As chaplain of the Polish Union, he also extended aid to Polish immigrants. As members of the Polish American Congress, Rev. Biczysko and the parish were active participants.

Rev. Biczysko had also been a most generous benefactor of Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary. His loyalty and his outstanding gifts to that institution brought most deserved recognition when he was honored with the highest decoration, the Fidelitas medal for fidelity in serving God and country. His generosity and selflessness had no parallel.

Rev. Biczysko died in April, 1961. His sudden death caused great sorrow throughout the parish and community. He had served the parishioners of St. Stanislaus as pastor for 47 years, longer than any other pastor to date. Historically, these years covered three great crises, two World Wars and the Great Depression. Throughout these many years of adversity, Rev. Biczysko remained a bulwark of strength and courage and provided exceptional spiritual leadership.

Rev. Frank Barlik, Administrator

After Rev. Biczysko's death in 1961, Rev. Frank Barlik, who had been assistant to Rev. Biczysko since November 1960, was appointed as administrator. Rev. Barlik made some parish improvements and at the request of the Mother Superior at Reading for better living conditions for the Sisters, Rev. Barlik

instituted plans for a convent. The old one was razed, and the ground converted into a parking area. In 1962 the convent and an addition to the school were completed at a cost of \$155,000.

In September, 1963, Rev. Barlik was transferred to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, where he died suddenly in 1967, at age 48. During his short tenure at St. Stanislaus, he was a conscientious administrator and a dedicated priest, and the parish regretted his transfer. Through his efforts, the Bernardine Sisters stayed at the parish, continuing with their great works.

“Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

- Deuteronomy 6:5

Rev. Stanislaus Banas, Third Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Banas became the third permanent pastor of St. Stanislaus on September 25, 1963.

Within one year, repairs to the church exterior and the rectory interior were made, and half of a \$30,000 debt was cleared. By 1969 a new rectory was built at a cost of \$154,000. The parish and the St. Stanislaus Guild continued to support the new St. Stanislaus Medical Care Center. Rev. Banas received parish support for the medical care center, which was begun in 1970. It opened, prematurely, in response to the acute need for medical facilities when, in 1972, the Agnes flood disaster required patients to evacuate hospitals and nursing homes in the flood zones.

During Rev. Banas's pastorate, some of the Second Vatican Council directives were introduced and carried into effect, namely: the English language replacing the traditional Latin, the Altar facing the congregation, and congregational participation.

During his tenure of 11 years, Rev. Banas proved himself to be an able administrator and compiled an impressive record of achievements, both materially and spiritually. In September, 1974, he was appointed pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, in Plains.

Rev. Leonard Novak, Fourth Pastor

Rev. Leonard Novak was the fourth permanent pastor in 100 years. Born in Duryea in 1931, he studied at St. Mary's College and at Saints Cyril and Methodious Seminary and was ordained in 1956 by Bishop Jerome Hannan. In September, 1974, he assumed his first pastorate, at Saint Stanislaus Church.

Rev. Novak had already made a few more changes to comply with the Second Vatican Council directives such as the appointments of Lectors, purchase of missalettes, parishioner presentation of gifts for the Eucharist, and standing while receiving Communion.

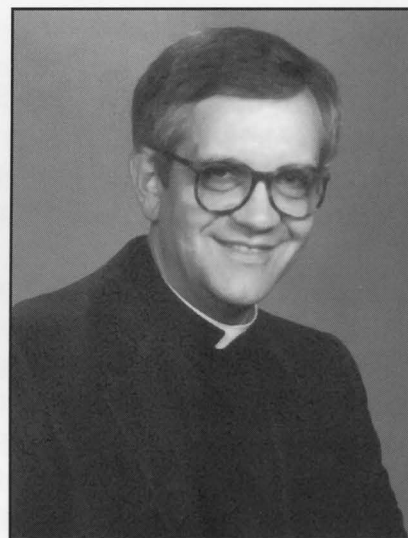
Rev. Novak celebrated the 25th anniversary of his priesthood while being pastor at St. Stanislaus.

The Bible classes taught by Rev. Novak were well attended and there were seder meal and other biblical observances.

Rev. Walter Ferrett

Reverend Walter Ferrett returned as pastor of Saint Stanislaus Parish in 1982 after serving as assistant pastor here. Rev. Ferrett stressed the culture, the language of the people, continuing with the Polish language, songs, processions, and feast days.

