

*100th Anniversary*  
*1893-1993*



*Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church*  
*652 Carson Street*  
*Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201*



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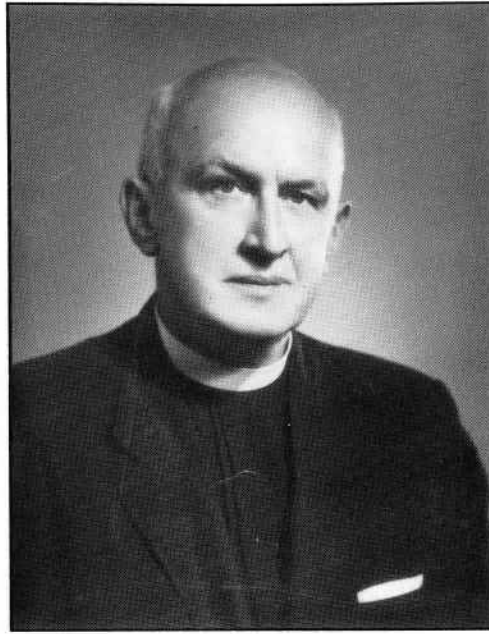
## **Irene and Joseph Gans**

### **APPRECIATION**

The Saint Stanislaus parishioners extend to you, Irene and Joe, our most sincere thanks and appreciation for all the support and assistance you have given to the church and to the school over the years. Your faith and deep love for God was seen in the many ways you cared and shared. Your unfailing readiness and willingness to help not only in the parish but the community at large is an inspiration to everyone and a true example of Faith in action.

We are deeply grateful to you both for your kindness, your generosity and your interest in strengthening all aspects of the parish community.

May God's blessings be with you always.

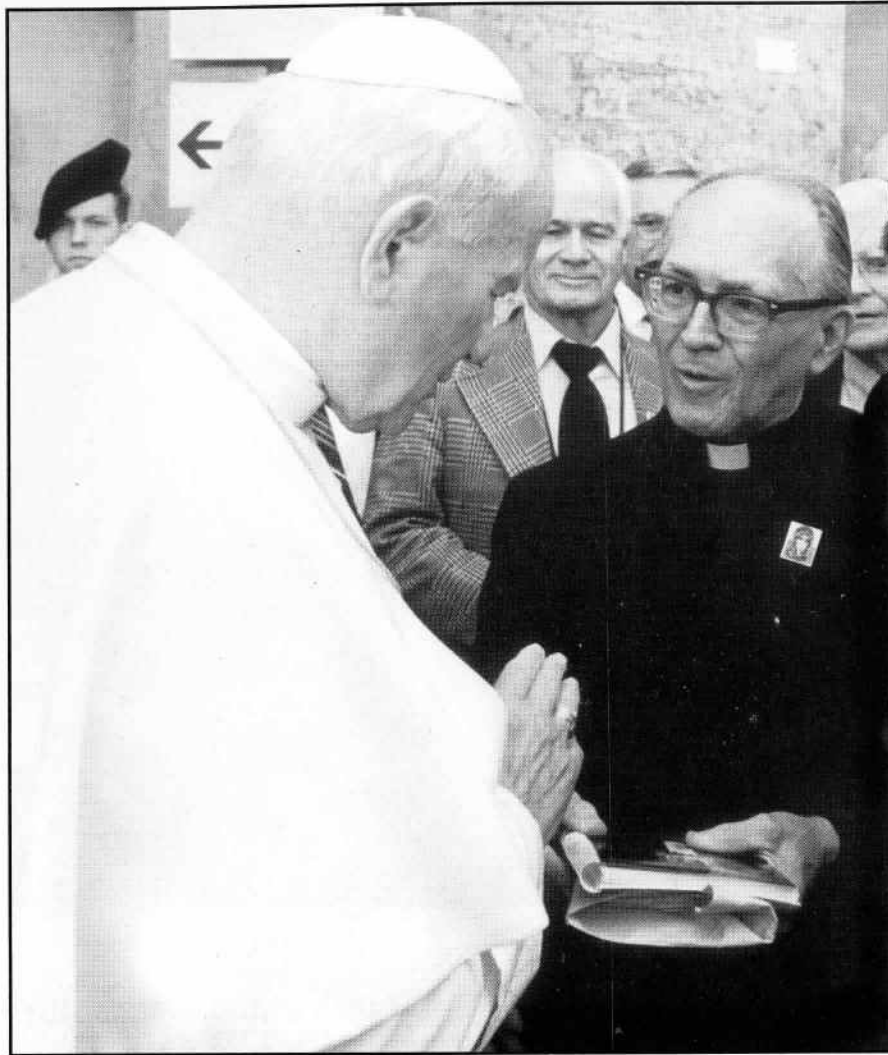


**Monsignor Anthony W. Drogowski**

## **A SIGN OF DEDICATION**

The chapters of St. Stanislaus Church reflect the deep faith, spirituality and love of Msgr. Anthony Drogowski expressed with clarity and simplicity. A man of compassion, humble beyond description whose faithful and invaluable preaching and living of the "word" gave him the ability to transcend the materialism of the years he served as shepherd of this flock. The physical structures of this community still show evidence of his sweat, blood, and motivation to create a blueprint for a truly Catholic Christian life. Every layman, laywoman, seminarian, priest and religious could find an incomparable example of using ones talents and resources for the greater honor and glory of God and His flock.

In this one-hundredth year, on this day our thoughts and memories are with you Father "Tony" because the sacraments, the liturgical selections, the sermons and the social activities we shared have helped your people to grow in our love relationship with God and each other. Your legacy of forty-four years lives on.....



## **PRESENTATION**

Pope John Paul II imparts his Holy Apostolic Blessing to Father Louis Garbacik, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Hazleton on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of its founding by Polish immigrants in 1893. His Holiness extended his blessing and prayers to the parish community, both past and present, invoking God's continued heavenly favors on all of the liturgical celebrations and social activities during this memorable year. In accepting the church history and Centennial Cookbook, the first Polish Pontiff thanked the parish for perpetuating their culture and heritage and said he would pray for an even greater growth in our relationship with God and the American community.



## APPRECIATION

An Anniversary is a time for remembering and appreciating an event that took place some time in the past, even as long as one hundred years ago. To do so without dedicating this day to the honor and glory of our Heavenly Father, the patronage and Catholic example of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and first Polish Martyr, and reflecting on the overwhelming effort and example of sacrifice demonstrated by our ancestors and the valiant immigrants we have never known, would be the height of ingratitude.

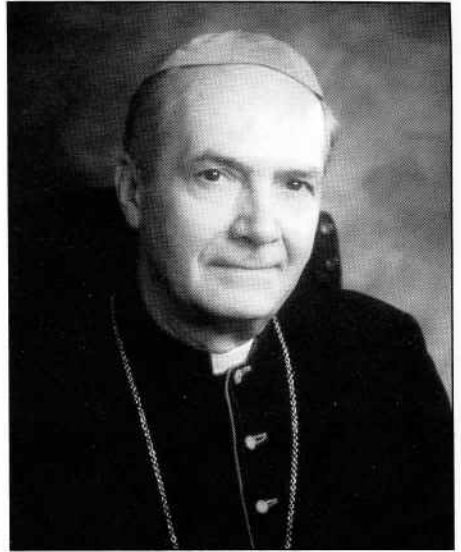
So let us pause and ask this gracious God, who filled the dedicated clergy with a zeal to serve the souls of this parish community with a love, so deep, so sincere, that it has now spanned a century (1893-1993). May this church and parish always mirror the glory of Your Son, Jesus Christ and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit may we always reflect the glory and faith of Him who came to gain our salvation.

May the events of this Centennial Year, this solemn occasion, through the intercession of Mary and her Immaculate Conception and patroness of America fill our hearts with the dignity, joy and pride so that we may truly love each other as you have commanded. We know that Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Icon of the Black Madonna has contributed for many centuries to the faith we now proclaim as Americans of Polish descent. In a moment of silence, we pause to remember all the souls of the faithful departed, relatives and friends not here today to share this day with us, but we are certain that they and your servant and shepherd of forty four years must be sharing our happiness.

We are exceedingly grateful for the leadership of our Pastor Father Garbacik, the loyal efforts of this Jubilee Committee who orchestrated the events of this year, bless them all and any we might have overlooked. Niech Będzie Pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.....

**St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr R. C. Polish Church**  
**100th ANNIVERSARY CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES**

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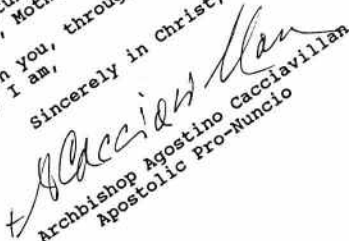
September 3, 1993

Dear Father Garbacik:  
and prayerful good wishes on the anniversary of the establishment of the 100th  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

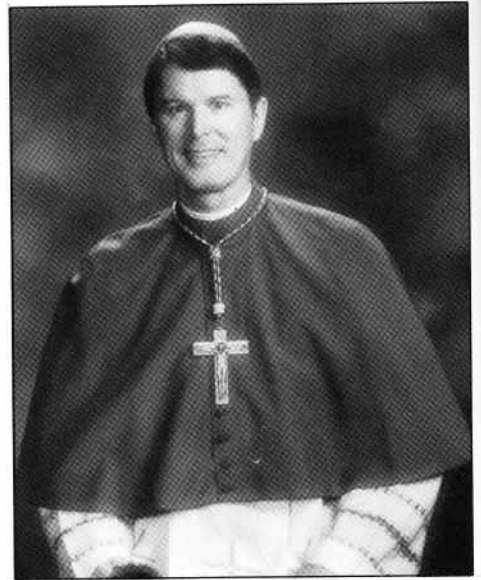
It is a privilege for me to offer my heartfelt greetings  
As you gratefully reflect on the past one hundred years,  
bring to mind that this celebration should awaken in the faithful  
of the parish a renewed consciousness of their Christian dignity  
and mission, arising from their love for Christ and His Church.  
As baptized and confirmed Catholics, they have been called to  
live, by the Kingdom of God by deepening their own interior  
material need, and by rendering generous service to those in spiritual or  
the Gospel.

May this parish jubilee be a time of recommitment to  
Catholic education for the young, and may it prompt the youth of  
the community to consider a vocation to the priesthood or  
religious life.

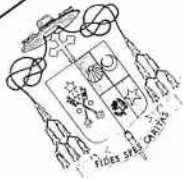
I unite with the entire parish family in thanking God  
for the blessings of the past century, while entrusting the  
future into the loving hands of Mary, Mother of the Church.  
Asking God's blessing upon you, through the intercession  
of Our Lady and Saint Stanislaus, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,  
  
Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan  
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

Reverend Louis S. Garbacik  
Pastor, St. Stanislaus Parish  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania  
October 17, 1993



Diocese of Scranton  
300 Wyoming Avenue  
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October 1, 1993



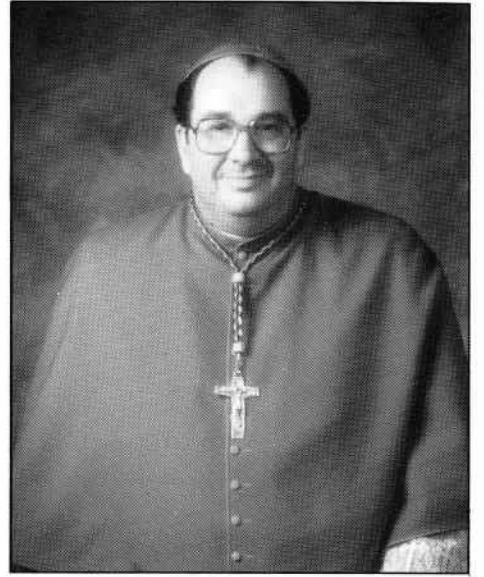
Reverend Louis S. Garbacik  
Saint Stanislaus Church  
652 Carson Street  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201-4423  
Dear Father Garbacik,

On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Saint Stanislaus Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, I am pleased to extend to you and your parishioners my sincere congratulations and best wishes. The history of your parish began with the faith, sacrifices and prayers of the early Polish immigrants. Motivated by God's call, the early settlers found no hardship too burdensome when they gathered as a Catholic community that would become the keystone of Saint Stanislaus Church in Hazleton. The love of God living and working within them overflowed and nurtured the faith of the following generations. Their example of charity, prayer and goodness exemplified the words of Sacred Scripture: "Make it your practice to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also." Matthew 6, 19-20.

Saint Stanislaus Church can be compared to the treasure mentioned above. Since its earliest days, the Church became the central focus of its parishioners. It remains a holy place where the congregation worships the Blessed Trinity, assembles for the Eucharistic Liturgy, and receives the sacraments. In addition, the people retain their cherished devotions to Our Blessed Mother. A centennial celebration of a Church recalls religious milestones and parish growth. It is a special time for remembering past blessings while renewing commitment to the gospel message and the spirit of evangelization. May your congregation be eager to share its faith with the unchurched, as well as with those who are beginning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Asking God's blessings upon you while assuring you of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*James C. Timlin*  
Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D.  
Bishop of Scranton



DIocese OF SCRANTON  
300 WYOMING AVENUE  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1278  
(717) 246-8910

October 14, 1993



OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

Reverend Louis S. Garbaciak, Pastor  
Saint Stanislaus Rectory  
652 Carson Street  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

Dear Father Garbaciak,

On the occasion of the 100-Year Anniversary of the founding of Saint Stanislaus Parish, I extend to you and to your parishioners my heartfelt congratulations.

