

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church



Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

1914-2014



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November 16, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I extend my congratulations to you and your parish during this centennial anniversary year of the founding of Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church. I join you in thanking Almighty God for the many blessings He has showered upon your community throughout its long history and in praying for His continued guidance and protection.

From the beginning days of your church community to how you carry out the mission of Christ in the present day, you have distinguished yourselves as generous and dedicated servants of Our Lord. Throughout the years, your church has indeed provided a powerful witness to the mission of the Gospel in countless gestures of Christian generosity.

In the joy of this centennial anniversary celebration, know of my profound gratitude for the powerful witness of your Christian faith and of my prayers, together with those of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Raleigh, that Almighty God will keep you and your church community strong in faith and steadfast in Christ, our hope. May Our Lord Jesus bless you, now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church's 100th Anniversary & Cemetery Dedication



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

How exciting it is to celebrate one hundred years of serving Our Lord and the people of God as the church community of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Castle Hayne, North Carolina. I am glad to be a part of this great community on this day of joy and thanksgiving.

Fr. Roger Malonda Nyimi
Parochial Administrator

From its humble missionary beginnings in the early 20th century, St. Stanislaus has ministered to the poor, the immigrant, the lonely, the sick, the incarcerated, those of means and those suffering the misfortunes of life. Some one hundred years ago, the region was in the midst of an economic downturn with no relief in sight. Motivated civic leaders, seeking to remedy the situation, established farming colonies as an alternative to tenant-farming and share-cropping. Several Italian immigrant families, later to be augmented by families from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia and the Ukraine, were brought to the area to develop these communities. The St. Stanislaus parish grew out of the spiritual needs of these hardworking families that had immigrated to the region in search of a better life. Over the years, the St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish has grown, numbering over a thousand strong, and has earned the reputation for being committed to their families, the Church and the community.

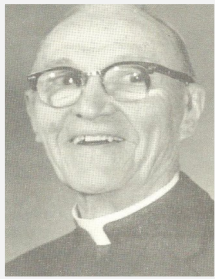
It is only fitting that we celebrate this achievement. This is indeed the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Rejoice, for Our Lord has made it possible for us all to share in His endless Love. Be glad, for He has poured forth countless blessings on those who gave their all to establish this parish, as well as those who over the years and now, joyfully give of themselves in building this wonderful community of God. I pray that the Lord will shower his blessings upon us all and give us the grace to follow in the footsteps of those who have left us this legacy.

On behalf of the Parish's 100th Anniversary Committee and all the volunteers, I sincerely thank Bishop Michael Burbidge and the community for joining us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. Stanislaus Parish and the official dedication of its cemetery.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roger Malonda Nyimi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Roger Malonda Nyimi
Parochial Administrator

Priests Who Have Served At St. Stanislaus Through The Years



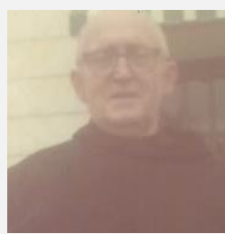
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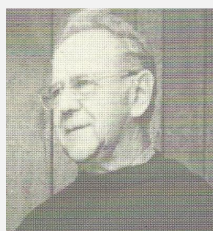
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**Fr. Roland Gross, OFM
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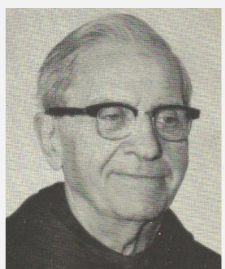
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**Fr. Joel Arnold, OFM
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**Fr. Gregory Thomas
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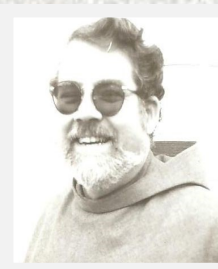
**Fr. Gerald Reinmann, OFM
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**Fr. Hilary Mketinac, OFM
1979-1988**



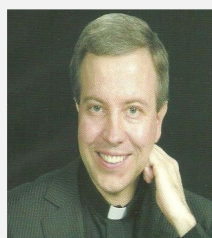
**Fr. Justin Grabousky, OFM
1985-1993**



**Fr. Doug Reed, OFM
1989-1997**



**Fr. Briant Cullinane, OFM
1997-1999**



**Fr. Ryszard Kolodziej
1999-2012**



**Fr. Roger Malonda Nyimi
2012-Present**



**Deacon Jeff Jolly
2014**



OUR PATRON SAINT

Our patron, St. Stanislaus Kostka (1550-1568), was a Jesuit novitiate canonized in 1726. He was born in the castle of Rostkovo, Poland, the second son of Margaret Kryska and John Kostka, a senator in the ruling house of Poland. At 14 he attended the college of the Jesuits at Vienna with his elder brother Paul. Though Stanislaus was always bright and kind, he was mistreated for two years by his brother. Stanislaus became ill but, being in the house of a Lutheran, he could not call for a priest. He appealed to his patroness, St. Barbara. She appeared to him with two angels, who gave him the Sacred Host. He was cured by Our Lady herself, who asked him to enter the Society of Jesus. Stanislaus had to flee from Vienna because his father opposed his plans. In Rome, Stanislaus did humble tasks cheerfully at the Jesuit College where he met St. Peter Canisius. He lived for ten months as a saintly novice. The Rule of his Order was so sacred to him that he carried a copy of it, written in his own hand, over his heart. A priest said to him, "Stanislaus, you seem to love Our Lady very much." "Yes," he replied, "She is my Mother!" And then he added, "The Mother of God is my Mother." Stanislaus died as he had prayed to die, on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1568, at the age of seventeen.

