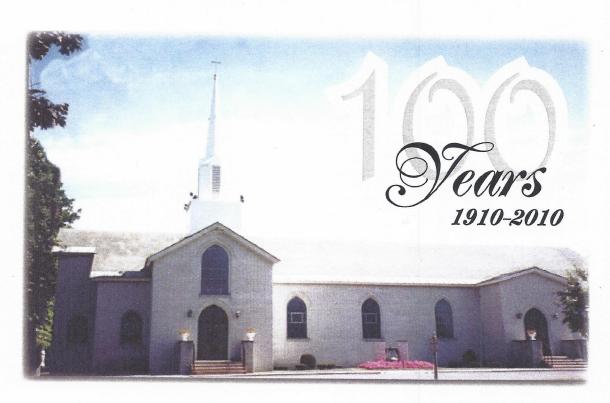
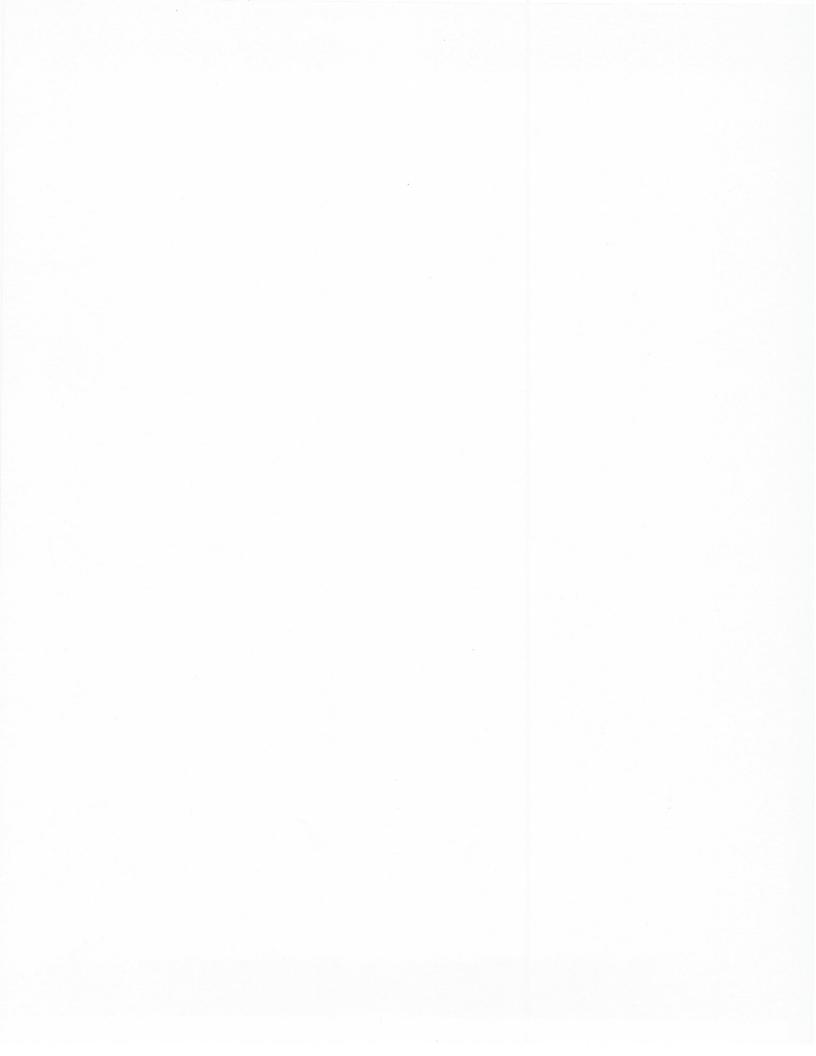


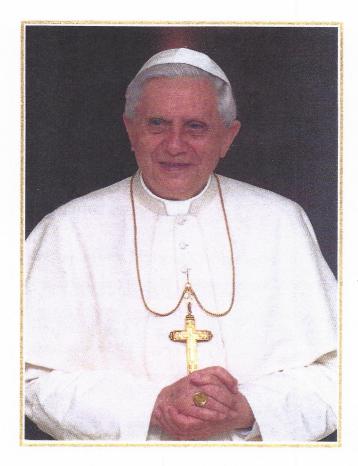
Sacred Heart St. Mary Our Lady of Gzestochowa











