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**Schedule of Speakers for Upcoming Meetings**

February—Member Eugene Bak, past president of the Polish-American Cultural Center and author of *Life's Journey* (his autobiography) will address the group on the topic: *Forgotten Odyssey—Ethnic Cleansing: Soviet Style*

March—Wally Huskonen, President of Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society, will address the group on the topic: *The Ohio Genealogical Society*.

April—Members' visit to the Polish-American Cultural Center & Museum at Lansing and E. 65th St.. Meeting to be held at the Center.

## Schedule of Speakers for Upcoming Meetings—Continued

May—Member **Ron Marec** will address the group on the topic: *The Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Solidarity.*

June—Member **Trina Galauner** will address the group on the topic: *Organizing Your Genealogy.*

July and August—Vacation Time—No meetings.

September—**Robert Jerin** will address the group on the topic: *Searching for Your Ancestor at Ellis Island.*

October—To Be Announced.

November—**Mitchell Bienia**, Owner of **Kniola Travel Agency**, will speak on the topic:

*Polish Christmas Traditions.*

December—Election of Officers and Christmas Party.

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## What's Happening

Congratulations to member **Virginia Luty** who was one of four honorees of the *Polonia Foundation of Ohio* last year. The *Polonia Foundation of Ohio* was established by the *Polish Legion of American Veterans, Department of Ohio*, to provide assistance to Americans of Polish descent to advance their education through scholarships and fellowships. Each October a banquet is held in honor of Gen. Kazimierz Pulaski at which four persons are honored for their participation in Polish events. At the same time students of Polish descent receive scholarships. This year 16 received grants.

Congratulations also to member **Edwin Zelek** who recently received a certificate from the *Polish Legion of American Veterans* for being a member of Post #30 for 50 years. Ed is an accomplished bugler and is often called upon to play "Taps" at various patriotic and memorial events throughout the year.

Congratulations to the clergy and all the parishioners of St. Hyacinth Parish on their 100th anniversary this year. St. Hyacinth's was founded on Dec. 20, 1906 by Rev. Louis Redmer in what was historically known as the "Jackowa" Polish neighborhood around E.55th St., Francis Ave. and E. 65th St., north of E.55th and Broadway Ave. Fr. Redmer served the parish from 1906 to 1920. His successor was Rev. Joseph Sztucki who served from 1920 to 1957. Rev. Joseph Rutkowski followed him and he served the parish from 1957 to 1973. Following him was Rev. John Deka who served from 1973 until his death in 2001. After Rev. Deka's death, Rev. Mr. Kenneth Piechowski was appointed Parish Life Coordinator and still serves in that capacity to this day. St. Hyacinth's Parish was featured in one of our previous newsletters.

Thank you to **Ken & Cindy Spikowski** for donating a videotape entitled: *Paczki—The Movie*. Cindy bought the video at *Kiedrowski's "Simply Delicious Bakery"* of Amherst, Ohio. Many of our members will remember Tim Kiedrowski who addressed our group last September and brought along samples of his baking for our members. Good Stuff!!!

Attention to all alumni of St. Stanislaus grade school. Efforts are being made to form a alumni group of all those who attended St. Stan's grade school. Being that St. Stan's has been around so long, there should be a large group of former students who are just dying to see how their fellow students look today and how well they look along side them. Yah--Right!!! Rest assured there will be many stories told and enough lies for many confessions to come. For more information call member **Len Pryer** at: 1-440-526-8102.

Our sympathies go out to the Jambrozy Family. **Ed Jambrozy's** sister, Jeanette Huba, passed away last November. Please say a prayer on her behalf. May she rest in peace.

St. Hedwig's Parish of Lakewood, Ohio celebrated their 100th anniversary last year. Congratulations to pastor **Father Bryk** and the congregation. In this issue we feature St. Hedwig's and wish them an additional "*Sto Lat.*"

# Saint Hedwig Church

Lakewood, Ohio

Celebrating 100 Years  
1905 - 2005



Front cover of St. Hedwig's 100th Anniversary Jubilee Book. Books are for sale at \$10.00 per copy plus postage if mailing is required. Books are available at the parish rectory.