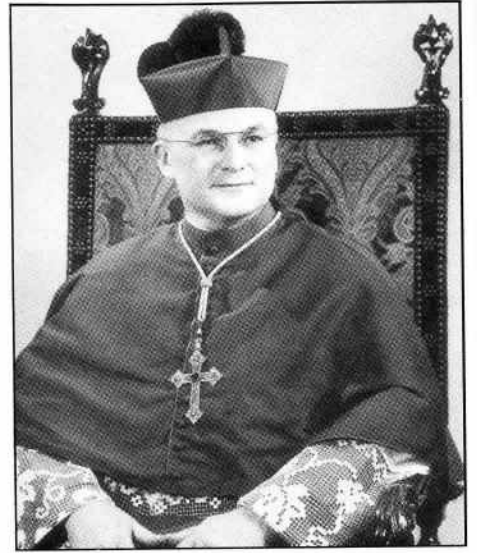
As you celebrate this wonderful milestone, keep in your thoughts and prayers your forefathers who came from a far-off land, most of them from Poland, and worked so hard to establish a parish family where they could worship God in a new land, while holding close their traditions from the old. Their sacrifices and struggles were many, I'm sure. You, their progeny, are to be commended for maintaining the beautiful parish that Saint Stanislaus has become, thereby fulfilling their hopes and dreams. Treasure the legacy handed down to you and take pride in your heritage.

Remember, too, those priests and religious who have served your church and school through the years for they, too, are an integral part of your parish history.

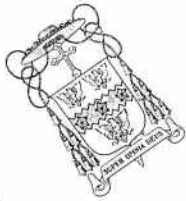
Asking God, Our Heavenly Father, to continue to bless you through the intercession of your great patron, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, and with warm best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,  
*Francis X. Di Lorenzo*

Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, D.D., V.G.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton



300 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508  
October 1, 1993



Reverend Louis S. Garbacik, Pastor  
Saint Stanislaus Church  
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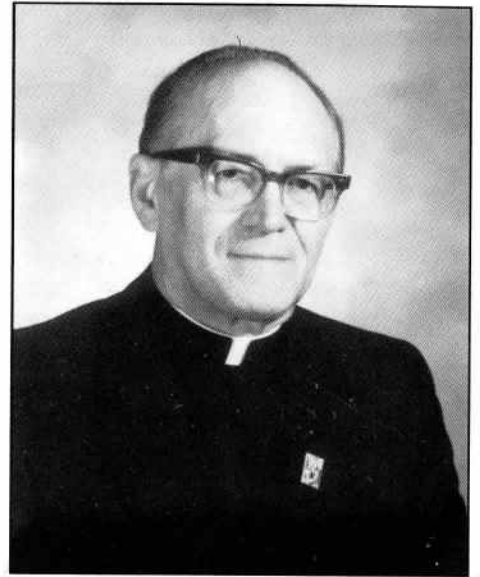
Dear Father Garbacik,  
Having learned that your Parish, Saint Stanislaus, will be observing its 100th anniversary, on October 17, 1993, I wish to extend to you and your people my sincere congratulations and best wishes on the happy occasion of this important milestone.

In successive generations, the priests and parishioners of Saint Stanislaus Parish have made many sacrifices in order to give God the glory that is due Him and over the past ten decades have faithfully fulfilled their religious duties in such a way as to be a good example to others. As a result, God has blessed the parish and it has prospered.

The centennial celebration brings back many memories of past graces and spiritual favors bestowed by Almighty God through the parish church. Hence it is a time for deep joy and gratitude. In the years that lie ahead, may Saint Stanislaus Parish continue to be a center where all are inspired to greater love and devotion to Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With every good wish and sentiments of esteem, I am,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*J. Carroll McCormick*  
Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D.  
Former Bishop of Scranton





# St. Stanislaus R.C. Church

652 CARSON STREET  
HAZLETON, PA. 18201  
REV. LOUIS S. GARBACIK, PASTOR • 717-454-0882



October 15, 1993

My dear Parishioners:

Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus ... na wieki wieków. Amen.  
The observance of the Anniversary of a Church must be at the same time an opportunity of tribute and thanksgiving, as well as one of renewal. What we pay tribute to, and give thanks for, is the faith of those who formed the Church over 100 years ago in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and their determination to have an edifice wherein they would worship God according to that faith.

Our observance is a testimonial to that faith which grew and developed through the years. Tested by time, tempered by adversity, it has been handed on from one generation to the next, each age transmitting it a little richer, a little deeper than that which they received, until it grew from the proverbial mustard seed to the sturdy, fruitful tree it represents today.

But, while we take justifiable pride in the early community of the Church in this area, we must be fully aware of the challenge that is ours, just as the early residents of this area worked, prayed and overcame many obstacles to establish our parish community, so now we must forge ahead, building on the firm foundation we have been given.

Inspired by the example of the past, we confidently rededicate our Church, and our participation therein, to become an even more fitting edifice of honor and praise to Almighty God.  
God love you and Mary be with you.

Thanking you for your wonderful cooperation, loyalty and interest,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Rev. Louis S. Garbacik*  
(Rev.) Louis S. Garbacik, Pastor

I remain

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1993

Greetings to everyone gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Stanislaus R. C. Church of Hazleton.

The anniversary of a place of worship is a testament to the lasting faith of a community. This faith is a covenant that binds members of a congregation together in a spirit of fellowship. Our nation was founded on a great tradition of religious liberty. This freedom helps to unite our nation of diverse faiths and creeds and gives us common ground for tolerance and understanding of others.

Your precious faith and freedom come with great responsibilities. This celebration is a reminder of the ways that God's gifts can be used to help others.

Best wishes for a memorable ceremony and for great success in the future.

*Bill Clinton*

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### GREETINGS:

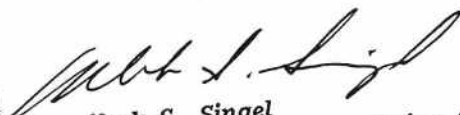
I am delighted to send warmest regards to the congregation of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Polish Church as you celebrate your 100th anniversary.

The spiritual health of our Commonwealth relies on the strength and sense of community found in its places of worship. The church offers a foundation and values upon which people can build their lives.

Since its founding in 1893, your church has helped those in need, cared for the elderly, educated children, and assisted those struggling to find their goals. St. Stanislaus has been a strong part of the Hazleton community and an important part of countless lives.

Today, as you rejoice in your church's centennial, I extend best wishes to you all. May you enjoy continued spiritual growth and strength.



  
Mark S. Singel  
Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor  
October 17, 1993



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

October 17, 1993

PAUL E. KANJORSKI

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate St. Stanislaus R. C. Church on its Centennial Anniversary.

As your Representative in the United States Congress, I am very proud of the contribution St. Stanislaus has made to the fine quality of life in the Hazleton area. The hospitality and genuine friendship exhibited by your parish truly symbolizes the ethnic heritage that has long been the tradition in our fine country.

Again, my congratulations on this milestone in the history of St. Stanislaus and best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Kanjorski".

Paul E. Kanjorski  
Member of Congress



# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## The House of Representatives

### Citation

**Whereas**, *Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church is celebrating the momentous occasion of its one hundredth anniversary; and*

**Whereas**, *Early in the 1890's, through the driving urge to have the sacred liturgy, prayers, songs, customs and the traditions celebrated in the rich heritage of their native Polish, the Polish people sacrificed time, effort and finances to establish a church to serve the rapidly growing Polish community. On October 8, 1893 the Reverend Bernard Dembinski baptized Felicia Kowalska and a new parish was born, Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church, Hazleton; and*

**Whereas**, *A beacon of hope and inspiration to people from all walks of life, Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church has been blessed with a succession of pastors whose leadership and guidance have helped it to grow and flourish. The Reverend Louis Garbacik currently administers to the spiritual needs of the congregation.*

**Now therefore**, *the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proudly recognizes Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church on the joyous and momentous occasion of its one hundredth anniversary; extends warmest best wishes for continued devoted service to God and the community for many years to come;*

**And directs** *that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Thomas B. Stish on July 8, 1993, be transmitted to Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church, 652 Carson Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201.*



*Thomas B. Stish*  
Thomas B. Stish, Sponsor

*N. Allen Rodden*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Attest:

*John P. Bueck*  
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives



# Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA.

## Congratulations

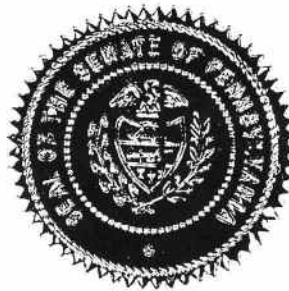
In the Senate, September 1, 1993

Whereas, Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Hazleton is celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its founding; and

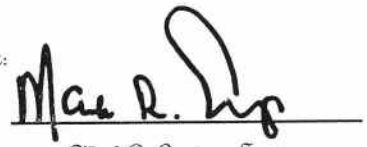
Whereas, The Polish-American community wishing to have rites and prayers in the rich heritage of its native language established its church on October 8, 1893, with the Reverend Bernard Dembinski as founding pastor. It has been shepherded by a number of pastors, including Father Anthony Drogowski who served from 1929 to 1973. The parish of Saint Stanislaus, both with its building expansion and population, has continued to flourish and grow spiritually over the years while keeping with Polish tradition. This parish is also proud of its many vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends hearty congratulations to Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church on the momentous and joyous occasion of its one hundredth anniversary; extends best wishes for many more years of service to God and community;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Raphael J. Musto, be transmitted to the Reverend Louis Garbacik, Pastor, Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church, 652 Carson Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.



Attest:



Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary



# County of Luzerne

PENNSYLVANIA



## Resolution

**WHEREAS**, St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church of Hazleton, Pennsylvania is celebrating its One Hundredth (100th) Anniversary in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, a devout group of Polish immigrants with a capacity for hard work, dedication of time, effort, and limited finances, the Church of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, was established in Hazleton on October 8, 1893; and

**WHEREAS**, the parish grew both physically and spiritually through construction, renovation, and beautification projects which converted St. Stanislaus into the centerpiece of Hazleton's Catholic community; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Louis S. Garbacik was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus in 1986 and continues to succeed in renewing the spiritual and social activities in the parish by returning new and old traditional Polish and Marian services; and

**WHEREAS**, this parish's historic, aesthetic, and current religious and social contributions command respect from people of all socio-economic and religious backgrounds, due to parishioners exercising contemporary religious practices while never losing sight of the sacrifices made by their predecessors in preserving the freedom to worship as brethren.

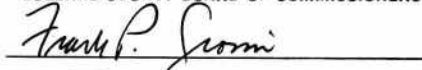


**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne, do hereby honor the clergy and parishioners of **Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church** on this festive occasion, one hundred years of religious and community service, and call upon all of our citizens to join with us in prayerful salute to those who have so enriched our quality of life.

October 17, 1993

**Attest:**



LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Hazleton wishes to take note important events in the life of the community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Polish immigrants brought to the United States a deep faith in God and in the American dream, and helped to form the backbone of America's industrial revolution through their work in the Anthracite Coal Mining Region; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Polish people of the Greater Hazleton Area first attended services at Sts. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church, and on October 8, 1893, St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church was formed to satisfy the desire of Polish immigrants to worship in their native tongue; and*

**WHEREAS,** *St. Stanislaus Parish has played an important part in the history of the Greater Hazleton Area, serving as the parish of many of the group of immigrant coal miners who were killed during a collective bargaining action on September 10, 1897, in what later became known as the Lattimer Massacre, one of the greatest tragedies in the history of American labor; and*

**WHEREAS,** *St. Stanislaus Parish has grown over the years due to the hard work, dedication and faith of its parishioners and priests; and*

**WHEREAS,** *St. Stanislaus parish has contributed to the spiritual and educational growth of the City of Hazleton, through the establishment of a parochial school and through the commitment of numerous men of the parish to the priesthood; and*

**WHEREAS,** *on October 8, 1993, St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary,*

**NOW THEREFORE,** *I, John H. Quigley, Mayor of the City of Hazleton, do hereby on behalf of the citizens of the City of Hazleton extend to Reverend Louis S. Garbacik, Pastor and all parishioners of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church the City's sincerest congratulations on the occasion of the parish Centennial, the City's appreciation of a century of service to God and man that the occasion represents, and best wishes for continued success.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hazleton to be affixed this the 17th day of October, in this year, 1993 A.D.*

*John H. Quigley*  
**JOHN H. QUIGLEY,** Mayor  
City of Hazleton, Pennsylvania



## THE 100 YEAR HISTORY OF ST. STANISLAUS R.C. POLISH CHURCH (1893-1993)

On the occasion of the joyful and thrilling celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of St. Stanislaus R.C. Polish Parish located on the corner of 8th and Carson Streets in Hazleton, PA, the God-loving people of many ethnic origins, but still heavily Polish-American, wish to share their hospitality and genuine friendship with their friends and neighbors in the Greater Hazleton Area with a cordial Polish greeting: "Niech Będzie Pochwalony Jezus Chrystus" (Praised be Jesus Christ). Ethnicity is the fascinating story that helped to make America great, one can be for it or free from it, but assuredly this nation has truly benefited from it. God too has favored this great land for extending the arms of freedom, liberty, opportunity, and the grace to walk and worship in His presence to the millions of immigrants from all parts of this planet we call earth.

