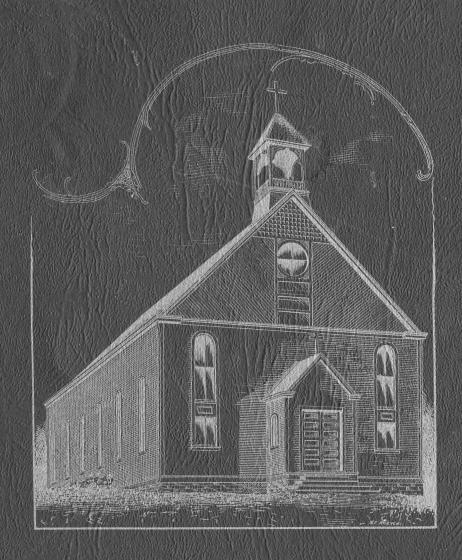
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Boże w dobroci nigdy nie przebrany, Podnosim ręce okute w kajdany, I wielkim głosem błagamy Cię Panie! Z grobu niewoli daj nam zmartwychwstanie.

Bo cierpień naszych przebrała się miara I już nam żadna nie straszna ofiara, Pójdziem na katów bagnety i noże, Tylko wolnymi daj nam stać się Boże.

Wszak ojce nasi w krwi swojej purpurze, Z piersi swych krzyża zrobili przedmurze, W skrzydlatych zbrojach szli z wrogiem na boje I na swych szablach nieśli Imię Twoje.

Czemuż więc Panie, ludu Twego syny,
Na dopust strasznej skazałeś godziny?
Czemuż poddałeś wierne swoje sługi,
Temu co krzyż Twój biczuje raz drugi?
Zlituj się, usłysz w błękitów Twych niebie!
To nsród Polski woła tak do Ciebie:
Z win odkupioną w ofiar krwi skąpaną,
Ojczyznę naszą wskrześ nam ukochaną. —

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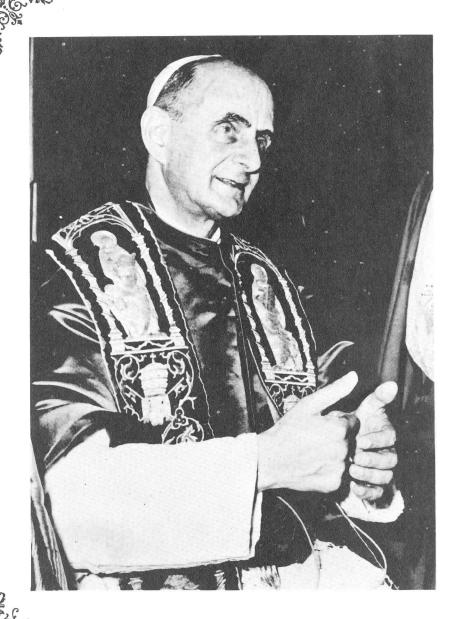
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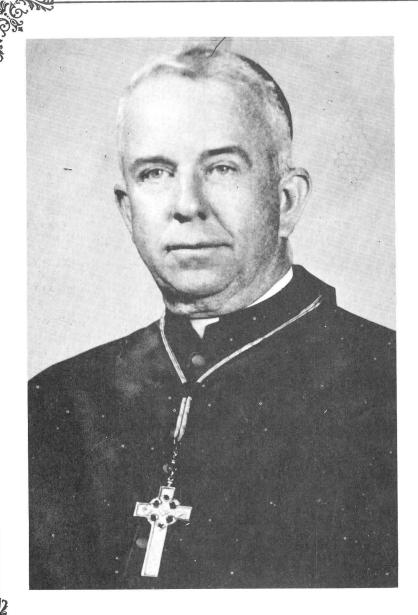
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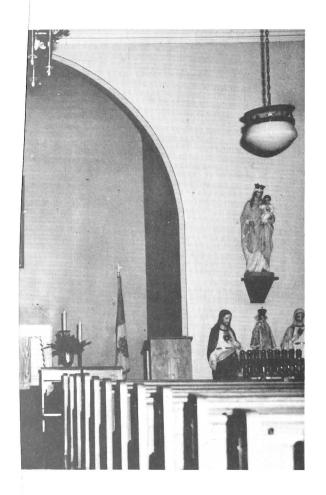
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July 20, 1973

Dear Parishioners,

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His goodness to me?" PS. 116

Over seventy-five years ago, the seed of faith was planted in our area. With joy and with love we give thanks to Almighty God for bringing that seed to maturity and bearing much good fruit.