His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

as a pledge of divine favor bestows the Apostolic Blessing upon

Reverend Valentine C. Krul and Parishioners

of

Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa New York Mills, New York

on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of its Foundation September 25, 2010

Archdishop Pietro Sambi Apostolic Auncio

Washington, D.C.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

240 East Onondaga Street
Post Office Box 511
Syracuse, NY 13201-0511
(315) 422-7203
Fax (315) 478-4619

September 26, 2010

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Sacred Heart/St. Mary of Czestochowa:

Congratulations on your 100th anniversary! You deserve to celebrate and thank God for His awesome presence to your community of faith.

The Church of Sacred Heart-St. Mary of Czestochowa has served hundreds of families, forming a community of faith nourished by God's Word and the Holy Eucharist. It has served as the House of God and the Gate of Heaven for generations who have gone before us. Its beautiful traditions and most especially, the "living stones" that comprise this building, you and all the parishioners who have gone before you, are a source of justifiable pride. With this rich history, it is no surprise it continues to thrive in continuing its mission.

I congratulate Father Val Krul and thank him for his pastoral leadership to the people of New York Mills. May God bless him and all of you on this joyous occasion. I remain.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham

Bishop of Syracuse



September 26, 2010

To the good people of Sacred Heart/St. Mary of Czestochowa:

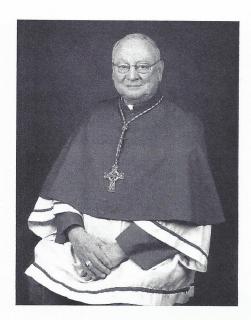
Prayers and best wishes on this centennial anniversary. It has indeed been a time of great favor, so rich in blessings, so full of grace. It has also been a time of tremendous challenge, first in provoking growth and creativity, and then demanding diminishment and inter-dependence. How inscrutable are the ways of the Lord!

The good that has been accomplished, who can fathom its magnificence, its magnitude? But of all the works of which you are so justifiably proud, for me none is more awesome than your mutual surrender of parochial independence in the interest of the wider life you now share in common. The humility, the resignation, the hospitality, the collaboration — what a model of church, what an example of brothers and sisters living together in their pursuit of the Lord. Thank you for this magnificent witness.

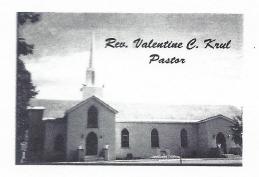
With you, allow me to say "Deo Gratias," and for what yet will be "Amen - so be it."

Respectfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Costello







Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa 201 Main Street New York Mills, NY 13417

My Dear Parishioners,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve as your pastor as we celebrate this momentous time for our parish church and our parish family. To be here in my home parish as we celebrate one hundred years of faith, hope and love is truly a wonderful experience.

One hundred years ago our forbearers experienced the joy of celebrating the Holy Eucharist for the first time in their own building, a structure which was built by the sacrifice of time, talent and treasure of these brave men and women, who left the Old World behind and journeyed to a New Land of promise and opportunity. These men and women wished to worship God in their own language in their own parish and in their own church. One hundred years later we are celebrating the Eucharist in this same church. Many changes have taken place and many improvements have been made to this magnificent structure throughout the years, yet one thing remains the same this edifice still houses a people of God, a people of faith, hope and love.

Not only have structural changes taken place, but the face of the community of God which worships in this temple has also changed with parishioners of many and diverse nationalities. To give an example our Music Director is Sicilian who sings in Polish, the couple who organize our pierogi making for the parish festival is Italian and our secretary is Irish.

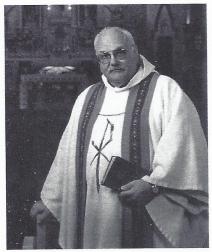
This church building has also experienced the coming together of two parishes on September 9, 2007 in a beautiful heartfelt ceremony. On that day the parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Utica said a tearful goodbye to their beloved building and in solemn procession brought much loved religious articles from their place of worship to combine with those of their new home, Saint Mary Our

lady of Czestochowa in New York Mills. Since that time we have become one family worshipping together in this one hundred year old structure.