The people of Poland and the immigrant Poles have always been a people and a country of faith in the impossible and the American experience has not overshadowed the contributions of these hardy Eastern Europeans, our great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. Their deep Faith in God, their love of freedom, and search for a better opportunity for their children has been miraculously rewarded as history would have us discover. Although the earliest Poles arrived in the United States on September 25, 1608, six of them accompanied Captain John Smith on his journey from England to Jamestown, Virginia, many others joined Kosciuszko and Pulaski in the Revolutionary War as freedom fighters. Thousands of others fought in the Civil War wearing both Blue and Gray uniforms.

The "Great Polish Migration" of America began about 1870 and continued heavily until 1925 at which time congressional legislation instituted immigration quotas. It is estimated that between 2.1 to 2.6 million Poles left the oppression in their native land. They fled the poverty, the cultural and religious persecution brought about by the three partitions of the 18th century. Bringing their precious possessions that they could carry on their back, but with a capacity for hard work and armed with a flaming love for freedom to practice their customs, traditions, language and the powerful influence of their Roman Catholic faith, they arrived on the United States coastline by the thousands each and every month. Booking travel aboard freighters on trips filled with extreme hardship and taking from 3 to 6 months, they nonetheless came with the promise of a better life uppermost in their minds.

And so it was that in the late 19th century, they began to arrive on the shores of New York and New Jersey where some of them settled. Others settled in the cities of Pennsylvania, finding employment in steel mills, railroad yards, farms, and the hard and soft coal mines of western and eastern Pennsylvania. They formed the backbone of the new American Industrial explosion and of course thousands were attracted to the Greater Hazleton Area and its rich anthracite coal mining region where work was hard, dangerous, often life-taking but plentiful. Work meant opportunity to fulfill the American dream.

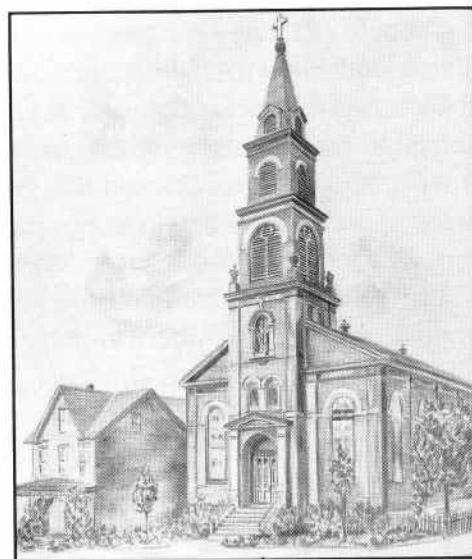
Together they formed neighborhoods, creating an infrastructure known today as Polonia and they talked, prayed and sang in Polish. For the most part they were poorly educated by today's standards, but possessed the wisdom and knowledge that comes from the experience and training in the "School of Hard Knocks". Their calloused hands were testimony enough for their work ethic at occupations filled with danger, often resulting in injury and death. Others opened shops, taverns, and grocery stores, while leaders formed insurance fraternals, societies, social and singing groups, but the most treasured part of their existence was missing, a church where priests from their native land could minister to their spiritual needs and provide them with the most vital aspect of their human existence.

The Polish people of the Greater Hazleton Area first attended services at Saints Peter and Paul Lithuanian R.C. Church, then located at the corner of Oak and Laurel Streets, Hazleton. Early in the 1890's, the driving urge to have the sacred liturgy, prayers, songs, customs, and the traditions celebrated in the rich heritage of their native Polish resulted in a determined sacrifice of time, effort, and financial resources to establish a church to serve the rapidly growing Polish community. On October 8, 1893, the Reverend Bernard



Dembinski baptized Felicia Kowalska and a new parish was born -- St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Roman Catholic Church, Hazleton, PA. In the late 1890's, a controversy developed between Poles in the Scranton Diocese and the Bishop over liturgy and other sensitive church matters and a schism developed, resulting in the formation in the establishment of the Polish National Catholic Church. Many families took sides in the matter which proved divisive in the Polish-American community and created a strained relationship between relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Furthermore, on September 10, 1897, a group of immigrant coal miners seeking a collective bargaining, and protection of their civil liberties, went on strike and were marching in protest from the village of Harwood to Lattimer, north of the city of Hazleton, where they were met by armed deputy sheriffs. In the ensuing minutes, whether as a result of confusion or the inability of the immigrants to understand the meaning of the lawmen or out of sheer vindication, the deputies began firing at random, killing eighteen of the marchers immediately with six others dying later. The Rev. Richard R. Aust, who succeeded Father Dembinski in September of 1897, performed the burial Mass and fourteen defenseless victims were buried in St. Stanislaus Parish Cemetery: Sebastian (Wojciech) Brzostowski, Frank (Krzysztof) Chreszynski, Adalbert Czaja, Anthony Gryczka, Andrew Kulick, Andrew Mieczkowski, Clement Platek, Raphael Ryklewicz, John (Rzeka) Skrep, Adam Szumanski, Andrew Szymanski, John Tarnowicz, Stanley Zagorski, and Adalbert Ziemia.



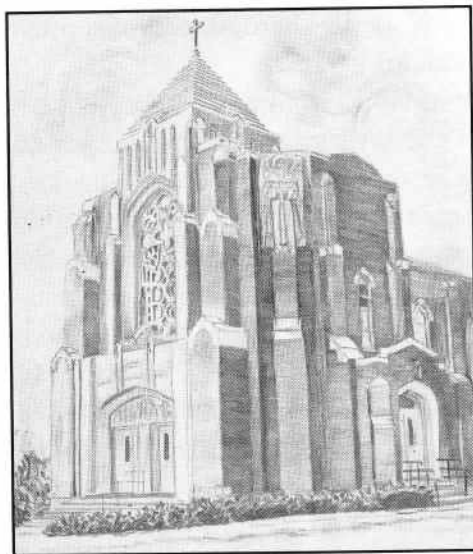
*St. Stanislaus Church - 1893*

Three others were buried in St. Joseph's Slovak Cemetery, another Slovak miner was buried in the Vine Street Cemetery, Hazleton, and a lone Lithuanian victim, Jacob Tomaszontus, was laid to rest in St. Patrick's Cemetery, McAdoo, PA. Now known as the "Lattimer Massacre", it continues to rank as the greatest tragedy in the history of American Labor. Father Aust remained in the Polish community until October of 1913, at which time he was replaced by Rev. Alexander Kowalchik, who served St. Stan's until 1919.

From 1919 through 1925, the Reverend Aloysius Novak served St. Stan's as pastor and it was he who, upon finding the names of ten of the "massacre victims" in the church registry of the deceased, purchased ten small, white stone markers which stand in line near a cemetery entrance. Under the name of each marker is the reading, "Shot, Sept. 10, 1897. Names were not included for Andrew Grycka, Andrew Szymanski, John Tranowicz and Andrew Kulick because their names were not listed in the Parish Registry of Death even though they were buried by Father Aust. Father Garbacik and the 1993 Centennial Committee have

decided they will purchase markers for the four victims of the Lattimer Massacre mentioned above, because their names have been discovered following research on the Church History. In July 1925, Father Novak was succeeded by Father Valentine S. Matuszewski who, after a brief stay, was in turn succeeded by Father Walter Kwiatkowski in October 1926. In August of 1927, Father Anthony Lafaj received his appointment as pastor of the Polish parish and it was during his tenure as shepherd that St. Stan's could boast a senior choir in excess of sixty male and female voices.

On September 16, 1929, Father Anthony W. Drogowski received the call to minister to the needs of the Polish community at St. Stanislaus, an appointment that was to last forty four years. The son of Frank and Stella (Bankowska) Drogowski of Glen Lyon, PA, Father Anthony received his secondary college, philosophical and theological training at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan. His ordination to the Holy Priesthood took place in



*St. Stanislaus Church - 1993*

the Cathedral in Scranton, with Bishop Michael Hoban presiding, on May 29, 1926. Following assignments as Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's, Nanticoke and St. Mary's, Wilkes-Barre, PA, the young pastor was called to Hazleton, facing many challenges, not to mention a growing parish. The progress that ensued included the reconstruction of a new church with subsequent renovations; modernization of the parish convent and rectory with the installation of an altar at the parish cemetery coupled with a beautification of all parish grounds and property. Despite all the progress and modernization, the work was accomplished and St. Stan's remained debt free. Concrete walks, trees, shrubbery, and stainless steel amenities turned the Polish Church into a community showplace.

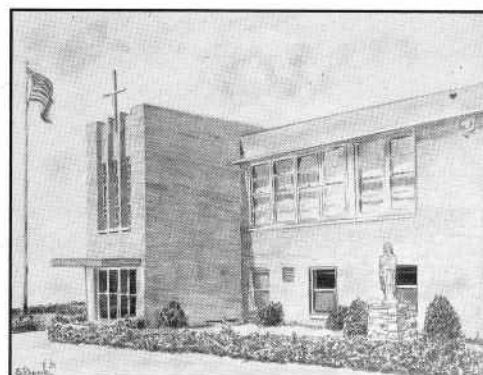
Father Drogowski took steps in 1940 to purchase the property between 8th and 9th Streets, just off Carson, for the purpose of establishing a parochial school. In the meantime, Father Anthony purchased temporary quarters from the Hazleton School District on North Laurel Street and arranged for the return of the Bernardine Sisters after an absence of 17 years. Forty students initially enrolled and the old school grew to one hundred and fifty. After many obstacles, construction of the "new school" began in March 1951, with completion followed by the dedication by Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton Henry T. Klonowski on May 16, 1954. Renovations to the parish convent followed including the construction of an attractive chapel that was most appreciated by the sisters. In 1965, further renovations were made to the rectory and the church.



*Convent - 1954*



*Rectory - 1938*



*St. Stanislaus School - 1954*

The spiritual growth of the parish was also evident during Father Anthony's pastorate with seven young men entering the priesthood including Rev. Francis Dobrydnio, Rev. Joseph Kaczka, Rev. Harold Bartowski, Msgr. Adam Kostick, Rev. Adam Gudalewski, Rev. Daniel Higgins, and Msgr. Theodore Ziolkowski, deceased. Not to be outdone, the daughters of the parish also responded with vocations, including Sisters Bonventa and Alberta Zych; Sisters Innocent and Rita Deorecka, Rosaire, Tharsilla and Humiliana Keiser; Theodore Pezda; Dulceline Spiewak; Caroline Chlopek, Jeanette Gula; Martine Blaskiewicz; Celine Barszczewska; Maura Wyrwal, Walburga Raczyla; Victima and Justine Plociennik; Julia Kolenda; and Sister Waltrude Wielpsza.

Father Drogowski's accomplishments, genuine warmth and sincerity did not go unnoticed in the community of Hazleton because parishioners and non-parishioners alike shared in the satisfaction of the growth and progress of St. Stan's. The Bishop of Scranton and the Holy Father in Rome likewise took note of the accomplishments at the church on the hill and in 1972 Father Anthony Drogowski was elevated to the clerical rank of Rt. Rev. Monsignor. The joys of the parish celebration were short-lived because in September 1973, Msgr. Drogowski submitted his retirement letter to the Holy Pontiff upon attaining age 75.

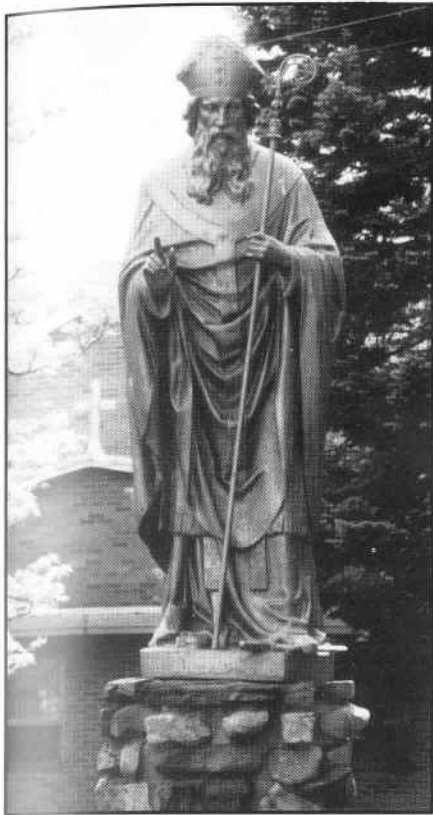
Rev. Francis Dobrydnio, a parish son, succeeded Father Tony, as he was still affectionately known. During his tenure as pastor, Father Francis replaced the church pews, installed new carpeting in the sanctuary and throughout the church, and had the interior of the edifice repainted. Through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gans, a new altar, recommended by the changes of Vatican II, was installed allowing the priest celebrating the liturgy to face the parishioners. In April 1985, the Rev. Thomas Skotek, a native of McAdoo, was appointed to replace Father Francis and he remained until October 1986.

