



Parish Tidings

Our Lord's Ascension Parish

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Little Boy's Explanation of God

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well.

EXPLANATION OF GOD



'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die,

so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista ... At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God.. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his

hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!'

'Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

'But.....you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.'

Go for the "Gold Medal"



During the next few months members of our church will be busy making rolls, pierogie and kiffles for sale at Coopersburg Community Day and the annual Fall Bazaar. Over 200 pounds of flour will be used and the Fund Raising Committee is asking all parishioners to donate at least one bag of "Gold Medal" all-purpose flour during the month of August to defray the cost of these projects. When at the grocery store please remember our "Go for the Gold Medal" campaign.

Donations should be placed on the table in the narthex of the church.

"The Bells are Ringing" ..



For over 5 years our church bell has been silent but after a few minor repairs and adjustments the bell is again announcing the beginning and conclusion of mass. Thanks to Dan Broczkowski for contacting Elderhorst Bells, Inc, and

Father Bogdan for supervising the work.

Active Church Member on the Disabled List

One of our parish's most active members, Joe Jurnock, will be out of commission because of a broken hip. Along with being a church committee member Joe is also a lector, president of the YMS of R, helper with the preparation of potatoes for pierogie making, a Bingo worker, and runs the Lottery Calendar. He will also be missed by the fans in section 115 of Coke Cola Park, where he is an usher for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball team.

Joe is currently recuperating at home. We will all keep Joe in our thoughts and prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

Birthday Wishes

Those who were recently serenaded with "Happy Birthday" and "Sto Lat" during our Coffee Hour after Mass were Ernie Stavrovsky who turned 60 on July 7, David Broczkowski who on June 29 turned 8. Donna Martucci had a patriotic birthday on July 4, Lynn Wunderler who celebrated her birthday on July 13, who wouldn't tell her age, but did comment that "yeah" she is one year closer to retirement.

August at a Glance

Mass at 9 AM
Coffee Social after Mass
Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

August 12 – Committee Meeting
August 22 & 23 – Pierogie making
August – Roll Making – to be announced

How I Spent my Summer Vacation A Whopper of a Fish Story



By Frank Matla

On July 5, 2014, the Matla brothers, Gerry and I, Frank, returned from our semi-annual sojourn to Black Lake. It is located 20 miles north of Fort Drum, New York. The weather was hot and humid throughout the week with relief coming the last two days. We have been doing this trip twice a year since 2000. It is a very relaxing and pleasant get-away from our normal routine.

Gerry is the captain of the vessel and I secure it after every outing. In the cabin I do all the cooking and shopping and Gerry does the dishes and cleans. We usually spend eight to ten hours on the lake.

This was the best year of fishing we ever had!! We caught four hundred (400) fish between us, predominately large and small bass. We also catch Northern pike, perch, catfish and prehistoric bowfin (dogfish). The bass were in the one to four pound range caught on a daily basis, plus Gerry caught a ten (10) pound catfish.

Of course, every trip has its adventures! After having his lure stuck in the weeds, Gerry had a treble hook lodged in his nose. Fortunately, the barb didn't pierce through. We were able to non-surgically remove it, with little blood lost. This occurred on our last day, July 4th; no fireworks on the boat!

We packed and arrived home safely once again, ready to return to Black Lake for another adventure after Labor Day this year.

Our Journey to Arizona

By Jennifer Anderson



Pete and I have just returned from a 10 day trip to Arizona. We stayed in Phoenix for 4 days just lying around with the temperature up to 110 degrees. We then started our journey to Flagstaff to see the Grand Canyon. We hired a limo and had a private tour of the different sites along the way. After a couple hours we arrived at the canyon. It was a wonderful sight to behold. It brought a tear to my eye just thinking how this wonder of the world was actually carved out by the almighty hand of God. There were Native Americans dancing on a mound in full regalia while another sang in their native tongue.

Leaving the canyon we headed down route 66 to do some souvenir shopping. We picked up some T-shirts and I bought a beautiful turquoise ring. On the way home we found a great restaurant called Black Barts which had singing waiters and waitresses. They were very good and entertained us throughout our meal. All in all we had an awesome trip and we were sad to say goodbye to Arizona.

Nap Time

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Blessing of Cars



Annual blessing of cars and drivers by Father Bogdan

Coopersburg Community Day

For the fourth consecutive year our parish will be participating in the Coopersburg Community Day on Saturday September 20, 2014. In addition to gaining a monetary profit from the sale of our specialty items, this is an opportunity for us to promote our church. We will be selling pierogies, cabbage and noodles, nut rolls, baked goods, the parish cookbook and our lottery calendar as well as craft articles. It is scheduled rain or shine from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with a set-up time beginning at 7:00 am. As a parish event all members are invited and encouraged to join in the venture in some way. The fund raising committee, would welcome cash donations for the purchase of necessary items needed for the sale (ice, paper products, registration fees, rent, etc.), donations of food items, and most importantly, your time manning a booth for a few hours. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the vestibule in August where you can volunteer.

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends

The Bosco's Friends Helping Friends day is on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. For a \$5.00 donation (the entire donation benefits our church) you will receive a 25% OFF SHOPPING PASS and a chance to win a \$500 or \$100 Shopping Spree

The Shopping Pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS. Support your church and save money – a winning combination.

Toasted Almond Ice Cream Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) Lorna Doone Cookies, coarsely crushed (about 3 cups), divided
- 1 cup Planters Slivered Almonds, toasted, divided
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream, softened, divided
- Chocolate syrup to taste



Preparation:

Sprinkle 1 cup crushed cookies and 1/3 cup almond on bottom of 9 in. springform pan. Carefully spread half the ice cream evenly over cookie mixture. Top with 1 cup crushed cookies and 1/3 almonds. Top with remaining ice cream, cookies and almonds, firmly pressing cookie mixture into the ice cream. Cover with plastic wrap.

Freeze for at least 4 hours. Remove side of springform pan and cut to serve. Drizzle with chocolate syrup.

Hint:

To toast nuts, spread in single layer on baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes or until lightly toasted.

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