Major improvements were made to the church. It was completely remodeled, painted statues redone, altars renovated, and the lighting improved. The basement was completely redone. Now, there were meeting rooms, lavatory facilities, and facilities for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Classes.



Rev. Ferrett was particularly interested in people arriving from Poland and being integrated into the life of the parish. He helped many poor people, particularly those who came to the rectory door for help. Parish societies were quite active during Rev. Ferrett's pastorate.

Rev. Francis Skitzki

Rev. Francis Skitzki returned to Saint Stanislaus in 1990 after serving as administrator here. Rev. Skitzki's sermons were thought-provoking and he placed strong emphasis on the Bible. He conducted Bible classes and evangelization work. The restoration of the stained glass windows with the theme, The Creed, was continued by Rev. Skitzki.

He was a very compassionate person. He had been a resident of Saint Stanislaus Orphanage as a boy. This is the same orphanage that Rev. Biczysko started.

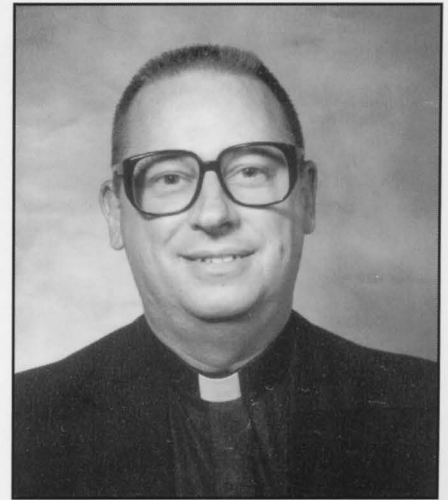


Rev. Joseph Kakareka, 1991-Present

“May (you) have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

- Ephesians 3:18-21

The religious endeavors under Rev. Kakareka were the establishment of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Isaiah 43 Parish Retreat, and Bishop’s visitation. The religious education endeavors under Rev. Kakareka were the establishment of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, merger of PSR (Parish School of Religion) with St. Mary’s Church (Hanover St.), and the participation in Diocesan Pastoral Formation Institute for Certification Programs by Parish Ministers and Teachers in St. Stanislaus School of Religion.



Social service endeavors include Apostolate to the Elderly in conjunction with Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Friendly Caregivers in conjunction with Catholic Social Services, and St. Stanislaus Food Bank in conjunction with the Commission on Economic Opportunity.

Major renovations of parish property were undertaken with the prayer and the financial cooperation of the parishioners. Among the renovations were: new roofs for the school, church, and rectory, stained glass windows in the church, air conditioning for the rectory and church, new flooring in the church, cemetery remapping by diocesan engineers, sale of the convent, refurbishing the entire first floor of the rectory, major revamping of the drainage system in the cemetery (new underground piping and three catch basins), total restoration of the organ, and electrical renovation in the church.

In 1998, Rev. Mr. Florian Gyza was appointed as the first permanent deacon to Saint Stanislaus Church.

Understanding that Saint Stanislaus Church is part of a much larger community, Rev. Kakareka has continued to see our parish’s need to participate in, and further reach, that community. Saint Stanislaus Church has participated in the National Day of Prayer (first Thursday in May) by offering a special evening Mass, giving us the opportunity to join with others across the United States in praying for our nation.

Most recently, Rev. Kakareka commissioned the development of a new internet web site for our parish, to even further reach people in this information age. Those interested in learning more about Saint Stanislaus parish can visit this web site at www.rc.net/scranton/stanislaus.

Conclusion

The 125th Jubilee of the Parish encompasses the history of the Poles of Nanticoke — its birth, infancy, adolescence, and its adulthood — and its whole history of toil and victory in preserving the faith and culture of its forefathers. After 125 years of progress and expansion, both spiritually and materially, St. Stanislaus stands as a living testament of the labor of love to the service of God given by all its builders, both living and deceased. Saint Stanislaus has an enviable record through its services and achievements. With God's grace, new challenges will be met as courageously in the future, for Poles have a heritage that is conducive to outstanding accomplishments.