We will never forget our forbearers, their beautiful Polish Heritage and the sacrifices they made to build this beautiful church but today we the parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary our lady of Czestochowa welcome all of God's children to worship in this house of God. May this house of worship continue to be filled with people of faith, hope and love for another Century. Sto lat!

Fr. Val

Priests Ordained From St. Mary's



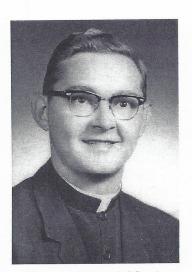
Reverend Valentine Krul



Reverend Monsignor Adolph Kantor



Reverend David Sambor



Reverend Joseph Nogas

Sisters From St. Mary's

Sister Mary Felix, C.S.S.F. (Skrzek)
Sister Mary Davida, C.S.S.F. (Dziechciewski)
Sister Mary Baptysta, C.S.S.F. (Dziechciewski)
Sister Mary Boguchwala, C.S.S.F. (Starsiak)
Sister Mary Joachima, C.S.S.F. (Wojcik)
Sister Mary DePaul, C.S.S.F. (Wojcik)
Sister Mary Columbo, C.S.S.F. (Tabor)
Sister Mary Sylvinetta, C.S.S.F. (Lopata)
Sister Mary Sylvinetta, C.S.S.F. (Ziober)
Sister Mary Sabinella, C.S.S.F. (Zalewski)
Sister Mary Krysia, C.S.S.F. (Piotrowski)
Sister Mary Peter, O.L.C.R. (Kobielski)

FORMER PASTORS WHO SERVED AT ST. MARY'S

Rev. Stanislaus Plaza
Rev. Alexander Fijalkowski
Rev. Peter Koleczek
Rev. Peter Gleba
Rev. Joseph Sadowski

ASSISTANT PRIESTS WHO SERVED AT ST. MARY'S

Rev. Conrad Tyzynski
Rev. Valentine Chrobok
Rev. Edmund Stankiewicz
Rev. Stanley Macewicz
Rev. Theophil Wojkowski
Rev. Stanley Lniski
Rev. Leopold Prozny
Rev. Adoph Kantor
Rev. Edmund Pilat

Rev. Thomas Kobuszewski
Rev. John Maxsween
Rev. Ronald Duda
Rev. Bernard Orszewski
Rev. Joseph Nogas
Rev. John Drozdal
Rev. Edward Daniszewski
Rev. Joseph Zareski

FORMER PASTORS WHO SERVED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN UTICA

Rev. William Sloan

Rev. Jerome McCarthy

Rev. George Contois

Rev. William Kiefer

Rev. Donald Bauer

Rev. James Culver

Rev. John Flanagan

New Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Donated by William E. Burke

Utica Council Knights of Columbus 2010





Marian Grotto

Donated and
Constructed by

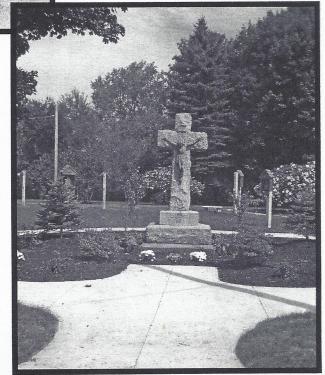
Father Francis Nowakowski

1954

Stone Crucifix Centerpiece of our Outdoor Stations

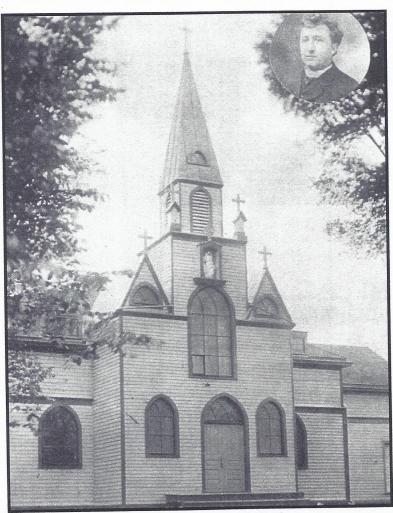
Donated by
DAR DIA PARAFJI
OD TOW, APOST. MODLITWY
New York Mills, NY

