



# Parish Tidings



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## Less- Known Saints

### Saint Bernadette



Saint Bernadette was the girl to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared as "a little young lady" and revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette

Soubirous was born in 1844 and lived with her family in an abandoned jail in the little French village of Lourdes, never dreaming that the very name of Lourdes would one day bring inspiration and hope to millions. Bernadette studied her Catechism, took care of her brothers and sisters, and gathered firewood. One day as she was gathering firewood, Our Lady appeared to her above a rose bush in a grotto called Massabielle. The woman wore blue and white and smiled at Bernadette before making the sign of the cross with a rosary. Bernadette said "the vision" asked her to return to the grotto each day for a fortnight. She also told her "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there" as an act of penance. The next day, the grotto's muddy waters had been cleared and fresh water flowed. Within a few weeks, thousands were kneeling in the field to pray to the Lady who could be seen and heard only by Bernadette. Church authorities and the French government rigorously interviewed the girl and by 1862 they confirmed she spoke the truth. The Lourdes' Medical Bureau verified 69 cures but was not able to explain the cures. Bernadette asked the local priest to build a chapel at the site of her visions and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major pilgrimage sites in the world.

Saint Bernadette is the patron of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, and Lourdes, France. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in December 1933.

## Ladies Night Out



It was Friendship and Sisterhood in practice as the members of the ANS sponsored a "Ladies Night Out" for all the women of the church, Monday, June 27, 2016 at Prime Steak House in Bethlehem. The thirteen in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal ranging from seafood to prime rib. Once again Jo Ann Schaffer provided the entertainment with several games and prizes. Everyone was a winner since all in attendance were presented with \$10.00 to help cover the cost of their meal courtesy of the ANS. All agreed that it was a great way to have a few laughs, get to know each other better, and share ideas. The next ladies get-together will be a covered dish social held during the Christmas holidays.

## "Go for the Gold Medal"



During August of 2014, the Fund Raising Committee ran a successful "Go for the Gold Medal" campaign to provide flour used in making rolls, pierogie and kiffles for sale at Coopersburg Community Day and the annual Fall Bazaar. Our goal of 200 pounds was surpassed by 120 pounds. Parishioners continued to bring flour and it was not necessary to buy flour for pierogie making until May of 2016.

Again our busy time is approaching and we are asking all parishioners to donate at least one bag of "Gold Medal" all-purpose flour during the months of July and August to help 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.

Thanks to those who donated in the past and also those who donated items throughout the year such as eggs, onions, salt, Crisco, sour cream and butter/margarine. Team work is essential for success and we thank all who joined the team and participated.

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## Congratulations



Jackie and Ron Bayak are happy to announce the arrival of their second great grandchild, Chase Anthony Frye, on June 7, 2016, weighing 8

lbs. 10 oz. The new arrival is shown with his cousin Rilynn. Proud parents Mallory and Ryan are happy to welcome him into the world and their lives. Mallory frequently attends Mass with her grandmother and we hope to continue to see her and her son.

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Ernie and Nicolette Stavrovsky, the first couple married at the Jennings Street church, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June

12. We congratulate them and wish many more years of good health and happiness.

## July at a Glance

**Sunday Mass at 9 AM**

Coffee Social after Mass

**Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM**

July 4 – Independence Day

July 8 & 9 – Pierogi Making

July 24 – Blessing of cars

## Jackie Kudzik



With deepest sorrow we announce the passing of Jackie Kudzik on June 12, 2016. A long time parishioner, Jackie was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Jackie will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband of 70 years, Hank,

daughters Renae Behrens and Wanda Frecks and their families.

## A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Author Unknown,

(Attributed to a battle weary C.S.A soldier near the end of the war)

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.

Submitted by Frank Matla

## Father's Day Breakfast



On Sunday, June 12, 2016 Father's Day was celebrated with a breakfast buffet sponsored by the ANS. After a prayer by Father Bogdan the fathers and all in attendance were treated to fruit, dip, waffles, pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. All men were presented with a cupcake favor.

We thank Jackie Bayak, Andrea Gritman and Jo Ann Schaffer for set-up on Saturday; Nancy Poposki, Lynn Wunderler, Stephanie Czuba and Sonia Kotch who joined the group on Sunday.

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

- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- Barbara and Magda Yurchishin are spending the summer in Russia with their grandparents. Please pray for their safe return.
- Please keep Jenna DeVivo in your prayers as she undertakes her cross country bike trip for Habitat for Humanity. For updates on their progress visit the group blog at <https://SC2SC16.wordpress.com> Pedaling for Affordable Housing.
- Starting in the month of July a new hymn will be introduced each month. The new song will be sung for three weeks so everyone has a chance to learn it.
- 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.
- Thanks to Barb Frisch, Jackie Bayak, Nancy Poposki, Andrea Gritman and Beverly Wunderlich for spending several Thursday mornings cleaning the kitchen.



- Catherine and Ron Trawinski celebrated their birthdays and anniversary at Crystal Lake which is near Sponja Farms (pictured above). In addition to playing golf, some time was spent enjoying the scenery.

## Land of the Free

The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Pelham, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her Sunday School class about patriotism. 'We live in a great country,' she announced. 'One of the things we should be happy is that, in this country, we are all free.'

Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, 'I'm not free. I'm four.'

## Fruit Dip

1 8 oz. cream cheese – softened  
1 7 oz. jar marshmallow crème  
Beat all together



### Variations

Add 2 tablespoons orange juice to the cream cheese/marshmallow crème mixture

Add maraschino cherry juice. You can adjust to your preference of taste and color. Just keep adding little at time until it turns pink and then taste if it's okay.

Add one teaspoon of almond extract. This is especially good with bananas, pineapples, and strawberries.

*This is a really light and fluffy fruit dip that is great at parties, holidays, or any time!*

Submitted by Sonia Kotch, Lynn Wunderler and JoAnn Schaffer