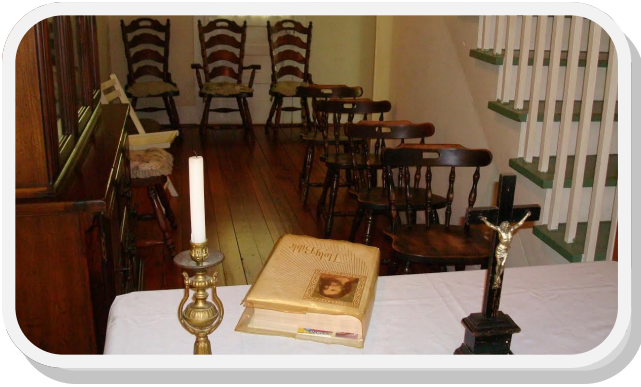


THE HISTORY OF CASTLE HAYNE AND ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH

In the early 1900's Castle Hayne, NC was put on the map through the efforts of land developers. These developers featured affordable homesteads in newspaper ads throughout the country and in Europe. To attract prospective buyers the developers offered free transportation and lodging to come and visit NC and look at land. Farm land ranged from \$10-50 per acre. Package deals included a mule, wagon along with various necessities to get started could be negotiated. Affordable land was not readily available in Europe, so many Europeans were interested in this opportunity. They came from Poland, Hungary, Russia, Czechoslovakia and other eastern European countries. Additionally, recent immigrants that had arrived in New York, Pittsburgh and New Jersey also responded to the ads.

First Church Building, cir 1920

The first mention of Catholics settling in the Castle Hayne area came from the Carolina Development Company records. Further, an entry in Fr. Imoff's diary reads "In the month of January, 1907 three Catholic Families came to the Castle Hayne area. These were the Denitson, Glod and Hayduke families." The newcomers were put in contact with other Catholics from nearby Wilmington.



The Bishop of North Carolina at the time, Bishop Leo Haid, O.S.B, was located at Belmont Abbey in western NC. When news of the newly arriving Catholics reached him he quickly appointed Monsignor Christopher Dennen to take charge of the new group. Msgr. Dennen visited the families often, traveling by train from Wilmington. Masses began to be held in a local home in Castle Hayne which later was purchased by the

Lewandowski family, one of the founding parish families. This home still stands in Castle Hayne today. Masses were also said in the Gralak home nearby.

As the months passed new families arrived and soon there were too many people to have Mass celebrated in nearby homes. So a building that would accommodate the growing numbers who were attending Mass was donated by Mr. W.H. Shearin, a business man in Castle Hayne. It was also at about this time several nuns from the parochial school in Wilmington began making visits to the little country settlement, meeting with the children of all ages.



The First Church—1914

Through a generous donation of \$1000 from the Catholic Extension Society of Chicago and a \$10 donation from each participating family along with a generous 10 acre donation of land by the Gralak family, work on building a new church began. Most of the carpentry work was accomplished by Mr. Hayduke, assisted by many of soon to be parishioners. Work was completed

and the new church dedicated in June 1914. Dedication was a grand event with parishioners as well as other members of the community in attendance and two priests from Pittsburgh also traveled to attend the event.

The original church was built on brick piers, seated 35 to 40 people and had a pot belly stove to heat the church. The area had a very strong Polish community at that time. The priest lived in Burgaw in the old rectory which is still there. St. Stanislaus remained a mission of St. Mary Catholic Church in Wilmington until 1933. During this time a priest traveled from Wilmington about twice a month to say Mass. In that year, Father Sheurich, a diocesan priest, was appointed Pastor at St. Joseph, St. Helena, NC, located about 15 miles north of Castle Hayne and assumed support of St. Stanislaus. In 1935 the Conventional Franciscan Friars of Immaculate Conception Province assumed pastoral care at St. Joseph and assigned Father John Murnane to the parish. St. Stanislaus continued to be supported by

Father John from St. Joseph. The Franciscan Sisters, based in Syracuse, NY were resident at the St. Joseph School in St. Helena and also supported children's education at St. Stanislaus.

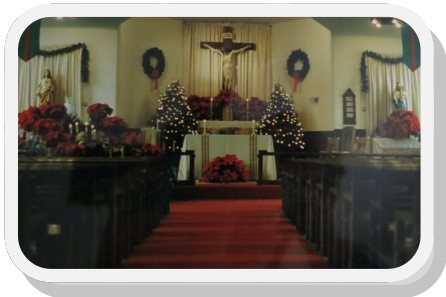
St. Stanislaus Parish was established in North Carolina as part of an Apostolic Vicariate under the ecclesiastical authority of Bishop Leo Haid, O.S.B., who was both abbot of Belmont Abbey and Vicar Apostle of North Carolina. The church officially became part of the Diocese of Raleigh when the diocese was created on December 12, 1924, by Pope Pius XI.

The Second Church and The Early Years of Growth

Construction of the rectory began in July 1947 and was completed and dedicated in December of that year. In 1950, St. Joseph School closed due to low enrollment, and the Franciscan sisters transferred to St. Stanislaus. During that summer, the efforts of the entire parish were concentrated on relocating and remodeling a surplus administration building obtained from a decommissioned Army facility, Camp Davis. The "new" school, a convent, and parish hall opened on September 5, 1950, with the



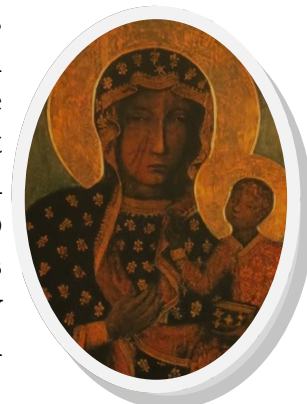
sisters in residence at the convent and 42 students enrolled at the start of the school year. At this same time, a surplus Army chapel, also obtained from Camp Davis, was relocated to the site and remodeled over the following year. On September 23, 1951, Bishop Waters dedicated the church, school and convent. School enrollment gradually dropped, and in 1964 the school closed and the Franciscan sisters departed. Due to age and general deterioration of the old school and convent, construction



of a new classroom a new assembly building was started in 1981 and completed in 1982. Bishop F. Joseph Gossman, Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh, dedicated the building on May 15, 1982.

