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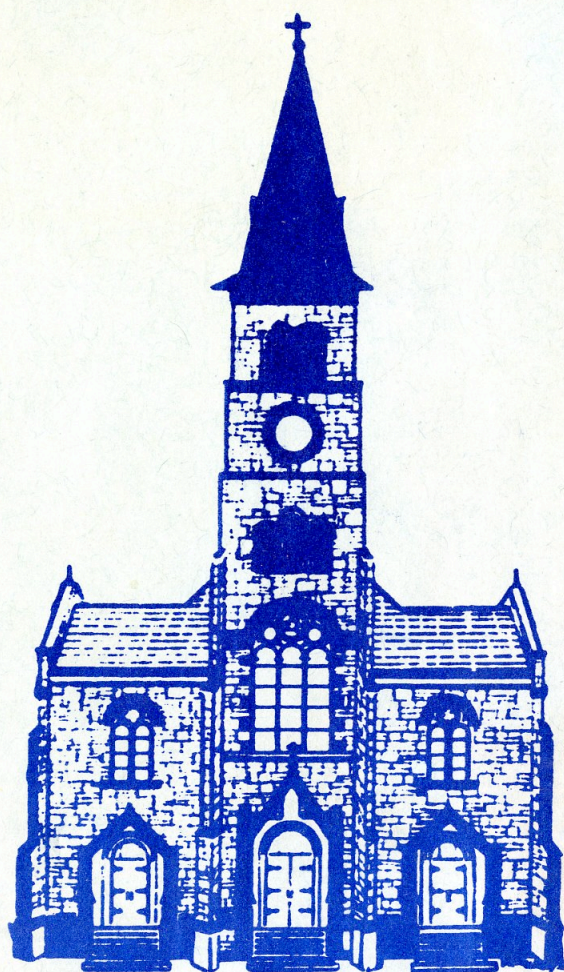
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*Holy Trinity R.C.  
Elementary School  
Grand Reunion*



*May 28, 29, 30, 1982*



*In Gratitude  
This Book is Dedicated  
To  
The  
Franciscan  
and  
Felician  
Nuns  
and to the  
Clergy  
who passed on their wisdom  
to the past students  
of  
Holy Trinity School*



## History of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church & School

In the beginning of the century the European economy and political atmosphere forced many people to emigrate to America. Niagara Falls was well known by people all over the world for its waterfalls and electric power. This attracted many Poles to emigrate to Niagara Falls. They bought land and built new homes in the East Falls Street area between Portage Road and 10th Street.

The increase in the number of Polish people to Niagara Falls made many of them realize that there was a need for a church. The Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, J.E. Quigley, assigned the East Side residents to the Irish Church - St. Mary's of the Cataract on 4th Street. On special Holy Days, the Bishop assigned a Polish priest. He also was to hear confessions, serve the sick and perform weddings and funerals.

As the Polish population grew to 100 families and 400 single men, they authorized Jacob and Agnes Pasek, Jacob Kaszyca and Stefan Ciesielski to petition Bishop Quigley to send a priest to organize a parish and build a church. The Bishop assigned Rev. Peter Pitass to organize the first Polish Fraternal Society. This was done and it was named the Holy Trinity Society. After the organization of the Society, the members agreed to plan to purchase or build a church. They agreed to lease a building on the corner of East Falls Street and 12th Street. The Bishop then assigned Rev. Peter Pitass as the first pastor.

By the Fall of 1901, the parish was established and operating in a temporary building. The first floor was used for church purposes and the second floor for teaching the children.

A short while later the Bishop transferred Rev. Pitass and assigned Rev. Bartkowski as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish. Since the lease on the building was for only one year, Rev. Bartkowski and the Holy Trinity Society decided to purchase the land on the corner of 14th Street and East Falls Street. Six lots were bought under the name of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Niagara Falls, N.Y. The small building from 12th Street was moved on to the 14th Street lots. A sacristy was added and the church building was enlarged to accommodate 300 persons at church services. On November 3, 1902 Bishop Quigley blessed the new church building under the name of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

Soon after, the Buffalo Chancery transferred Rev. Bartkowski and assigned Rev. Dr. Schultz as pastor. Within a month, August 1, 1903, Rev. Schultz was transferred and Rev. Michael Dymynski was assigned as pastor. He remained for many years.



In 1905 plans were made to build a new church. In 1906 the new church was completed and blessed by Bishop Carroll H. Colton. In May 1906 a home for the priests was started and completed by January 1907.

