



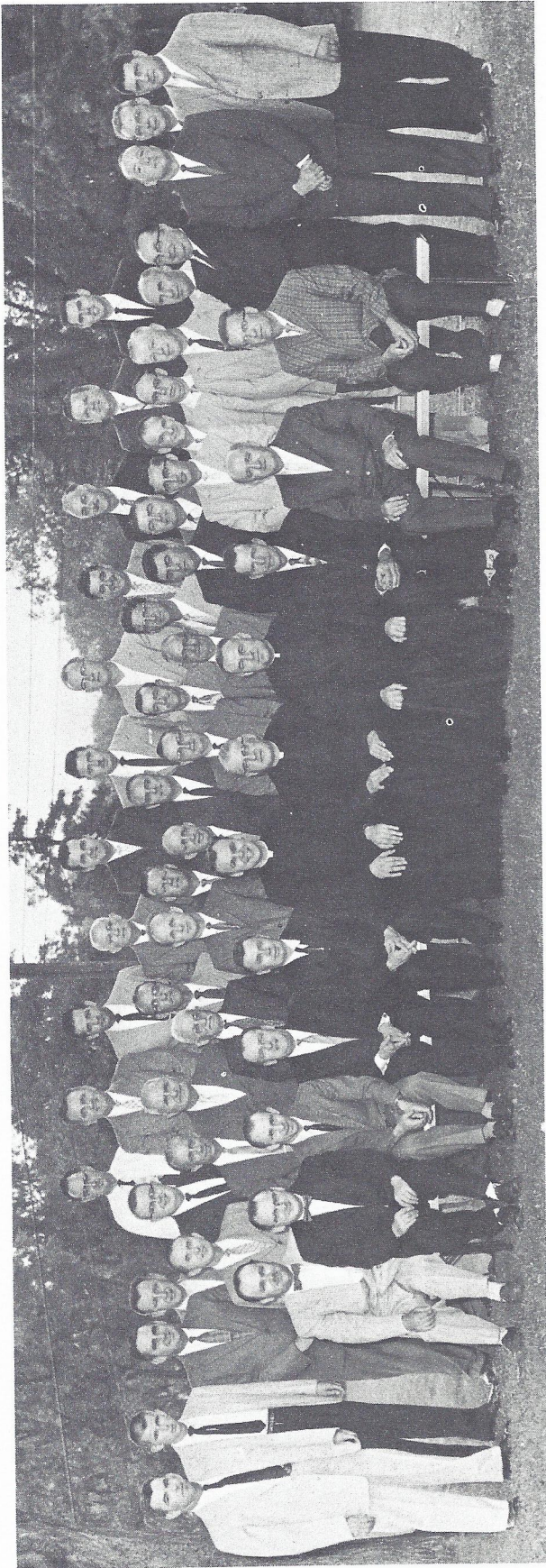
ST. STANISLAUS SOCIETY

TOWARZYSTWO ŚW. STANISŁAWA B. i M.



ST. CASIMIR SOCIETY

TOWARZYSTWO ŚW. KAZIMIERZA



TOW. ŚW. STANISŁAWA B. i M.
ST. STANISLAUS SOCIETY

Pierwszym krężownikiem przy organizowaniu i budowie parafii było towarzystwo Św. Stanisława B. i M. Służyło całym sercem i duszą kościołowi świętemu. Celem jego -- pomagać w wyzwoleniu Polski; pomagać materialnie wrzecie choroby członka, odwiedzać go i przychodzić z pomocą w nieszczęściu. Służąc w potrzebach materialnych parafii, członkowie także zawsze brali czynny udział w sprawach parafjalnych.

Ołtarz główny, konfesjonał, baldachim, to ich ofiara.

Zarząd:

Prezes:	Franciszek Furgał
Wice-prezes:	Adam Nikodem
Sek. Prot:	Stanisław Kupiec
Sek. Fin:	Jan Chrabąszcz
Kasjer:	Eugenjusz Majka
Opiekun Chorych:	Szymon Kiersztyn

TOW. ŚW. KAZIMIERZA KRAKUSA
ST. CASIMIR SOCIETY

Założone zostało w roku 1911. Praktykują czynnie miłość braterska niosąc członkom swoim pomoc w chorobie i nieszczęściu. Zawsze było ono przywiązane do parafii. Zakupiło do kościoła przepiękny kryształowy pajak i konfesjonał. Członkowie zawsze chętnie pomagają parafii.

Obecny Zarząd:

Prezes:	Stefan Chrabąszcz
Wice-prezes:	Józef Rzepka
Sek. Prot:	Rudolf Wójcik
Kasjer:	Stanisław Nogaś
Sek. Fin:	Feliks Nogaś
Opiekun Chorych:	Walenty Markót
Dyrektor Chorych:	Stanisław Piekielek

USHERS' CLUB

St. Mary's Church Ushers' Club organized Feb. 9, 1952. At the first meeting Father Fijałkowski spoke about the purpose and its need to keep with the progress of our growing parish.

First officers elected were Stephen Chrabąszcz, President; Joseph Mals, Vice-President; Thomas Pobiegló, Secretary; Michael Mikus, Treasurer.

Since its beginning it has taken an active part in all parochial activities bazaars, picnics, dances, parking, collections, and the drive for our convent.

The present officers are Stephen Chrabąszcz, President; Joseph Pawlika, Vice-President; Michael Mikus, Secretary and Treasurer.