Expansion and Revitalization

In 1986, the will of Florence Gralak, one of the original parishioners, named St. Stanislaus Church as a beneficiary. The parish received 52 acres of land through this generous gift which helped the parish furnish assets for future growth. In 1996, full scale efforts were commenced to construct a new church. This was a difficult decision. The former World War II military chapel had been extensively improved and beautified over the years. Deep emotional attachment was involved with most of the parishioners having been baptized, confirmed, married and had many ancestors interred in the church cemetery. However, the chapel only seated about 200 people, and had been constructed as a



temporary wooden building in support of the war effort over fifty years before.

On June 19, 1997, the last Mass was celebrated and all the artifacts were removed and either disposed of or stored under the supervision of Father Douglas Reed. With no suitable purchase offer in hand, the old chapel was burned as a fire fighting training exercise on July 26, 1997. Construction of the new church began immediately. Many individuals and organizations contributed funding to support this major construction effort. The estate of Dr. Albert Glod donated funds for construction of the chapel. The beautiful stained glass windows, which form a central part of the new church, were obtained from several churches in the area of Shamokin, PA. The current facility was completed and dedicated by Bishop F. Joseph Gossman of the Diocese of Raleigh on December 13, 1998, with Father Briant Cullinane, OFM as Pastor. Also in 1998 the Annual Polish Festival began to celebrate our Polish heritage. Now its 17th year, it draws thousands from all over North Carolina as well as several neighboring states. Support for the festival involves a majority of the parishioners and is managed by an all-volunteer staff.



From Provincial to Diocesan Parish



The Franciscan order of priests, which supported St. Stanislaus and other Catholic churches in eastern North Carolina since the mid 1930's, made the decision to depart, at about the same time the new church was complete. Bishop Gossman assigned Reverend Ryszard Kolodziej, a diocesan priest, as pastor in July 1999. With the arrival of Fr. Ryszard Kolodziej, St. Stanislaus Parish fervently prayed, studied the Scriptures, theology, history of the church, liturgy, and reached out to those in need within our community. They also organized and held various concerts, picnics, field trips, social gatherings and town meetings to plan for the future. Over the past few years improvements in parking access and establishing a recreational area in the undeveloped property to the south of the church have been completed. The parish boundaries were redefined, an accurate record deed was created, and a new rectory was purchased. Additionally, the map of the cemetery was produced, the lot was expanded and improvements were made in the social hall which included upgrading the kitchen's electrical system and appliances. Several internal items have been added such as a baptismal font, a new electronic organ, the Memorial Book and two paintings on either side of the altar: the Divine Mercy Image of Jesus and Our Lady of Czestochowa. The painting of St. Stanislaus Kostka, acquired in 2008, enhances the beauty of our Gathering Area. To bring the presence of Christ ever closer to our congregation, we added entrance bells and a new tabernacle, and celebrated the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the present sanctuary.

Dedication of The Newest Church 2010



On June 25, 2009, the loans on both the church building and the rectory were fully paid off, five years ahead of schedule. The mortgage burning celebration took place on October 4, 2009, to honor the generosity of the parishioners, contributors, and the Polish Festival. On February 21, 2010, the ground breaking ceremony for the new Administration Building was held. We moved into this new completed building in late August 2010. At the same time the portico at the main entrance of the church and a covered walkway between the church and the new office were added. Additionally, a new metal fence around the cemetery, complete with brick corner columns and a main arch gate were constructed, and the parking lot was resealed. The new administrative office was blessed by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on December 11, 2010. The ceremony was greeted with joy and enthusiasm by the entire congregation. This new building meet the needs of the growing parish and enhances the beauty of the St. Stanislaus campus.



St. Stanislaus Today



We see tremendous growth in our faith and are very proud of all the various ministries active in our parish that enrich the life of the church and neighboring community. We have been blessed with the wisdom of older generations, and the energy of young families with children. The variety of gifts, talents, wonderful personalities and time offered by the generosity of our parishioners keeps the Gospel message alive. Fr. Roger Malonda Nyimi, our current Parochial Administrator, came to the parish in July 2012. Fr. Roger was ordained in the Diocese of Boma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa and came to the Diocese of Raleigh six years ago to serve the people in the Diocese of Raleigh.

A Living History

Our parish is blessed to still have a few original parishioners as well as second and third generation members who are alive today and able to relay an oral history, as they remember it with anecdotal information about the parish over the past 100 years. On the following pages you will read the stories and accounts of founding parishioners and their descendants as well as hear from current parishioners.

**WITH DEEP APPRECIATION AND AFFECTION TO
THE MEMORY OF**



FLORENCE GRALAK & DAVID WILLIAMS

The Gralak family was one of the founding families of St. Stanislaus Parish. In 1914 the relatives of Florence donated 10 acres of land on which the church was built. Florence took great pride in her relationship with St. Stanislaus and upon her death in 1986 bequeathed to St. Stanislaus Church an additional 52 acres of land. David Williams was a cherished great nephew of Florence's whom she loved very much. He was raised by Florence in her home from the time he was just a toddler. At the time of David's untimely death in 1991, he was married and had a daughter whom he loved very much.

OUR POLISH HERITAGE

The parish name, St. Stanislaus, was selected by Rev. John Rykaczewski and Florence's mother Stella (Rykaczewski) Gralak. They made that selection in honor of their mother, Stanaswavia Rykaczewski, and her Poland heritage.

Mary Elizabeth Dmytruk, Original Parishioner



Wasyl and Anasthasia Dmytruk 1914

My father Wasyl Dmytruk was born in the Ukraine and came to New York in 1914. He then travelled to Castle Hayne, NC from Long Island, New York in 1914. He purchased

a farm and a year later went back to New York and married my mother, Anasthasia. They returned here to farm the land, growing grapes and cotton initially as well as farm animals. My parents had two girls, Annie Dmytruk Glod, born in 1917 and me, Mary Elizabeth Dmytruk, born in 1922. I still live in the original house that my parents built when they settled in Castle Hayne in 1915. Pictured here are my sister Annie and I in our First Holy Communion dresses.