1928





First Mass Said Here "in Barn" - pictured our Second Pastor, Father Fijakowski with hat



St. Mary's Church 1910 Inset Our First Pastor



Rev. Stefan Płaza - First Pastor



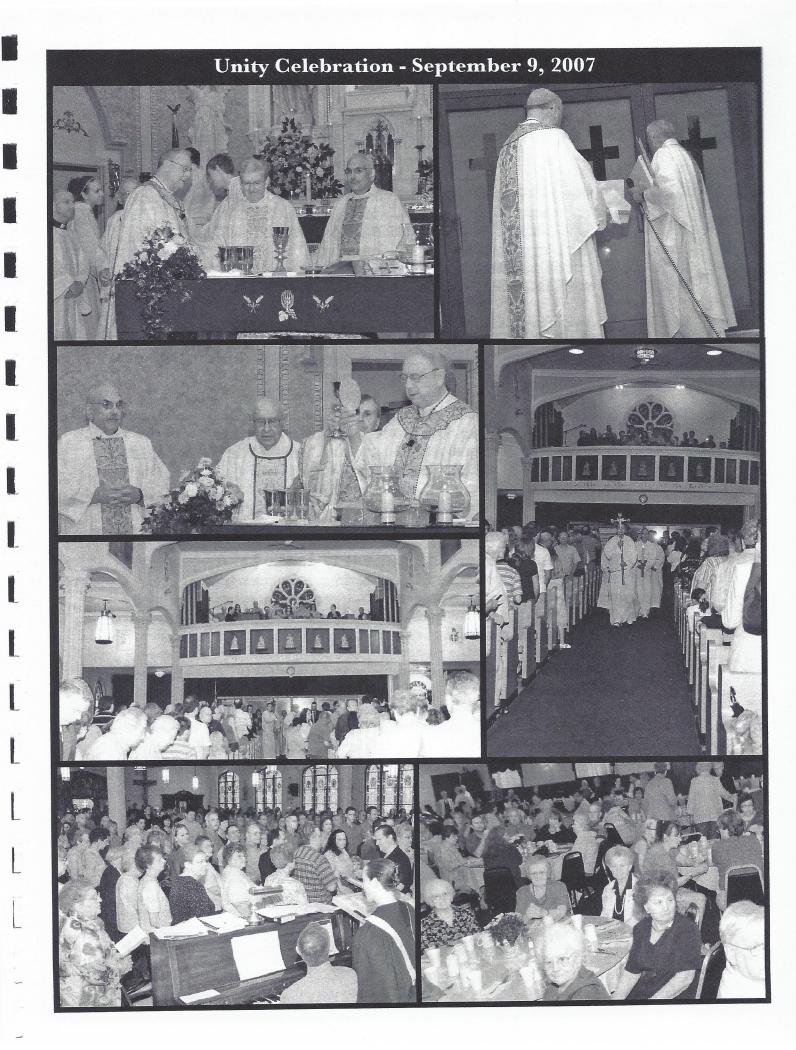
Felician Sisters with Father Fijakowski Second Pastor



First Mother's Club

Unity Celebration - September 9, 2007





HISTORY OF SAINT MARY'S OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

In the years 1908 and 1909, St. Mary's Parish was a temporary Mission of Holy Trinity Parish, Utica, NY. It was established for the Catholic people of the Village of New York Mills and for all the Catholics of Polish descent from the surrounding vicinity. St. Mary's Parish Our Lady of Czestochowa is dedicated to the Mother of God under her title Our Lady of the Bright Mountain, The Black Madonna for the Polish speaking Catholics of the area. Originally there were about 200 families in the Parish.

In 1910 it was designated as a Parish by the Most Reverend Patrick Ludden, Bishop of Syracuse and administered to by the Priests of Holy Trinity Parish. Masses were celebrated in the hall of Mr. John Pezdek and Mr. Boduch on Main St. New York Mills. Rev. Stephen Plaza was appointed as first Resident Pastor.

The Estate of Walcott and Campbell with its numerous buildings was purchased on June 6, 1910 for \$18,000.00 for the Parish Site. A large barn, used for a riding stable was converted into a church and blessed on August 14, 1910 with the first Mass celebrated on Sunday, January 3, 1911. The present Church building rests on the site of the original Church.

