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HOLY TRINITY PARISH CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY
Public is Cordially Invited to Attend Events

Kewanee, Illinois: On September 15th, 2018, Holy Trinity Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church of Kewanee will celebrate its 90th Anniversary. The Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, the Very Reverend Jerry Rafalko said, “Holy Trinity has enjoyed a long history of serving the spiritual needs of all people who wish to follow Christ in the Catholic tradition.”

Holy Trinity was organized in Kewanee in 1928 and immediately became a very important part in the lives of Kewanee’s Polish immigrants. Father Jerry has compared the changes in his parish to the societal and demographic changes in the United States: “90 years ago we began our ministry with Polish immigrants and today, we serve people of all races, colors, nationalities and cultures- we are plainly following the teachings of Jesus”.

Father Jerry reminds the community, “The 90th Anniversary of our parish is a special time to open our minds and hearts to God- who always calls us to be brothers and to build the church. It is also an opportunity to be open to all people- as clearly expressed by Saint Paul: ‘there is neither Greek nor Jew, slave nor free, man nor woman, for you all are one in Christ Jesus’ (Gal 3: 28). This is a time to recall our past, celebrate our present, and joyfully look toward our bright future. With the help of Almighty God, the contribution of our ancestors, along with the prayers, hard work, and generosity of our friends and parishioners, we will continue to grow our ministry by including everyone and excluding no one”.

The Holy Mass on September 15th will be offered for the intention of those who created, built, and supported our Parish throughout its existence and will be concelebrated by the Most Rev. Anthony Mikowsky (the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church), the Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski (the Ordinary Bishop of the Western Diocese), the Very Rev. Jerry Rafalko (the Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish and the Northcentral Seniorate Clergy).

Father Jerry is calling for the community to join in the Anniversary celebrations, “Be sure to mark your calendars and join us!”

- **Open House on August 12th from 2 to 4 PM.** The Community is invited to an event that will include a short community prayer service, a special dedication of the Schulmerich Basilican Carillon that was graciously donated to Holy Trinity Parish by Mr. and Mrs. Jon DeBord, the Open House will conclude with a reception of cookies, ice cream, free door prizes, and a historical photo display in the church hall.
- **Parish cook out following the open house.**
- **Family Fun Day** – Sunday, August 26th YMCA pool party 2 – 5 P.M.
- **Hog Days Parade Saturday September 1st at 2 P.M.** The parish will enter a 90th Anniversary themed float in the Labor Day parade.
- **Every Sunday 9:00AM Mass!** After Mass and at scheduled events, the Ladies Adoration Society will sell cookbooks with traditional recipes used by parish families for many years.
- **Saturday September 15th –celebrate the 90th Anniversary Mass at 3PM**

- A commemorative pictorial directory will be available to parish members during the anniversary celebration.
- Every guest will receive personalized ink pen commemorating the 90th Anniversary”.

“We’re so excited to be part of the celebration to honor of our long and rich history! I’m truly grateful that we joined Holy Trinity! It’s like our second family - so much more than a typical parish. We absolutely love it here!”

~ 90th Anniversary Committee Member

“May God continue to pour out His blessings upon the people of Holy Trinity, Polish National Catholic Parish in Kewanee, IL for many more years to come”.

~Very Rev. Jerry Rafalko – Pastor

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