In Memoriam

Rev. Richard J. Kvedrovicz

Born: May 12, 1946, in Nanticoke, PA

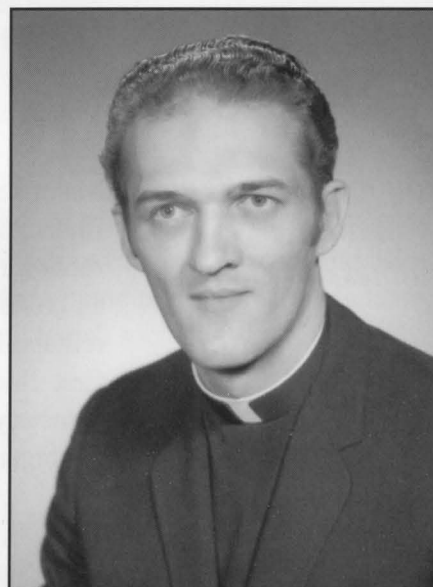
Ordained: May 13, 1972, by most Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, late bishop of Scranton

Death: July 18, 2000

Burial: July 21, 2000; Bishop James C. Timlin served as principal celebrant in the pontifical concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial.

Father Richard was a native son of the parish, and served as an assistant pastor.

He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.



125th Anniversary Group

First Row: Eugene Horanzy, Michael Jezewski, John Marcinkowski, Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka, Pastor; Rev. Mr. Florian J. Gyza, Deacon; Arlene Matthews, Edwin Matthews

Second Row: Frank Mrufchinski, Joseph Stobodzian, Teresa Van Fossen, Norma Craythorne, Jule Znaniecki, Carolyn Obaza, Karen Kotsko, Rita Natalini, Ann Marie O'Donnell

Third Row: Albina McCloskey, Barbara Shimko, Carol and son William Michael Jezewski, Helen Robachefski, Josephine Bashista, Ann Morgis, Ann Jablonski, Karen Kanjorski

Fourth Row: Atty. Sylvester McCloskey, Nazarene Natalini, Joseph Mendrzycki, Bernadette Jablonski, Theda Rynkiewicz



125th Anniversary Executive Members

First Row: John Marcinkowski, Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka, Pastor; Rev. Mr. Florian J. Gyza, Deacon

Second Row: Eugene Horanzy, Edwin Matthews



Committee Chairpersons

First Row: Flowers, Karen Kotsko, Decoration, Barbara Shimko, Invitation, Ann Morgis

Second Row: 300 Club, Nazarene Natalini, Historical, Frank Mrufchinski

Absent: 300 Club, Donald Morgis, Dinner, Christine Cherr



The 125th Anniversary Officers

First Row: Chairman, John Marcinkowski, Secretary, Arlene Matthews, Vice Chairman, Edwin Matthews

Second Row: Treasurer, Michael Jezewski, Vice-Chairman, Eugene Horanzy



Historical Committee

First Row: Chairman, Frank Mrufchinski, Norma Craythorne, Teresa Van Fossen, Jule Znaniecki

Second Row: Joseph Mendrzycki, Theda Rynkiewicz, Edwin Matthews

125th Anniversary Choir





Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Florian J. Gyza, Deacon



Saint Stanislaus Church Finance Officers
First Row: David Leiby, Albina McCloskey, Helen Robachefski, John Marcinkowski
Second Row: Atty. Sylvester McCloskey, Eugene Horanzy

**First Holy Communion
Class of 2000**

First Row:
Rev. Mr. Florian J. Gyza,
Deacon, Allyson Zegarski,
Kelly Redenski, Katie
Kuzminski, Rev. Joseph R.
Kakareka, Pastor

Second Row:
Tyler Smith, Anthony Swain,
Fred Sivilich, John Mavus



**Parish School Of Religion
Catechists**

First Row:

Aides, Chantel Felch, Erica Jaskulski; Teachers, Janice Leiby, Teresa Van Fossen

Second Row:

Teacher, Kevin Halchack, St. Mary's Coordinator, Frank Wempa, teacher Ann Morgis, aide Cynthia Smith, St. Stanislaus coordinator Ann Marie O'Donnell

Absent: Teachers Mary Lynn Morio, Joann Mavus; Aides, David Leiby, John P. Morio; secretary Teresa Saluski



The Parish School of Religion (PSR) at St. Stanislaus and St. Mary's Parishes provides regular classroom instruction in Catholic beliefs, practices, and values. The mission of the Parish School of Religion is to provide leadership direction, and resources to lead, assist, and support teachers/parents/students in the shaping of a unified vision of Catholic identity consistent with the catechetical documents of the Roman Catholic Church.

