



Parish Tidings

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Celebrating Easter



Washing of feet by Father Bogdan on Holy Thursday

Agape



On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is very significant because of the mysteries which are commemorated in this mass: the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and Christ's command of brotherly love. In fellowship, the ANS sponsored the traditional Agape Supper after Mass. The definition of agape is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love, the highest of the four types of love found in the Bible. Agape perfectly describes the kind of love Jesus has for his Father and for his followers. A reference to the agape meal is found in Jude 1:12. "The breaking of bread" in Acts 2:42 tells of a special remembrance of Jesus' last supper with His disciples.

Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday Processional

2016 Spring Bazaar



Our annual Spring Bazaar was held on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Since we had a steady stream of customers, a substantial amount was raised to contribute to the parish treasury. The fund-raising committee wants to thank the women who gave of their time to make kiffles, rolls, and stuffed cabbages; and everyone who prepared pierogies several times. Also noted are the women who donated a large amount of home-made Easter candies and baked goods to be sold. We can't forget the men who helped set up the tables and hall and then clean up afterwards. The total income for the day was \$7,283.76.

The breakdown is as follows:

Rolls	\$1,092.00
White Elephant	\$ 212.25
Kielbasa	\$ 818.00
Crafts/Polish Heritage	\$ 321.00
Eat-In	\$ 529.76
Take-Out	\$ 929.00
Chinese Auction	\$ 703.00
Baked Goods	\$ 811.75
Pierogies	\$1,052.00
Donations	\$ 815.00

Additional sales made the following days netted \$542.00 for a grand total of \$7,825.76.

The total profit after expenses of \$362.05 is \$7,463.71

Anniversary Cake



On Sunday, March 13, 2016 a cake was provided by the ANS to celebrate the 119th anniversary of the establishment of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Congratulations



Karen Amate is happy to announce the arrival of her fourth grandchild, Jill Marie Amate, on March 11, 2016, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Proud parents Kate and Daniel, along with big brother Ben are happy to welcome her into the world and their lives.

Congratulations to all.

April at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM**
- SOCL after Mass
- Coffee Social after Mass**
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

- April 3 – ANS meeting
- April 12 – Committee meeting

Why Go To Church?



- If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
- If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
- If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

- When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!
- Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!
- Thank God for our physical & our spiritual nourishment!
- If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all.
- B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

How Do You Like Your Pierogies?



A total of fourteen parishioners responded to our "How Do You Like Your Pierogies" survey. The majority (8) answered "Swimming in butter and onions", seven of these like them accompanied with sour cream.

Jackie Bayak describes this as "the Polish way". Frank Matla likes to add garlic and an unidentified parishioner likes them out of boiling water with some horseradish. Joe Novak sautés them with a light amount of butter in a black skillet with salt and pepper and eats them with a dollop of light sour cream. Joe Jurnock likes them with sour cream while Barb sometimes likes to serve them with mushrooms. Jo Ann Schaffer sautés them lightly and eats them with sour cream except on Christmas Eve when she uses fresh Mushroom Soup as a gravy. The most unusual way of preparing our favorite food was given by Jerry and Andrea Gritman's son, Jeff. In the summer he prepares the pierogis on the grill and in the winter months he uses the Foreman grill and eats them with sour cream.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey.

If you have something to share, a story, anecdote, recipe, or up-coming event in your life, please submit it to Jo Ann Schaffer, or Andrea Gritman.

Around the Parish

- Currently we have pierogies and nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for sale. Please see Nancy Poposki or Andrea Gritman if you are interested in purchasing rolls (\$12.00) or Pierogies (\$6.00).
- Thanks to Ernie Stavrovsky and Ernie Jr for mulching the shrubs around the church.
- The "You Bet Your Pierogi I'm Polish" t-shirts worn by many of our parishioners at the spring and fall bazaar and baseball style hats are available for \$20.00. If anyone is interested in buying a shirt or hat, please see Jackie Bayak.
- Volunteers are need to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- Do you have a favorite hymn? A signup sheet is posted on the easel for anyone wishing to hear their desired hymns at a future date.

Things You Never Hear in Church

- Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.
- Personally, I find attending church much more enjoyable than golf.
- I've decided to give our church \$500.00 a month.
- I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
- Forget the denominational minimum salary: let's pay our pastor so she/he can live like we do.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
- Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

Crockpot Pierogi Casserole

Serves 6 – 8

Cook time 3 – 4 hours on high or 6 hours on low.

Ingredients:

- 2 dozen Our Lord's Ascension PNCC pierogies
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 8 oz. block cream cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 pound kielbasa – sliced (or other cooked meat such as ham or cooked chicken)
- salt & pepper to taste



Directions:

Warm the cream cheese and chicken broth together in a small saucepan until the cream cheese is melted before adding to other ingredients.

Combine all ingredients in your crockpot. Cook on high 3-4 hours, or on low for 6 hours.

Serve with a fresh green salad and crusty bread.

An easy quick recipe using two of our favorite foods