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ETHNIC DEDICATION AND VALUES\*

### 1905—SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF ST. HEDWIGS PARISH IN LAKEWOOD—2005

The first Polish-Catholic residents of Lakewood, Ohio, began arriving in the early 1890's, settling around Madison Avenue & West 117th Street. Coming from similar societal backgrounds and interacting daily at the National Carbon Company, the Poles joined the Slovak Catholics in celebrating the Eucharist at SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish. Over the next three years, the city's Polish population grew. In December of 1909, Bishop John P. Farrelly responded to the requests of the Polish-Catholic community for their own nationality parish and established the St. Hedwig Parish, appointing Father Thomas Czarkowski its first pastor. During the next nine years, the fledgling parish community welcomed a number of priests, who celebrated Mass in a variety of locations, including a former motion picture house, and a private home on Halsted Avenue. The community soon purchased property on Madison Avenue between Halsted and Dowd Avenues and began construction of a wood-frame church. Completed that summer, the first St. Hedwig Church was dedicated by Father Charles Ruzzkowski on August 6, 1914. Father Czarkowski's pastorate was a short one, lasting only until August 1915.

During the next nine years, the parish welcomed three other pastors, Father J. T. Kasinski (1915-1918), Father Joseph Zielinski (1918-1919), and Father Francis Kozlowski (1919-1924). On July 4, 1924, the parish welcomes its fifth pastor, Father Michael Konwinski.

During Father Konwinski's pastorate, St. Hedwig Parish continued to grow, building a new combination church and school (1927) and welcoming teachers from the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis (1927). Father Stanley Sobieniowski replaced Father Konwinski on April 18, 1929. Father Sobieniowski served St. Hedwig's Parish until he left on July 26, 1933, leaving the parish to the temporary care of the Franciscan Fathers. In 1926 the original church was replaced by a combination church and school building. The original wooden structure was used as a parish hall.

On March 3, 1934, Father Joseph Rutkowski was appointed pastor of St. Hedwig's Church. In the early years of his pastorate, he worked diligently to overcome an almost impossible financial crisis. In 1950, the Sister's Home was purchased and moved to the present location on Dowd Avenue. Later in 1950, the Misiak property on Halsted was purchased by Father Rutkowski, which he later donated as a gift to our parish on his 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary. In 1956, the excavation and renovation of the lower Parish Hall was completed. After seeing the parish community through the difficult years of the Great Depression, the Second World War and the advent of the Cold War, Father Rutkowski left St. Hedwig's Parish on September 4, 1957 and was appointed pastor of St. Hyacinth's Parish.

Father Bruno Ejchost succeeded Father Rutkowski in 1957. During his pastorate, he continued with the Hall renovation, which included the brick veneering of the building and remodeling of the front entrance. He initiated the redecoration of the church and school building and served the needs of St. Hedwig's Parish, until his untimely death on May 26, 1963.

Father Edmund Kuczarski followed as pastor. He undertook further remodeling of the church building by installing a new confessional and baptistry. The interior of the church was redecorated and terrazzo flooring was installed in the entire church and school building. He remodeled the parish rectory and landscaped the entire parish property. With costs constantly rising, Father Kuczarski was forced to close the parish school in 1968. Father Kuczarski's plans of remodeling the sanctuary ended abruptly with his death on February 5, 1973. For the next five months, Father Peter Woll served as Administrator, and on July 5, 1973, Father John Bryk was appointed and took residence as our new pastor.

Under Father Bryk's diligent guidance, the structure that housed the parish hall (the original church site) was renovated by using the original chandeliers in the old church and refurbishing the old church pews and installing them in the new church site. The new St. Hedwig's Church was dedicated on June 1, 1975. Improvements since that time include: new mosaic mural of St. Hedwig adorning the sanctuary-Nativity and Resurrection murals adorning the church ceiling-a new parquet floor installed in the sanctuary-marble wainscoting-quarry tile church floor and redecoration of the church interior-new electric votive stands-new mosaic Stations of the Cross-all new wooden statues beautifully decorated from Bavaria-newly installed marble floor in the

*\*from the St. Hedwig's Church 100th Anniversary Book*



sanctuary-new carpeting in the entire church. Beautifying the front of the church are three mosaics and a magnificent granite statue of St. Hedwig. Continual improvements to the parish grounds: a new eight foot fence was installed on the perimeters of the parking lot area on Madison and Halstead Avenues-new computerized bell ringing system-new sidewalks and a new driveway were installed and the parking lot repaved.

It is to the credit of the hard working people of St. Hedwig's Church that they persevered for so many years through many trials and tribulations. Their willing response, financial and spiritual and the spirit of cooperation with their present pastor has made possible this joyous occasion, "OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY".