A son of Transfiguration R.C. Parish, West Hazleton, Reverend Louis S. Garbacik was the new pastor designate and on October 25, 1986, Father Lou, as he is affectionately known, assumed his duties at St. Stan's. The son of the late Andrew and Sarah (Strzempek) Garbacik; he was educated in Transfiguration Elementary and Junior High School and graduated from Hazle Township High School. Father Garbacik received his B.A. at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan in 1950 and completed his theological studies at Saint Cyril and Methodius Seminary, also at Orchard Lake. Ordained to the priesthood by the Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, the Most Reverend Henry T. Klonowski, D.D., on May 29, 1954, our present pastor was then assigned to serve as assistant pastor at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas and Queen of Victory and Peace Church, Harvey's Lake, PA. On September 15, 1954, he received an appointment to St. Michael's Church, Old Forge, where he served as assistant pastor and then administrator. He was appointed assistant pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Plains, on September 14, 1966. An appointment as pastor of St. Martin of Tours Church, Jackson, and St. Paul's Church, Starucca, Pennsylvania, followed on January 25, 1972. He became pastor of Holy Child Church, Sheatown, and Chaplain, Executive Director and President of the Board of Directors of St. Stanislaus Medical Care Center, Nanticoke, on January 16, 1977. He served until his appointment to St. Stanislaus, Hazleton.

During his tenure as shepherd, there has been a noticeable growth spiritually with the return of many new and old traditional Polish and Marian Services. The morning rosary, novenas, daily confession, Polish Masses and homilies have created a new atmosphere of spirituality among parishioners and friends of St. Stanislaus. The reorganization of the Pierogi Workers, the traditional Polish baked goods and Sunday Bingo at the school hall enabled Father Lou to help the parish pay off an indebtedness to the Scranton Diocese that exceeded \$115,000.00 in June 1992. SO AS WE PROCEED THROUGH THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR, WE ASK ALL FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND PARISHIONERS TO COME JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION AND SHARE THE MEMORIES AS WE PRAISE GOD AND HIS CHURCH.







## THE LIFE OF ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR (patron Saint of St. Stanislaus R.C. Polish Church) (1893-1993)

Saint Stanislaus was born in Szczepanowski south central Poland in the year of 1030. As a youth, he distinguished himself by his silence, great love for learning, and his sincere holiness. Recognizing these characteristics and qualities, his parents encouraged him to follow a vocation in the Holy Priesthood. He initially studied in Cracow and later was enrolled in the Archbishop's School in Gniezno, an early capitol of Poland. His advanced studies took him abroad to Paris, France where he was recognized for his learning aptitude and achievements. Upon his return to Poland, he intended to enter the Benedictine Order, however at the encouragement of his bishop he ultimately became a Canon in Cracow in 1063. Following his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, he was assigned to a parish in a small village near Cracow for a short time. At the request of the aging bishop, he agreed to become a preacher in the Diocese of Cracow where he assumed many of his sickly bishop's duties. The opportunity not only afforded him the occasion to meet many people in Cracow but also served to acquaint Stanislaus with King Boleslaw II and various other dignitaries.

In November 1071, His Excellency Bishop Zula died and Pope Alexander II approved Stanislaus' consecration as Bishop of Cracow in 1072. His outspoken attacks against the injustices inflicted on the poor of his diocese, namely farmers, earned him hatred and disdain among the nobility and wealthy. As a member of the kings counsel, Stanislaus tried to change the kings behavior, to no avail, so he resigned membership on the counsel to eliminate any impression that he supported or condoned such evil behavior. Reprimanding King Boleslaw II publicly, Bishop Stanislaus went so far as to threaten the King with excommunication unless he changed his life and behavior. Momentarily the king retreated but resolved to get revenge. Censured by the bishop, King Boleslaw II also drew the admonition of Pope Gregory VII in a letter dated April 1075. In 1079, Boleslaw ordered Stanislaus killed and he accompanied the royal guards ordering them to kill Stanislaus. When they refused to obey, the king killed the bishop himself.

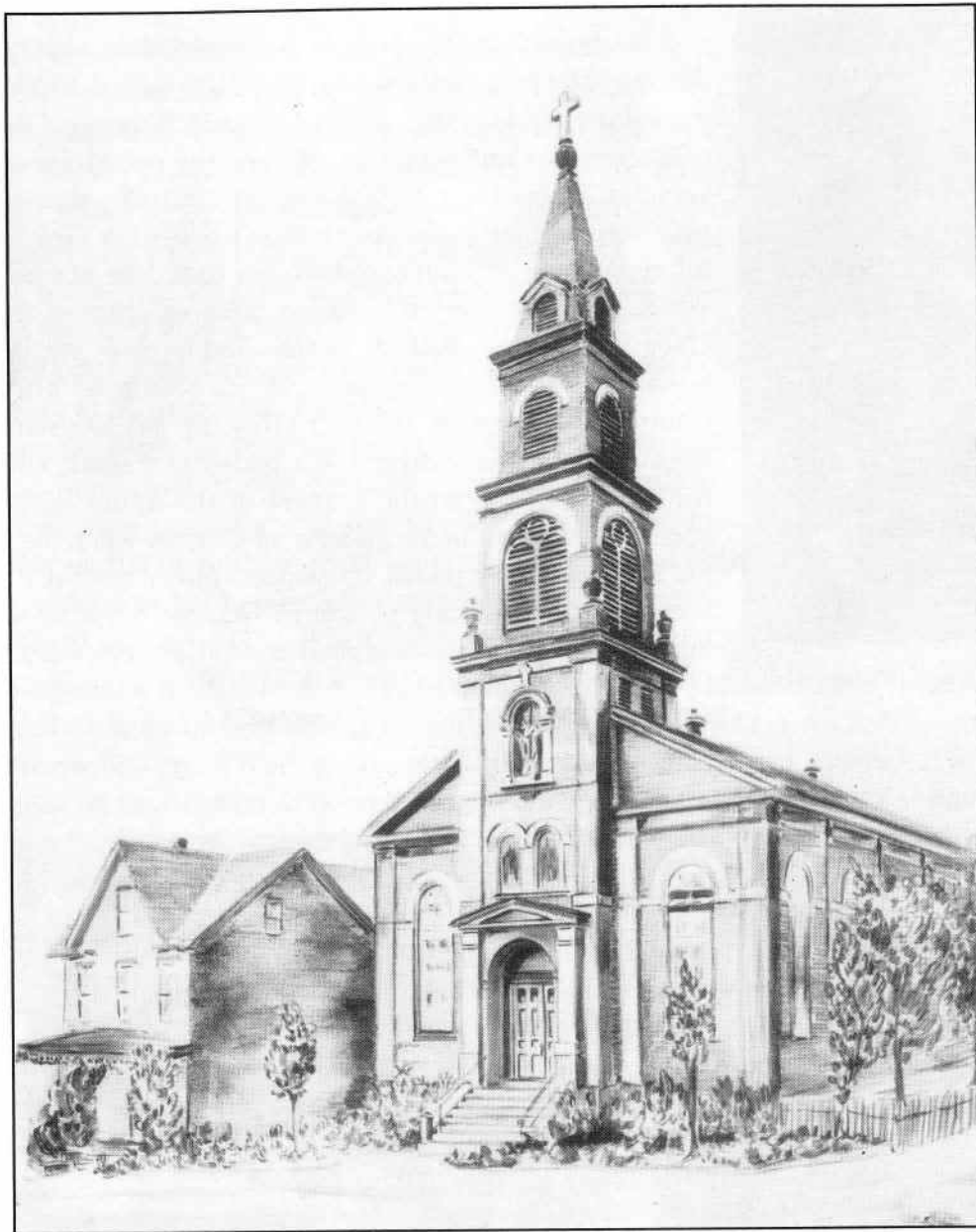
Stanislaus became a saint in the Roman Catholic Church in 1253, honored as a martyr and his feast day is now celebrated on May 8. The canonization documents tell us that he was a prudent administrator, demonstrated the love of a mother in dealing with his flock, and the spiritual strength to inspire all he came in contact with in addition to reforming his priests and reorganizing his diocese.



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## ST. STANISLAUS OLD CHURCH AND RECTORY



In the latter part of the 19th century, fleeing the persecution and the discrimination of the Old World, Poles by the tens of thousands settled in the rich anthracite coal fields including Hazleton and after adjusting to their new life in America they felt the burning desire to preserve their priceless culture, religious beliefs, and language by building their own church. They gave their time, their financial assistance in an effort to guarantee that their strong Polish Roman Catholic faith might endure as they knew it. They built a church on the hill, secured a priest, the Rev. Bernard Dembinski, and on October 8, 1893 with the baptism of Felicia Kowalska, St. Stanislaus R.C. Polish Church was established. The events of the past one hundred years is a tribute to the heritage of our ancestors. Jeszcze Polska Nie Zginęła.....

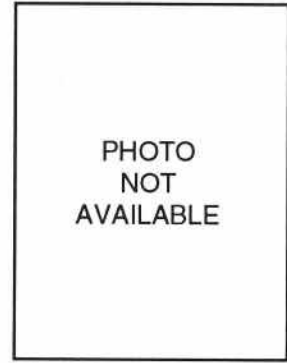
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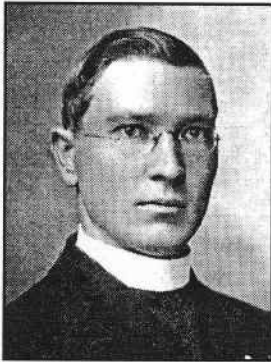
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Father Alexander Kowalchik  
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Father Aloysius Novak  
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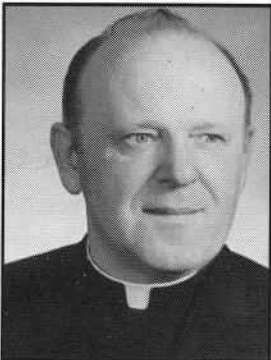
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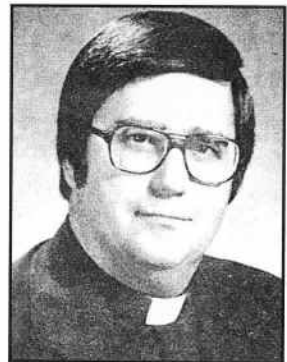
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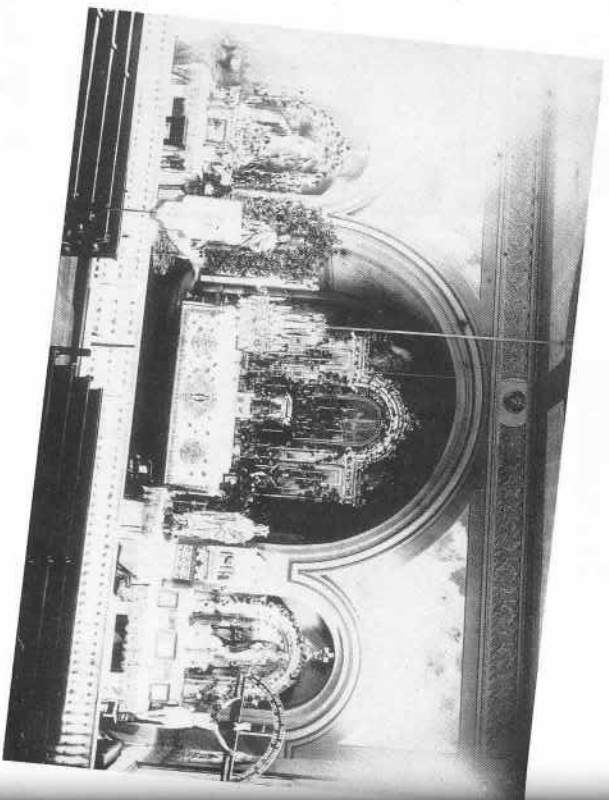
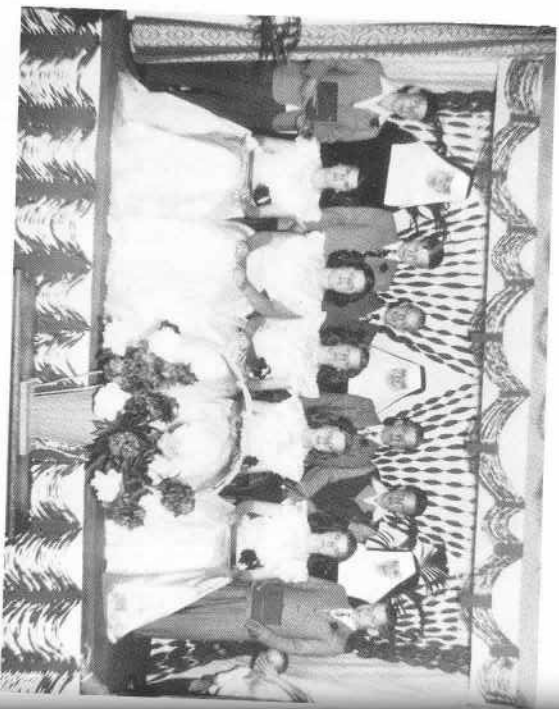
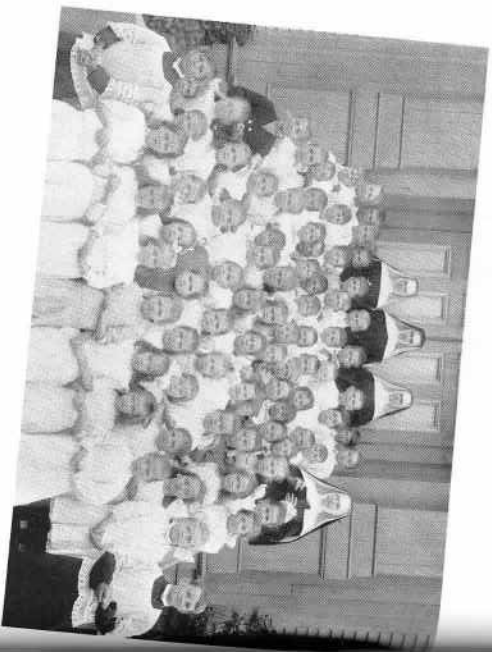