In August 1908 the old church was remodeled into 3 classrooms. This was in addition to the two classrooms in the 2 story frame building on the corner of East Falls Street and 14th Street. Another classroom was rented across the street at 1420 East Falls Street.

The sisters lived on the second floor of the old framed building. Their living quarters were small and as the school population increased there was need for more teachers. The order of nuns teaching at the school was the St. Francis order. They replaced the male teachers who taught at the original school. We know that Mr. Johnson was the first male teacher and that he was also the church organist, but there were several others whose names are not recorded. A new home for the increased number of nuns who were teaching was planned and built. By May 29, 1910 the new convent and the remodeled classrooms were completed.

In 1911 Rev. Michael Dymynski was transferred. The Bishop assigned Rev. Dr. Alexander Pitass as pastor. In 1913 the plans for the construction of the present school were made under Rev. Pitass, but he was transferred to St. Stanislaus Parish in Buffalo. Rev. Dr. Thomas Stabeneau, an expert in the Polish language and the Polish Parochial School system was assigned the task of completing the construction of the building.

The new school had 8 classrooms and a kindergarten on the first two floors, and an auditorium on the third floor. In the basement was a small hall, 3 rooms for fraternal meetings, a boiler room, and a kitchenette that was used as a cafeteria for the children and for small social affairs.

After several priest either died or were transferred, Rev. John Prackajlo was appointed pastor. Shortly after his appointment, the Franciscan Sisters were transferred because of the decrease in enrollment. Rev. Prackajlo was able to obtain the services of the Sisters of the Vincentian order because his natural sister was a member of this order. This lasted for several years, but by 1974 the Diocesan Director of Schools ordered the school closed because of the constant decrease in enrollment. The next school year saw our children enrolled at St. Joseph's School, St. Stanislaus School or others schools near to their homes.



# History of the Church

## Menu

**Saturday Poprawiny**  
**Refreshment Committee**

**Refreshment Committee**

John F. Rachwal, Chairman  
Joseph Cwierley & Joseph Copia, Co-chairman

## Sunday

**Sunday**  
**Reception Committee**

**Reception Committee**

Helen Brzuszek, Chairperson  
Helen Wysocki • Victoria Polley  
Emily Latko • Theresa Finn

**Holy Trinity  
Elementary School Grand Reunion**

**Executive Committee**

**Executive Committee**

General Chairperson . . . . .	Irene V. Krzyskoski Turbine
Co-Chairman . . . . .	Edwin S. Dojka
Treasurer . . . . .	Sophia Lis Radsavage

Secretaries ..... Mary Krysiak Wrobel  
Emily Banas Latko

**Committees**

Ticket Committee ..... Sophia Lis Radsavage, Chairperson

### Committees

Ticket Committee . . . . . Sophia Lis Radsavage, Chairperson  
Henrietta Cebulski, Co-chairperson  
Joseph Zemszal  
Joseph Conia

Memorabilia Committee . . . . . Richard Smiszek, Chairman  
John Rachwal  
Kay Rachwal

Decorations Committee . . . . . Barbara Mrzygut Dobrasz, Chairperson  
Helen Dojka Jakubek  
Julie Dojka Drozek  
Welcoming Committee . . . . . Helen Ficner Jarosz &  
Joan Ficner, Co-chairpersons

Theresa Ficner Andrzejczyk  
Christine Cebulski Ball  
Rita Cebulski Krecisz  
Angie Zaidel Zuba  
Publicity . . . . . Jean Keller Dojka

History . . . . .	Anthony Keller Jennie Keller
Distinguished Guests . . . . .	Ted Niewisiewicz
Entertainment Committee . . . . .	Mary Krysiak Wrobel

	Joseph Macielag
Program Book . . . . .	William B. Banas, Chairman Walter Radsavage Stephen Dojka
Mementos . . . . .	Emily Keller Malos

Memento .....	Emily Keller Malec
	Helen Staniszewski Wysocki



## God Bless America

God bless America  
Land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above;  
From the mountains to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home;  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home.

## Boze Cos Polske

Boze cos Polske przez tak liczne wieki,  
Otaczal blaskiem potegi i chwaly;  
  
Cos ja oslanial tarcza Swej opieki,  
Od Nieszczesc, ktore przygnebic ja mialy;  
  
Przed Twem oltarzem zanosim blaganie  
Ojczyzne wolna racz nam wrocic Panie.