TOWARZYSTWO MATEK RÓŻAŃCA ŚWIĘTEGO

ROSARY SOCIETY



TOWARZYSTWO NAJSŁODSZEGO SERCA JEZUSA

SACRED HEART SOCIETY





TOW. NAJSŁOD. SERCA JEZUS

Założone w roku 1911 aby uczcić Boskie Serce i rozszerzyć nabożeństwo ku Sercu Jezusa. Ofiary na kościół chętnie i często składa. Ołtarz Serca Jezus, lichtarze, ornaty, kanony, welony do liturgji kościelnej, trybularze, krzyż jest ofiara tegoż towarzystwa. Pomaga parafii w każdej potrzebie. Obecny zarząd:

Prez:	Bronisława Rosinska
Sekr. Prot. i Fin:	Katarzyna Gadziąka
Kasjerka	Zofia Gabiga

TOW. MATEK RÓŻAŃCA ŚWIĘTEGO

Na samym początku organizowania parafii, przystąpiły matki do tej tak powszechnej organizacji czysto kościelnej aby wykonać czynnie te wielkie idee dobroczynności przez modlitwę, zebrania wspólne, uczestniczenie w nabożeństwach, przez ofiarność, odwiedzenie członkiń w chorobie, pomoc w biedzie. Tow. zakupiło rzeczy potrzebne do liturgji kościelnej chorągiew, dywan, świece i przybory do zakrystii. Zawsze chętnie składają ofiarę na dobro Kościoła. Obecny Zarząd:

Prezeska:	Katarzyna Bielaszka
Wice-Prez:	Honorata Hajdukiewicz
Sekretarka:	Salomea Kaczor
Sekr. Fin:	Weronika Swierczek
Kasjerka:	Emilia Chrabąszcz

MOTHERS' CLUB OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
KLUB MATEK

In December of 1943 eleven mothers of the parish met and organized to help the school financially and for the welfare of our children. The first officers were:

Pres.	-	Stella Furgal
Sec.	-	Anna Juchniewicz
Treas.	-	Michaeline Malecka

In addition to the above officers present at this meeting were Mary Kiersztyn, Mathilda Stolarczyk, Helen Kobielski, Wanda Krol, Stella Marcinkiewicz, Sophie Bara, Helen Snizek, Jadwiga Wolkonowska.

Money realized from projects has been applied to school needs, such as desks, books, clocks for classrooms, supplies, shades and the complete furnishing of the kindergarten. Officers:

President	-	Helen Smolka
Vice-President	-	Helen Manley
Secretary	-	Anna Juchniewicz
Treasurers	-	Josephine Kubat Stella Jachim



CHÓR FILHARMONIA

PHILHARMONIA CHOIR



HALKA CHOIR

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PHILHARMONIA CHOIR

Od początku parafii istniał chór Filharmonii. Początkowo nosił nazwę Św. Cecylji. Od roku 1921 znany pod obecnym tytułem...Filharmonia. Występuje na wszystkich uroczystościach kościelnych i świeckich. Występuje na Sumie w każdy tydzień. Zdobył liczne nagrody i puchary w koncertach przynosząc zaszczyt i honor dla parafii i polonii. Górną Pieśń!

Obecny Zarząd:

Prezes	Emil Łabuz
Wice-Prezes	Dr. Donald Rosinski
Sekr. Prot.	Stefania Nowicka
Sekr. Finan.	Lillian Soja
Kasjer	Stanley Zima
Dyrygent	Prof. Franciszek Narkon

HALKA CHOIR

Founded in January 30, 1936 by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kangiser, the Halka Ladies' Choir has entered many Singers' Concerts. It has in its possession trophies won at these contests. It is heard weekly singing at the 9:00 o'clock Mass for the glory of God and our inspiration.

Present Officers:

President	Miss Sophie Soja
Vice-President	Mrs. Nellie Tagliaferri
Recording Secretary	Miss Mary Osika
Financial Secretary	Mrs. Lillian Soja
Treasurer	Miss Genevieve Dudek
Director	Prof. Francis Narkon

TRZECI ZAKON ŚW. FRANCISZKA Z ASYZU

Istniał przy tutejszej parafii od początku jej założenia. Zaś dnia 9 listopada, 1953 roku był zaprowadzony kanonicznie przez Wiel. O. Hermana, franciszkanina z Pułaski, Wisconsin.

Celem Trzeciego Zakonu jest uświęcenie własne za wzorem i wstawiennictwem Św. Franciszka, także wszczepianie i ugruntowanie zasad chrześcijańskich w społeczeństwie. Hasłem organizacji jest, "Pokój i Dobro".

Dyrektorem jest Wiel. Ks. Artur Hapanowicz.

Obecny Zarząd:

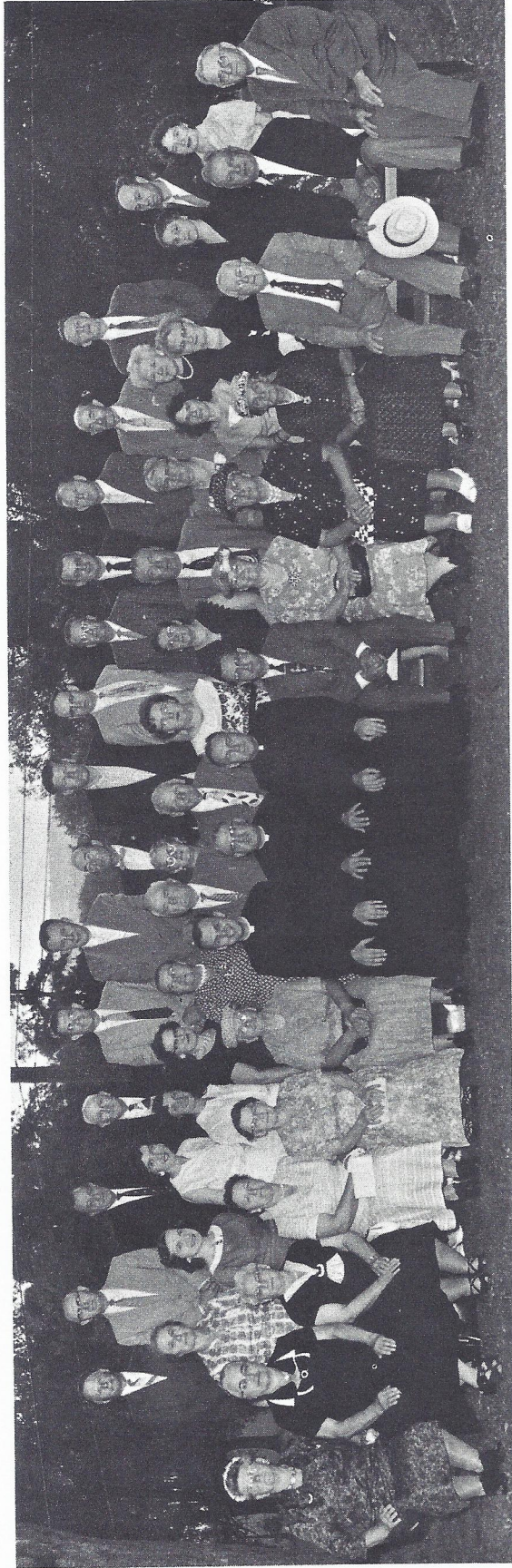
Prezeska	Zofia Gabiga
Wice-Prezeska	Rozalia Zielinska
Sekretarka	Stanisława Furgał
Kasjerka	Petronela Milinowicz