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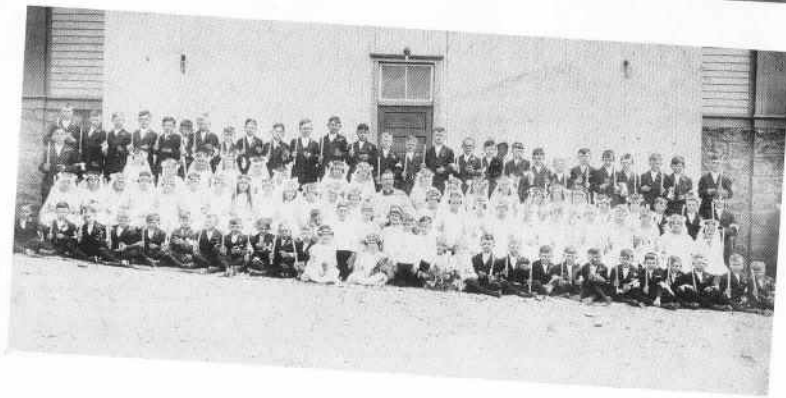
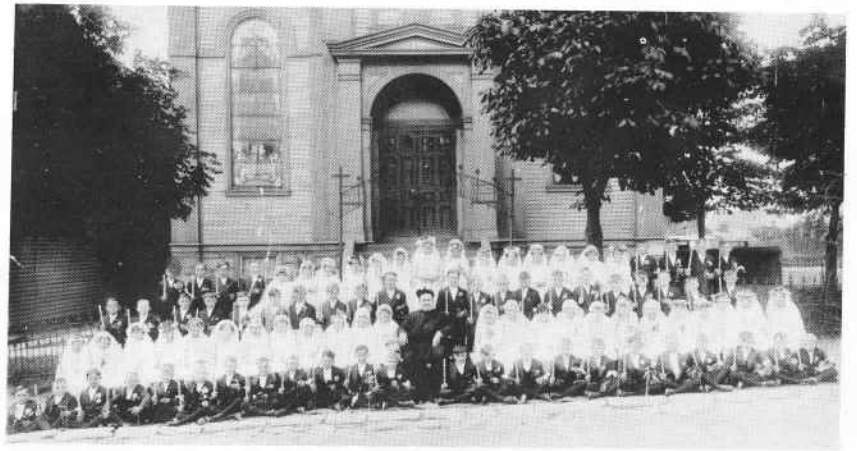


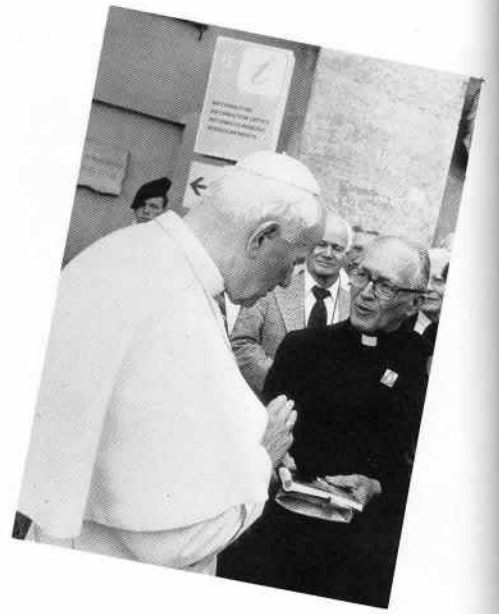
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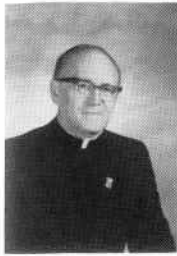




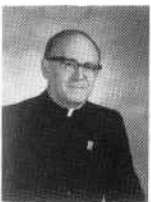






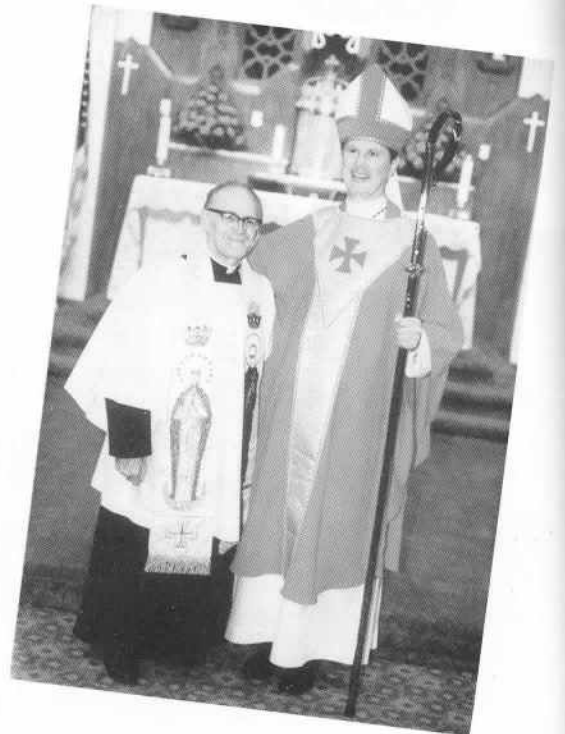
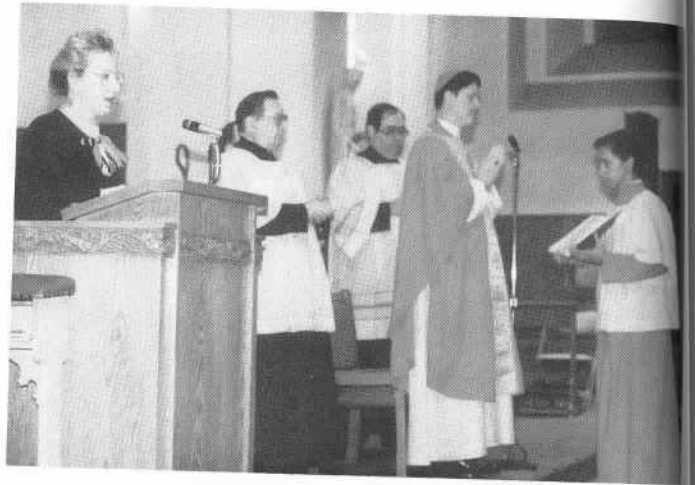


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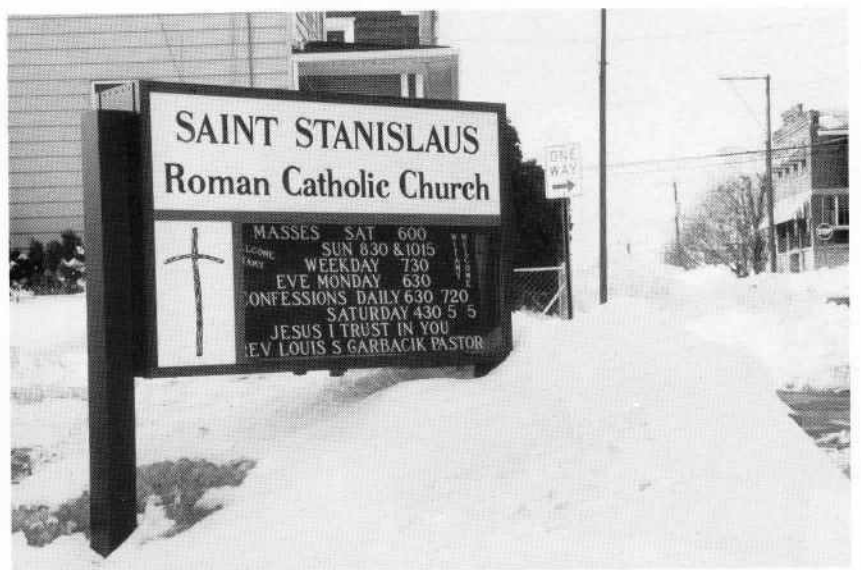


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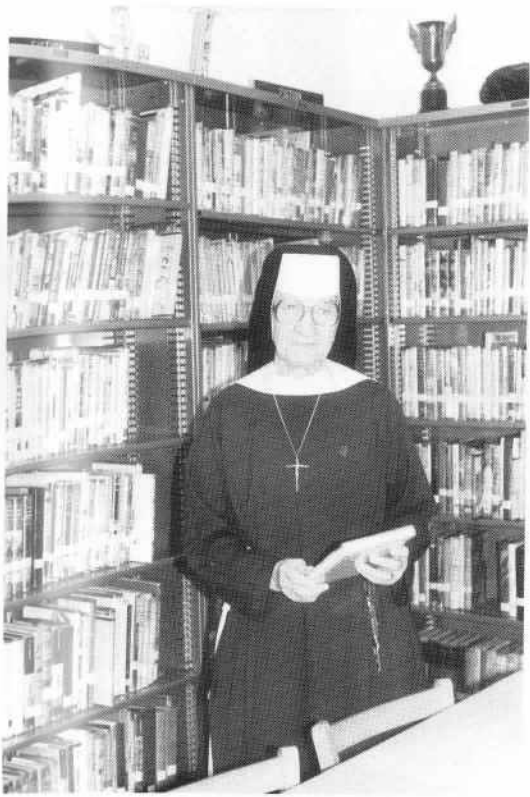




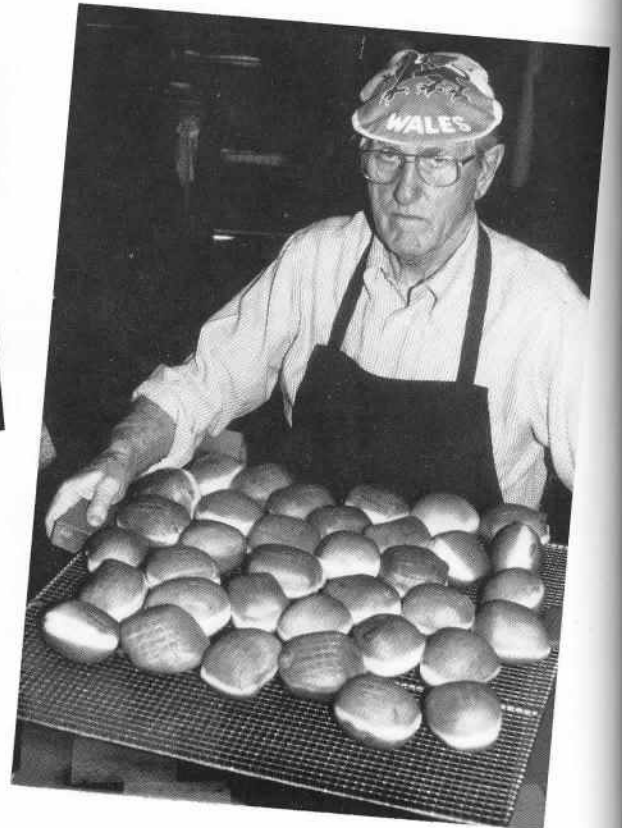
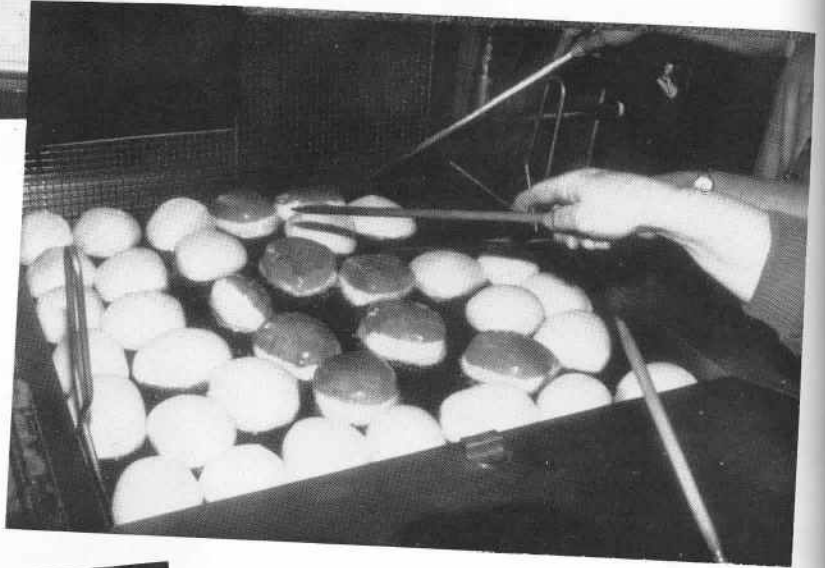


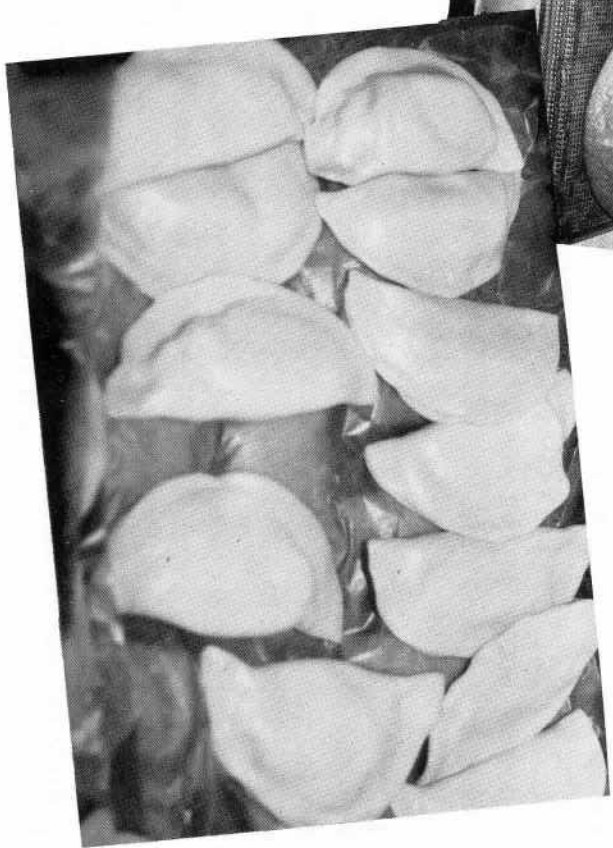












# 1992-1993 St. Stanislaus Centennial Calendar of Events

**September 1992:** Initial Centennial Committee meetings in church basement and committee formations.

**October 1992:** Confirmation rites, His excellency Bishop James C. Timlin, Bishop of Scranton presiding. Forty Hour devotions, Msgr. Leonard Nowak, homilist, officially beginning our 100th Anniversary (1893-1993) celebration.