## Program

Welcome ..... Irene V. Krzyskoski Turbine  
Song ..... God Bless America  
Invocation ..... Rev. John Praczkajlo  
  
Dinner  
  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Rev. Chester Krysa  
  
Introduction of Clergy & Guests  
  
Remarks ..... Rev. Chester Krysa  
Remarks ..... Rev. John Praczkajlo  
Closing Remarks ..... Irene V. Krzyskoski Turbine  
Edwin S. Dojka  
  
Benediction ..... Rev. Chester Krysa  
Song ..... Boze Cos Polske  
Skits ..... Mary Krysiak Wrobel  
Closing Song ..... Jak Szybko Mijaja Chwile



## Jak Szybko Mijaja Chwile

Jak szybko mijaja chwile  
Jak szybko plynie czas;  
(bis)

Za rok, za dzien, za chwile,  
Razem nie bedzie nas.  
(bis)

A kiedy mlode lata  
Poplyna szybko w dal,  
(bis)

To w sercu pozostanie  
Tesknota, smutek, zal.  
(bis)

Minely blogie chwile  
Daremnych marzen, sny  
(bis)

Niechaj przynajmniej teraz  
Nie plyna z oczu lzy.  
(bis)

*Sophie M. Rousseau*

*Henrietta Cieslinski*  
*Peda Berezak*  
Impressions I Want To Remember

*Walter J. Bialic*

*Joseph Trzebiek - 284-2733*

*Hena Holody*

*Helena Trzebiek*

*Jean "Carrots" Wojchowski*

*Sr. Mary Jacek*

*Sr. Mary Rosaria*

*Rev Richard Maluch*

*Janet Dzewierz Kossay*

*Emily Wozniak Pietak*

*Sister M. Bernard*

*Sister M. Ferdinand*

*Sister M. Judith*

*X Sister Arcadia Bismonte*

*Sister M. Clarissima*

*Sister M. Henrietta 1935-1939*

*Adela Wapcik*

*Jane Mazur*

*Mary C. Papp*

*Lottie A. Nowak Sophie M. Zyzak*

*Jean L. Doyka*



## 1910's . . .

Anthony J. & Jennie (Oliwiecki) Keller . . . . .	1910
Steve (Lefty) Nowak . . . . .	1910's
Barbara (Oliwiecka) Oliver . . . . .	1910's

## 1920's . . .

Walter Bialic . . . . .	1921
Joseph Copia . . . . .	1922
John F. Rackwal . . . . .	1923
Joseph R. Tubinis . . . . .	1923
Louise J. Kozdranski . . . . .	1925
Tecla (Kozdranski) Sekula . . . . .	1925
Edward & Marie (Gasiak) Wojcik . . . . .	1926
Helen (Ficner) & Stanley J. Jarosz . . . . .	1927
Alexander A. & Wanda (Wojtowicz) Czapla . . .	1929
Stephen Navis . . . . .	1929
Stanley Nogas . . . . .	1920's
Gregory & Monica (Prygon) Homiszczak . . . .	1920's
Frank & Nat (Golba) Kozdranski . . . . .	1920's
Alfred Glemh . . . . .	1920's

## 1930's . . .

Edward & Helen (Hejmej) Zawislak . . . . .	1930
Elton & Jane (Figura) Sturmer . . . . .	1931
Walter Kulpinski . . . . .	1932
Victoria (Zabkowski) Polley . . . . .	1932
Joan A. Ficner . . . . .	1932
Jessie Janik Rutkowski . . . . .	1936
Louis Skiba . . . . .	1936
Lottie (Cieslik) Rajczak . . . . .	1936
Ted U. Staniszewski . . . . .	1937
Joseph R. & Helen (Witczak) Zemosz . . . . .	1937
William B. Banas . . . . .	1937
Helen (Staniszewski) & Leo Wysocki . . . . .	1937
Stephen & Julia (Bozek) Dajka . . . . .	1937
Vincent & Janet (Bochenska) Locey . . . . .	1937
Rosalie (Krzyscin) Kubicki . . . . .	1937
Chester & Frances (Wojton) Jablonski . . . . .	1938
Irene U. (Krzyskoski) Turbine . . . . .	1938
Edwin S. & Jean (Keller) Dajka . . . . .	1938
Sofia (Lis) & Walter S. Radscavage . . . . .	1938
Richard & Emily (Bialy) Wieliba . . . . .	1930's
Walter & Lillian (Bator) Bryk . . . . .	1930's