Mary Elizabeth, cir 1920



Annie, cir 1920

Schlegel–Sondey Wedding



**Mary Sondey Schlegel and Anthony (Tony) John Schlegel
1927
Passaic, New Jersey**

Mary and Tony Schlegel moved to Castle Hayne, NC in 1932 from Passaic, New Jersey. Mary's mother Victoria Gusciara Sondey and brother Adam Joseph Sondey accompanied them. Mary and Tony had three children Joe, Cecelia and Tony Jr., 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. They were life-long members of St. Stanislaus Church. Joe and Cecelia are still members today, my brother Tony lives in Bluffton, SC.

The couple, renowned farmers, grew vegetables and flowers and shipped them to New York to sell them locally. Tony Schlegel was also manager and secretary of the Castle Hayne Growers and Shippers Association.

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Congratulations From The Lewandowski Family



Andy and Mary, 1917

This sketch of the Lewandowski Family begins in the late 1800's when Peter and Stella Lewandowski left Poland and immigrated to the United States. They settled in Pittsburgh, PA and in 1891 their son Anthony was born. Unfortunately Stella was stricken with consumption (TB) and as a result Peter moved the family back to the clean air of the family sugar beet farm in Poland. Stella eventually died of her illness so Peter returned the family to Pittsburgh.

Meanwhile on February 20, 1900, in another Pittsburgh neighborhood, Anastasia (Mary) Janicki and her twin brother, Alex were born. Sometime in the first decade of the 1900's members of both families found themselves living in the Wilmington—Castle Hayne area. Mary's older brother Joe and Andy worked together as Trolley Motormen in Wilmington. Soon Andy

met Mary and in 1916 they were married at St. Stanislaus Church. They had nine children, seven survived to adulthood.

In 1924 Andy and Mary decided to buy the 23 acre Simpson Farm on Marathon Avenue in Castle Hayne. Under the operating name "Keystone Farm" they grew quality vegetables and flowers for sale in the northern markets. Every day they thanked God for His blessings and their success.



Helen



Veronica



Anthony



Adel

Andy and Mary were very devout Catholics and St. Stanislaus Church was the hub of activity for the Lewandowski family. Between Mass attendance, Baptisms, 1st Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, Sunday School and other church related functions there was still time left for work and school.

Over the past 100 years the descendants of the Lewandowski family have found themselves scattered throughout the country. As these descendants and those who follow trace their origin back to Castle Hayne, NC, they will certainly pause for a moment to reflect on their family linkage to St. Stanislaus Church.

Helen wed Adam Radewicz of Pittsburgh, PA
Children: Elizabeth, Thomas, George and Christine

Veronica wed Charles Cosgrove of Detroit, MI
Children: Veronica, Charles and George

Anthony wed Josephine Zgoda of Detroit, MI
Children: Alan, Brian and Neal

Adel wed Manuel Jimenez of Washington, DC
Children: Dorothy, Dolores, Diane and Deborah

Mary Lou wed William Smotherman of Porterville, CA
Children: Ronald, Mark and Glen

Theresa wed Andrew Mazur of Castle Hayne, NC
Children: David

Rosemary wed Bruce Williams of Boston, Massachusetts
Children: Susan, Glenn and Linda



Mary Lou



Theresa



Rosemary

*In Memory of
Paul Puskas and Julia Gmytruk Puskas
September, 1935
St. Stanislaus Parish*



Front Row: Mary Gmytruk, Paul Puskas, Julia Gmytruk Puskas, John Gmytruk, Jr.,
Frances Gmytruk, John Gmytruk, Sr.

Back Row: Erma Elekes, Andrew Gmytruk, Walter Glod, Sophia Gmytruk.

All were founding family members of our parish.

Our family is honored and proud to be a part of the St. Stanislaus parish family.

L. Horace and Mary Frances Puskas Watkins

Our children and their families:

Susan W. and Tommy Thomas, Ashley Harts and Jeremy Harts

Janet W., Nick, Brooke and Allison Harris

Patrick, Hayden and Dylan Watkins

Mary Jane W., Paul and Payton Phelps

Ray, Caroline, Savannah and Layne Watkins

May God continue to bless our beloved parish!

In Memory
of
Paul Puskas February 24, 1903—January 19, 1999
and
Julia Puskas February 18, 1916—December 4, 2010



From The Puskas Family

*“To own a bit of ground, to scratch it with a hoe,
To plant seeds and watch the renewal of life...
This is the commonest delight of the race...
The most satisfying thing a man can do.”*

—Warner

IN MEMORY OF TEODOR AND ANNIE GLOD



Teodor Glod was born in Utica, New York to the parents of Joseph and Agnes Glod who subsequently moved to Castle Hayne, North Carolina. Annie Dmytruk was born to the parents of Wasyl and Anasthasia Dmytruk in Castle Hayne. Both were married in the first St. Stanislaus Church in 1941. And they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the second St. Stanislaus Church.

~ Ted Glod

Musial—Zielinsky Founding Family



My grandparents were among the original founding members of St. Stanislaus church. Alexander Musial and his wife, Caroline Zielinsky, moved here in 1915 from New York City. Land was advertised for sale and they bought 50 acres in Castle Hayne and cleared it to farm lettuce, watermelon, cucumbers and many other vegetables. My grandfather farmed part-time here in the summer but in order to support the family he went to West Virginia in the winter to work in the coal mines.

My grandparents purchased a house kit from the Sears and Roebuck Catalogue and built their home on Marathon Avenue. They had seven children, with five surviving into adulthood, Joseph Paul, Fred Anthony, Walter Stanley, Michael John, and my mother, Bertha Mary.

My father, Stanley Vosnock, married Bertha Mary Musial in 1946. Stanley was from Windber, Pennsylvania but was in the Army and stationed at Camp Davis, in Jacksonville, NC when my parents met. Together they had two children, me and my brother, Steve, and we both attended school at St. Stanislaus. I met my wife, Diane Tucker, in Wrightsville Beach and we were married June 2, 1973 in the second church. We have two daughters, Julia and Caroline, a son-in-law Mark Thorton and one grandson Finn Thorton.