Just as the farmer must water the seed, hoe the ground, and pluck the weeds, our anniversary today gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the labors and sacrifices made by the priests and parishioners that has produced the deep faith we share together today,

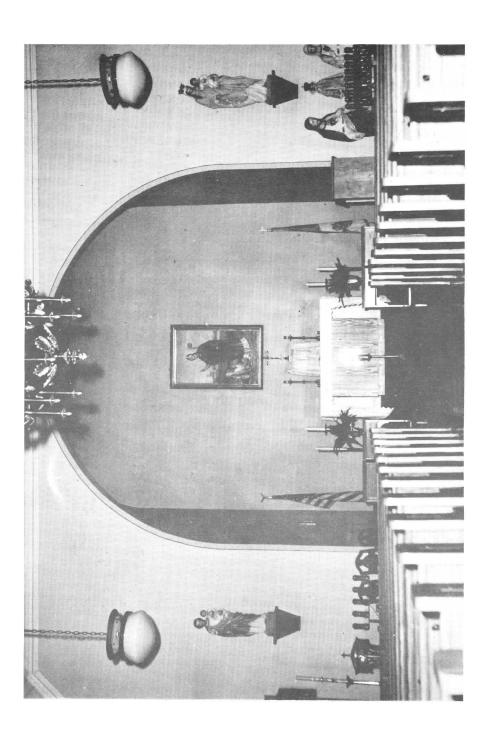
It is the spirit of faith that brings us here today. Faith is given to us by Almighty God to be shared with others. God has blessed our parish throughout the years. We are especially joyful that He has called our son and daughters of the parish to serve Him in the religious life.

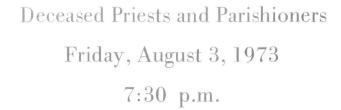
If the seed of faith is to continue to bear fruit, then we cannot be merely content with the past and present. We must continually strive by good example, kind words and sincere honesty encourage our youth to be interested in and accept the challenge of serving God wholeheartedly as parents, religious or single persons.

God plants the seed, but it is you and I who must prepare the soil. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please, God, we ask you to send laborers into Your vineyard to teach, to preach, and to sanctify with the talents and abilities You give them.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Thomas a. Stanck Rev. Thomas A. Stanck Pastor





His Excellency, William G. Connare
Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg
Sunday, August 5, 1973
3:00 p.m.

Dinner, Program, Dance St. Mary's Social Hall Trauger, Pa. 5:00 p.m.

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMUNION CLASS



Top Row: David Brodak, Gregory Golkosky, Scott Marinchak, John Stein, Michael Marinchak, Bruce Wadsworth Bottom Row: Michelle Balun, Cheryl Reagan, Valerie Rutkosky, Sherry Sivak, Kathleen Sobinsky, Rev. Thomas A. Stanek, Pastor



History

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH Calumet, Pennsylvania



In the rolling hills of Western Pennsylvania; in the County of Westmoreland; in Mt. Pleasant Township lies the village of Calumet where the parish of St. Stanislaus is located.

The early records of St. Stanislaus show that the parish began to be organized into a congregation under the leadership of Reverend Neil McNellis, then pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

For at least four years Mass was offered in a large house in Mammoth, Pennsylvania. The congregation consisted of Poles, Slovaks, Germans, and Irish. Mr. William Kearns was the first person who went to see Reverend McNellis to build a church.

In 1894 a wooden church was constructed with the help of the parishioners. In the following years, the parish was without a permanent pastor, and hence, the church building began collapsing.

With the help of His Excellency, Bishop Phelan of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Reverend Joseph Wielgus was appointed the first resident pastor in 1898. Father Wielgus was born in 1862 in Poland; educated in Rome; ordained on December 22, 1895 and located immediately in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The church structure was reinforced. The people rallied support to their new pastor and began furnishing the church with pews, vestments, an organ and other objects needed for liturgical functions.

The present picture of St. Stanislaus in the sanctuary is an oil painting executed by Mr. John Grondalczyk of Krakow, Poland. The picture measures 2-½ cubits in height and 1-½ cubits in width. The picture was purchased for \$150.00 and was imported from Poland.