PSR continues to carry on its mission through the development, evaluation, and implementation of curriculum, which flows from the philosophy and goals of the Church. Sacramental preparation and the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are an integral part of the program and are best understood as such, rather than an end. Children attend the program from preschool through grade eight, with the curriculum for each year focusing on different aspects of the Catholic faith.

The catechists of the religious education program are all volunteers who believe that the work is important and want to be a part of passing on their faith to the children of the parish. Special training courses are offered for adults who would like to serve the parish in this ministry.

Youth Ministry

First Row: Ashley Antolik,
Chantel Felch, Megan
Szychowski, Melissa
Zendarski, Kendal Kanjorski,
Kara Levandoski

Second Row: Jill Bavitz, Erica
Jaskulski, Lindsay
Simoncavage, Kaitlyn Clark,
Keith Jablonski

Third Row: Kevin Halchak,
coordinator; Bernadette
Jablonski, Ann Morgis,
coordinator; Karen Kanjorski

Absent: Chelsea Zendarski,
David Leiby



Founded in 1998 by the St. Stanislaus/St. Mary's Confirmation Class, the Youth Group is an inter-parish organization dedicated to the service ministry. Since its inception, its members have held fund raisers which include the rummage sale and candy drive. The group has sponsored a day at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, and volunteered there on numerous occasions. The Youth Group has helped with parish events, and has volunteered at the Nanticoke Villa and Mercy Center. Each year members make Christmas wreaths to decorate the Parish, and at Easter distribute palm crosses to the parishioners. Members also enjoy social activities such as bowling, ice skating, a Christmas party, and the annual outing at Knobel's. All youth are welcome to be part of the group.

RCIA

First Row: Rev. Mr. Florian J. Gyza, Deacon, Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka, Pastor, Carolyn Obaza

Second Row: Corrine Martinez, Joseph Mendrzycki, Ann Morgis

Absent: Marie Passetti



The RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, was introduced into the parish by Rev. Kakareka in 1992. The RCIA is a process by which potential converts meet for instruction and formation in the Catholic faith.

Candidates can be non-baptized, baptized non-Catholics, returning Catholics, or Catholics interested in updating their faith. They meet weekly with the RCIA team from September until Easter, when they are then brought into the faith, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA is a call to conversion. It is a gradual growth process on a lifelong journey of faith. Christians are made, not born, and the RCIA team offers support, encouragement, and witness to the Catholic faith to the candidates. Each step in the formation process is marked by a ceremony, bringing the candidate closer to the final ceremony that brings the candidate fully into the Catholic faith, during the Easter Vigil.

Sacred Heart Society

First Row: Elizabeth Krzywicki, Francis Novak, Wanda Piscotty, Florence Blockus, Helen Krasucki

Second Row: Christine Mieczkowski, Felicia Jonas, Arlene Matthews, Coordinator; Dorothy Romanowski, Blanche Pascoe, Celia Piasecki



Catholic Womens Council

First Row: Ann Morgis, Frances Davis, Wanda Piscotty, Celia Zegarski, Helen Krasucki

Second Row: Teresa Van Fossen, Denise Maslowski, Christine Mieczkowski, Blanche Pascoe

Absent: Lillian Rosick, Regina Wypasick, Helen Brojakowski, Helen Gynoski, Sophie Gajewski, Martha Tirpack, President, Denise Maslowski, Vice President, Celia Zegarski, Secretary Lillian Rosick, Treasurer, Wanda Piscotty, Sunshine Club, Frances Davis



The founding of the Catholic Womens Council took place on February 20, 1968. The council's spiritual activities include: sponsoring days of recollection at Saint Gabriel's Monastery in Clarks Summit, and pilgrimages to Our Lady Of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown, PA.

Members have acted as hostesses for all night vigils, and served many Communion breakfasts, have participated in the World Day of Prayer, and hosted Ecumenical Services in the Nanticoke Area.

The council members have engaged in many fund raising projects over the years for the support of the church. Projects included pierogi, paczki, hoagie, and bake sales, and many beef and spaghetti dinners. The council was able to purchase a stained glass window through profits from collecting I.G.A. tapes and bake sales every Wednesday at the Nanticoke Square Farmers Market.

To the present time the council has donated over \$50,000.00 to the support of Saint Stanislaus Parish. This task was accomplished by many hours of hard work done by the members.