~ Edward Vosnock

In Memory Of Our Parents

John and Louise Lorek



John and Louise were married on August 7, 1943 at St. Mary Catholic Church in New York Mills, NY. Louise joined John in Castle Hayne to begin their life on the farm and raise six children. They were life-long members of St. Stanislaus being the second generation at the church. The third, fourth, and fifth generations still attend the church today. The family has continued to grow and currently includes 16 grand children, 22 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grand children. Thank you for instilling in us your deep faith and commitment to God. May His perpetual light shine upon you both.

We love you...your children:

*John
Edwin
Mary
Andrew
Caroline
Ann*

The Furman Family



Rob Furman



Bob and Cecelia



Martin and Jill with Abbie and Ian



Theresa and Patrick with children, Nick, Emily and Kevin



Rob's son Daniel, and Heather

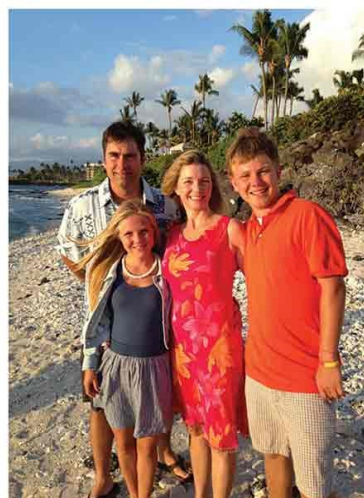


Rob's son Rob and Alicia



Mary and Bill with Ansley and Josh

*Thank God for our
St Stanislaus family*



Kevin and Tracy with children, Max and Nat

In Remembrance of The Yakimovich and Robison Family Members



†John and †Lynn Yakimovich
Parents of Marty Yakimovich



†Roy and †Joy Robison
Parents of Katherine Robison Yakimovich
†Jane “Granny” Parkinson – Grandmother



†GG Chmielewski – Great Grandmother (front center)
†Martin Yakimovich (back right)
*Pictured with Stacy and Shawn Keeter (Front and Back Left)
and Kristen Yakimovich Fisher (Front Right)*

With Love,
Marty and Kathy Yakimovich

The Ernie Swart family wants to congratulate our church on becoming 100 years old. We, as a family, have always cherished the church. Our ancestors, Sophia and Andrew Lorek were one of the first founding families. Later Mary Lorek Szcgerbiah and Stephen Joseph Szcgerbiah, my parents and our children's grandparents, were also established members for many years.

We hope many more years will follow!



Ernst Swart Family

IN MEMORY OF
ELIZABETH ANNE DYSON
AUGUST, 31, 1954—JUNE 4, 2007
BURNICE JOSEPH RIVENBARK
JANUARY 27, 1935—OCTOBER 5, 1991
WILLIAM GRIFFITH VAN WINKLE
AUGUST 28, 1919—APRIL 25, 2010



**MY NATURAL FAMILY AND MY EXTENDED
FAMILY IS ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC
CHURCH!**

~ NANCY VAN WINKLE

In Memory of
Tommy and Lucille Green
From Their Children
Tommy Green, Jr.
Sheron Green Buis
Susan Green Sydes



Zieleniewski-Grien-Green Family History

Edward Frank Green (1884-1934) was born in Poland and moved his wife, Annie Denitson Green (D. 1917) and their two children, Anna (1903-1991) and Edward Frank Jr. (1905-1954) from Pennsylvania to Castle Hayne, NC in 1907. He was involved in the founding of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. New Hanover County records show that Edward Frank and Annie Grien purchased Farm G-2 of the Marathon Colony on April 20, 1907. This 30 acre farm was located on the west side of Castle Hayne Road, just north of the GE Plant. After moving to Castle Hayne, the couple had three more children, Elizabeth (1909-2004), Victoria (1911-1994) and Thomas James (1913-1989).

After Edward Frank Sr. died in 1934 the family farm was divided between the siblings. Anna married John Stanzak and they had one son. Anna and her family moved to Ohio. Edward Frank Jr. died in 1954. His widow sold her share and she and her daughter moved to Florida. Elizabeth (Betty) married Roderic MacLennan and they had two sons. The MacLennans also left the area moving to Virginia. Victoria, (Vic) married Greer Edwards. They lived in the Sunset Park area of Wilmington and occasionally attended Mass at St. Stanislaus. Greer was a member of the Knights of Columbus. They had one son, Thomas Greer Edwards. He died in an automobile accident in 1960 while attending Auburn University. The crucifix in the cemetery was placed there in memory of him. Thomas James (Tommy) married Lucille Tyler and they had three children, Thomas James Jr., Sheron and Susan. All the other siblings sold their shares of the farm except Tommy. In 1954 he along with his two childhood friends, Joe and Stanley Hayduke built a new home on his share of the property and he moved his family back to Castle Hayne. The Green Family was once again a part of St. Stanislaus. Susan attended St. Stanislaus School through the sixth grade. Tommy Jr., Sheron and Susan remain members of the parish today.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
THANK YOU FOR 100 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY!



Tom and Alice



Adam, Karen, & Anthony

The Radewicz family is grateful to St. Stanislaus Church, its past and present priests and the parish communities for providing the means to establish and build a firm foundation for our Catholic values. Tom's great grandparents, Peter and Stella Lewandowski were among the founding families of St. Stanislaus parish. They also greatly contributed to the actual construction of the church building.

Tom's grandparents, Andy Lewandowski and Mary Janicki were married in the original Church in 1916. In July 1938 Tom's mother Helen and Adam Radewicz were also married in the original church. In August 1973, Tom married Alice Grainger in the second church, the refurbished army chapel brought from Camp Davis in Holly Ridge, NC. They had three children Anthony, Karen and Adam who received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation through St. Stanislaus Church. In April 2007, Anthony married Jennifer Boyd in the third and current St. Stanislaus Church. Anthony and Jennifer have two children: Gabriel (2009) and Anastasia (2011). Adam Radewicz married Kimberly Abramowski in 2013 at St. Mark Church in Wilmington, NC.