In 1911, Father Alexander Fijalkowski became the second pastor; coming from Sacred Heart Parish in Syracuse. The Parish School in 1912, housed three temporary classrooms in the rectory and 150 students became entrusted to the Felician Sisters. A new school building was built in 1915. Upon its completion, the original Church was enlarged to accommodate its growing congregation. On April 8, 1958, Rev. Alexander Fijalkowski, after a long illness, was called to his eternal reward. He served Our Lord and the People of the Parish for forty-seven years.

Father Peter Koleczek was appointed our third pastor on April 25, 1958. Assistant priests were Rev. Adolph Kantor and Rev.Arthur Hapanowicz. Under Father Koleczek's guidance, stained-glass windows were installed, new confessionals were added, the church interior was modernized, the rectory was sided, and a building project for a new convent began and was completed. In 1964 the school expanded adding a gymnasium and cafeteria. Also while pastor at St. Mary's, the following renovations were achieved: a new steeple, and roof, new pews, the mother's room was added, carpeting and painting.

Due to failing health, Monsignor Peter Koleczek stepped down and became pastor in Lee Center, NY.

Our fourth resident pastor was Reverend Peter W. Gleba, July 15, 1976. At that time St. Mary's was the third largest Polish parish in the Syracuse diocese. Bingo was started as a source of revenue to help eliminate our large debt. Continued renovations to school and other buildings were completed.

On Sunday, September 19, 1982, St. Mary's hosted the celebration of 600 years of the Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Poland. A special painting by Stanley Borowiec remains in the back of the church.

In 1983, a handicapped entrance was constructed in the back of the church. In May 1984, side altar chandeliers were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zima. In October 1984, exterior renovations and interior painting were completed.

The parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on Sunday, September 29, 1985 with a 4:00 p.m. concelebrated Mass with Bishop Frank J. Harrison and Bishop Thomas Costello. The evening celebration banquet was held at Twin Ponds.

Rev. Joseph Sadowski arrived as pastor of St. Mary's Church in October 1989. During the next 5 years, registration in the Catholic Schools was declining. The enrollment at St. Mary's School was also declining. In September 1993, there were 138 students enrolled in Grades Kindergarten through Grade 6. Beginning in January 1994, meetings were held through the next months at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory regarding the status of the Catholic schools in the Utica area. Pastors and Principals attended the meetings conducted by Bishop Costello and Sister Mary Virginia who was the area Assistant Superintendent. After a thorough study, in April 1994, Bishop Costello announced that due to declining enrollment St. Mary's School in New York Mills, it would not reopen in September 1994. St. Mary' School officially closed on June 23, 1994. Most of the students enrolled at Holy Trinity School in Utica. With the closing of the school, another tradition ended. The closing of the school brought to an end the dedicated service and contributions of the Felician Sisters who served at St. Mary's Parish since August 1912.

On July 1, 1994, Father Valentine C. Krul, became pastor of St. Mary's, his home parish. Fr. Val was baptized, received his First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation at St. Mary's. On May 8, 1977, he celebrated his First Mass at St. Mary's. Fr. Val arrived the day St. Mary's school closed which was a very difficult time for the parish and their new pastor, but The Holy Spirit prevailed and the people continued on in the love of Christ.

When Fr. Val arrived at St. Mary's, he consulted with Mrs. Linda DePhillips, who was then the Director of St. John the Evangelist Nursery School in New Hartford. They discussed as to whether a nursery school would be feasible at St. Mary's. The conclusion was that St. Mary's Nursery School would open in September 1994 under the direction of Mrs. Linda DePhillips. There were 21 students and 2 teachers. The goal was to provide a service that is a "vital and integral part of the parish community, to have an atmosphere that will be comfortable, creative, non-sexist, with children having the opportunity to increase their physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual well being". Over the years the program changed from being part time to full time and back to part time. And since September 2008 it became a full time program. In September 2009, a year round all day nursery school program was offered for children ages 18 months to 4 years old. At this time the after school program was offered to children ages 5-12. The staff now consists of 17 full time and part time teachers. Many children have graduated from

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's nursery school. The teachers, the hours and even the rooms have changed; but the goals are still the same...to be a vital and integral part of the parish community. Today the mission statement goal is "To provide a social and emotional growth of preschool aged children with academic readiness in a Christian and loving environment".