## Memories of St. Hedwig School

by

*Richarda Ksiazek Jambrozny*

According to the history of our parish, St. Hedwig School began in 1927 in the combination church and school building on the corner of Madison Ave. and Halstead St. The Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis were our teachers. Marymount in Garfield Hts., Ohio, is their local convent and their motherhouse is located in Steven's Point, Wisconsin. I attended St. Hedwig School from 1936 until 1944 when I graduated.

There were four classrooms on the upper floor of the building, but only three were used as classrooms and the fourth classroom was partitioned into living quarters for the sisters. One classroom had grades one through three with a number of little ones coming in the afternoon for Kindergarten class. The second classroom had grades four through six and the third classroom had grades seven and eight, which were taught by the principal. In 1942 there were 62 students enrolled in St. Hedwig School according to the Ohio Historical Records Survey Project done that year.

Statistics do not show the daunting task these Sisters had in having to teach each subject on two or three different levels. In addition, whenever there was an extra half hour or so, those of us whose parents wanted us to have some Polish instruction, would have a Polish reading lesson in addition to our regular subjects. The Sisters took care of the altar, painstakingly prepared us for the Sacraments, for processions and plays which were put on for the benefit of our Pastor on his Namesday. From them, we also learned the beautiful Polish hymns and traditions.

When a home was purchased for the Sisters in 1950, all four classrooms were put to use and contained two grades in each room. Also, about this time the school began to have hot lunches for the children and a small school bus was purchased to pick up the children who lived too far to walk to school. However, the rising costs of keeping up the school in combination with a low enrollment made it necessary to close St. Hedwig School in 1968. Though our school was small and looked down upon by the bigger Catholic Schools in Lakewood, many of our graduates went on to college and were successful in their future endeavors. Although many of our parishioners moved out of Lakewood, they continue to belong to St. Hedwig Parish.

### VOCATIONS FROM THE PARISH

Sister Mary Angela, Anna Piwowarczyk, attended St. Hedwig's School, and in 1928 entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. Presently teaching at St. Bartholomew's Parish in Detroit, Mich.

Sister M. Elvira, Angela Piwowarczyk, attended St. Hedwig's School, and in 1929 entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. Presently she is the principal of St. Mary's School in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Brother Joseph Zurowski, C.M. was baptized, made his First Communion, Confirmed and graduated from St. Hedwig's. A Brother for 22 years, he is now teaching in Concord, N.H.

### IN MEMORY OF OUR ST. HEDWIG PARISHIONERS WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE DURING WWII

Casmir A. Klamut

Arthur R. Michno

Edward J. Mularz

Theodore Rybka

Walter S. Wilk



*Gerome & Ben Stefanski*  
*Founders, Third Federal Savings and Loan*  
*Married at St. Hedwig's on August 24, 1937*

*Gerome B. Stefanski*  
1913-2001



*Ben S. Stefanski*  
1902-1991

**P**ictured at the left are **Gerome & Ben Stefanski**, parents of member **Ben Stefanski II**. The future founders of the **Third Federal Savings and Loan** were married at St. Hedwig's Church on August 24, 1937.

There is a nice little story concerning their marriage Mass which is related by the son. The bride, at the time, was a member of St. Casimir's congregation. It was the custom then that the marriage ceremony took place in the church to which the bride belonged. Her uncle, Father Rutkowski, was then the pastor of St. Hedwig's parish. She wished to be married by her uncle. And so, the future groom, wishing to please his future bride, went to the pastor of St. Casimir's who at the time was Father Radecki. He presented his case and asked for the good pastor's consent and blessing to this change. The pastor thought it over carefully and finally gave his approval. He did mention to the future groom however that the church was in need of a crucifix and the future groom could show his gratitude by making a donation toward purchasing said crucifix. How could Mr. Stefanski refuse? And so, the crucifix was bought and is used to this day by the good parishioners of St. Casimir' Church. All's well that ends well and that was the happy ending to the story.

