

## 50 years

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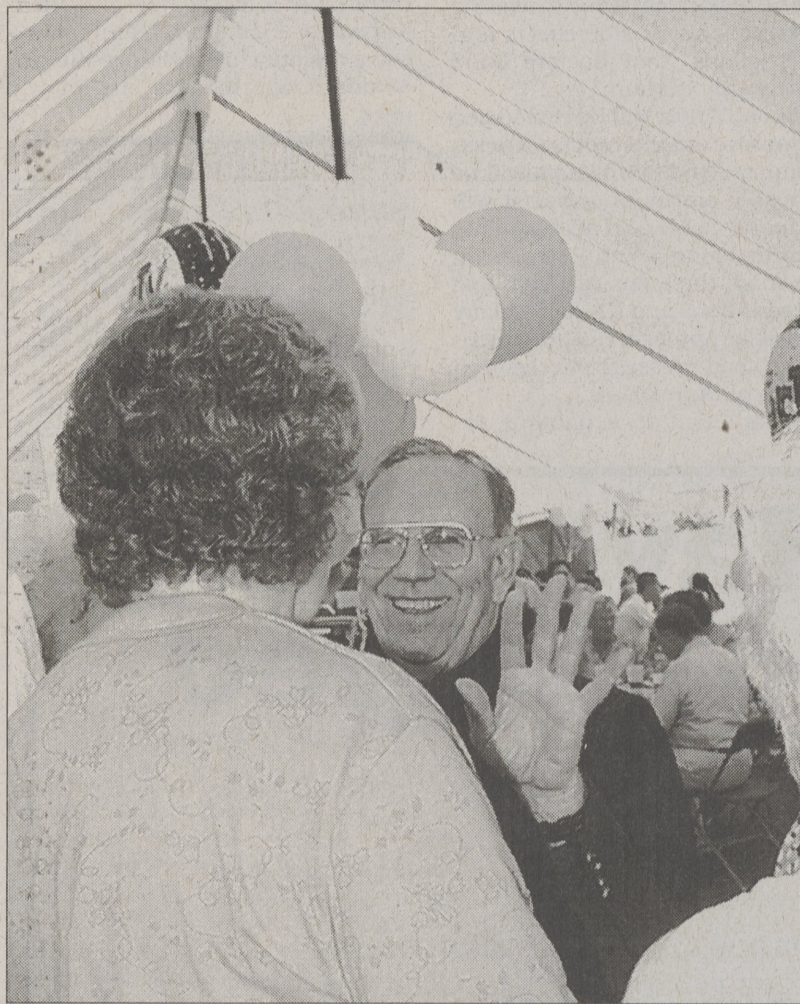
like a priest until his mother asked him to take her confession. "Then I felt different," he said.

The celebration continued under tent on the parish grounds. Family, friends and parishioners from the many churches where the priests had served came to pay their respects and reminisce about past shared experiences.

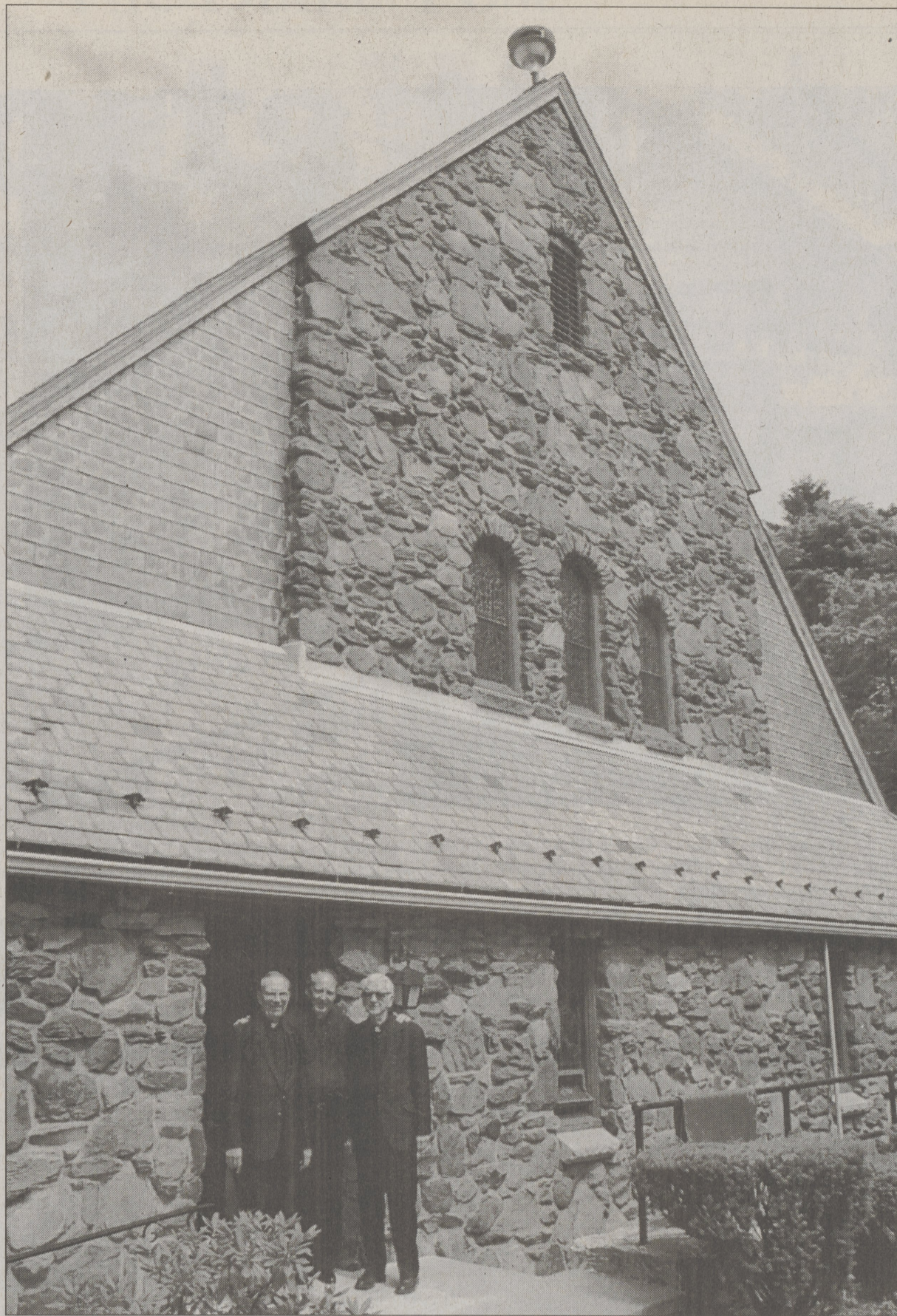
Father Joseph Sammons was pastor of St. Therese's Church from 1970 until 1985. He is remembered by parishioners as well as the wider community he served. On many occasions he opened the rectory and parish facilities to those in need. Fr. Sammons prepared and then led the parish community of St. Therese's into the post Vatican II period.