On the 18th of September 1898, the church was solemnly dedicated under the patronage of St. Stanislaus. Bishop and Martyr. With the permission of Bishop Phelan, Reverend J. Rychtarczy, pastor of Visitation Parish, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania performed the liturgical rite of dedication. The homily in the Polish and English languages was delivered by Reverend Cesar Tomaszewski, C. S. SP., pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The parish consisted of 300 families at the time of dedication.

A strong and lively faith of the people was demonstrated in the fact that in a short time the parish was able to accumulate several hundred of dollars for household furniture and the liquidation of the parish debt.





December 14, 1900 – Father Wielgus requested permission to buy four acres of ground adjacent to the church for a parish cemetery.

August 29, 1903 – Father Wielgus requested permission to build a school for \$2,000. Classes began on September 1, 1904 in a spacious building. The staff included two lay teachers and Father Wielgus, who taught catechism to 150 children in the Polish and Slovak languages. Mr. Kupkowski, the parish organist, also assisted.

November 5, 1904 – Almighty God calls to His eternal kingdom our beloved and zealous pastor, Father Joseph Wielgus, at the age of 42.

June 3, 1910 – In accordance with notices already sent you, the congregation at Mammoth has been divided and Reverend Father Matejseik has been appointed to organize a parish and build a church for the Slovaks at United, Pennsylvania.

YEAR 1911 – during the administration of Reverend L. Stee the parish school was closed.

September 4, 1912 — writings of Reverend F. Baczewski — "The school, which was carried for a number of years with some profit for the children, would be a pity to discontinue it at this time especially that in the vicinity we have no other school and the children are deprived of learning and religion. There are 96 children in the parish — ¾ of whom are not able to read or write in any language up to the age of 15.

After investigating the matter, we are in such shape that St. Stanislaus parish can safely re-open the school and is able to pay the salary of two teachers".

July 26, 1919 – At the request of Reverend James Wrobel, the diocese grants permission to the Sisters of the Holy Ghost at Donora, Pennsylvania to staff St. Stanislaus school. The school was a two-story wooden structure with a slate roof. The initial enrollment was 90 pupils. During the next six years the enrollment increased to 165 pupils.

Staff: 1919 to 1922: Sister M. Juliana

Sister M. Ewaldine (Acting Principal) Sister M. Elizabeth (Domestic Work)

1922 to 1924: Sister M. Juliana (Principal)

Sister M. Vincent

Sister M. Salomea (Domestic Work)

1924 to 1925: Sister M. Aloysius (Principal)

Sister M. Vincent

Candidate Sylvia Krolikowska Sister M. Caroline (Domestic Work) June 19, 1925 — the school was discontinued because the slacking work in this mining district induced people to abandon their homes. At the time of the closing of the school, there were 130 pupils enrolled in eight grades. For a number of years the Sisters continued to teach Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes every summer. The Sisters traveled from Everson, Pa.

October 1927 – the church steeple is destroyed by a tornado.

March 2, 1940 — Reverend John Misiaszek requested permission to repair the school building as it was damaged severely by a storm. "Where there is no parish school, there is no future for the parish".

May 2, 1953 – Reverend Misiaszek requested permission to build a two-room school house. The building was used for C. C. D. classes.

YEAR 1962 - the present rectory was built by Reverend Francis Lesniak.

July 17. 1968 – permission is granted to Reverend John Conway to demolish the old parish hall.

August 5, 1973 — although St. Stanislaus Parish does not conduct its own parochial school, the parents and children are still interested in Catholic education. During the past year 12 students attended St. Florian's School, United, Pa., and 2 students attended St. Pius X School, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. A consolidated Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program is conducted with St. Florian's Parish. It is our hope that the number of children will increase, who will continue their education in the parish schools and even attend our diocesan high school, Greensburg Central Catholic, Greensburg, Pa.

Repairs are scheduled to be made in the church. The plans include re-plastering the sanctuary and replacing the interior and exterior doors. The side entrance will be renovated.