**November & December 1992:** Committee planning sessions for 1993.

**January 3rd, 1993:** 10:15 Holy Mass celebrated by Father Garbacik followed by a "brunch" served to parishioners by the "kitchen events committee".

**January 15, 1993:** St. Stanislaus ethnic centennial cookbook introduced to the community in Hazleton Standard Speaker highlighting Polish cuisine but also featuring other ethnic delicacies with 539 tasted, tested, and tried recipes in the 165 pages.

**February 20-21:** Polish donuts, "Pączki" served with coffee/tea to all parishioners and friends following Saturday evening and both Masses on Sunday (8:30 & 10:15).

**March 21st, 1993:** A Sunday Spaghetti Dinner prepared by Lucy and Lundy Fiorenza and friends was served in St. Stan's School from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 350 dinners were served thanks to the outstanding effort of a great number of workers. A GIANT SUCCESS STORY! Lenten devotions also became part of the Centennial celebration as Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyżowa) and Gorzkie Żale were offered.

**April 5-11, 1993:** Solemn Holy Week devotions, the sadness of the passion of Christ turning to the joys of the Resurrection, alleluia!

**April 13, 1993:** "Dyngus Day Dinner" a Polish Eastertide celebration on Tuesday between 5-8 p.m. in the church hall sponsored by St. Stan's Choir, featuring Polish Potato Kluski, Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, roll/butter, Dessert and beverage, 235 served. GREAT!

**May 8-9, 1993:** Weekend observance of Mother's Day following all Masses, Mothers and their families and friends were served a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages with rolls, beverages, and Pączki by the men of the parish. MEMORABLE!

**May 12, 1993:** A combined Holy Mass, Living Rosary, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to honor Mary the Virgin Mother of Jesus and also to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Stanislaus, patron saint of our parish. Parishioners, members of the Polonaise Society, Marian prayer group and others attended making it a truly "inspirational evening".

**May 28, 1993:** A Polish Mass sponsored by the Polonaise Society in memory of their deceased members. Following Mass a brunch was served in the church hall to seventy members by the kitchen committee. Christmas cards, featuring the 1992 Christmas altar scene were also introduced as part of the centennial celebration.

**June 19-20, 1993:** A parish weekend celebration honoring "Fathers" and their families and friends following Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses. The ladies of St. Stan's served Polish filled donuts and beverage at the first two services and a breakfast following the 10:15 Mass on Sunday with "Pączki" for dessert. Enjoyed by all!

Throughout the year there have been numerous bake sales, bread and other "goodies" baked by the "Polski piekarz" (Father Lou) and friends in addition to numerous pierogi and haluski available to our many parishioners and friends.

**August 21-22, 1993:** A huge bake sale was held on these two days thanks to the donations received from parishioners and friends and a tremendous effort by the pastor, Father Lou, and friends. Smaczne!



**August 24-26 1993:** Three day Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Queen and Patron Saint of Poland following morning Mass. A picture of the world famous icon was on display in the school hall, where, by the way, all masses beginning Monday, August 23 and thereafter were held until the refurbishing of the church was completed. Numerous improvements, painting of the church interior, new carpeting, and other amenities were in the plans for the October celebration.

**September 8-9, 1993:** St. Stanislaus participated in the 125th Anniversary of the Scranton Diocese at St. Gabriel's Church, Hazleton as part of the local deanery's observance of this historic event.

**September 19, 1993:** A Polish Mass celebrated at 12 noon in St. Stan's School Hall to commemorate the 54th anniversary of the Nazi atrocities in Eastern Europe and the "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated against the Polish Catholic Christian community Polish Jews, and other minorities in Europe to once again remind the world of "man's inhumanity to man".

Invitations to all parishioners, guests, friends, and former religious of our parish were mailed out in September, reservation deadline September 28. The Centennial Committee worked feverishly planning and preparing for the "Big Day"!

**October 1, 1993:** A 6:30 evening Mass, highlighted by a "Living Rosary" devotion in honor of Mary followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for her son Jesus on this First Friday of the month of Mary.

**October 17, 1993:** The 100th Anniversary Sunday featuring a Concelebrated Mass with His excellency James C. Timlin, Bishop of Scranton as principal celebrant at 4 p.m. Our church, newly remodeled, and filled with the faithful of the community reliving the feeling that those early founders must have felt at that first Mass 100 years ago. The choir was outstanding with their blending of voices and music. Inspiring, memorable to the point of tears, God has truly blessed His people. The banquet, program, dinner, and dancing enjoyed by all. What a warm way to celebrate and remember our Polish-American Heritage. God Bless America always and Jeszcze Polska Nie Zginęła.....

**November 25, 1993:** Thanksgiving Day, so much to be grateful for, a day to thank God for the ancestors who, despite the most unfavorable conditions, founded our parish 100 years ago because of their love of God, love of their Roman Catholic faith, love of their Polish ancestry, and love and appreciation of their new home, America the beautiful, the land of opportunity, the land of freedom, and the land where they would raise their children, educate their children, own their own homes and become proud, loyal citizens of their land. Let us never lose sight of their dreams and objectives. Our annual food collection was the most magnificent ever as our PARISH FAMILY SHARED AS NEVER BEFORE! Dziękuję Panie Boże!

**November 26-27:** A Dożynki Festival (Harvest Festival) in our school hall sharing our great array of Polish-American cuisine with our community. Ethnic displays, entertainment, food and the opportunity to thank God for a wonderful harvest rich in abundance and quality from God's good earth, "Behold it is Good".

**November 28, 1993:** Advent, a season to make way for the coming of the Lord, a time of preparation, a time for the message of the Advent wreath, the start of a new liturgical year preparing for the coming of the Messiah, the Christ Child, the Babe of Bethlehem, the Son of God.

**December 25, 1993:** Christmas, the Solemnity which commemorates the Birth of the Christ Child in a stable in Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Hosanna in the Highest and Peace to Men of Good Will! Jesus Christ, the Son of God challenges us to live His message, fulfill His desires so that His church will be the very heart and center of our lives.

**December 28, 1993:** A parish celebration of Wigilia (Wilia) the most sacred family gathering in all of Poland, the land where our church history all began. Sharing the bread of eternal life with each other in a solemn celebration of love, forgiveness, understanding, extending to one another heartfelt wishes for the coming year of good health, good luck, happiness and a long life. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wesoly Świąt, Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku! Dziś dzień wesoly, chwafę Bogu zawsze.

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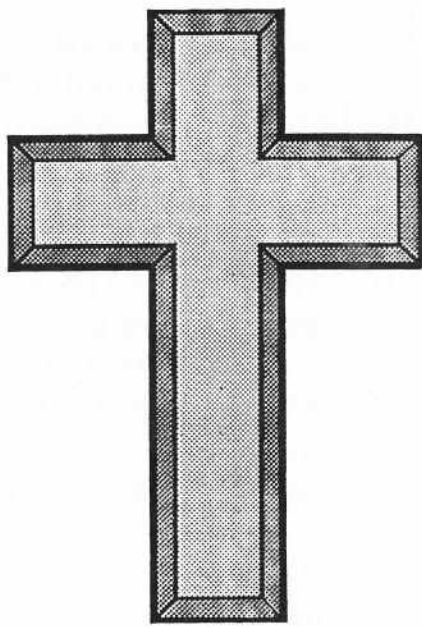
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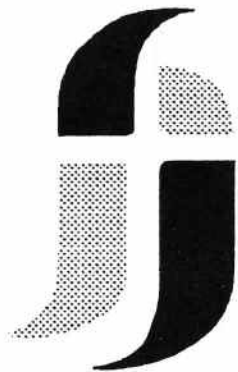


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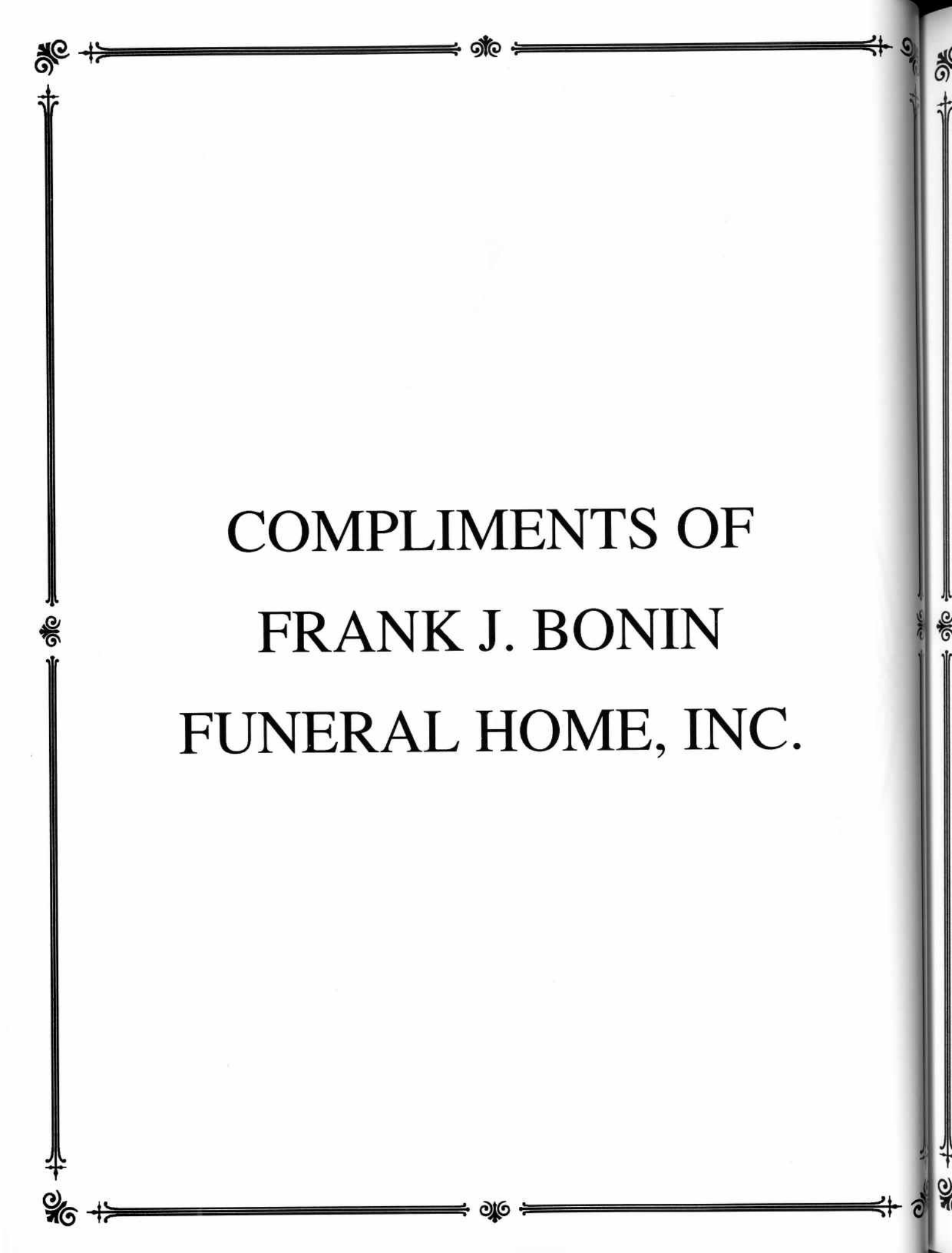
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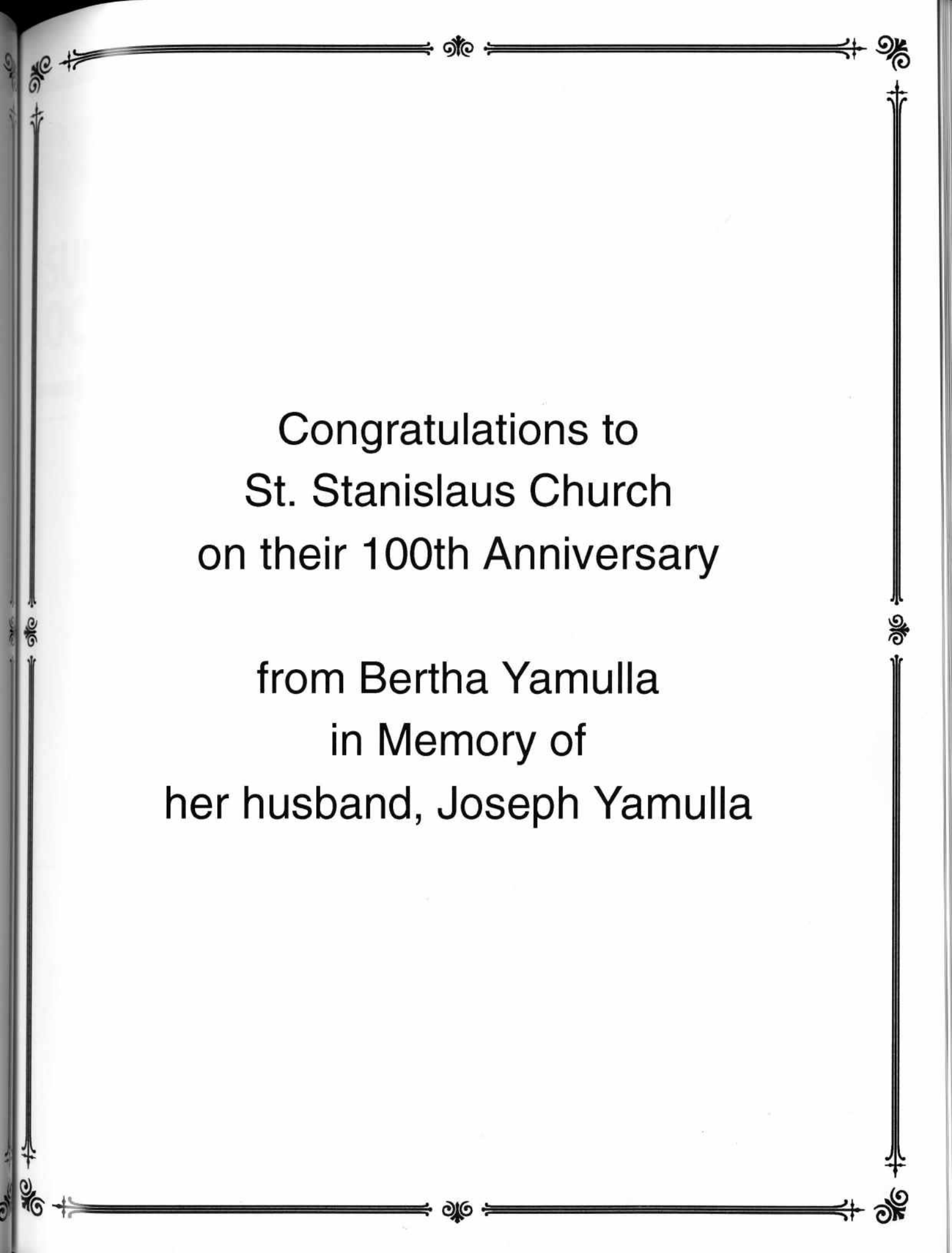
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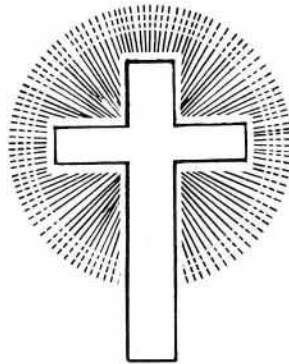