The St. Stanislaus Church is and has always will be close to the hearts of the Radewicz family. May the future of this parish be a joyous one and full of God's blessings!

The Radewicz Family

CONGRATULATIONS ST. STANISLAUS PARISH!

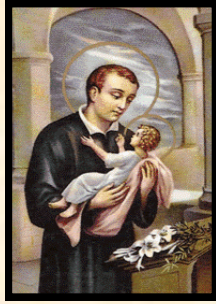
In loving memory of Frank and Justina Cerar, we wish to congratulate you on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Stanislaus Parish.

As immigrants from Europe in March of 1950, our family was welcomed with open arms by the parishioners of St. Stanislaus. May God continue to bless you.

*With our deepest gratitude,
The Cerar Family*



*Back row—Justina, Grandmother Cerar, Frank
Front row—Mary, Anne, Barbara, Peter*



*Congratulations to St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish
On Your 100th Anniversary*

You have been a warm, welcoming community of hard working Christians who have always shown love and kindness to our family and any one who comes to visit and worship, always offering your generosity with love, assistance and prayers. We will be eternally grateful for your friendship.

THE YANNAYON FAMILY

Weldon and Regina

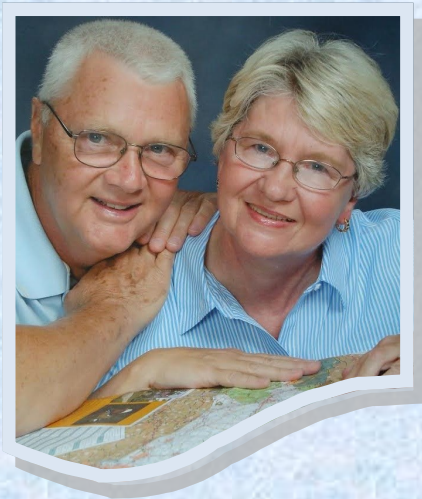
Tim and Leslie

*C. John and Rosedale; John
Glen and Sarah; Bryan*

Julie; Jason

Glen and Jackie;

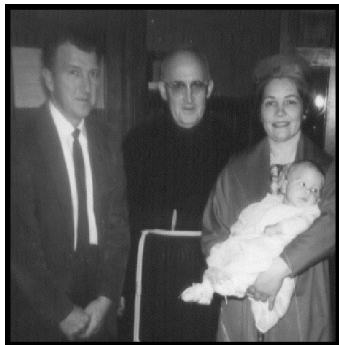
Lee and Laura; Rebecca



**Congratulations to
St. Stanislaus Church
on its 100th Anniversary!**

***From the family of Gene and Sarah Keith
Michael, Michele and Tami***

**In memory of the deceased members
of the Keith and Lear families.**



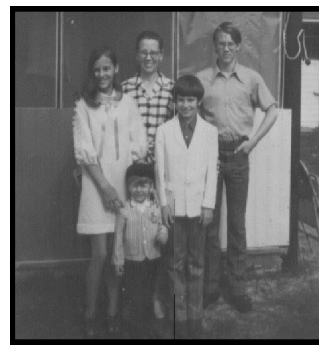
The Pellands, Father & Pat Strickland
1962 Baptismal



Pollyanna Strickland
1968 First Holy Communion



The Pellands, Father Joel & Tony Strickland
1969 Baptismal



Pollyanna, Paddy, Rex, Tony & Pat
Easter Sunday 1972

My family became members of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in 1960. My parents, Steven and Patricia (Paddy) Strickland chose to settle a quarter of a mile down from St. Stan's in Castle Hayne due in part to the Catholic school that was open there. Although the school closed the year my older brother, Rex, became eligible to attend.

My mother, my brother Rex and I began attending services and Rex was enrolled in Sunday school. I was taught the sign of the cross and Hail Mary from one of the Franciscan Sisters that taught at the school.

In 1961 my brother Pat was baptized in the church, with Ed & Mary Pelland as his Godparents. My baby brother Tony joined the family in 1969, and was then baptized by Father Joel Arnold. All four of us received our First Holy Communion at St. Stan. Pat was confirmed with Robert Furman as his sponsor, and Tony was confirmed, sponsored by Gregory Schwartz. We all attended Sunday school as the years went past. We attended CYO started by Father Dunston McDermott, who to my brothers and I was the best youth leader we'd ever known. His motto was, "No Man is an Island." My brothers and I took this to heart and realize that alone we are adrift, but working together as a family we are bound together in life and spirit.

Rex and Pat served many years as Altar boys. I taught Sunday school in 1980, and remember as a child hearing regularly from Mary Elizabeth Blanchard, "Pollyanna will you please recite the Act of Contrition." Thankfully I always got it correct.

My brothers and I participated in several Christmas plays on a home built stage, usually directed by Helen Schwartz Taylor; playing everything from a wise man, to an old story teller or a line singer for the 12 Days of Christmas. One Christmas I played a solo guitar performance and sang with Father Dunston. I also participated in the folk music group which sang for Sunday Mass.

In 1975 my brother Pat received the highest Boy Scout of America honor, as Eagle Scout. Under the direction of Clif Lee, and Father Dunston, the ceremony took place on the altar of the old church.

Our father, Steven passed away in 1983, and the Ladies Guild kept the visitation going for several days with an array of food, cards and prayers. For which we are all forever grateful. Memories of Sunday afternoon covered dish dinners artfully arranged by the ladies guild, May Day events and Easter egg hunts fill the memories of each of my brothers, my mother and I. My mother Paddy is a member in good standing of the Ladies Guild.

My mother remarried in 1985, her husband Merle Guyton, chose to convert to Catholicism, and attended classes under Carolyn Cash. When it came time to remarry in the church, Merle was very ill and Father Ryszard received a dispensation to hold the ceremony at the chapel located at NHRMC.