TRZECI ZAKON ŚW. FRANCISZKA

THIRD ORDER

TOW. NAJŚWIĘTSZEJ RODZINY Z.P.R.K.K. POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION



LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SEMINARY



HOLY NAME SOCIETY
 TOWARZYSTWO NAJŚWIĘTSZEGO IMIENIA JEZUS



TOW. NAJŚWIĘTSZEJ RODZINY Z.P.R.K.
 POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION

Założone w roku 1909. Jest asekuracyj-
 ne z przewodnią ideą nawskroś katolicką.
 Hasło "Bóg i Ojczyzna" wiernym we wszystkich
 sprawach zostało. Od założenia mozolnie
 pracuje na niwie religijnej i narodowej.
 Spieszyło z pomocą w Ojczyźnie. Chętnie
 składa ofiary na cele kościelne i świeckie.

Prezes	Jan Nogaś
Wice-prez.	Jan Zielinski
Wice-prezesa	Janina Trzepacz
Sekr.	Stanisław Nogaś
Kasjer	Szymon Kiersztyn
Kapelan	Ks. Piotr Kołeczek
Wice-Kapelan	Ks. Artur Hapanowicz
Rewizory Książek	Feliks Nogaś i Władysław Strawinski

LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE ALUMNI
 ASSOCIATION OF ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

On June 19, 1959 an organizational
 meeting was held at St. Mary's Parish at
 N. Y. Mills, N. Y. for the purpose of sup-
 porting the seminary at Orchard Lake:
 by prayers that God bless its work, by
 fostering vocations to the priesthood, by
 encouraging students to enroll for study at
 Orchard Lake, and by providing financial
 aid for the seminary.

On July 22, 1959 a meeting was held to
 elect officers. The chapter is known as
 The Greater Utica Chapter XIII.

President	Mrs. Stella Furgal
1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. Estelle Olenik
2nd Vice Pres.	Miss Mary Bazan
3rd Vice Pres.	Mrs. Ann Zdanowicz
Recording Sec.	Miss Virginia Moskal
Financial Sec.	Miss Cecelia Mitchell
Treasurer	Miss Sophie Soja
St. Mary's	Mrs. Stella Nogas Mrs. Sarah Kaczor

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society was organized at
 St. Mary's Parish in February of 1959. The
 founding officers were Albert Rosinski,
 President, Thaddeus Kaczor and Walter H.
 Krupa as Vice-Presidents and Stanley Wil-
 czynski and Robert Suskie as secretary and
 treasurer.

The aim of the Holy Name Society is
 the personal sanctification of its members
 through monthly reception of the Sacraments
 and the honoring of God's Holy Name. The
 Holy Name also serves to aid the pastor and
 priests of the parish in any task necessary
 for the good of the parish.

Now over fifty members strong in this
 Jubilee Year, the Holy Name is led by
 Joseph A. Kaczor, President, Dr. Donald
 Rosinski and Dr. Walter Karwowski as Vice-
 Presidents and Carl Markowicz and Matthew
 Labuz as treasurer and secretary.

YOUNG LADIES SODALITY OF OUR LADY



THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY

The Sodality of Our Lady was started on December 8, 1911 to foster in its members an ardent devotion, reverence and love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion is received by its members on the first Sunday of each month followed by a breakfast and meeting. The Sodality members also have taken an active part in the yearly May Day Parades and processions.

Officers 1960-61:

President	Hedwig Hajdukiewicz
Vice-president	Judith Tobiasz
Treasurer	Elizabeth Chrabaszcz
Recording Secretary	Joan Tracy
Corresponding Secretary	Elaine Klockowski

TOW. PATRIO. POSTĘPOWE -- Grupa 2066 Z.N.P.
POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE, Group 2066

Założone zostało dnia 4-go Września 1918 r. w celu szerzenia oświaty przez czytelnie, przedstawienia, kontesty narodowo-historyczne w szkole parafialnej. Założyło Harcerstwo, dawało członkom wsparcie w nieszczęściu, dostarczało stypendium studentom, podarowało puchar na zjazd śpiewaków. Również daje nagrody dla graduantów naszej szkoły i High School. Bierze czynny udział w wszystkich uroczystościach parafialnych i narodowych. Obecny Zarząd:

Kapelan
Wice-Kapelan
Prezeczka
Wice-prezes
Wice-prezeska
Skr. Fin.
Skr. Prot.
Skarbnik
Dyrekcja

Ks. Piotr Kołeczek
Ks. Artur Hapanowicz
Maria Osika
Jozef Tuman
Aniela Czyżycka
Czesława Strawińska
Józef Samel
Tadeusz Koziół
Maria Osika, Józef Tuman,
Tadeusz Koziół, Władysław
Strawiński i Józef Czupryna.

ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It was founded in 1933. Since its founding it has achieved an outstanding rating. It excelled in local sport circles especially in baseball, basketball and shuffle-board. Since its organization many trophies were won.

The St. Mary's Athletic Association is presently inactive, except for the Saint Mary's Shuffleboard Team entered in the Catholic Shuffleboard League.

HISTORJA TOWARZYSTWA ORZEBŁ BIAŁY

Wśród największych organizacji polskich po za Zw. Nar. Pol. i Zjednoczenia Rzym. Kat. naczelnie miejsce zajmuje Unia Pol. w Amer. organizacja nietylko ubezpieczeniowa ale także idejowa składająca się z grup tow. których celem jest rozwój moralno-

TOW. PATRIOTYCZNE POSTĘPOWE Grupa 2066 Z.N.P.



religijny i materialny żywiołu narod. pol. i amerykańskiego. Wtym celu powołano do życia nową grupę tej szlachetnej organizacji przy par. Matki Boskiej Częst. w N. Y. Mills dając jej nazwę Tow. Orzeł Biały Nr. 372 Unji Pol. w Amer.

