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Veteran Workers To Attend Church Jubilee Dance

Parishioners at the Assumption Church diamond jubilee dance Sunday evening in the new parish hall will include two sisters who have contributed years of work in church organizations.

They are Mrs. Catherine Szalankiewicz, 80, and Mrs. Mary Sendziak, 73, both of Howell St., daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Platek, the seventh family of Polish origin to settle in the area. Assumption Church was founded by 14 families in Black Rock in 1888.

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The sisters recall their childhood when they had to carry water home from public wells. Their parents were instrumental in organizing the first committee to raise[®] funds to build a small, 12-pew church at Peter and Amherst Sts.

The present church building seats 1300 persons and is a house of worship for 2400 families. The late Michael Platek, their brother, was the first person baptized in the parish and Mrs. Sendziak was baptized by the first pastor, Father Kozlowski.

The first phase of extensive reconstruction and remodeling of the church and school has been completed under the present pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maximilian T. Bogacki. He is honorary chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee headed by City Court Judge Joseph Kuszynski.

Chester A. Ostrowski is chairman of the dance, sponsored by the allied societies.