Father Ryszard Kolodziej attended the Miss Castle Hayne crowning for Katie Gilliland in 2008, that evening he invited Miss Castle Hayne to utilize the parish hall for our events. My mother and I were both overjoyed with the invitation, as this is our home church. We feel both the church and Miss Castle Hayne are significant parts of our community, and to serving its youth.

My mother, Pat and I are the last of my family that remain constant at St. Stanislaus, often making the joke that "Pat attends church with mama, and Pollyanna attends the functions." My mother and I volunteer regularly for the ladies guild and the St. Stan Polish Festival, where my family gathers each year.

My Family is very proud to be members of St. Stanislaus, and we will always hold each memory of the old and the new dear to heart.

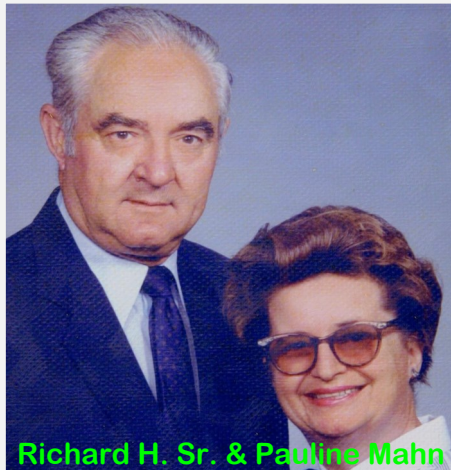
~ Peace, Pollyanna Strickland Likens



Lft to Rt: Mr. Lee & Pat as Eagle Scout
Pat, Father Dunston & Pollyanna 1976
Pollyanna May Day/Mother's Day 1977
Pollyanna, Father Ryszard, Paddy & Merle
and Tony 1985



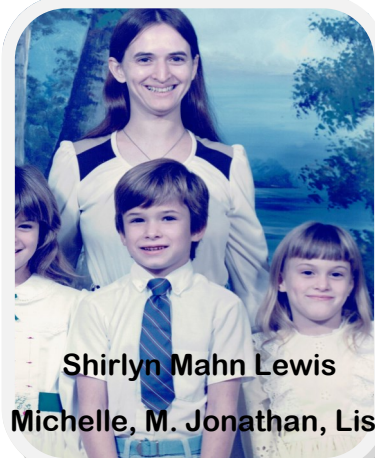
Paddy, Tony, Rex, Pat & Pollyanna



Richard H. Sr. & Pauline Mahn



Barbara, Richard Jr., David, Shirlyn
Charlotte, Patrick, Richard Sr., Pauline, Suzanne, Joel



Shirlyn Mahn Lewis
Michelle, M. Jonathan, Lisa



Michael Jonathan Lewis
Michelle Pope, Shirlyn Lane,
Lisa Manzanares 2010



Jimmy & Shirlyn Lane
Robert Pope, 2005



Wedding party of
Michelle and Paul Johnson
May 2012

The Mahn Family moved to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in August 1971, and have remained ever since, through four generations of births, baptisms, Holy Communions, Confirmations, marriages, and deaths.



Shirlyn Mahn Lane
& Chelsea



Chelsea & Lisa Lewis Manzanares,
Dora & Julianna Meza, Spring 2012



Charlotte Mahn &
C. Jefferson Riggs
Spring 2014

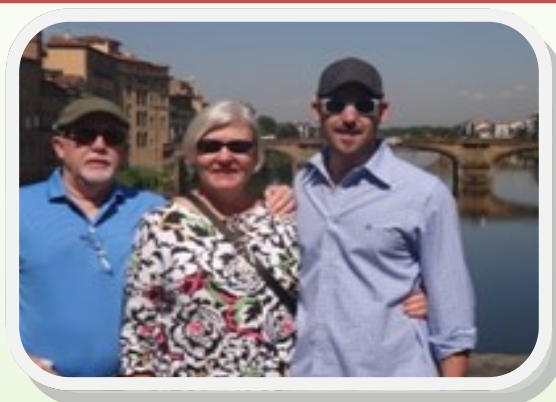
IN LOVING MEMORY OF PFC RYAN E. REED



11/11/1983 – 4/29/2004

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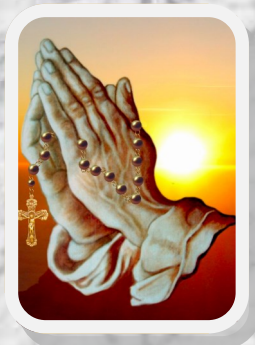
Barbara Cadagin Swinson, Grandmother
and Marilyn Cadagin, Great Aunt



Our Best Wishes to the entire St. Stanislaus Parish Family on this 100th Anniversary of their ministry to the faithful of the greater Castle Hayne area. As we celebrate this occasion, and with great promise for the future, we prayerfully remember all those who have crossed our paths. We especially ask God's blessing for all living and deceased members of the Haggerty, Liberatore, May, Kovalsky and Barna families.



**Congratulations and many blessings to my faith family on
the 100th anniversary of St. Stanislaus Church!**



May the love, sacrifices, and faith of the first founding families of St. Stanislaus continue with us to bring our church to the service of God and others.

~Josie Bonanno



Dennis and Rae Kudro wish to congratulate St. Stanislaus parish on its 100th anniversary. We are proud to be a part of this loving and spiritual Christian family.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless our parish. May God discipline us in our thoughts, our words and our actions, that we may think, say and do only those things that are pleasing to the Lord our God.

***Congratulations Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church
on its 100th year anniversary!!***



***May God fill our days with love, blessings, peace and happiness.
The Braye Family: Cristina, Hayden, Khristle, Kenneth & Trayden***

In Memory of Mary Louise Welchel



She was a faithful member of St. Stanislaus Church from 1960 until her death in 1985. She was an Irish Boston Catholic who found a home in the Polish Community of St. Stanislaus!

Knights of Columbus — Father Roland Gross Council 11817



Father Roland Gross 1922-1988

Present Council Officers

Chaplain	Father Roger Malonda Nyimi
Grand Knight	Peter Andreini
Deputy Grand Knight	John Fera
Treasurer	Larry Cash
Recorder	Dominic Bianco
Financial Secretary	Louis W. Stanley, Jr.