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# CENTENNIAL MASS

## SUNDAY

### OCTOBER 17, 1993

#### Mass of Thanksgiving

##### Presiding Celebrant

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Welcome and Commentary: Thomas Kopetskie, Centenary Chairman

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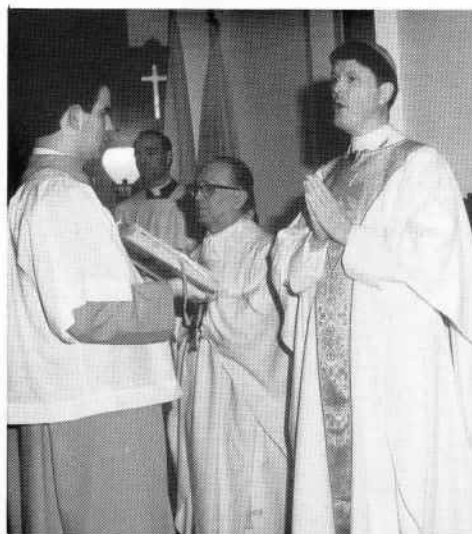
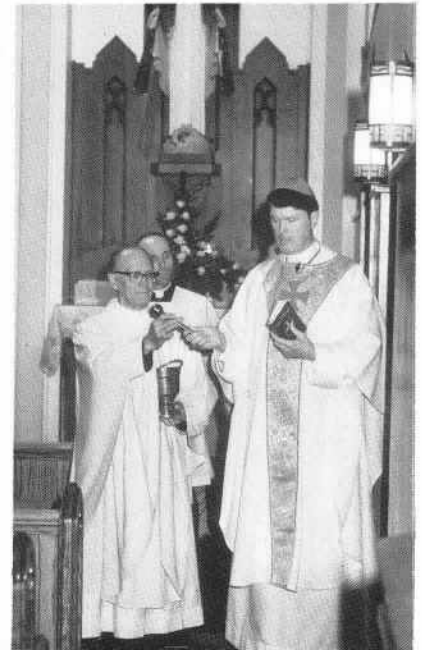
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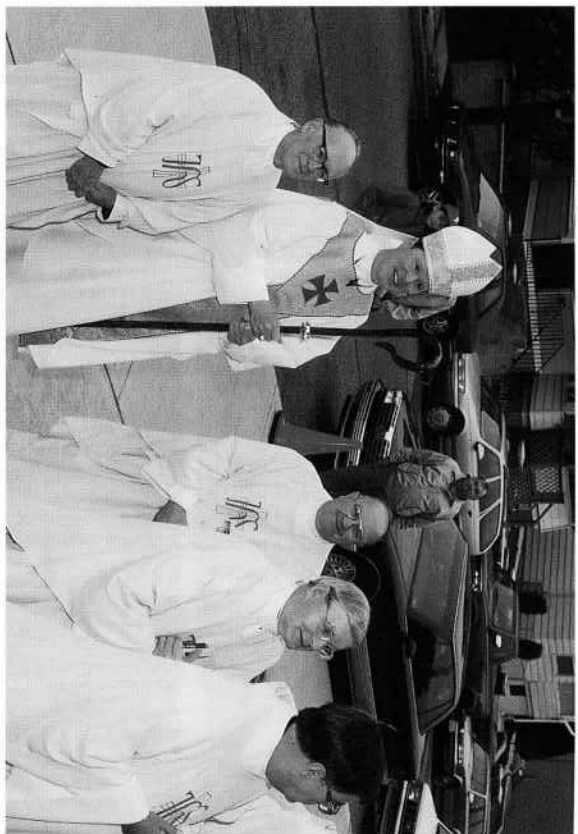
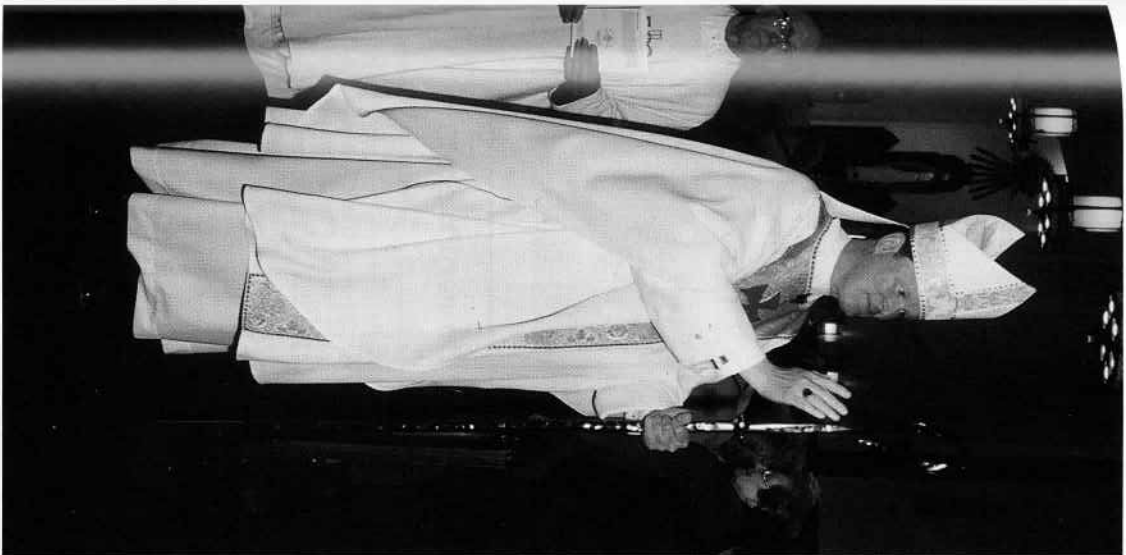
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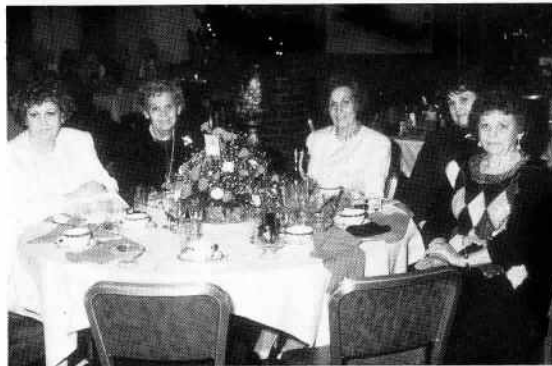
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### Centennial Anniversary Dinner Program

**Welcome**.....Veronica C. Bonin  
**God Bless America**.....Assembly  
**Invocation** .....Very Reverend Girard F. Angelo, V.F.,  
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**Centennial Toast**.....Stanley Babon  
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#### DINNER

**Introduction of Master of Ceremonies**.....Veronica C. Bonin  
**Master of Ceremonies**.....Thomas Kopetskie  
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#### Introduction of Head Table and Identification of Oldest Parish Members

**Clerical Speaker**.....Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko  
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**A Tribute to the Founding Fathers**.....Joseph Gans  
**Lay Speaker**.....Charles Zola, Ph.L.,  
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#### Proclamations

**Remarks**.....Reverend Louis S. Garbacik  
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**Benediction**.....Reverend Charles J. Kringe  
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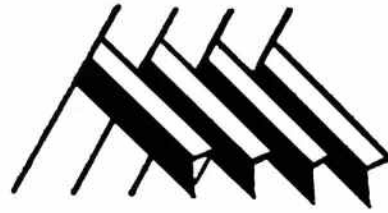
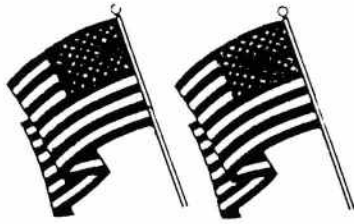
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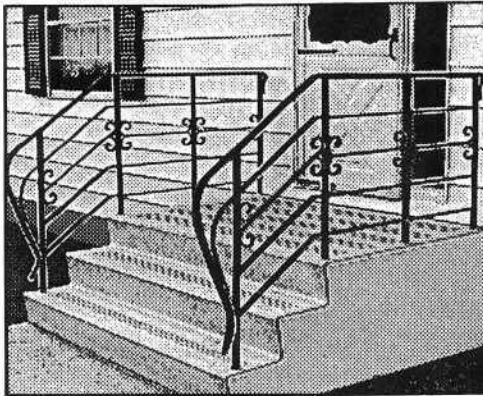
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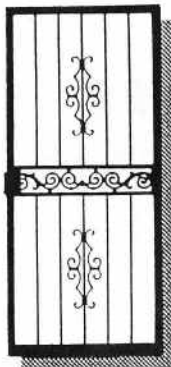
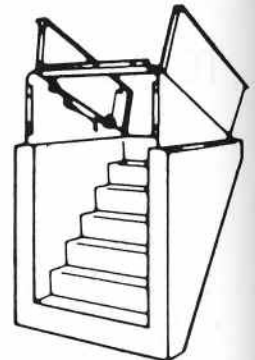
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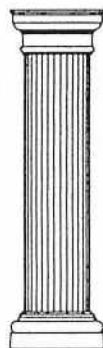
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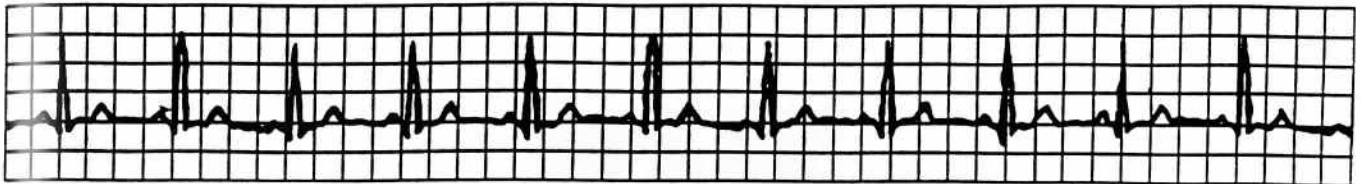
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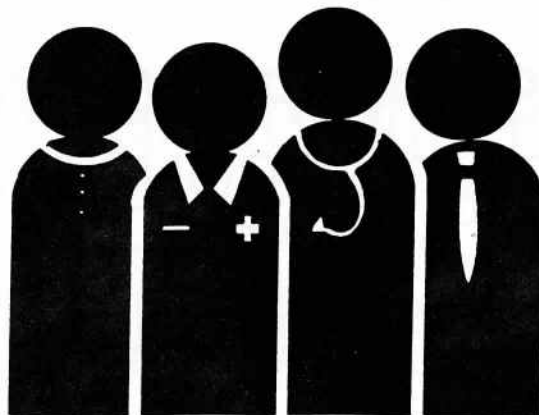
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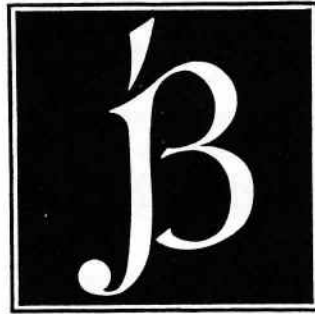