PARISH STATISTICS

1899	185 families	or	1,260 souls
1905	300 families	or	2,800 souls
1933	47 families	or	300 souls
1973	160 families	or	609 souls

The records of the parish indicate during the past seventy-five years:

3,475 persons received the Sacrament of Baptism

616 marriages were performed

1,090 deaths are recorded





FIRST BAPTISM

Anna Repiscak - born March 11, 1904, daughter of Andrew and Mary Repiscak

baptized by Fr. Joseph Wielgus on March 20, 1904 Godparents: Thomas Kikla and Anna Lejawa

FIRST MARRIAGE

January 10, 1903

Andrew Repiscak, son of Andrew Repiscak and Sophie Dziadosz

and

Mary Lejawa,

Daughter of Andrew and Mary Lejawa

Witnesses:

Martin and Nicholas Milan

FIRST DEATH

John Wanituch, age 30, born in Austria

Died May 5, 1900

PRESENT

The oldest living parishioner is Mr. John Brown, Sr., age 95 years old.

Although the parish is comprised of several nationalities, the parishioners and friends gather together on Sunday as brothers and sisters in Christ to sing devoutly in the English and Polish languages the praises to God from Whom all blessings flow.

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PASTORS OF ST. STANISLAUS PARISH

1899 Reverend Joseph Wielgus

1904	Reverend J. Luniewski	1935	Reverend Peter J. Rendzimiak
1910	Reverend Michael Krupinski	1937	Reverend John Misiaszek
1911	Reverend L. Stec	1960	Reverend Francis M. Lesniak
1912	Reverend F. Baczewski	1966	Reverend John L. Conway
1914	Reverend John Supinski	1972	Reverend William M. Gavron
1918	Reverend Jacob Wrobel	1972	Reverend Thomas A. Stanek

Reverend Robert J. Shuda (In Residence)

VOCATIONS FROM THE PARISH

Reverend Stanislaus J. Fronczek	Sister M. Bernadette Suski, C.H.G. (Dec.)
SS. Peter and Paul Parish	Sister M. Gertrude Kozlowski, C.H.G.
217 E. Abbott Street	Sister M. Ignatia Komperda, C.H.G.
Lansford, Pennsylvania	Sister M. Vincentia Miscovich, S.M.I.C.
	Sister M. Agatha Price, C.S.F.N.



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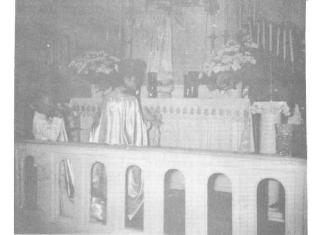
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KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR





First Row: Brian Cervenak and Patrick Ponko. Second Row: Richard Ponko, Richard Poeratsky, John Suscovich and William Reagan. Absent: William Faust. Anthony and Richard Detore

ST. STANISLAUS CH





Top Row: Cheryl Hollis, Kim McKula, Sandy Massena, Vic Carol Suscovich, Josephine Urbanowski, Marcella Pochinsk-Organist: Ann Yanetsky. Choir members missing from pict Barbara Sobinsky, Roberta Faust, Ann Swiderski.

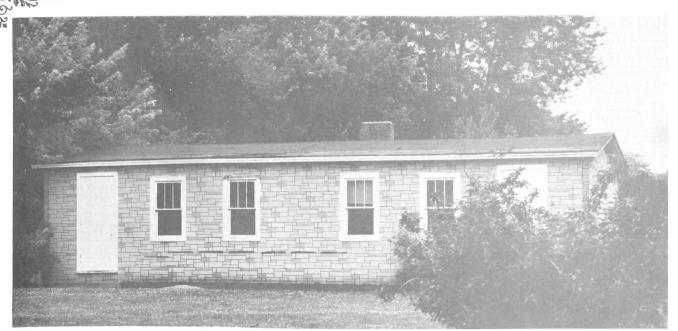
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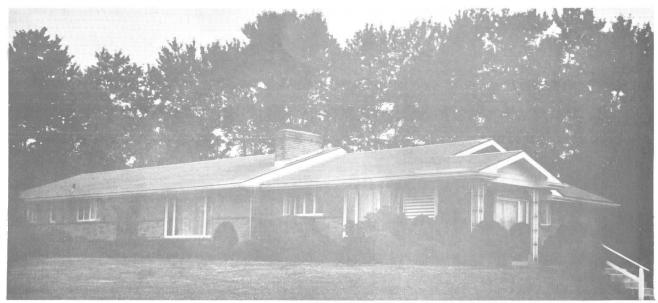


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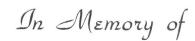


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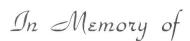
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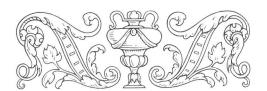


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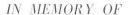
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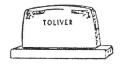




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