

Irish group holds reunion

The members of the Ballykilcline Society, a group of descendants of Irish Immigrants from the County Roscommon, Ireland, will have a reunion Mass with Bishop W. Francis Malooly, western vicar, at St. Joseph, Cockeysville, July 21 at 10 a.m.

Ballykilcline was a small town near Strokestown, Ireland, that faced some notoriety due to an extended rent strike against the Crown's landlords which began in the 1830s. The entire population of the town was evicted and paid by the Crown to immigrate to the United States.

Many of the families settled in Texas, Maryland and established St. Joseph parish. Now the society is hoping to locate the descendants of the Irish who settled St. Joseph. Contact Cassie Kilroy Thompson at cassiekt@verizon.net for more information or log on to <http://ballykilcline.com>.

The reunion runs from July 19-22 at the Days Hotel in Padonia.