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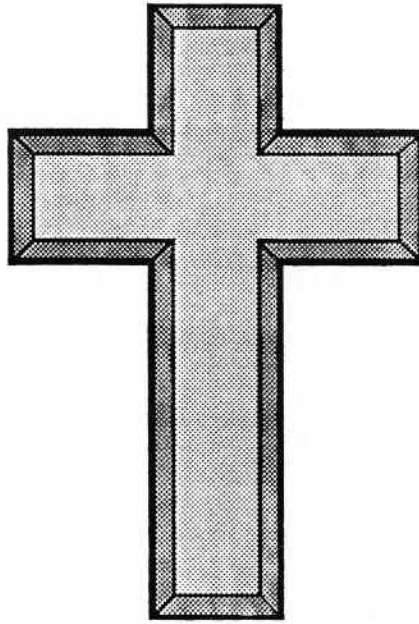
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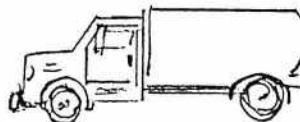
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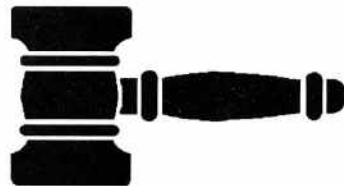
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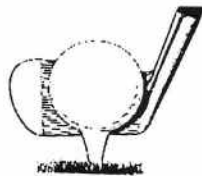
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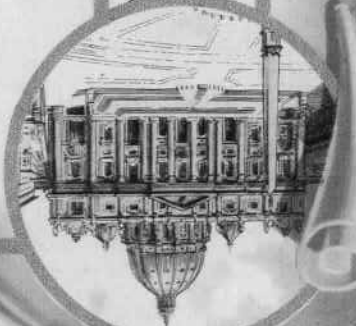
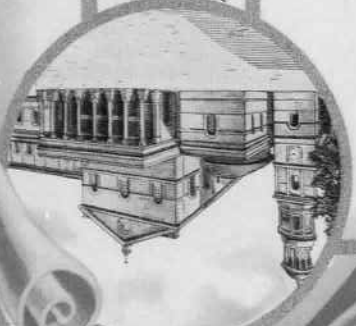
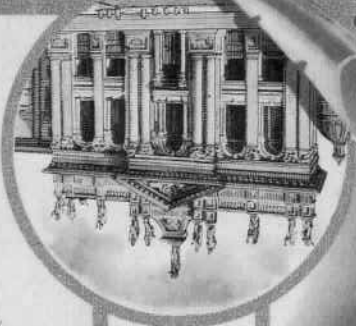
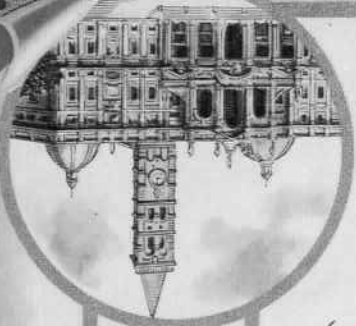


Christmas Scene 1992

The Holy Father John Paul II  
 paternally imparts  
 his Apostolic Blessings  
 as a pledge of heavenly favors to  
 Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Church  
 on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary  
 October 17, 1993.

+ Dean Duggato  
 & Vicar  
 Stanislaus Church

Ex. 29.04.1993  
 Stanislaus Church





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*St. Stanislaus Polish Church  
Hazleton, PA*

1993



# Mass of Thanksgiving

## *Presiding Celebrant*

His Excellency Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop of Scranton

## *Principal Concelebrants*

Very Reverend Girard F. Angelo, V.F., Reverend Louis S. Garbacik

## *Concelebrants*

Msgr. Leonard J. Novak Rev. Bernard A. Toloczko  
Rev. Daniel D. Olszewski, S.T.L. Rev. Thomas D. Skotek  
Rev. Charles J. Kringe Rev. Thomas A. Yaszcz

and Invited Priests

## *Master of Ceremonies*

Msgr. Neil J. Van Loon, M.A., M. Div., Chancellor and Secretary to Bishop Timlin

**Welcoming Bishop Timlin:** Megan Zakarevicz, Luke Witek, Tadeusz Witek

**Welcome and Commentary:** Thomas Kopetskie, Centenary Chairman

**Readers:** Joan Grega, Gerald Grega

**Lector:** Donna Marie Kovalick

## *Homilist*

Msgr. Leonard J. Novak, Pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Scranton, PA

**General Intercessions:** Maryann Sabo, Nancy Paranac

## *Acolytes*

Altar Boys of St. Stanislaus Church

Timothy Cheslock	David Cheslock	Leonard Kovalick
Jeffrey Kegolis	Gavin Zakarevicz	Devin Zakarevicz
Edward Yachera	Daniel Lewandowski	

## *Bearers of Gifts*

Mrs. Irene Hametz	Mrs. Florence Payer
Mr. John Hametz	Carey Kovalick
Mr. Donald Payer	Brian Cheslock
Jaelyn Forish	

## *Music*

Mr. Clarence Kulig - Organist

Mrs. Patricia Kulig - Directress

St. Stanislaus Choir

Stanley Babon	Stephanie Babon	Irene Palko	Martha Kordalski
Thomas Kopetskie	Clara Shenosky	Clara Garbacik	Jessie Harmanski
Caroline Podraza	Eva Tomkiewicz	Stella Capparell	Gertrude Scarp
Verna Shenosky	Theresa Paletski	Steve Paskoski	Claire Micklo
Mildred Krzywicki	Boley Bitel	Ray Dongelewicz	Jane Dongelewicz
Wally Szczesniak	Diane Szczesniak		

Jan Lewan Orchestra

**Honor Guard:** Knights of Columbus

*Mass of Thanksgiving*

*Commemorating*

*the*

*100th Anniversary*

*of the*

*Founding*

*of*

*St. Stanislaus Polish Church*

*Hazleton, PA*

*by*

*Bishop William O'Hara*

*the first Bishop of Scranton*

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*Celebrated by*

*Bishop James C. Timlin*

*the eighth Bishop of Scranton*

*Sunday, October 17, 1993*

*Four O'Clock in the afternoon*

# Order of Worship

**PRELUDES:** Organist and Choir

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Glory and Praise to Our God*

Dan Schutte

*Refrain*




Glo - ry and praise to our God who a - lone gives light to our days.



Man - y are the bless - ings he bears to those who trust in his

*Verses*




ways.

1. We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who
2. In his wis - dom he strength - ens us like
3. Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our



1. built the val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our
2. gold that's test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of
3. God is wait - ing to save, al - ways read - y to



*to Refrain*

1. God has done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.
2. sin pre - vails, our God is there to save.
3. seek the lost, to an - swer those who pray.

# PENITENTIAL RITE

Most Reverend Bishop

## Refrain

Em B7/F# Em/G Am

All: *mp a tempo*



Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Descant: *pp*




Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.


## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God*

John Foley

### REFRAIN:



(All:) Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His



peo - ple on earth. earth.

# Citurgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 63:7-9*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 96/7*



*R.* Give the Lord glo-ry and hon-or. Give the Lord glo-ry and hon-or.

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:12-17*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

*St. Luke 17, 11-19*

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## General Intercessions:

*Response: O Lord, hear us, we pray, O Lord, give us your love!*

*(Sung)*

# Citurgy of the Eucharist

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Refrain: One Bread, Only Body

John Foley

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,  
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though  
 man - y through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

*Verses*

one Lord.	1. Gen - tile or Jew,	ser - vant or
	2. Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
	3. Grain for the fields,	scat - tered and

*to Refrain*

1. free,	wo - man or man,	no more.
2. works,	one in the Lord	of all.
3. grown,	gath - ered to one,	for all.

## PREFACE ACCLAMATION: Holy, Holy, Holy

Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:** *Assembly response (after Cantor)*

Marty Haugen



**CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION:** *Assembly response (after Cantor)*

Marty Haugen



**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:** *Choir: Agnus Dei*

J.A.Korman

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:** *Choir*

*In Remembrance of Me*

B. Red

*Eat this Bread*

Jacques Berthier  
Taize'

## MUSIC AFTER COMMUNION: *Chwała i Dziękczynienie*

### Melodia 1



Chwa - ła i dzie - kczy - nie - nie bądź w ka -  
- żdym mo - men - cie Je - zu - so - wi w Naj -  
- świę - tszym Bo - skim Sa - kra - men - cie.  
I - le mi - nut w go - dzi - nie, a go -  
- dzin w wieczno - ści, ty - le - kroć bądź po -  
- chwa - lon, Je - zu, ma mi - ło - ści.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**COMMENTS:** *Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., Bishop of Scranton*

## CONCLUDING RITE:

Blessing

Blessed be thy name of the Lord

**NOW AND FOREVER**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH**

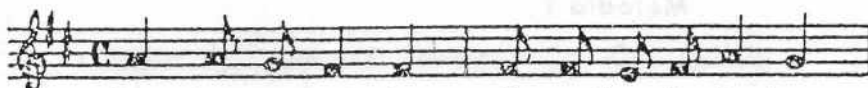
May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, *AMEN.*

Dismissal

The Mass is ended, go in peace.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**CLOSING SONG:** *Serdeczna Matko*



1. Ser-deczna Matko, O-pie-kunko lu-dzi,



niech Cię płacz sie-rot do li-to-ści wzbudzi!



Wy-gna-ńcy E-wy do Ciebie wo-ła-my:



Zli-tuj się, zli-tuj, niech się nie tu-ła-my!

2. Do kogoż wzdychać mamy nędzne dziatki?

Tylko do Ciebie, ukochanej Matki,

U której serce otwarte każdemu,

A osobiwie nędzą strapionemu.

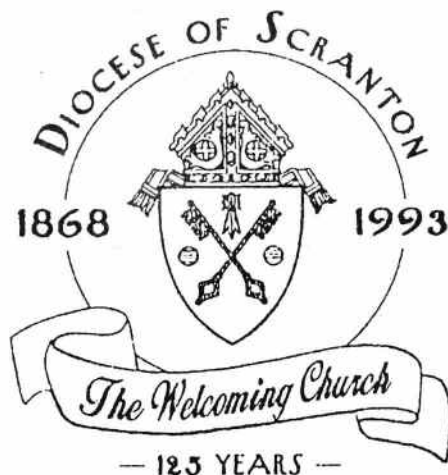
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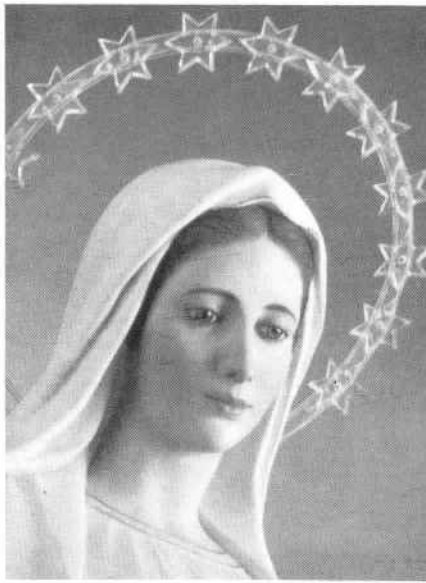
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## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O, dear Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our boys and girls, the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents, that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice, which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and cause them to rejoice exceedingly, whenever one of their children is called to the religious life. Let your example, and that of your blessed Mother and St. Joseph, encourage both children and parents, and let your grace sustain them. Amen.



WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO PREPARED FOR AND PARTICIPATED IN OUR CENTENNIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING. May your time and talent given in praise of our God lead us ever joyfully into the second century. May the Good Lord bless each and every one and May His Mother Mary lbe with us in our journey in this life.



## *Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue*

Lovely Lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray,  
God was just your little boy,  
Tell me what to say.

Did you lift him up sometimes,  
Gently on your knees?  
Did you sing to him,  
The way mother does to me?

Did you hold his hand at night?  
Did you ever try to tell him stories of the world?  
And Oh, did he cry?  
Do you really think he cares, if I tell him things;  
little things that happen

And do angel wings make noise?  
And can he hear me if I speak low?  
Does he understand me now?  
Tell me for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray,  
God was just your little boy  
And you know the way.