Tow. zostało założone w maju 1941 roku i najpierwszym zebraniu tego dnia wybrany został pierwszy zarząd do którego weszli: Jan Ziober, prez; M. Szczygieł, L. Łabuz w. prez; M. Szczygieł sekr. fin. P. Kogut sekr. prot; M. Ziober, kasjer; Dr. W. Karwowski, Lekarz i M. Sobieraj marsz. Pracę organizacyjną powierzono M. Szczygieł i J. Ziober.

Kapelan	Wiel. Ks. P. Kołeczek
W. Kap.	Ks. A. Hapanowicz i Ks. A. Kantor
Prezes	J. Szczych
W. Prezes	S. Szymanski
Sekr. Fin.	J. Ziober
Sekr. Prot.	W. Kuszewski
Kasjerka	A. Szymanska
Lekarz	Dr. W. Karwowski
Marszałek	S. Slosek

LEGION OF MARY

The Our Lady of Grace Praesidium of the Legion of Mary is one of newer and less known of the parish groups, yet because of the nature of its work, one of the most active.

The Legion was begun in August of 1957 with a handful of members. Its work is that of "Catholic Action", that is, working along with the Bishops, Priests, and religious of the Church of Christ "to bring Christ to all men".

The Legion group has taken upon itself the distribution of Catholic literature, the visitation of the sick at homes, at hospitals and nursing homes; school and parish census; the care of a Sunday nursery and all apostolic active works assigned them by the priests of the parish.

The officers are Joan Halat, President, Stella Piekieniak, Vice-President, Charlotte Seremet, Secretary and Josephine Zima, Treas.



WHAT IS A PARISH?

In order to understand the true meaning of a "parish" it is necessary first to understand that God has endowed man with both a NATURAL and a SUPERNATURAL LIFE -- human life and the life of God's Divine Grace. Man without natural life is a lifeless corpse; man without the supernatural life is spiritually dead and a subject for eternal damnation.

A "parish" is for the spiritual life what the family is for the natural life of man. As no one can give to himself natural life, so, too, no one is able to give himself the supernatural life of God's Divine Grace.

HOW DOES NATURAL LIFE COME TO US?

Natural life comes to us from God through our parents. No parent is able to give to himself the power of parenthood. Every parent must receive this most precious gift from his parents; and his parents in turn from their parents. This giving of the power of parenthood goes back to our first parents who in turn received it directly from God -- God Who is Life and the source of all life.

In other words, mankind is made up of many families in the same way that the human body is made up of millions of living cells. Man or woman alone are unable to bring about the beginning of a new life; but joined together in Holy Matrimony they join with God in the work of the continuation of the creation of the human race.

In cooperation with God, parents care for both the body and the soul of their child, providing food for the physical and spiritual values as food for the mind of this same child.

Physical life comes to us from God through our first parents Adam and Eve, down through all succeeding generations and finally through our very own parents. Without this close, living, unbroken contact of our parents with their parents, and with their parents' parents down through the pages of history of mankind right to Adam and Eve and finally God, NO ONE OF US WOULD EXIST TODAY.

On the basis of this example of the natural or physical life of mankind, we can attempt to understand more perfectly the spiritual-supernatural life of God. This Divine Grace permeates and sanctifies the soul of man in the same way that natural life permeates and gives life to our physical bodies.

HOW DOES THIS SUPERNATURAL LIFE COME TO US?

The supernatural life of God's Divine Grace comes to us through the Sacraments. These Sacraments, however, are not suspended in air; they do not come from nothingness. Just as a child is cared for and fed in his own little family unit, so, too, the Christian receives the necessary supernatural food from his parish. THE PARISH IS FOR US IN THE SUPERNATURAL LIFE WHAT THE FAMILY IS FOR US IN THE NATURAL, PHYSICAL LIFE. Even more, the parish is for the Mystical Body of Christ what the family is for all the families of mankind or humanity. Just as we do not have a choice of "belonging or not belonging" to mankind, so, too, there is no choice of "belonging or not belonging" to the Mystical Body of Christ. WITHOUT ACTUAL CONTACT with the rest of humanity no one can receive physical life; similarly, without actual contact with the Mystical Body of Christ no one can receive a share in the Divine Life of God's Grace.

The second Adam, Christ, and the second Eve, Mary, the mother of Jesus, are the "first parents" of this Supernatural Life, that is, the Mystical Body of Christ through which we receive the life-giving effects of Christ's redemption.

As humanity is made up of individual families, so, too, the Mystical Body of Christ is made up of small life-giving families -- PARISHES. Our parish gives us Supernatural Sanctifying Grace through the Sacraments and gives us the necessary Supernatural Bread, the Holy Eucharist, for maintaining the Life of God within us. The parish also supplies our soul with the necessary spiritual truths of our Faith that, fortified by God's Grace, we might come to know and to love God, to think, plan, speak and act as Christians and finally be with God in everlasting glory. Just as each birth is a continuation of the work of God's creation, so, too, the function of a parish is to continue the work of God's Redemption. THE PARISH IS A CELL OF THE CHURCH, THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST.

A PARISH IS LIVING if the members of that parish live in the state of grace and according to the truths and laws of our Faith. Baptized persons not living in the state of grace but not completely broken away from the Mystical Body of Christ by heresy, schism or excommunication, are "sick" or "dying" members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

AS THE FATHER IS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, so, too, the Pastor, the Spiritual Father or "Shepherd" is the head of the parish.

THE HEART OF THE PARISH IS THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS. The heart of a living body pumps blood through the lungs and other organs that it might be cleansed and purified. Blood also goes through the digestive system in order to be enriched with all that is necessary for the life, growth, healing, renewal and activity of the body.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in such a manner inwardly and spiritually cleanses, renews, enriches and heals the supernatural life of each member of a parish. Let us look to see what happens in the soul of a person in the state of grace while taking active part in the Mass.

The just man, living in the state of grace but weakened by the difficulties of everyday life, weakened by numerous faults and imperfections, covered with the "grime" of venial sins and blinded by the pagan and materialistic world and surroundings, ex-

presses first his joy that he is able to approach God, the source of Joy and Eternal Youth. He then cleanses himself of the stains of venial sin at the CONFITEOR, begs the Most Holy Trinity for mercy in the KYRIE ELEISON, sings the praise of God in the GLORIA and asks the gifts of God upon himself and mankind in the first prayer of the Mass.

God Himself then speaks to the Christian through the prophets of the Old Testament, the Apostles in the Lesson and the very words of Christ in the Gospel. The priest in the sermon presents the life-giving teachings of God's Truth.