In July of 1994, Fr. Val petitioned Sr. Mary Ambrose Wozniak, Villa Maria in Buffalo to reinstate the presence of the Felician Sisters in our parish. The Minister General agreed and the presence of the Felician Sisters was reinstated in our parish.

Also in 1994, when the school closed, the members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, wishing to continue their Confraternity consulted with Fr. Val who agreed that the Confraternity should continue. The Confraternity added Guild to its name. The group was now open to all women of the parish. The Confraternity now serves the children in the Religious Education Program with the reception of families at First, Penance, First Communion Pizza Luncheon, and the reception after Confirmation for families. In addition the Confraternity serves the parish in a variety of ways, such as hosting the ecumenical service, bereavement receptions, in November, they, along with the Holy Name Society provides a Ham Dinner to benefit the parish. Spiritually, a Mass is offered for departed members, spouses, and parents of members. The Confraternity attends the wake service of its members and recites prayers as a group. They also have a spiritual retreat during Lent.

St. Mary's has been blessed by many other organizations that have provided fellowship with their talent and time over the years: Holy Name Society, St. Stanislaus, St. Casmir, Sacred Heart-Rosary Society, Legion of Mary, and the Hilltop Seniors.

In 1998, Fr. Val called a meeting of the entire parish to inquire as to how the church should be renovated. A modern design was presented in which the present sanctuary would be a Eucharistic Chapel and the Altar of Sacrifice would be in the center of the church. The second option was to enhance and beautify the present 1910 interior. The second option prevailed and in 1998, St. Mary's Church was beautified due to renovations in the church. The roof was repaired and resealed, the exterior stained glass windows were re-designed and repainted and new carpeting was installed in the sanctuary. The main and side altars were refurbished and repainted. This was done by the artist Serafina Vetrano and her associates. The Parish Eucharistic Celebration of the Rededication and Blessing of St. Mary's Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa took place on November 12, 1998. The Most Reverend James Moynihan, Bishop of Syracuse was the main celebrant. Following the Eucharistic Celebration, a reception was held at St. Mary's cafeteria.

Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

In November of 1999, St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa and Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Church met at St. Mary's for a joint Ecumenical Celebration. The Celebrants were Most Rev. John F. Swantek, Prime Bishop, Polish National Catholic

Church- Most Rev. Thomas J. Costello, Aux. Bishop Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse Father Senior Walter M. Madej, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church in New York Mills, Father Valentine C. Krul, Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Deacon John Kopec, of St. Mary's Parish, New York Mills and Deacon Daniel Klockowski (St. Basil's Melkite Catholic Church). Music was provided by the combined choirs of the two churches. Following the Service in Church the congregation gathered in the cafeteria for refreshments and fellowship. This has now become an annual event on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, alternating between the two parishes.

The Brick Project of St. Mary's Our Lady of Czestochowa was a wonderful success. More than 250 parishioners made donations of more than \$50,000.00 Individuals took the opportunity to recognize special people, special days, and their families through wording on the bricks. These bricks have been placed around the Original Church Bell at the front entrance to the Church. Funds raised through the project helped to fund the on-going needs of the parish. A very special thank you goes out to all who supported this activity. Bricks art still available for anyone who would like to purchase one.

The 2000 Millennium New Year's Celebration

Father Val wanted a congregational New Year's celebration that might kindle excitement and anticipation for the coming millennium 2000 and dispel some of the growing apprehension caused by media reports and predictions.

A team of talented, energetic parishioners organized the event to include dinner and the traditional New Year's festivities at Twin Ponds Country Club, a Candlelight Procession to the church for the Holy Door Ceremony and Mass ending with a Continental Breakfast back at Twin Ponds after Mass. In addition, Twin Ponds would set up a nursery and game area next to the ballroom to accommodate the families planning to bring their children. Adult and teen volunteers from St. Mary's would be on hand to care and entertain the children while their family members participated in the festivities.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1999, at precisely 11:59 p.m. nearly four hundred jubilant families and friends gathered in the ballroom of Twin Ponds Country Club, glasses raised and rattling noisemakers. 10.9.8.7.6.5.4.3.2.1! Father Val toasted in the New Millennium year 2000. Salutations ensued everywhere in the place as balloons and streamers fell from the ceilings.