Holy Name Society

Seated: Leonard Zielinski

First Row: John Marcinkowski, Treasurer; Eugene Wydawski, Joseph Stobodzian, Joseph Skipkoski

Second Row: Edwin Matthews, President; Leonard Kollar, Secretary; Henry Bednarek, Vice President; Richard Domzalski, Joseph Zielinski, Eugene Horanzy



The Holy Name Society was formed in Saint Stanislaus Church in 1930. It is an organization for the men of the Parish. The formal beginning of the Holy Name Society is credited to Pope Gregory XI, who in 1274, commissioned the newly founded Dominican Order to concentrate its efforts on preaching greater devotion to the Holy Name.

On April 13, 1564, Pope Pius IV instituted the confraternity of the most Holy Name and thus provided Papal recognition and approval for his devotion to the name of God and of Christ.

The Holy Name Society teaches men to love and respect the Holy Name. It has become a bastion of belief in the divinity of Christ among Catholic men in America and it also has been an outstanding vehicle for an effective lay apostolate. On February 1, 1970, the National Association of the Holy Name Society was established at a national convention in New Orleans.

In 1948, The Holy Name Athletic Club was formed to sponsor the grade school children's basketball team and also an adult basketball team. Around 1975-76, the athletic club merged with the Holy Name Society since most members belonged to both organizations. The Holy Name Society then sponsored the boys basketball team in the Knights of Columbus League until the school merged into Pope John Paul II School.

The Holy Name normally meets the first Sunday of each month. The Holy Name Society sponsors a bingo twice a year and is continually recruiting for new members.

Food Pantry Volunteers

First Row: Regina Horanzy, Juana Gyza, Rev. Mr. Florian Gyza, Karen Kotsko, Rita Natalini

Second Row: Edward Krasucki, Marie Kishel, Eugene Horanzy, Ann Morgis, Ann Jablonski, Jason Kotsko

Absent: Michael and Mildred Pretulak, Joseph and Ann Broski, Michelle Foux, Christine Butterick, Geri Yash, Marie Passetti, Margaret Aciukewicz, Renee Kuligowski, Margaret Armstrong, Mary Ann Augustini, Anthony Swalla, Debora Jeffries, Virginia Josefowicz, Frank Wineski, Barbara Galazin, Brenda Thoryk, JoAnn Burdrieski, Nina Poek, Josephine Wruk, Coordinators: Raymond and Mary Ellen Starzynski



The Nanticoke Food Pantry, located in the basement of the St. Stanislaus school building, has been in operation since November 1997. The Food Pantry originated through the Greater Nanticoke Area Family Center. The Family Center saw a need for a food pantry in our area. Mary Ellen Starzynski spoke to Rev. Kakareka about this need. Rev. Kakareka then got in touch with the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Rick Kutz and with some hard work and dedication the Nanticoke Food Pantry became a reality in November of 1997.

In the beginning, the Food Pantry serviced seventy families. At the present time, the Food Pantry services between 110 and 130 families per month. The food is acquired through the Commission on Economic Opportunity through a state grant, and also through donations from various churches and organizations throughout the city.

The Food Pantry would not be in existence without the hard work and continued dedication of the faithful volunteers.

Ministry of Lectors

First Row:

Annette Miskiewicz, Janice Leiby, Alysa Byorick, Kristen Kanjorski, Arlene Matthews, Lindsay Simoncavage

Second Row:

Eugene Horanzy, Leonard Kollar, John Marcinkowski, Edwin Matthews

Absent: Matthew Loftus, John Dudrick



After Vatican II, the Ministry of the Word was opened to nonclerics. Lay people could now proclaim the scripture during the celebration of the Eucharist. The main job of the lector is to proclaim the good news of the scripture to the assembly, to let people truly hear the Word that is to shape their lives. To do this effectively, the lector must have a strong personal faith and be able to reveal that faith through simple, natural delivery of the Word.

