

RENOVATION CELEBRATION



Contributed photo/William J. Bell

Bishop Rozanski was the principal celebrant at the Mass of rededication of Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield Sunday. Clergy from left to right are: Deacon Paul DeCarlo, the Rev. John Roache, Bishop Emeritus Timothy McDonnell, Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, The Rev. Timothy Campoli and the Rev. Msgr. Ronald Yargeau.

Bishop visits Holy Trinity re-dedication

By AVIVA LUTTRELL
Recorder Staff

GREENFIELD — When Holy Trinity Church, the mother church of all Franklin County Catholic parishes, held a re-dedication ceremony to mark the completion of a six-month renovation, it was attended by two bishops and hundreds of parishioners.

"It was a wonderful celebration," Rev. Msgr. Ronald Yargeau, the church's pastor, said. "There were over 450 people there. There was special music provided by our combined choirs of Holy Trinity and Blessed Sacrament."

He said Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, named the ninth bishop of the Springfield Diocese about a year and a half ago, was joined by Bishop Emeritus Timothy McDonnell, who preceded Rozanski; Holy

Trinity's former pastor, the Rev. John Roach; and the Rev. Timothy Campoli, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Holy Trinity, a 147-year-old church, celebrated the \$500,000 renovation with a re-dedication Sunday.

"(Rozanski) was very taken with the beauty of the church and was very kind and very gracious to all the people, who thought he was very much like Pope Francis himself — outgoing, kind, gentle," Yargeau said.

Deacon Channing L. "Joe" Bete said preparing for the bishop's visit felt very much like preparing for any major holiday. With so many small details to handle, Bete said he hoped everything would work out as it was supposed to.

"It certainly fulfilled all of my expectations in terms of how it came together.

When the two bishops arrived, they completely put us at ease," he said. "They also seemed very, very appreciative and complimentary toward the renovation we had just completed. That was great and gratifying, it came off exactly as we would've hoped."

The project was the church's first thorough renovation in 30 years and parishioners raised the money for the work in just four months. Bete said churches aren't rededicated often, and Holy Trinity was filled for the 10:30 a.m. mass.

"It was a wonderful time," Bete said.

You can reach Aviva Luttrell at:
aluttrell@recorder.com
or 413-772-0261, ext. 268
On Twitter follow: @AvivaLuttrell