Father Roland Gross Council 11817 was initiated into the Order of the Knights of Columbus on June 19, 1996. Membership is open to all males 18 years and older, who are practicing Catholics. Dues are \$35.00 per year. The monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Join us to serve God, your family, and the community!

History of Knights of Columbus-Father Roland Gross Council 11817

Father Michael McGivney decided in 1881 that something had to be done to help the Catholic families suffering during a difficult time in American history. As curator of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, he explained to a group of men that they needed to be steadfast in their faith and through mutual encouragement promote closer ties of fraternity and also set up an elementary system of insurance so that widows with children would not find themselves in dire financial straits should their husbands die. With the support of this group of men and Fr. McGivney's determination to find a solution to help these families, the Knights of Columbus was formed and chartered on March 29, 1882 in the state of Connecticut. With the formation of this initial Knight of Columbus Charter Fr McGivney envisioned a Council of Knights of Columbus in every parish. Over time his vision slowly became a reality in parishes across the country.

Knights Of Columbus Council Formed At St. Stanislaus



In 1995 Brother Delbert Herrmann, with the permission of Father Douglas Reed, Pastor of St. Stanislaus at the time, organized a group of men, some already Knights and some wanting to be Knights, to form a council at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Castle Hayne, North Carolina. After enrolling 31 men this group organized a Council, elected officers, and applied for a Charter from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. On June 19, 1996 this group formally became the Father Roland Gross Council 11817 at St. Stanislaus Parish. The newly formed council honored Father Roland Gross, the first priest of St. Stanislaus Parish, by naming the council after him. The reason for this honor was that in 1949 Father Gross was the first priest of St. Stanislaus Church, which after many years as a mission parish, became an official parish of the Diocese of Raleigh.

The Founding Charter members of the Father Roland Gross Knights of Columbus Council were:

Chaplain	Father Douglas Reed
Grand Knight	John Power
Deputy Grand Knight	Melvin E. Keith, Jr.
Treasurer	Louis W. Stanley, Jr.
Recorder	Joseph A. Fiore
Financial Secretary	Delbert Herrmann
Donald W. Bennett	James C. Peterson
Michael P. Burch	Thomas A. Radewicz
Daniel B. Conran, Sr.	Joseph A. Schiegel
Robert W. Elmore	Joseph A. Schiegel, Jr.
Thomas J. Flynn	Melton R. Swinson
Robert B. Furman, Jr.	Vincent S. Tryer, Jr.
Robert A. Gonyea	William G. VanWinkle
Anthony E. Herrmann	Robert M. Waltman
Jason K. Isacson	L. Horace Watkins
Bernard Jeffery, Jr.	Patrick M. Watkins
John P. Lenahan	Armond Wilson
Edwin S. Lorek	John T. Yakimovich
John A. Lorek	Martin J. Yakimovich

Knights of Columbus Today

Today our council has grown to 50 Knights and continues to live up to our principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The Knights help the needy, a call we answer every day, look after one another, tend to widows and children of deceased brother Knights as well as take care of the sick and disabled in order to make life better in our parish and community. Finally the Knights serve and support our National and Local Governments and are among our greatest citizens.

Social Ministries

Our Mission: *St. Stanislaus Social Ministries is responsible for organizing and facilitating activities involving parishioners in acts of charity and justice. We respond to requests of assistance based on the Church's teachings on social and economic justice.*



Left to Right: Velma Merrick, Josie Bonanno, Mary Catherine Gurgle, Carolyn Cash, Marilyn Cadigan (Not pictured: Elizabeth Scharf, Nadine Davis, Luanne Davis, Gladys Krysiak-Packard)

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Left to Right Back Row: Marian Andreini, Luanne Davis, Dolores Jordan, Michele Teti, Annette Jonkheer, Louise Eisenhower, Pat Schlegel, Bozena Bekier, Mary Frances Watkins, Regina Kapral

Middle Row: Wendy Fera, Tricia Luciano, Pat Bean, Sheron Buis, Vernice Green, Anne Zabriskie

Front Row: JoAnn Timmins, Linda Woodcock, Katrina Como, Dorothy Pirsch, Elaine Bonnett

Not Pictured: Mary Anne Adams, Betty Dill, Ellen Graskoski, Pat Gruber, Paddy Guyton, Elaine Howard, Rae Kudro, Mary Pelland, Mary Rendano, Mary Elizabeth Dmytruk, Nancy Van Winkle, Kathy Yakimovich

Youth Singers



Back Row L-R: Riley Dunwoody, Sarah Richardson, Ava Davis, Nikita Griffith, Allison Harris, Payton Phelps
Front Row L-R: Andrew Geppert—Director, Alden Stack, Kira Lorek, Jeannie Bogan, Abigail Clements, Thomas Ledet, Cindy Geppert—Director

Kitchen Kare

Fourteen years ago, a group of volunteers, committed to the kitchen safety of our parishioners and visitors, initiated the Kitchen Kare Committee. The original members remain today. The Kitchen Kare Committee and all users of the kitchen work together to maintain a clean and safe kitchen environment for all.



First row: Evelyn Lorek, Sheron Buis, Diane Vosnock, Pat Schlegel, Velma Merrick
Second row: Charlie Buis, Fr. Roger Molanda Nyimi
Not Pictured: Susan Sydes and Regina Yannayon

Pope Benedict XV:
Elected September 3, 1914 and served
until his death in 1922.



Pope Francis:
Elected March 13, 2013 is our current Pontiff.





This 100th Anniversary Book is lovingly dedicated to all of the parishioners of St. Stanislaus, both living and deceased, in thanksgiving for our century of faith and prosperity we graciously pray:

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon St. Stanislaus Parish and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have so generously bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our prosperity, our health, and the love we have for one another.

Heavenly Father, in Your infinite generosity, we ask you to continue to shower St. Stanislaus with your abundant graces and blessings throughout the coming years.

We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

~Amen.