Altar Servers

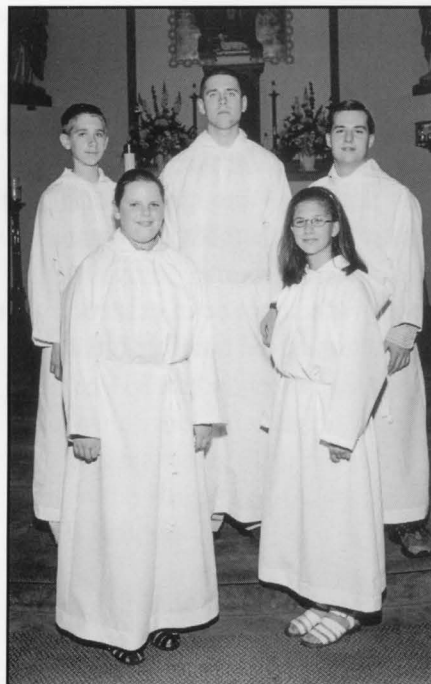
First Row:

Sophia Rynkiewicz, Kendal Kanjorski

Second Row:

Keith Jablonski, Matthew Jablonski, Kevin Halchak

Absent: David Leiby



This ministry of serving at the altar is open to male or female of whatever age. Traditionally, this ministry has been served by the youth of this parish. This is an important ministry of service and can witness to the server's faith in the Eucharist. If accomplished by the youth of the parish, it can be a strong building block for future ministry and service.

Friendly Caregivers and Pastoral Care

Helen Robachefski,
coordinator; Jason Kotsko,
Arlene Matthews



The Friendly Caregivers ministry was introduced to the parish in July 1997. St. Stanislaus was awarded a \$2000 grant from the Social Justice Trust Fund, part of the 1996 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Specified by this grant, the monies were to be used to provide the parish with funding for the salary and expenses of professional staff persons from Catholic Social Services for Friendly Caregivers.

St. Stanislaus Church and Catholic Social Services began working in conjunction to meet the needs of the frail, elderly homebound of the Nanticoke community. The Friendly Caregivers aim is to match

volunteers with elderly individuals in need of service. Aileen Ward of Catholic Social Services spoke in our parish explaining the program in detail.

Friendly Visiting is an organized plan for elderly who are emotionally, physically, or mentally handicapped. Those who are visited are older people who live alone in their own homes, or in any situation where the warmth of friendliness is needed for someone to take a personal interest in them. The persons who do the visiting have been trained in the Friendly Visitor's Program and agree to visit under guidelines set up by the program. The Friendly Visitor must be a cheerful, happy, and interested person if any type of "visiting" is to meet with a measure of success. Crises in the life of the older citizen should be handled with a seriousness of purpose based upon empathy rather than sympathy. In such a manner, the Friendly Visitor should be capable of renewing a sense of dignity and worth to the older citizen in the hour of need.

Sometimes, the elderly person only needs someone to call them each day to see if all is well. Others may need someone to run errands, and to take them shopping and to doctor appointments.

Some of the attitudes to be shown by the Friendly Visitor include warmth, acceptance, patience, dependability, honesty, generosity, objectivity, and compassion.

The benefits to the Friendly Visitor are immeasurable. New and lasting friendships are formed. A wealth of learning can be obtained from these elderly clients. A great deal of self-worth and satisfaction may be felt by the Friendly Visitor.

Marriage Sponsor Couple

Rev. Mr. Florian & Mrs. Gyza,
Mr. & Mrs. David Leiby



Starting in 1996, St. Stanislaus Church, in accordance with the Diocese of Scranton, has offered its engaged parishioners a one-on-one marriage preparation program. Married couples, called sponsor couples, are specially trained to give engaged couples the opportunity to discuss realistic life situations that married couples encounter.

Ushers

First Row: John Krupa,
Nazarene Natalini, Richard
Domzalski, Eugene Wydawski,
Joseph Skipkoski

Second Row: Stanley
Jezewski, Joseph Mendrzycki,
Michael Jezewski, Leonard
Kollar

Absent: Robert Borofski,
Donald Morgis, Thomas
Olshefski, Andrew Salek,
Clement Sawicki



The service of the Ushers is to appoint parishioners to present the offertory gifts, assist those who are in need to a pew, welcome visitors, and assist with the offertory collection.

Eucharistic Ministers

First Row:

Carolyn Obaza, Nazarene
Natalini, Annette Miskiewicz,
Teresa Van Fossen

Second Row:

Edwin Matthews, Gregory
Miskiewicz, Eugene Horanzy,
Norman Piontkowski

Absent: Dolores Olshefski



Pope Paul VI authorized special Ministers of Communion to share the Body and Blood of Christ with their fellow worshipers in the assembly, and with those confined to their homes, so that no one "be deprived of this sacramental help and consolation." On October 12, 1986, Eugene Horanzy, Edwin Matthews, Teresa Van Fossen, and Celia Zegarski, were the first to be commissioned as Special Ministers of Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers also serve at the Nanticoke Special Care Hospital, Personal Care Home, and Oplinger Towers.