The walk...The night air was dry, cool, and brisk. Moonlight flooded the midnight sky. Father Val, with Deacon John, Monsignor Kantor, and Sr. Krysia, lead the Candlelight Procession of cheerful carolers across the lawns from Twin Ponds to the Holy Door entrance of St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

Father Val knocked thrice on the newly revealed Holy Door and said, "Open for us the Gates of Justice". Everyone present responded, "With humble hearts, let us enter through this Holy Portal".

Father Val then anointed the doorposts and lintel with Holy Oil and proclaimed, "Christ, the Alpha, and the Omega".

The Holy Door opened!

Everyone entered the darkened church, candles in hand and singing "Immaculate Mary". A joyful and grateful Parish Family gathered at Mass to share the Eucharist and the Blessings of a New Millennium.

In 2005, the Felician Associate Program was started at St. Mary's Parish. Men and women were invited to deepen their spiritual life, learning about the charism of Blessed Mary Angela, foundress of the Felician Sisters, whose life was embedded in the Eucharist, deepening their love for Mary, the Mother of the Congregation, and acquainting themselves with St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare.

In 2006, a tragic fire at 307 Genesee St. destroyed the Knights of Columbus Council Home of 110 years. The Council sought a new location; one that would provide them with the ability to continue with many of their core programs, such as Youth Activities. In 2008, after consulting with Fr. Val Krul, the Council found St. Mary's to be an ideal fit. Fr. Val was asked by the Knights what they could do to honor the parish for its Centennial Celebration of the parish church. Fr. Val stated that since he arrived at St. Mary's he always dreamt of having an outdoor Stations of the Cross on the beautiful grounds of the parish with the present stone crucifix being the centerpiece. Therefore, in the summer of 2009, the Council undertook the project of creating an outside Stations of the Cross. In this way, the Knights continue their mission of significant contribution to the Utica area, the Catholic community. This project will provide devotion opportunities for many decades to come. This devotion was made possible with the leadership provided by the Grand Knight, Mark Murphy, his officers, Bill Virkler, and all the members of William E. Burke Utica Council of Knights of Columbus.

On September 9, 2007, a Unity Celebration was held, to acknowledge the past and welcome the future of two parishes. The celebration began at Sacred Heart Church with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Thomas Costello, Father Valentine Krul, Monsignor Adolf Kantor, Father Robert Weber, and Father John Flanagan, assisted by Deacon John Kopec, Deacon John Lee, and full congregation. Father Val gave the homily followed by remarks by Yorkville Mayor Bruno Petruccione. Following the homily, sacred objects were carried by the parishioners on flat bed trucks to be driven in procession to their new home. All the people exited the church and gathered outside as Fr. Krul proclaimed the closing of the doors of the church and Bishop Costello reminded the people that wherever two or three are gathered in his name...God is present there". The motorcade proceeded to the new Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Mary. Our Lady of Czestochowa, where music welcomed the procession with songs such as "City of God". The motorcade was escorted by the New York Mills and Yorkville Police and Fire Departments. When the procession arrived at the parish Church the Mayor of New York Mills, Robert Maciol, welcomed the newly formed community to New York Mills. The tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, statues of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady Queen of Victory and the crucifix from

Sacred Heart were enshrined in their new church building. The celebration of the Eucharist continued. Fr. Valentine Krul now serves as pastor of the newly formed parish-Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa.

A Bereavement Ministry was started at Sacred Heart/St. Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in 2008. Mrs. Ann Krol, coordinator, along with a committee, call on the family of the deceased to assist in planning the funeral liturgy, select the readings and music suitable for the deceased. Cards are sent and telephone calls are made to let the family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of the parishioners. Each year, in October, the committee meets to plan an All Souls Day Liturgy on a Sunday in November. Families of the deceased that year are invited to participate in the Mass. The first All Souls Day Mass for the deceased parishioners of that year was celebrated in November 2008.