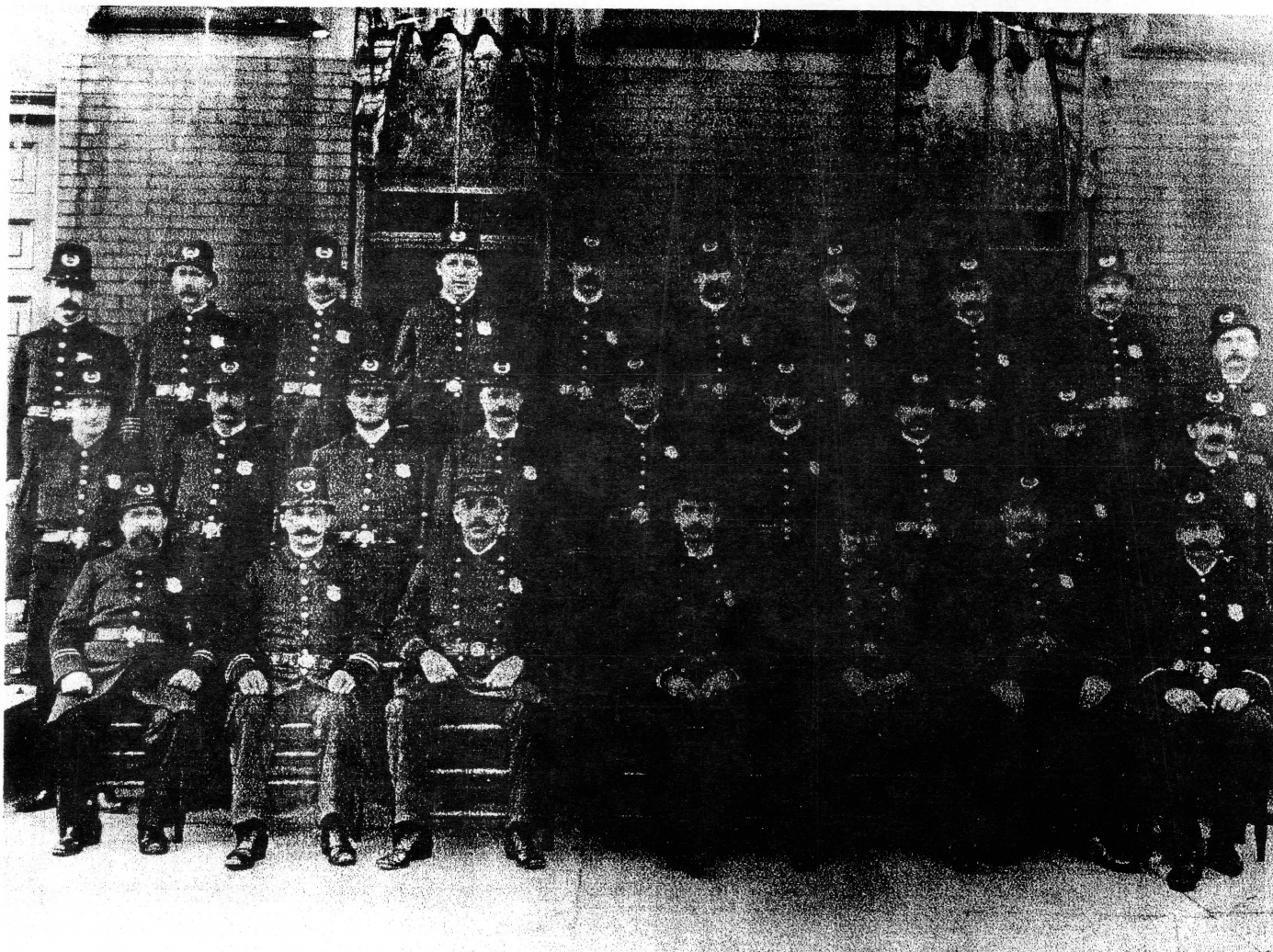
THE CURRENT PASTOR OF ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH, FATHER JOHN J. BRYK.



## Too Good To Pass Up----

James and Berni O'Malley have been members of our group for a number of years. Berni is of Polish extraction which explains the reason for their interest in Polish genealogy. They attend meetings when they can and are very outgoing and friendly. In conversations with Jim, we discovered that he is a retired Cleveland Police Officer and something of a history buff. He volunteered to bring us a group picture of the Cleveland Police Department, circa 1890's, which included his great-grandfather, Patrick Kennedy. Jim also had his great-grandfather's personnel records as a policeman which showed that Patrick, while not exactly a saint, was an ancestor with human frailties. And Jim accepted this fact. So many of us expect our ancestors to be without blemish which is really not the case. Jim graciously granted us permission to publish the picture and copies of the personnel forms. We are indebted to him for allowing us to catch a glimpse of his family history and a glimpse of Cleveland Police Department history as well. Thank you Jim.

### Cleveland Police Department—Circa 1890



Jim O'Malley's great grandfather, Patrick Kennedy, top row, second from left.  
Personnel records are on pages 8 and 9.

