



# Parish Tidings



**Polish National  
Catholic Church**  
"through the years..."

Our Lord's Ascension Parish

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## Cornerstones



Mania and John Soltysiak

John William  
(Tishy) Soltysiak  
was born on  
October 11, 1914 in  
Mary D, PA. John  
was the oldest child  
of Charles and

Mary (Zielinsky) Soltysiak. He had 3 brothers, Anthony, Charles, and Peter and 2 sisters, Josephine and Veronica. John grew up in Bethlehem with his grandmother. When he was 16 he went to live with his family in Middleport and never did graduate from high school which was a big disappointment to him. He was put to work delivering coal. He also started amateur boxing to earn extra money. He fought under the name "Johnny Lynch" and retired from boxing, undefeated after his marriage.

John married Mary Wadolny on July 23, 1941 and they celebrated 68 years together. They met at a Polish dance in Bethlehem. John was in a boxing event in Allentown and went to Bethlehem to visit his grandmother. After meeting Mary, he never returned to his home town of Middleport. They had one son, John S. (Salty) Soltysiak, 2 grandsons, 8 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandsons and several nieces and nephews. After he was married he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel working as a machine operator in the Drop Forge Department and the # 8 Machine Shop.

John played the violin and loved classical music. He enjoyed making wine, walking, fishing, and watching sports. As he got older he read every day about all kinds of health issues. In his 70's he started healthy cooking. A great animal lover he enjoyed helping animals that were hurt or hungry. As president of the church council he guided the construction of the new church building. He helped his wife cook the onions for pierogies, and helped her run the 20-20 club. John died at Hospice of Saucon Valley on October 20, 2009.

Together John and Mary were a great team and a great inspiration to the other members of the parish.

## Seven ANS Members Honored



During a beautiful commemorative mass celebrating the Ascension of our Lord and the establishment of our parish, Our Lord's Ascension PNCC eighty-six years ago, seven members of the ANS were honored for their fifty plus years of devoted service to God as members of the society. The honorees who were presented red and white corsages by the society are: Mae Skovronsky, Helen Trexler, Janina Martucci, Carolyn Broczkowski, Wanda Poposki, Sonia Kotch, and Stella Fedorak.

Bishop Bernard Nowicki, our newly elected bishop of our diocese and an invited guest, presented each honored member with a certificate, rosary beads, and a kiss. In attendance were Kathy Cortazar, president of the Central Diocese ANS and Cindy Whitehead, president of the National Board of the ANS who donated the rosaries.

The traditional bread, salt, and flowers were presented to the Bishop by Dan Broczkowski and Karen Amate.

A lovely bouquet of red roses was placed on Mary's altar. Adorning the main altar were two beautiful yellow calla lily plants donated by Evan Weller and Ashley Tait.

Deacon Donald was the lector. Bishop Nowicki bestowed blessings on two new lectors, Ernie Stavronsky, Jr, and Jenna DeVivo. He explained to them their importance as they were chosen to be disciples who will be spreading the word of God.

For the Offertory presenting the gifts were Joe Jurnock, a lit candle; Nancy Poposki, the ANS Constitution; Jenna DeVivo, the lector book; Walter Poposki, the altar wafers; and Dan Broczkowski, the wine and water.

The luncheon following mass was coordinated by Jackie Bayak and Nancy Poposki. A prayer led by Bishop Nowicki was dedicated to the honored ANS members, other members of the society and the entire church family. He also led the group in the singing of Sto Lat. Bishop Nowicki who was personable and witty gave a few remarks about the history of the church and the purity of our religion. He stated that it does not have the man-made dogmas such as infallibility and celibacy. He again thanked the ANS members for their devotion to the church. He mentioned how Bishop Hodur honored women by allowing them to sit in the front pews of the church holding candles. In fact, women were given the right to vote at synods before they had the right to vote in our country.

Members and guests agreed it was a wonderful event with feelings of sisterhood, brotherhood, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit permeating all the festivities of the day.

