Modern St. John's PNC church

St. John the Baptist Polish National Catholic Church came into being in Frackville on January 1, 1913. The first Mass was celebrated by a Polish priest, Fr. Leopold Chroszcz, in a two-story brick building, situated at the intersection of Main and Leighaven streets. The church was dedicated by Bishop Michael H. Hart, on September 19, 1936.

The first pastor was Rev. Peter Romanowski, who was succeeded by Rev. Edward P. Misiaszek, who served from 1926 until 1935. During his pastorate, the church was expanded to accommodate the growing congregation.

Fr. Misiaszek was succeeded by Rev. John Chwiej, who served from 1935 until 1948. During his pastorate, the church was remodeled and expanded. The new church was dedicated on October 15, 1948.

Fr. Chwiej was succeeded by Rev. James Pyzowski, who served from 1948 until 1954. During his pastorate, the church was again expanded and the current parish center was constructed.

Fr. Pyzowski was succeeded by Rev. Peter Romanowski, who served from 1954 until 1968. During his pastorate, the church was expanded again, and the current parish center was completed.

Fr. Romanowski was succeeded by Rev. Edward J. Tomczyk, who served from 1968 until 1976. During his pastorate, the church was again expanded and the current parish center was completed.

The current church was completed in 1976, and the first Mass was celebrated on January 1, 1977. The church was dedicated by Bishop Michael H. Hart on July 19, 1976.

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Father Tomczyk

At the 1966 annual meeting of the parish, a new church Building Committee was formed to plan and design the new church. The committee consisted of the following members: Rev. E. J. Tomczyk, Fr. Pyzowski, Rev. Edward J. Tomczyk, Rev. Misiaszek, and Rev. Romanowski. The committee selected contractor Stein to build the church.

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