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### Recollections of a Former Altar Boy—*Po Kolendzie*

*by Ed Mendyka*

When one lives to be three quarters of a century old, one experiences weird thought processes. One cannot remember what happened yesterday but one can remember vividly what happened decades earlier. And not only

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Patrick Kennedy, No. 136-

Name, Patrick Kennedy - *Appointed* June 10<sup>th</sup> 1875

Age, 34 years.

Where Born, Ireland

When Naturalized, 1862

Where Naturalized, Buffalo -

Former Occupation, Watchman

Number of Family, wife, & 7 children

Residence of Family, No. 293, Oregon St.  
4<sup>th</sup> Fl.

Date of Appointment, June 10 - 1875

Date of Resignation,

Date of Dismissal,

Cause for Dismissal,

Retired & placed on Police Pension Roll July 1 - 1900

OATH OF OFFICE.

The State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, } ss.  
CITY OF CLEVELAND;

Patrick Kennedy

do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will well, truly and faithfully perform all and singular the duties appertaining to the office of Watchman of the Police of the City of Cleveland, to the best of my skill and ability; so help me God.

Patrick Kennedy

Sworn to, by the said Patrick Kennedy before me, and by him subscribed in my presence, this

18<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1875

Name,

Patrick Kennedy

Age When Appointed,

34

Where Born,

Ireland;

Date of Appointment,

June 12 - 1875 Patrolman

Date of Resignation,

Date of Dismissal,

Cause for Dismissal,

Retired and Placed on the  
Pension Roll - July 1 - 1900

Charges

Feb 3 - 1880

Viol. Rules

Not Guilty

June 12 - 1883  
Drinking while on duty  
Reprimand + \$5.00 fine

Nov 17 1885  
Violating rules  
Acquitted.

March 16 1886  
Not patrolling his beat  
10 days pay and reprimand.

Oct 18 - 1887  
Violating rules - Sleeping on  
duty.  
Discharged from the

November 1 - 1887  
The vote by which Pat. P. Kennedy was  
discharged, was reconsidered and the  
officer reinstated + fined - deduction of  
10 days pay and reprimand.

November 17 - 1887  
Charge: Unnecessary violence to  
prisoner. Fined \$10.00

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that but one likes to ruminate in those times long ago to try to figure out how things happened as they did and what were the consequences of those happenings. So it was with me the other day when I tried to figure out how I came to be an altar boy and what was my most pleasant memory of those times. And so, for the sake of posterity and historical accuracy, I set down these few words.

How did I come to be an altar boy? It all began when I was enrolled in the third grade at St. John Cantius grade school in 1938. Sister Canitia was my teacher and she was also the supervisor of the altar boys. For some reason she saw in me something which she felt would make me a good and true "keeper of the flame". I certainly didn't volunteer for the task but there it was. And when she asked me if I would like to be an altar boy, how could I refuse? She held my very future in her hands. It was her call as to what grades I would receive and if I were to be passed on to the next grade. It wasn't as if I were not willing to become a Mass Server. My brother, Walter, blazed the trail for me. He was an excellent student and an altar boy many years before I came to St. John Cantius. I saw how he enjoyed it and I determined to follow his lead.

It is not an easy life, to be an altar boy. There is much preparation involved. And first and foremost, one had to learn the prayers and responses of the Mass in Latin. This was the Mass before Vatican II. To memorize something like the "Confiteur" (the "I confess" prayer at the beginning of the Mass as it is said today) in Latin for an eight year old is no mean feat. And one had to recite the prayers to Sister's satisfaction for approval before one could serve Mass. Then there is the matter of what to do during Mass. If you were first server on the Epistle side of the altar, it was your responsibility to take the missal from the Epistle side of the altar to the Gospel side for the reading of the Gospel. Then there is the matter of the ringing of the bells during Mass; when to ring them, with what enthusiasm to ring them and for how long. There is the matter of the lighting of the candles. Before one reaches this stage in his career, one had to be an altar boy for a while. This was really playing with fire. You lit the candles with a big long stick on the end of which was a long wick. One needed to know how long to make the wick in order to light the candles and how best to direct the flame in order to light them. For requiem Masses, one needed to know how to burn the charcoal so that when incense was placed on the charcoal, a lot of smoke with a pleasant aroma was produced. And this was just for the routine, ordinary services. For Holy Week and other times during the church calendar, there were other things to learn and learn them you must for the services to go off without a hitch. But there were compensations involved for all these trials and tribulations and the greatest of these was to go "po kolendzie".

