



Parish Tidings



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A Doubly Joyful Event

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, was a most significant day in the life of Our Lord's Ascension Polish National Church and its parishioners. It was a celebration of both the 90th Anniversary of the parish and the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The service began with an outdoor procession into the church with Father Bogdon leading the way, carrying the cross. Following were the ANS members carrying candles, and the confirmands, Magda and Barbara Yurchishin with their sponsors, Tara Broczkowski and Cindi Weller, respectively. The Deacons, Rev. Mr. Joseph Kielbasa and Rev. Mr. David Gaydos followed with The Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese, and The Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Bishop Nowicki celebrated the mass and conducted the Confirmation. Bishop Mikovsky delivered the homily, speaking directly to the confirmands, Barbara Therese Yurchishin and Magda Anastasia Yurchishin, twin daughters of Father and Anna Yurchishin. The girls shared the readings and sang "Hymn to the Holy Spirit." A duet was played by Mark Bennett and Rachal Holton. At the conclusion of mass the congregation sang the "Hymn of the PNCC."

In the social hall after mass Dan Broczkowski, council president, welcomed all and Gerald Matla, former president of council, gave the toast and a brief history of the parish. Introductions were made by Karen Amate, council treasurer. All those in attendance enjoyed an Anniversary Banquet provided by the ANS under the direction of Jackie Bayak, president. The menu included roast beef, chicken francaise and all the trimmings. Provided by the Yurchishin family two special cakes, one depicting the 90th Anniversary and one the

Confirmation were served. Several home-made baked goodies were donated by Karen Amate. The pretty red and white flowers on the tables as well as on the main altar were donated by Nancy Poposki. The beautiful flowers on the side altars were a gift from Anna's garden. A commemorative pen was presented to all.

The after-dinner's principle address was delivered by Bishop Nowicki. Others who made Remarks were Bishop Mikovsky and Father Yurchishin. Filled with the Holy Spirit and hope for the present and the future of our parish and that of the P.N.C.C. the day concluded with the singing of "Tyle Lat, the Hymn of the Polish National Catholic Church."



July at a Glance

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

July 4 – Independence Day
July 21&22 – Tentative Pierogi Making
July 18 - ANS Appreciation Luncheon
July 23 – Blessing of Cars

Lesser Know Saints

Saint Junipero Serra



Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca, one of Spain's islands in the Mediterranean Sea, on November 24, 1713. He took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua in Italy until 1749.

At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in Mexico City in 1750, and spent the rest of his life working for the conversion of the peoples of the New World.

Father Serra took over the missions of the Jesuits in the Mexican province of Lower California and Upper California (modern day California). Working very hard, Serra was largely responsible for the foundation and spread of the Catholic Church on the West Coast of the United States when it was still a mission territory. He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts.

Father Serra was called to his eternal rest at the age of 54. His statue, representing the state of California, is in the National Statuary Hall, which is a chamber in the United States Capitol devoted to sculptures of prominent Americans. He is pictured in his Franciscan habit, wearing a large crucifix or holding a crucifix accompanied by a young Native American boy. He was canonized in 2015 in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, D.C. by Pope Francis. The patron saint of vocations, his feast day is July 1.

Father's Day Breakfast



On Sunday, June 18, 2017 Father's Day was celebrated with a breakfast buffet sponsored by the ANS. After a prayer by Deacon Joe Kielbasa, the fathers

and all in attendance were treated to fruit salad, make your own breakfast sandwiches, and coffee. The winners of the Father's Day drawing were Joe Bartone, John Sydorak, Walter Poposki, Dan Broczkowski, Gene Wrona, Mark Bennett and Deacon Joe. Congratulations to all.

We thank Andrea Gritman, Jo Ann Schaffer; Nancy Poposki, Jackie Bayak, Stephanie Czuba and Sonia Kotch for preparing this special treat.

Three Friends



After dying in a car crash, three friends go to Heaven for orientation. They are asked the same question: "When you are in your casket, friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in the future citizens of tomorrow."

The last guy thinks a minute and replies, "I'd like to hear them sayLOOK, HE'S MOVING!!!!!!!"

Around the Parish

- Four tickets are still available for the September 1 Iron Pigs baseball game. Payments should be made to Joe Jurnock before July 30.
- 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).
- Mia Fernandes' grandson, Aiden R. Henninger, graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School on June 7. He was a member of the National Honor Society and received the President's Award for Educational Excellence. He will attend Lehigh University in the fall and hopes to play baseball for Lehigh. This summer her granddaughter, McKennan Henninger, is enjoying an internship in Nashville, TN. She is a Broadcasting Communication major at PSU.
- Battle of Midway veteran U.S. Navy retired Chief Petty Officer Hank Kudzik was at the U.S. Naval Memorial on the 75th anniversary of the battle June 5, 2017 in Washington, DC. The Battle of Midway is generally regarded as the primary turning point in the Pacific theater during World War II.
- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.

Deacon Joseph Kielbasa



Deacon Joe Kielbasa has been a deacon for the past two years and retired from the US Navy after 23 years of service. During his time with the navy he traveled all around the world, married his wife Carol in Norfolk, VA and spent several years in Japan. Currently residing in Summit

Hill, PA, they attend SS Peter & Paul PNCC Parish in McAdoo. They have two sons, two daughters and two granddaughters and one grandson. One daughter lives in Kansas and the others all live in Orlando, FL. We thank him for conducting our Sunday Service for the past four weeks and hope to see him in the future.

Flag Cake

Ingredients

1 box yellow cake mix

1 container creamy vanilla or whipped vanilla frosting or 8 oz.

Cool Whip

1/3 cup fresh blueberries

1 pint (2 cups) fresh strawberries,

cut in half

Directions

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Make and bake cake as directed on box in 9 x 13 pan. Cool 10 minutes. Run knife around sides of pan to loosen cake, remove from pan to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Place cake on tray. Frost top and sides of cake with frosting or Cool Whip.

For flag design, arrange blueberries on upper left corner of cake to create stars; arrange strawberries in rows to create stripes.

Serve immediately. Store covered in refrigerator