The gifts of bread and wine offered to God by the priest in the name of all mankind are changed by Christ, through the ministry of the priest, into the Body and Blood of Christ and are offered to the Divine Majesty as the greatest possible expression of honor and devotion, love and thanksgiving, petition and contrition.

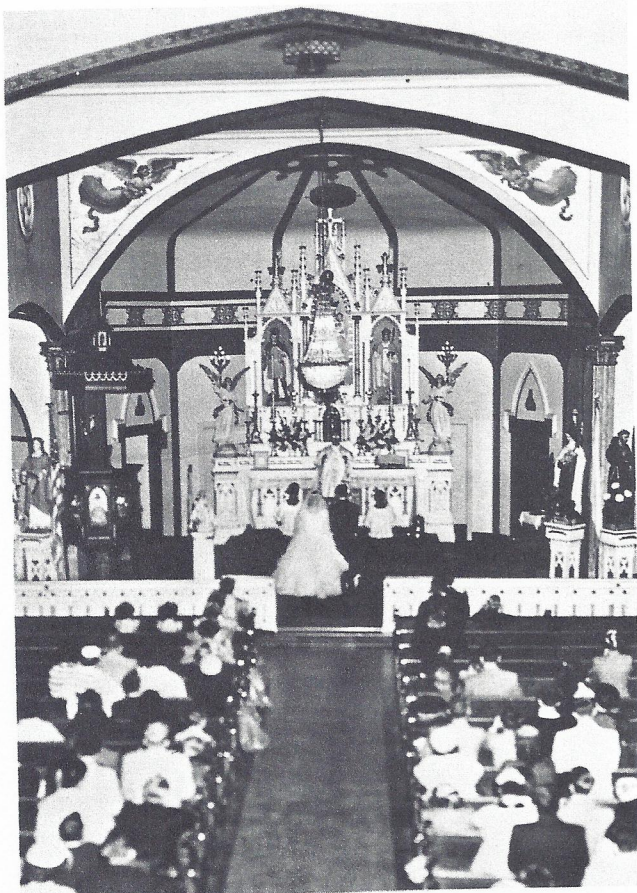
Afterwards, as a proof of His Fatherly Love, God invites Christian-man to take part in the sacrificial banquet, partaking in the very gifts offered to Him. Holy Communion not only unites us with Christ and all men as brothers, but also effects more closely the transformation of us into "children of God" and "heirs of heaven."

Thus cleansed, perfected and sanctified, we all -- mothers and fathers, laborers and employers, students and teachers, men and women, the poor and the rich -- return to our everyday tasks and vocations to live and work for the glory of God and our own eternal salvation.

Without a proper understanding of the meaning and function of a parish, a person cannot be called an intelligent Christian. One who avoids or refuses to take part in parish life is a "prodigal son" in the Christian life, to be compared to a child who deserts his own family.

Without a living parish there can be no vocations to the priesthood, to the religious life or to Christian marriage. A living parish is placed first in importance in the work and aim of Catholic Action -- even before the work of the missions, the Catholic Press, Christian families, schools and universities and even the defense of the Catholic Faith.

Truly, then, the parish is the greatest fact in the life of a Christian, in the life of a Country or nation, in the work of the salvation of mankind, in the growth of the Mystical Body of Christ, in international life and in the journey of man to Eternity.



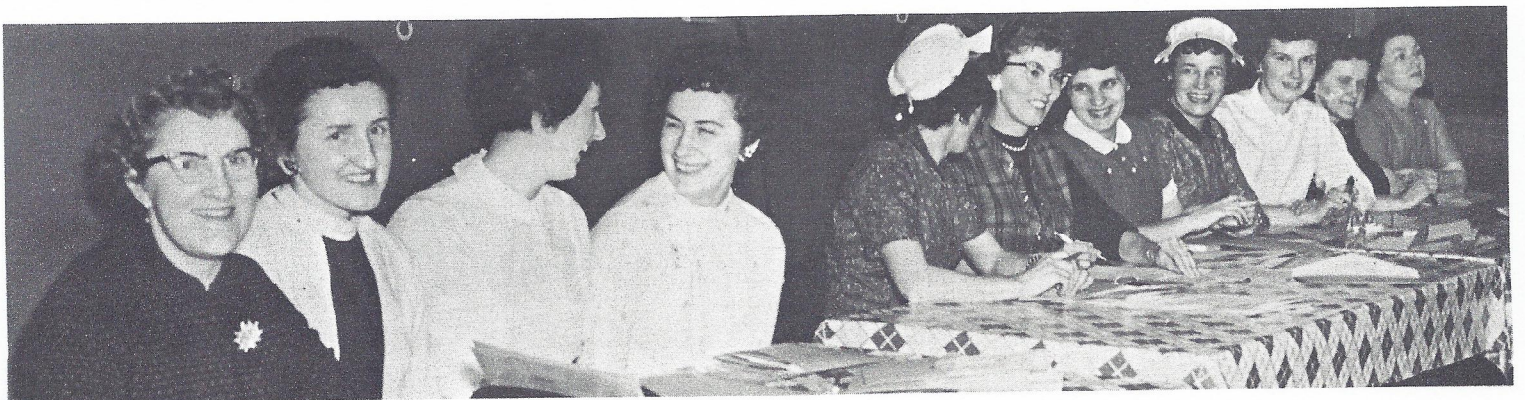


CONVENT FUND DRIVE

Although the great fund raising drive began in February of 1959, it was for the purpose of constructing a new Convent for our good Sisters during the Jubilee Year.

Through the generous response of our parishioners, and the magnificent work of the zealous committee of nearly two hundred men and women volunteers, the Drive of February 15, 1959 raised \$155,000 in pledges.

The convent is presently under construction. The photos on this page are a recording of that historical day.



CUDOWNY OBRAZ

Według podania, św. Łukasz Ewangelista wymalował obraz Najśw. Panny, który pierwsi chrześcijanie mieli we wielkiem uszanowaniu.

Tradycja nam mówi że w czwartym wieku św. Helena, matka Konstantyna Wielkiego, otrzymała ten obraz w czasie swego pobytu w Jerozolimie i oddała go swemu synowi, który go umieścił w pałacowej kaplicy w Konstantynopolu.