"Let us adore Jesus in our hearts, who spent 30 years out of 33 in silence; who began his public life by spending 40 days in silence; who often retired alone to spend the night on a mountain in silence. He who spoke with authority, now spends his earthly life in silence. Let us adore Jesus in the eucharistic silence." - Mother Teresa

***In Memory of
our Husbands,
Wives, and
Children***

Leo Frank Blockus
Richard J. Borofski
John S. Brojakowski
Joseph Bukofski
Frank W. Byorick
Edward J. Chrzan
Sidney Thomas Craythorne
Michael Felch
Stanley & Richard Gust
John Hoschinski
Stanley Kostrzecha
Florian A. Kozlofski
Stanley Krzywicki
John Kubrak
George Kuchta
Andrew Meko
Edward Mieczkowski
Edward J. Novak
Carl F. Obaza
Michael M. O'Donnell
Anthony G. Piscotty

Walter E. Poremba
Stanley J. Prushinski
Thomas A. Redenski
Stanley Robachefski, Jr.
Ralph Rube, Jr.
Jean Salek
Anthony C. Scott
Stanley T. Simoncavage
Celestine Skipkoski
Frederick J. Sullivan
Ret. M/Sgt. Charles J. Van Fossen
Charles M. Van Fossen
Randel Van Fossen
John T. Wadas
Peter Wadas
Eugene Wydauski, Jr.
Felix S. Wysowski
Joseph Yaracz
Vincent Znaniecki

***In Memory
of our
Grandparents***

Maryann Bukofski
Stanley & Lottie Comoroski
Barney & Mary Duzinski
Frank & Mary Gabel
Frank & Helen Gorski
Vincent & Antoinette Groblewski
Michael & Victoria Haracz
Joseph & Frances Janowski
Michael & Margaret Kishel
Maryanna Kishel
Cephas & Viola Knafla
Frank & Cadelia Marcinkowski
Joseph & Mary Zuraw Marcinkowski
Martin & Mary O'Donnell
Elizabeth Owens
John Piasecki
Valentine & Mary Pekot
Martin & Tekla Rupinski
John & Josephine Szczecinski
Walter & Angela Ushinski
Michael & Dolores Veronick
John & Mary Vida

Julian & Juliana Wompierski
Valentine & Cecila Zdziarski

***In Memory of
our Aunts and
Uncles***

Edward Chrzan
Helen Gabor
Edward Gonshor
Lillian Gonshor
Joseph Grabowski
Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Mayewski
Ruth Moore
Chester Rupinski
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shipkowski
Johnny, Benjamin, Bruce Pekot & Agnes Pekot Shipp
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Supkowski

***In Memory of
our Brothers
and Sisters***

Tessie Alberola
Rocco Albanese, Jr.
Edwin F. Borofski
Chester Carneski
Donna Carneski
Michael R. Horanzy
Stanley G. Jezewski, Jr.
Stephen A. Jonas, M.D.
Dr. Alois & Edith Morgan Knoll
Dr. Thaddeus & Helen Balut Knoll
Cornelia Jonas & Esther Lubesco
Gertrude Knoll O'Toole
Elizabeth Rose Owens
Joan Pincofski
Frank R. Przywara
John E. Przywara
John C. Ripski
Francis Salek
Edward John Salvadore
Valeria Budurka Wrinn

