



Parish Tidings



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Saint Lawrence



Saint Lawrence was one of seven deacons who was in charge of giving help to the poor and the needy in Rome. When a persecution broke out, Pope St. Sixtus was condemned to death. As he was led to execution, Lawrence followed him weeping, "Father, where are you going without your deacon?" he said. "I am not leaving you my son," answered the Pope. "In three days you will follow me." Full of joy, Lawrence gave to the poor the rest of the money he had on hand and then sold expensive vessels to have more to give away.

The Prefect or chief magistrate of Rome, a greedy pagan, thought the Church had a great fortune hidden away. So, he ordered Lawrence to bring the treasure to him. The saint said he would, in three days. Then he went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people supported by the Church. When he showed them to the Prefect, he said, "This is the Church's treasure!"

In great anger, the Prefect condemned Lawrence to a slow, cruel death. The Saint was tied on top of an iron grill over a slow fire that roasted his flesh little by little, but Lawrence was burning with so much love of God that he almost did not feel the flames. In fact, God gave him so much strength and joy that he even joked. "Turn me over," he said to the judge. "I'm done on this side!" And just before he died, he cheerfully declared, "I'm well done." He prayed that the city of Rome might be converted to Jesus and that the Catholic Faith might spread all over the world. After that, he went to receive the martyr's reward. From this derives his patronage of cooks, chefs and comedians. Saint

Lawrence's feast day is August 10, the date of his death.

Once again, we have a saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one who has received extraordinary honor in the Church since the fourth century. The greatest fact of his life is certain: He died for Christ.

Annual Blessing of Cars and Drivers



St. Christopher's Day is the occasion for the blessing of drivers and cars. St Christopher is the patron saint of travelers.

Appreciation Luncheon



The ANS held an Appreciation Luncheon for its members on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the Marblehead Chowder House.

Members of the ANS participate in all the fund-raising activities within the parish. Some of the activities such as manning the Bingo kitchen, kiffle and roll baking plus parish holiday dinners are totally the responsibility of the society. The society recently donated the funds for the catering of the 90th Anniversary Banquet. If you wish to become a member of the society, it meets the first Sunday of the month after mass. Meetings will resume in September. All are welcome.

June and July Birthdays



On July 9, 2017, the ANS provided a birthday cake honoring the many parishioners celebrating their June and July birthdays. Congratulations to Joe Jurnock, Ron and Catherine Trawinski, Joe Novak, Walter Poposki, Barbara and Magda Yurchisin, John Wunderler, and David Broczkowski, who celebrated June birthdays, and to Lynn Wunderler, and Nicolette and Ernie Stavrovsky who celebrated July birthdays.

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Please inform any member of the ANS the month before your birthday.

August at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass**
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- August 13 – Coopersburg Organizational Meeting
- August 18 & 19 – Tentative Pierogi Making**
- August 27 – Blessing of Teachers, Parents, Students and Backpacks

Upcoming Fundraisers

In order to maintain our church property and pay the monthly bills, it is necessary to have various fund-raising projects throughout the year. Weekly Bingo, monthly pierogi making, the Lottery Calendar sales along with the Fall and Spring Bazaar are the most popular and financially beneficial projects. The next few months are the busiest time of the year with the forthcoming events.

- Saturday, September 16, 2017 - **Coopersburg Community Day** – Again this year Our Lord's Ascension PNCC will have a booth selling pierogi, haluski, kielbasa sandwiches, hot dogs, baked goods and crafts. This year the Coopersburg organizers requested volunteers to help them with this event. Thanks to Ron and Catherine Trawinski and Gerry Matla for giving two hours of their time, saving our church \$105 in registration fees. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 13 and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the easel by mid-August.
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - **Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** – A 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00 (the entire donation benefits our church).
- Saturday, November 4, 2017 - **Annual Fall Bazaar** – Preparation for this annual event has already begun. Countless hours are spent making pierogies and stuffed cabbages, baking rolls and kiffles, along with setting up for this four-hour affair. Bring your white elephant items to the church any time before October 26. Your Fall Bazaar Donation slips will be available by the end of September.
- **Lottery Calendar** - The sale of the Lottery Calendars is second only to the Fall and Spring Bazaar in earnings. The 2018 Lottery Calendar will be available in mid-September. Please see Andrea Gritman or Jackie Bayak for your 2018 Lottery Calendar. Remember you can play the evening daily number every day for just \$25.00. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the "hard to shop for person" on your gift list

Around the Parish

- We are thankful for the safe return of Father Bogdan and Anna from their trip to Poland.
- 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 (\$7.00).
- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- Thanks to our many parishioners who continue to supply the church with flour, sugar, eggs, Crisco, onions and other items used for our fund-raising projects. Although we have received many donations throughout this year, additional flour donations will be needed for preparing for the Fall Bazaar.

- On a hot and humid Saturday during the month of July, the pierogi making group made a record 147 dozen pierogies. Thanks to a great turnout of volunteers, the pinchers were done by 12 noon and by 1 pm the cleanup was finished. A total of 1,208 dozen pierogies have been made thus far this year.
- Please pray for the safe return of Barbara and Magda Yurchishin who are spending the summer in Russia with their grandparents.
- 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.
- Sunday Breakfast - The YMS of R is the sponsor of the breakfast for the first Sunday of the month. The women's societies are responsible for breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. The third, fourth and possibly fifth Sunday are set aside for the rest of the congregation to donate items for the coffee hour. If you are not familiar with the coffee making procedure, Nancy Poposki will be happy to help you.

Out of Luck



A guy named Fred finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help.

He begins to pray. "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lottery."

Lottery night comes and somebody else wins it.

Fred again prays, "God, please let me win the lottery! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well."

Lottery night comes and Fred still has no luck.

Once again Fred pleads his case. "PLEASE just let me win this one time so I can get my life in order."

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Fred is confronted by the voice of God himself.

"Fred, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!"

Redskin Potato Salad

- 2 lbs. redskin new potatoes
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 slices bacon, crisp cooked and crumbled
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 2 Tbs. milk



Boil potatoes until tender, drain and cool. Cut into 1/2 " cubes. In bowl combine remaining ingredients.

Add potatoes, toss and chill for at least 1 hour.

Try a new variation of a picnic favorite.

Submitted by Lynn Wunderler