## 1930's cont'd. . . .

Stanley & Loretta Labus . . . . .	1930's
Jane (Gmar) Cerrone . . . . .	1930's
Teddy & Henrietta (Glemb) Kopczynski . . . . .	1930's

## 1940's . . .

Ted Niewisiewicz . . . . .	1940
Henrietta Cebulski . . . . .	1940
Lottie (Wack) McKedy . . . . .	1940
Dorothy (Latko) Odrzywolski . . . . .	1940
Tess (Ciurczak) Szafraniec . . . . .	1940
Peter & Mary (Krysiak) Wrobel . . . . .	1941
Emily (Banas) Latko . . . . .	1942
John & Theresa (Rieger) Finn . . . . .	1942
Julia (Dojka) & Edward Drozek . . . . .	1942
Loretta & Edward Smistek . . . . .	1944
Stewart & Stella (Bochenka) Milne . . . . .	1944
Emily (Keller) Malec . . . . .	1945
Angeline (Zaidel) Zuba . . . . .	1945
John Janik, Jr. . . . .	1946
Rita (Cebulski) Krecisz . . . . .	1948
Richard Smiszek . . . . .	1949

## 1940's cont'd. . . .

Joseph Gadauski, Jr. . . . .	1949
Richard Latko . . . . .	1949
Charles & Helen (Dojka) Jabubek . . . . .	1940's
Ted Krzyskowski . . . . .	1940's
Joseph A. Kopczynski . . . . .	1940's
Chester Kopczynski . . . . .	1940's

## 1950's . . .

Christine (Cebulski) Ball . . . . .	1950
John Peter Rackwal . . . . .	1952
Gerald Tomaszewski . . . . .	1954
Mary Beth (Rackwal) Dale . . . . .	1955
Claudia (Sturmer) Bermingham . . . . .	1955
Janet (Mish) Kuchanski . . . . .	1955
Joan (Misch) Bush . . . . .	1955
John Tomaszewski . . . . .	1958
James Tomaszewski . . . . .	1959
David & Marian (Szczepczynski) Homiszczak . . . . .	1950's
Walter & Vicki (Homiszczak) Polka . . . . .	1950's
Lillian Opalka . . . . .	1950's
Ronald & Dorothy (Misch) Koban . . . . .	1950's
Bob & Barbara (Lopacki) Keller . . . . .	1950's



## 1960's . . .

Therese (Rackwal) Dale . . . . . 1960  
Thomas C. & Mary Beth Wroziak . . . . . 1961  
Dorothy Tomaszewski . . . . . 1962  
Barbara (Wysocki) & James Zaidel . . . . . 1963

## 1970's . . .

Thomas & Jackie (Jakubek) Michaels . . . . . 1970's

## Other Past Students & Friends . . .

Victoria A. (Kalpakian) Budrewicz

Stella (Relega) Pietrzyk

Mathew Pietrzyk

Lottie (Slisko) Dlugos

John Dlugos

George & Helen (Tarczynski) Putzak

Stephen & Arlene Polniak

Danny & Jeanette Jankowski

William Wysocki

Margaret Wysocki

Vince W. Staniszewski

Helen (Banas) Nickles

## Other Past Students & Friends cont'd. . .

Angie Kosinski

Anne C. (Staniszewski) Young

Lillian (Staniszewski) Bradowski

Anna H. (Fitt) Mrzygud

Doris (Fitt) Terry

Leo Buchalski

Barbara Ann (Mrzygud) Dobrasz

Ronald Anthony Dobrasz

Jessie & Casey Janik

Edwin Firth

Stanley & Helen (Polniak) Kantanista

Stanley Narkiewicz, Jr.

Robert J. Narkiewicz

Henry Struminski

Mary (Struminski) Cap

Bernice (Struminski) Lazonis



## **Friday, May 28th**

Dinner/Dance

American Legion Portage Post

Cocktails & Dinner: 6:30 PM

Dancing: Joe Macielog's Pic-a-Polka Band

## **Saturday, May 29th**

Poprawiny

Holy Trinity School 1st Floor Hall

Refreshments & Snacks

Dancing: 8:00 PM to Midnight

## **Sunday, May 30th**

Special 10:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity

Mass celebrated of the students

Coffee Reception After Mass

Lower Hall of School