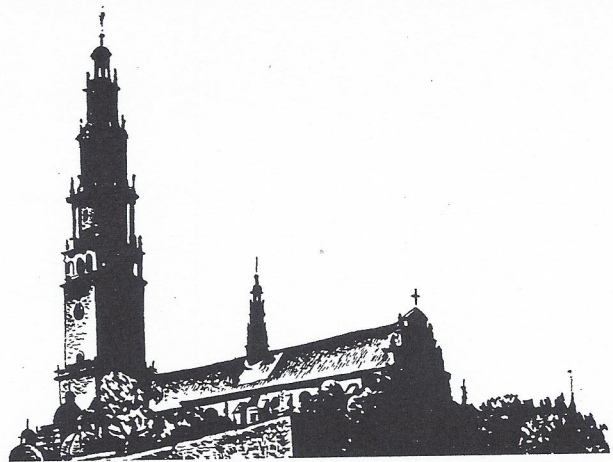
Z Konstantynopola dostał się książętom ruskim, potem Władysławowi, księciu polskiemu, który go oddał w opiekę OO. Paulinom, dla których wybudował w Częstochowie kościół i klasztor i wyposażył je odpowiednimi dochodami.

W roku 1430 chciwością skarbów częstochowskich zapaleniu Husyci napadli na klasztor, zakonników częścią pozabijali, częścią rozprószyli, klasztor złupili, a sam obraz sponiewierali. Gdy po ich ustąpieniu rozproszeni zakonnicy powrócili, znaleźli obraz porąbany, na troje rozłupany i skalany w błocie.

O smutnym wypadku dano znać Władysławowi Jagielle, który jako zwycięzca Prusaków powrócił do Krakowa. Ten zajął się restauracją obrazu. Biegli w sztuce malarze złożyli go bez znaku, ale zadanych od szabel husyckich bliźni na twarzy Marji, żadną miarą zamalować nie mogli.

Odtąd cześć i miłość do Marji licznymi cudami jaśniejącej w Częstochowie dziwnie się szerzyć poczęła wśród narodu polskiego. W uroczystej procesji odprowadzono zrestaurowany obraz cudowny mapowrót na Jasną Górę. Wkrótce przybył tam Jagiełło, by niebios Królowej winny hołd i wota swoje złożyć. W jego ślady poszli później inni królowie, a w naszych czasach Prezydenci Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej.

Za królami postępował cały naród, a kto wiedzieć chce, ile łask wyświadczyła tam Marja, ten niech policzy te mnogie wota, które zakrywają ściany kaplicy i zapełniają skarbiec Częstochowy. Niech przeglądnie grube tomy, przechowywane w archiwum klasztorne i spisane w nich nie wszystkie, ale tylko mała część tych niezliczonych łask, których tam wierni czciciele Marji doznali, niech policzy, jeżeli może, tłumy tych co tam ufne sercem pomocy Marji wzywali i dotąd ustawicznie wzywają, bo żaden z nich nie odszedł stamtąd bez ulgi i pociechy.



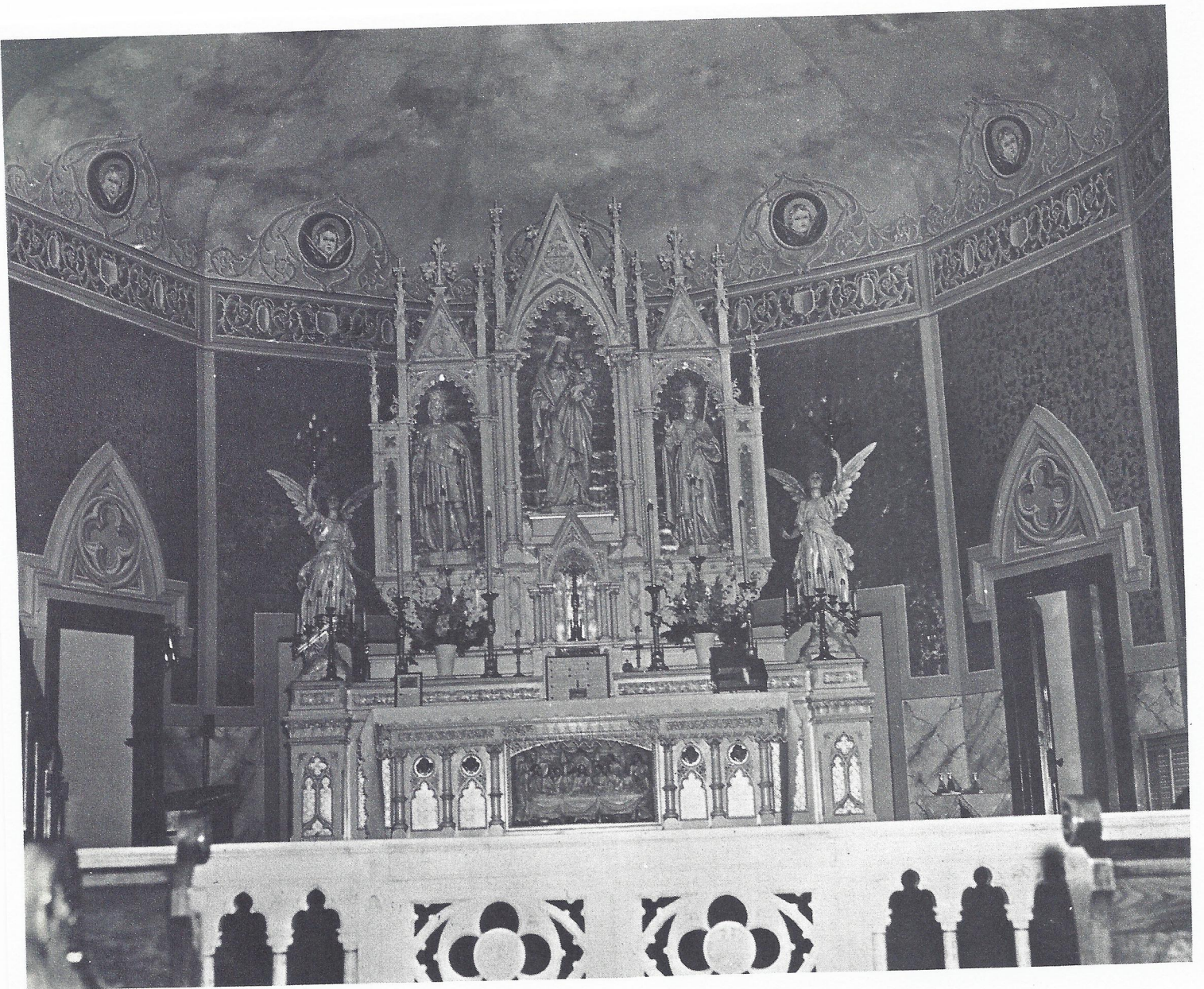
Łaski, której nie pojedynczy człowiek, ale cały naród doświadczył, nie godzi się pominąć. Było to roku 1655, kiedy się cały kraj znalazł w szwedzkich rękach, Miasta i grody popalili najezdźnicy, świątynie pańskie obdarli świętokradzką ręką; sam król Kazimierz chronić się musiał na Śląsku, a cała Polska w przeciagu jednego roku zamieniła się w zgliszcza i ruiny. Znikąd nie było pomocy; jeden zamek po drugim dostawał się w ręce Szwedów, tylko Jasna Góra nietknięta została. A skoro i na tę targnął się bezbożny najezdnik, odparła go mężnie garstka polskich bojowników pod wodzą O. Augustyna Kordeckiego, jasnogórskiego przeora, za cudowną pomocą Marji. Szwed pohańbiony musiał od oblężenia ustąpić, lubo po trzykroć nacierał na klasztor, który niedawno z szyderstwem kurnikiem nazywał. Ale nie na tem koniec. Wraz z upokorzeniem Szwedów obudziła się nadzieja w sercach Polaków. Ufni w pomoc Marji, złączyli swe siły i z całego kraju wyparli najezdzcę.