"*Kolenda*" in Polish means Christmas Carol. "*Po kolendzie*" means to go carolling. It meant at St. John Cantius the time of year when the assistant priests of the parish took a census of the parishioners. It was usually after Three Kings (January 7th) and would last until the census was complete. Weather conditions would determine how long this would be. The priests would bless the houses, socialize with the parishioners and get to know them a little better. This was great for the assistants back then because they were reassigned every five years to a different parish. This was a good time for a priest new to the parish to introduce himself to the faithful and begin to learn of their problems. For the assistants who were at the parish a while, it was like "home week", visiting with old friends. From the altar boys standpoint, it was a time of year to look forward to, since the priest took two altar boys with him for these visitations. It meant no school for a day and a time to make a few coins for oneself. It worked something like this.

After recess (usually about 10:30) the priest would come out of the rectory and be ready to go on his appointed rounds. He would have 4x6 cards in his pocket listing the families to be visited. He would have calendars for the year in his car, white chalk and a bottle of Holy Water which he would give to one of the altar boys. The duties of the altar boys was to assist the priest and during the blessing of the house to sing a Polish Christmas Carol while the priest sprinkled the various rooms of the house with Holy Water. A typical visitation would go like this.

The priest and boys would arrive at a house and be greeted at the door usually by the lady of the house. After a few pleasantries, the priest would proceed to say a prayer in Latin and the altar boys would sing a Polish *Kolenda*. It was usually a short one that was easy to have memorized, like *Dzisiaj w Betlejem*. Then the priest would bless the house, sprinkling Holy Water around the various rooms. Of course, the altar boy needed to be at hand to have



the Holy Water ready for the priest. Then the priest would take the chalk and mark, usually above the door frame, K+M+B and the new year. The letters signified the initials of the Three Kings. After that, the priest would sit for a while and ask about the fortunes of the individual members of the family. The host/hostess would bring the priest up to date on what was happening with family members and give the priest a few dollars for his troubles. The altar boys were not forgotten. The host/hostess would give them a few coins for their beautiful singing. Before leaving, they would give the host/hostess a calendar for the coming year. And then it was on to the next house.

Only the senior altar boys were chosen for these visitations. One had to have a little bit of seniority in order to be considered for this perk. The best "*po kolendzie*" I ever had was during my last year at St. John Cantius.

The day that I was to go caroling, I came to school dressed up in my "Sunday best." I learned that I was to go with Father Szudarek and this was a plus since Father had been at the parish a long time and was a very outgoing, sociable priest with many friends in the parish. And so, after recess, Father came out and off we went. Much to my delight, I found out that we were to bless houses along W. 12th St. Oh happy day! W. 12th St. at that time, ran from Branch Ave. to Rowley Ave. and there were many good Polish-Catholic families living on that street. There were: the Wojdacz, the Hadams, Kaminskis, Staniszewskis, Klasinskis, Zawadzkis and many more. And though they were not the Rockefellers, they were good contributors to the church and friends with Father Szudarek. I had visions of half-dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels---pockets full of coins. So many in fact, that I was weighted down with them and had to tighten my belt buckle to keep my pants from falling. I determined to sing for all I was worth.

Indeed, it was a grand day. We made the rounds. Every other house the host/hostess would bring out a little libation for Father to ward off the cold. He was friends with these parishioners and it would have been impolite to refuse their hospitality. Coffee and cakes were offered and Polish hospitality traditions were observed to the utmost. The altar boys were given a soda of some kind if they wished it and invited to partake of the "goodies." The visits took longer than usual at these homes since they had much more to discuss. They reminisced about those who had died the previous year and were no longer with us. They discussed the living and their peccadilloes.

I didn't get home that day until close to six in the evening. And my pockets were full of change. It felt so good to come home and empty my pockets and count out all that change. I was becoming an adult and contributing to the income of the household. How proud I was of myself and felt that my parents were also proud of me.

Many years ago the priest announced from the pulpit that they were discontinuing the practice of the "blessing of the homes." You could still have your house blessed only now, you had to call the rectory and make an appointment. The priest would come out and perform the blessing. There would not be any altar boys however and no Polish kolendy.

Nothing is more certain than change. Vatican II brought a host of changes. Chief among them was the drop in vocations. Fewer young people were willing to become priests and nuns. The cost of a Catholic education sky rocketed with the result that many Catholic schools closed their doors. There were fewer altar boys to go "*po kolendzie*"; but by this time, the tradition became a victim of the times and died a quiet death.

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Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my membership dues for the year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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