***In Memory of
our Mothers
and Fathers***

John & Celestine Adamkevicz
Rocco & Lucy Albanese
John & Stella Artysewicz
Henry Bednarek, Sr.
Hugh & Jean Beggs
Frank J. Borofski
Paul & Mary Brojakowski
Edward & Helen Budurka
Frank & Celia Bukofski
Martin & Jennie Bukofski
Frank W. Byorick
Boleslaus & Geraldine Carneski
Alexander & Stacia Cassoni
Mr. & Mrs. Eufemio Cebuano
John & Victoria Celnack
Joseph & Eva Chrzan
Anthony & Anna Dobrowolski
Anthony & Katherine Dombkowski
Sophia Dudrick
Henry & Anne Edmuntowicz
Benjamin H. Evans, Jr.
Walter & Eleanor Faldowski
Joseph F. Gabel
Anthony & Ethel Gill
Stanley & Bertha Gorka
Benjamin & Stella Grabowski
John & Annette Grabowski
Vincent & Frances Groblewski
Max & Sophie Grodzicki (Godparents)
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Grontkowski
Mary Gyza
Margaret Halchak
Leo & Anna Haracz
Michael S. & Stella Horanzy
Barney & Anna Jablonski
Leon & Julia Janowski
Gregory & Frances Jezewski
Leon & Anastasia Jezewski
Stanley G. & Helen Jezewski
Peter & Josepha Jonas
John & Mary Kanjorski
John & Frances Kempiski
Clement J. & Apolonia Kitlowska Knoll
Anna Kondrak
Stanley & Bertha Konopinski
Edward & Frances Kosciolek
Frank & Theresa Kruszka
Stanley & Blanche Kruczck
Ignatius & Lillian Kuniega
John & Theresa Kuskiewicz
John & Martha Kutz
Peter & Blanche Kutz
Frank & Rose Litchkowski
John & Blanche Maguda
Stanley & Margaret Marcinkowski
Anthony Matthews
Stanley & Anna Maylock
Frank Mrufchinski, Sr.
Frank & Cadelia Marcinkowski
Joseph & Mary Zuraw Marcinkowski
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Materevich
John & Mary McCloskey
Frances Obaza
Michael M. O'Donnell
Martin & Mary O'Donnell
Stanley & Celia Pincowski
Julius & Mary Pinkowski
Theodore & Catherine Pretulak
Joseph & Anna E. Prushinski
Frank & Stella Przywara
John & Stella Ripski
Walter & Blanche Rowinski
Caroline & Michael Salek
Stanley & Clementine Sawicki
Leon & Jennie Shumosis
John Siergiej
Ret. Sgt. Ralph J. & Patricia Simone
Fred & Sophie Sullivan
Nicholas & Stella Tullai
John & Sophie Ushinski
Valerie Ushinski
Michael & Dolores Veronick
Ambrose & Virginia Vida
Leon Voshefski
Stanley & Julia Waiter
William & Frances Washkewicz
Edward Wydawski, Dad & Best Friend
Edward Wydawski
Joseph Yaraez
Edward & Veronica Yackimowicz
William & Martha Yackimowicz
Michael & Anna Yurkowski
Valentine & Cecila Zdziarski

*In Memory of
our Families
and Friends*

John & Catherine Bajorek
Tekla Bajorek
Michael Bashista
Bernard & Kazimera Bienkowski
Frank & Mary Blockus
John & Anna Borofski and Family
Max & Elizabeth Patrzykowski Bozinski
Victor & Mary Patrzykowski Brodka
Walter & Martha Broski
Bukofski; parents, brothers, sisters, spouses
Joseph & Josephine Butka
John & Ann Bednarek Chrzan
Stanley & Lottie Comoroski
Balbina & Joseph & Fred Czapla
Chester Czapla
Bernard Dziedzic
Kristen Lynn Dziedzic
Michael Fedorchak
Alexander & Mary Frankiewicz
Stanley & Sophie Patrzykowski Ftorkowski
Anna Gabrick
Celia Gabrick
Michael Gabrick
George & Elizabeth Gmiter
Cecelia Gogola
Frank & Alice Marchinkowski Gorka
William J. Grycewicz
Sophie & Max Grodzicki (Godparents)
Robert C. Hill
Joseph & Elizabeth Kaminski
Bethany Irene Knoll
Stanley & Julia Patrzykowski Kocikowski
Deceased Members of Kolodziej Family
Frank G. Koronkiewicz
Frank S. & Anna Koronkiewicz
Deceased Members of Kosciolek Family
Martin & Anne Kotch
Leon & Helen Krieger
Frank & Josephine Kuryloski
Joseph Kuryloski
August & Victoria Labenski
Edmund Legenz
Amelia Bonaventura Lubesco
Esther Jonas Lubesko
Bernadine Znaniecki Michalek
Frank & Mary Novak
Stephen & Gertrude Novak
Margaret Nowak
Stanley Nowak
Leo Nowikowski
Mary Ann Nowikowski
Victoria Nowikowski
John & Celia Olshefski
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