In the Spring of 2010, "Martha's Kitchen", a ministry which "host in house receptions and provides the 'red carpet treatment' for those angels who knock on our doors", began under the direction of Mrs. Rochelle Wolkowicz. The women who instruct the children in the Religious Education Program wanted to provide something special to the children and their families. Therefore, "The Blessing Cup Meal" was created. The week before the children receive First Communion, they, along with their families gather to break bread together reminding each of us of how Jesus ate with his friends the day before he died and that he still continues to be with us every week in the Eucharist. There is prayer intermingled with the dinner. Parents bless the children and the children place blessings upon their parents. Martha's Kitchen also encourages the children in the Religious Education Program to remember others who are hungry by bringing in nonperishable items on a weekly basis to be given to their brothers and sisters in Christ who are less fortunate.

In preparation for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Parish, a retreat was conducted by Rev. Michael Carmola, Director of Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse, on Sept. 13 to 15. The Retreat, which was very inspirational and uplifting, was very well attended by the parishioners. Each evening, following the Retreat, the parishioners went to the school cafeteria, where they enjoyed each others company.

The Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Mary's, Our Lady of Czestochowa will continue to make history for years to come in faith, hope and love...





Staff



Trustees



Centennial Committee



Holy Name Society
President - Joseph Rzepka
Vice President - John Meagher
Treasurer - Donald Wilczynski
Secretary - John Merchant



St. Stanislaus
President - Barney Gadziala
Vice President - Stanley
Secretary - Frank Furgal Jr.
Treasurer - Mike Congello

St. Casimer President - Joseph Rzepk Vice President - Barney Gadziala Secretary - Peter Gadziala Treasurer - John Meagher Fin. Secretary - John Nogas



Confraternity of Christian Mothers/Guild
President - Nancy Constantine
Secretary - Connie LaGase
Treasurer - Dawn Gubbins



Sacred Heart - Rosary Society
President - Jayne Synkowski
Vice President - Dorothy Rodzinka
Secretary - Arlene Baur
Treasurer - Helen Lenart



Legion of Mary
President - Helen Gadziala
Vice President - Jane Chrzan
Secretary - Cecelia Lupinski
Treasurer - Julie Jandzio



Hilltop Seniors
President - Nellie Polczynski
Vice President - Virginia Synkowski
Secretary & Treasurer - Cecelia Lupinski



Lectors



Eucharistic Ministers



Choir



Ushers



Catechists



Martha's Kitchen



Bereavement



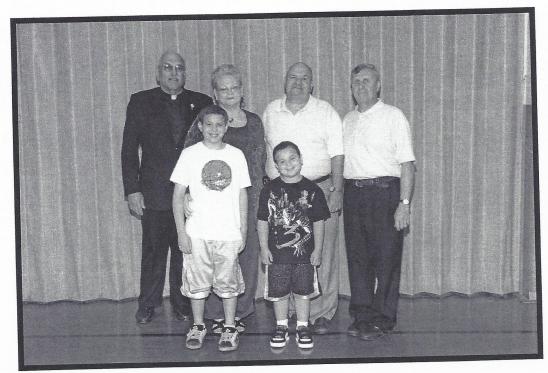
Felician Associates



Altar Servers



Knight of Columbus



Pierogi Organizers

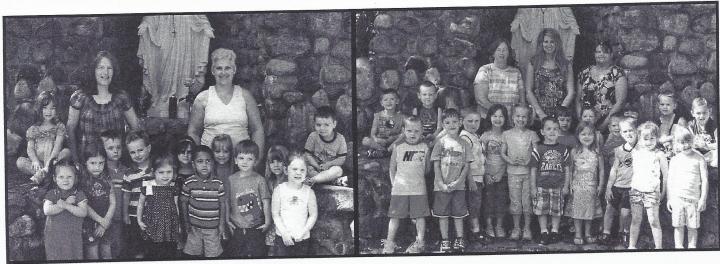


Festival Workers



Nursery School 1999-2000





Nursery School 2010

We Celebrate The Seasons



We Celebrate The Sacraments



Baptism



1st Communion



First Wedding Bochenek Agnes and Luke



Present Wedding Mallozzi Licia and Nick