## Mother's Day Breakfast



A delicious Mother's Day Breakfast was sponsored by the YMS of R after mass on Mother's Day. The ladies were treated to orange juice, scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, bacon, rolls and coffee. We thank the men who did a great job of cooking, serving, and cleaning up.

## June at a Glance

**Sunday Mass at 9 AM**

Coffee Social after Mass

**Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM**

June 2 – Last day of Sunday School

**June 16 - Father's Day Breakfast**

June 18- Ladies Fun Night Social

**June 21 & 22 – Pierogie making**

June 25 - Committee meeting

**June 30 – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father Bogdan's priesthood**



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

During the month of June our hearts will turn toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This prayer will bring you closer to Jesus. You too can rest your head upon the heart of Jesus and learn from his generous love.

### The Prayer to the Sacred Heart

*Oh Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention {name petition}.*

*Only look upon me, then do what Your love inspires. Let Your Sacred Heart decide. I count on You. I trust in You. I throw myself on Your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You.  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me.  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one. Take it, place it in Your open Heart.*

*When the Eternal Father looks upon it, He will see it covered with Your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but Yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Let me not be disappointed. Amen.*

Father Bogdan

## First Anniversary



This issue marks the first anniversary of our "Parish Tidings." We have looked fondly at our history and heritage, the cornerstones of our parish, and the parish events that have brought our church family closer together. We thank those who have taken the time to share their past and their present with us. We encourage more members to contribute in some way to continue with the success of our first year. All comments and suggestions are welcomed.

## Ladies Fun Night Social

The ANS and Society of Friends are sponsoring a "Ladies Night Out" for all the women of the church, at Frank's Restaurant, Bethlehem Square on Tuesday June 18, 6 PM. Along with great food, and good fellowship, there will be some games and prizes.

Please remember to sign-up on the sheet in the narthex of the church. Hope to see all the women of the parish there.

## Pierogi T-shirt



Have you noticed the red "You Bet Your Pierogi I'm Polish" t-shirts worn by many of our parishioners at the spring and fall bazaar? If anyone is interested in buying a shirt for \$10.00, Jackie Bayak has placed a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church. A minimum of 15 shirts is needed to place an order.

## Financial Corner



	Contributions	Expenses
May	\$4,034.00	\$4,742.40

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.

## Mass Time



The mass time has returned to 9:00 AM starting Sunday, June 2, 2013. It was decided at the yearly parish meeting to have mass at 10:00 AM on a trial bases during April and May.

## Back Home

Several members of the church family have recently returned from vacation.

Gerry Matla has returned after spending four months in the warm Florida sunshine. The choir members, Bingo players, potato peelers, and the rest of the congregation are happy to see him and have welcomed him back.

Jennifer Anderson and Pete Bilz celebrated Jennifer's birthday this March in the Hawaiian Islands. They also spent three weeks vacationing in Florida at the beginning of May.

Hank and Jackie Kudzik recently returned from a two week trip to San Diego, California to visit with their daughter, Wanda and her family. While there they attended an authentic vaudeville stage show where the participants were 53 to 83 years old. Another highlight of the trip was attending a rodeo. It reminded them of Spain when they were there for their daughter's wedding. The Kudziks in the past had taken up residence in Sun City, just outside of San Diego on two different occasions, once for three years and once for three months. But each time something pulled them back home to the Lehigh Valley.

## Praying For Coffeecake



An overweight business associate decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffee cake. His fellow workers scolded him, but his smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special coffeecake," he explained. "I accidently drove by the bakery this morning, and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery. And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

## Blueberry Crumb Coffeecake

- 2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup salad oil
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1pt. fresh blueberries

Mix sugar and eggs. Add oil, then dry ingredients and milk. Fold in blueberries. Pour in 9x11x2 pan. Cover with crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Crumbs:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/3 cup butter

Using 2 knives cut butter into flour and sugar to make crumbs  
Coffeecake was a favorite of John Soltysiak.