Podobną łaskę doznała odrodzona Polska w roku 1920, kiedy po rzewnych modlitwach w kościołach w kraju i za granicą, w sam dzień Wniebowzięcia Najśw. Marji Panny rozpoczął się owrót hord bolszewickich z pod murów Warszawy, nowy duch objął cały naród i nastąpiło wspólnie zwycięstwo. Wdzięczny naród przypisał to zwycięstwo opiece Najśw. Pani. Panienki i nazwał je "Cudem nad Wisłą".

Nadmienić tu wypada, że Ojciec św. Pius XI, który był naocznym świadkiem "Cudu nad Wisłą" był wielkim czcicielem cudownego obrazu jasnogórskiego i posiadał tegoż obrazu wierną kopję w ołtarzu swej domowej kaplicy.

Tak jak w roku 1655 wrogowie grozili wielkim niebezpieczeństwem Częstochowie i całemu narodowi Polskiemu, tak i dziś w Roku Jubileuszowym naszej parafii, Komunizm grozi narodowi Praojców naszych. Mamy nadzieję, że jak Matka Boska Częstochowska przysłała z pomocą Legionom Polskim, także przyniesie pomoc i dzisiaj Ojczyźnie która codziennie się modli:

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THE MIRACULOUS PICTURE OF OUR LADY OF THE BRIGHT MOUNTAIN

"Czestochowa, Poland - Over 300,000 Polish Roman Catholics flocked to this southern city on August 14 and 15 in a gigantic reaffirmation of loyalty to their Church and Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski Primate of Poland, despite new restrictions imposed on the annual pilgrimage by Poland's Communist regime." This is a newspaper report of this year's visit to Our Lady's Shrine on Her Feast of the Assumption. It was made in the same spirit of Poles, who over 300 years ago in 1655 prayed to their Queen. On December 26th of that year, the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa secured for Poland victory against invading hordes.

THE MIRACLE AT CZESTOCHOWA

Czestochowa today is a great industrial city in the Polish Province of Kielce. On the hill of "Jasna Gora," or "Bright Mountain" or "Clermont" in this city, stands a great shrine in honor of Our Lady. Dangers of attack necessitated that the monastery which houses the shrine be fortified by a high wall, with a moat and a draw bridge.

In the year 1655, during the reign of King John Casimir, Poland was almost completely conquered by invading Swedish troops. Added to this, the Turks were attacking Poland from the South; the national situation seemed so hopeless that King John took refuge in Silesia. Province after province was forced to render homage to the Swedish Charles Gustavus.

Some forty days before Christmas 1655, an army of 10,000 Swedes attacked the bastion at Czestochowa which was manned by 70 monks and 160 Polish knights. Under the leadership of the holy monk, Father Kordecki, and due to the intervention of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Swedes were routed.

This event so inspired the Poles, that a general insurrection ensued which rid the nation of their dreaded foes. Thus, like a figure in some legendary tale, Poland was restored to freedom and enjoyed a period of peace.

THE MIRACULOUS IMAGE

The image of Our Lady of Czestochowa is encased in a gold frame and hangs over the main altar of the monastery on the "Bright Mountain." The original picture is covered by an overdress studded with pearls, precious jewels and gold. On the head of both Mother and Child are crowns of gold and precious stones - personal gifts of St. Pius X.

The picture itself is 30 by 40 inches. Encased, however, it measures 5 by 3 and one half feet. Belonging to the Byzantine school of painting, the features were painted in brown. Aging has turned the faces and hands to a dark bronze color - for this reason, the picture is also called the "Black Madonna."

A striking feature of this painting is that the face of Our Lady has three cuts across the right cheek. It is related that Hussite soldiers who attacked the monastery on 1430, threw the picture to the ground and then one of their ranks slashed it. At the third blow, the soldier is supposed to have fallen dead, thus causing his comrades to flee in terror. Artists have attempted to patch the scars but amazingly enough, their efforts were for naught. The scars reappeared after every retouching.





Tradition has it that this portrait of Our Lady was painted by St. Luke upon a cypress table-top supposedly made by St. Joseph. During the years of persecution, the picture was given refuge in the catacombs of Jerusalem. There it lay hidden until it was uncovered in 326 by St. Helena. The picture then was passed on to her son Constantine who moved it to Constantinople where many miracles were attributed to it. The origins are not certain however.

In the 9th Century, the image was brought to Kiev where it remained until 1382. Whatever the origin of this picture, we know it was given over to the Pauline Fathers in 1384.