He was ordained June 4, 1949 in St. Peter's Cathedral, then served as assistant pastor at three churches before receiving his first pastoral assignment to St. Ann's, Bentley Creek and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ridgebury, where he served until coming to St. Therese's. After leaving there, he served four pastoral assignments before retiring Sept. 9, 1996.

Father Thomas Flynn is priest in residence at St. Therese's. He provides much needed assistance in many areas. He served as assistant pastor at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas in 1966, and as pastor at five churches from 1970 to 1997. Fr. Flynn has served as Dean of Luzerne County (South-east) and Spiritual Director, St. Pius X Seminary, Dalton, Pa.



Father Thomas Flynn, left photo, held an animated conversation with Mary Petty, a parishioner of St. Therese's, during the Golden Jubilee reception the church held for Fr. Flynn and Fr. Joseph Sammons. In right photo, Msgr. Peter Crynes, pastor of St. Therese's, stood on the church steps with Fr. Flynn, left, and Fr. Sammons.



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## MOVERS & SHAKERS

**Kylie Shafferkoetter**, Lehman, has been appointed Manager of the News Bureau at King's College.



Prior to this position, Shafferkoetter served as the staff reporter/copy editor for The Dallas Post and worked as a freelance writer for the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal.

She is a 1995 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor of arts degree in English, creative writing.

Patricia Maguschak, of Dallas was recently honored with a "Star Award" given to PennDOT employees who go "above and beyond the call of duty". She worked for two years on the installation of a new traffic signal system for Wilkes-Barre and has coordinated the many design changes between the city, Federal Highway Administration, the contractor and PennDOT. Pat took part in construction reviews, which resulted in better project designs and avoided construction problems in the field. Pat has routinely volunteered to help fellow employees resolve problems. Her performance has been an example to others to go beyond their goals and performance objectives.



## Mattie earns degree

Edward Mattie of Dallas received a BA in Criminal Justice from Edinboro University.

## Irem Sunday evening concert season begins

Potentate Jimmy R. Eason, announced that the Irem Sunday Evening Concert Series will begin on July 11 and will consist of eight concerts. They will be held on the outdoor pavilion at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, starting with a Vesper Service at 7:45 p.m. and concerts beginning at 8 p.m.

The public is invited and the concerts are free of charge.

Serving as chairman is Donald R. Jones, assisted by Donald S. Anthony, P.P., Arthur Bird and Allan Rose, co-chairmen.

The July 11 concert features The Wehry Family from Northumberland, performing southern style gospel music.

## Gilligan honored for SAT scores

John Gilligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gilligan, Dallas, an 8th grader was recently notified that he placed with distinction in mathematics and verbal by scoring higher than the average college-bound 12th grade student on the SAT I test. The Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth conducts this annual talent search. John was awarded a one-course college scholarship to College Misericordia as a result of his placement. He received the same honor as a 7th grader.



Gilligan a Dallas Middle School student also won the national Language Arts Olympiad and Accelerated Reader contests for 8th grade, the President's Education Award, a Trustee Achievement Scholarship, and was a two-year member of the National Junior Honor Society. John participated in the state level of the National Geographic Geography Bee and was nominated to the United States Achievement Academy in Science. He is a member of the Student Council, the school band and is senior patrol leader for Boy Scout Troop 155, Trucksville. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Wehrum, Mrs. Harry P. O'Neill and the late Harry P. O'Neill, all of Dunmore.

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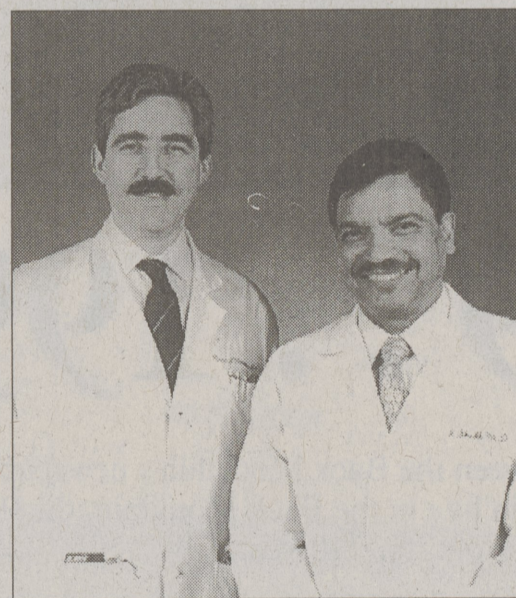
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