





Our Lord's Ascension Parish

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#### The History of Father's Day



Father's Day is celebrated on the third

Sunday of June. This year it takes place on June 15. There are several stories of when the first Father's Dav was celebrated. The one that most agree upon is that the first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909. She felt as though mothers were getting all the acclaim while fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise.

Senora's dad was quite a man. William Smart, a veteran of the Civil War, was left a widower when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. He went on to raise the six children by himself on their small farm in Washington. To show her appreciation for all the hard work and love William gave to her and her siblings, Sonora thought there should be a day to pay homage to him and other dads like him. She initially suggested June 5, the anniversary of her father's death to be the designated day to celebrate Father's Day, but due to some bad planning, the celebration Spokane, in Washington was deferred to the third Sunday in June.

In 1966 Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration that Father's Day was recognized as a national holiday.

#### A Mother's Day Celebration

A delicious



breakfast buffet sponsored by the YMS of R was served after mass on Mother's Day to honor the mothers of the

The included parish. menu scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns and rolls. In attendance was the oldest active mother of the parish. Helen Trexler. Potted plants which table were centerpieces became door prizes for the women. Joe Jurnock, Joe Bartone, Fran Anthony, and John Sydorak did the cooking and serving. Setting and preparing the tables were Dan Broczkowski. Ron Trewinski, and Walt Poposki. A special thanks to all the men.

The lucky door prize winners were Nicolette Stavrovsky, Jackie Bayak, Stephanie Czuba, Tara Broczkowski, Kathy Heath, Helen Trexler, Jo Ann Schaffer, Mary Ann Bartone, Alice Aronson, Andrea Gritman, Donna Martucci and Barb Jurnock.

## Ladies Fun Night Social



The ANS is sponsoring a "Ladies Night Out" at Bruno Scipioni's, 4034

Easton Ave, Bethlehem Twp. on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:30 PM. Unsure of the location - meet at the church at 6 PM and follow Jackie Bayak to Bruno's.

Please remember to sign-up on the sheet in the narthex of the church. We hope to see all the women of the parish there for a night of fun, games, great food, and fellowship.

#### Second Anniversary



This issue marks the second 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 the last two years. All comments and suggestions are welcomed.

# Father Bogdan's Birthday Celebration



To celebrate Father Bogdan's birthday, Anna supplied a brunch for all parishioners on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Among the tantalizing foods were steak sandwiches, fruit salad, Russian potato salad and strawberry filled birthday cake.

We hope to share Anna's Russian potato salad recipe in the July newsletter.

## June at a Glance

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

#### June 1 – First Holy Communion David Broczkowski Sarah Heath

- June 15 Father's Day Breakfast
- June 17 Committee meeting
- June 23– Ladies Social

June 27 & 28 – Pierogie making ....

### School of Christian Living



Tara Broczkowski, Robert Heath, Mark Heath, Magda Yurchishin, Father Bogdan, Sarah Heath, Madison Passaro, David Broczkowski, Barbara Yurchishin, Jennifer Anderson



Enjoying an ice cream treat to celebrate the last day of classes on May 25, 2014

The children of the School of Christian Living completed another successful and busy year. During mass, Sunday School teachers Tara Broczkowski and Jennifer Anderson were presented with a bouquet of roses and the students received their certificates of accomplishment.

# Dough Roller

On Sunday, May 18, 2014, Father Bogdan blessed



the new dough roller donated to the church by Barbara Frisch and Carol Wagner in memory of their mother Mae Skovronsky. Mae will always be remembered for her dedication to our church.

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Pierogies and Rolls



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 (\$6.00).

## Iron Pigs Baseball



For the third consecutive year, Joe Jurnock has organized a parish outing to attend a Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game. For the Friday, August 1, 2014, 7:05 PM game against the Rochester Red

Wings, we will be seated in the PPL Picnic Patio. The \$27.00 cost includes an "all you can eat" buffet, unlimited soft drinks and a beautiful fireworks display.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the church basement. Please pay Joe Jurnock by check made payable to YMS of R by June 22, 2014.

### Boys and their Dads



Three boys are in a school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$25.00.

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give hem \$200.00.

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes four men to collect all the money!"

## Father's Day Grilled Steak



(When it comes to grilling, Father knows best)

beef top sirloin steak (1 1/2 lbs)
teaspoon steak seasoning
lb. small fresh mushrooms

1/4 cup butter,cubed

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

Cut steak into 4 pieces, sprinkle with steak seasoning. Grill steaks, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inches from heat for 5-7 minutes on each side or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, a thermometer should read 145 degrees; medium, 160 degrees; well-done 170 degrees).

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, sauté mushrooms in butter until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil; cook until liquid is reduced by about half. Serve with steaks.

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.