It was then transferred to Silesia and finally to Czestochowa. It was brought to Czestochowa for safe keeping, away from the destructive hands of the Mongol hordes. Once in Czestochowa, a monastery was built to house it. The monastery was, at first, quartered by monks of the Greek Rite-Basilian Fathers. Afterwards, it was given to monks of the Latin Rite - the Pauline Fathers - during whose tenure the miraculous defense of 1655 took place.

Since the great Miracle, wherever they found themselves, the people of Poland never ceased to pray for the restoration of a free Poland.

At the end of the World War Poland faced a new danger: the invasion of the Russian Bolsheviks in 1920. The Polish army depleted by the long war and lacking ammunition could offer but little resistance. The enemy was soon at the gates of the capital city, Warsaw, on the banks of the Vistula River. Throughout the nation and the world prayers were offered to Our Lady of the Bright Hill. To the great joy of her people on the Feast of the Assumption the tide of battle turned. Within eight weeks the enemy was routed and a peace treaty signed. The Polish

armies once again had saved Western civilization. A grateful people called this astounding victory "The Miracle of the Vistula" and ascribed it to the help of Our Lady.

Pope Pius XI, at that time Papal Nuncio to Poland, having witnessed the "Miracle of the Vistula," encouraged a special devotion to Our Lady of the Bright Hill. In the chapel of his summer residence, Castel Gandolfo, a true copy of the Miraculous Picture occupied the place of honor.

The sanctuary of Our Lady of the Bright Hill today as in the past is held in great renown by the Poles throughout the world. It is estimated that 300,000 pilgrims annually visit the shrine reputed to be the richest in the world, even the neighbouring countries, Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Lithuania have sent their contingents of pilgrims.

TODAY

The Communists in Poland see in the monastery of "Jasna Gora" one of their greatest adversaries. They realize that therein is seated the hope of the Polish nation, therein is rooted the deep spirit of a new Polish incarnation. The Communists do not look favorably upon the many pilgrimages and visits made to this shrine of Our Lady - yet they are unable to put a stop to them. The people of Poland refuse to be barred from their beloved Queen. As long as She is there among them, they will look to her as the One who will lead them out of captivity, who will release them from their present suffering. As in the year 1655 so in the year 1960, the Poles realize that only Their Queen can bring them the Prince of Peace. In this Our Jubilee year, 305 years after the miraculous defense of Czestochowa, let us fervently pray that Our Lady will hasten the day when an era of peace may once again reign in sore oppressed Poland.

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SEPTEMBER 18, 1960

10:45 A.M. BLESSING OF THE CORNERSTONE
FOR OUR NEW CONVENT.

11:00 A.M. SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

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Rev. Peter J. Koleczek, Celebrant
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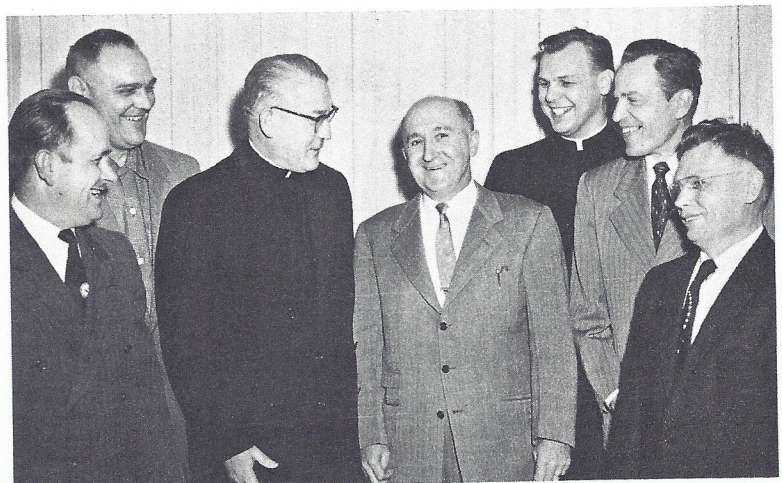
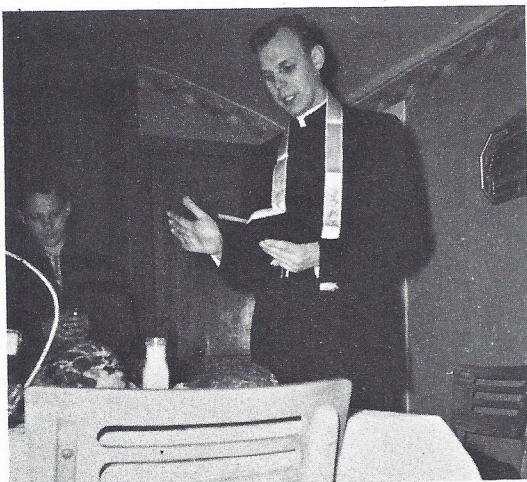
Mr. Joseph Nogas, Master of Ceremonies

6:00 P.M. JUBILEE BANQUET

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Janczewski,
Speaker

Rev. Leopold V. Prozny, Speaker

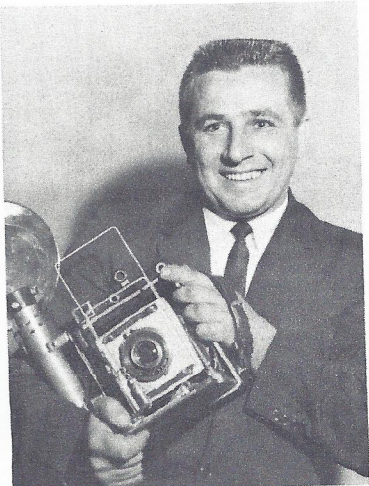
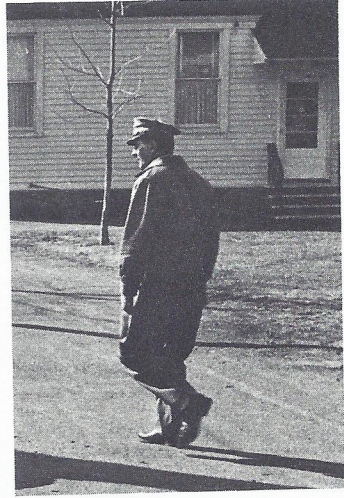
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9:30 Mass August 28, 1960





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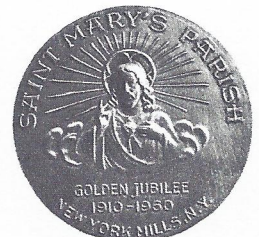
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