



Parish Tidings

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Celebrating Easter



*Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed!*



.Guests waiting for the doors to open

The \$pring Bazaar

Over the past several years, our Spring Fund Raiser has grown from a Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale to a full-brown successful Spring Bazaar. Organizing and leading the efforts were Andrea Gritman and Nancy Poposki. With almost all parishioners participating in some way, a substantial amount was raised to contribute to the parish treasury. The fund-raising committee especially want to thank the women who gave of their time to make kiffles, rolls, and stuffed cabbages; and everyone who prepared pierogies several times. Also noted are the women who donated a large amount of home-made Easter candies and baked goods to be sold. We can't forget the men who helped set up the tables and hall and then clean up afterwards. The total income for the day was \$6,440.25.

The breakdown is as follows:

Rolls	\$1,242.00
White Elephant	\$ 166.00
Kelbasi	\$ 469.00
Crafts/Polish Heritage	\$ 330.75
Eat-In	\$ 488.00
Take-Out	\$ 732.50
Chinese Auction	\$ 596.00
Baked Goods	\$ 575.00
Pierogies	\$1,042.00
Donations	\$1,000.00

Additional sales made the following days netted \$165.00 for a grand total of \$6,605.25.

The total profit after expenses of \$371.30 is \$6,233.95.

My Mother's Day Prayer

Lifted, supported, by her loving hand

She believed in me
Inspired me to dream
Nothing was impossible for me, it seemed



It was her example
That pointed the way
To the life in Christ I know today

My mom, I love her
On this Mother's Day
She's the reason I'm taking this moment to pray

My mom, I love her
Let her know, dear Lord
Please bless her with the most abundant reward

Mary Fairchild

Ascension Day



Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the late 4th century. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several

times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where 11 apostles watched as he ascended to heaven. As they watched, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

The Ascension is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion and resurrection.

Ascension Day's meaning provides Christians a sense of hope that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near; a reminder of the kingdom of God within their hearts, and the Spirit of God watching and protecting them as they spread the light of Jesus' truth throughout the world. Our parish's founding fathers embraced this feeling as they chose "Our Lord's Ascension" as the name of their newly organized church.

Happy Birthday Father Bogdan

Wishing you another year full of blessings.



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).

May at a Glance

Mass at 9 AM

Sunday School after Mass

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

May 4 — ANS Meeting

**May 11 - Mother's Day
Breakfast**

May 16 & 17 – Pierogie making

May 20 – Committee meeting

May 21 – Father Bogdon's Birthday

May 25 – Children's Mass

May 26- Memorial Day

May 29 – Ascension Day

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June 1 – First Holy Communion
David Broczkowski
Sarah Heath

Pastor's Corner



My Dear Friends,

The Easter Sunday is behind us, but the Easter experience continues its presence in our hearts. I think it is not an accident that the first Sunday of May brings us the Gospel about two disciples who recognized resurrected Christ on their way to Emmaus.

We continue our life with faith and hope that we also will meet Jesus on our journey through life. On that journey, we have to take with us Holy Mother Mary. She knows how in the perfect way to fulfill God's will. She knows how to listen to, and how to follow God's voice.

Let her example and her assistance help us to fulfill God's will in our own life. Let us start our journey to meet Jesus in the places where we live, work and learn. Christ is Risen!

Father Bogdan

Around the Parish

- Deacon Donald Wunderlich will officiate at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hazleton, PA during the month of May.
- Stephen Novak has stated he can no longer hold the position of the cemetery caretaker. We wish to thank Steve for his many years of service and to announce that Ernie Stravrovsky Jr will become the cemetery caretaker.
- Anna Yurchishin recently completed the pre-requirement courses for the Radiography Program at Northampton Community College and has been accepted in the 21 month long program.
- Thanks to the Stravrovsky family for planting flowers and revitalizing the landscape in the front of the church.
- Danielle Wunderlich had a role in the play *Dear Diary Journal* presented by the Easton Area High School Drama Club. The entire production was written and directed by club members.

Parish Yearly Meeting

On the last Sunday of March our parish held its annual meeting. Father Bogdan opened the meeting with a prayer. A copy of the Annual Report and the minutes from last year's meeting were given to each member along with the financial reports of each society. Father gave an overview of all the responsibilities and activities he was involved with during the year. A member of each society gave a report of the society's activities.

The committee members for the upcoming year are:

President - Dan Broczkowski

Vice President - Walter Poposki

Secretary - Joe Bartone

Financial Secretary - Nancy Poposki

Treasurer - Mary Ann Bartone

Trustees - Joe Jurnock, Jackie Bayak, John Wunderler,

Karen Amate, and Nicolette Stravrovsky.

Currently we have 67 members in our parish.

It's Free, This is Heaven



An 85 year old couple, having been married almost 60 years, had died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years due to her interest in health food and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath with a Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed" the old man asked Peter how much this was going to cost. "It's free, Peter replied, "This is heaven." Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" Peter's reply, "This is heaven, you play for free." Off to the clubhouse's lavish buffet lunch. "How much to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter lectured, "That's the best part....you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and never get fat or sick. This is Heaven."

With that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong. The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago."

Strawberry Trifle Shortcake (A Mother's Day Treat)

Ingredients

1 large angel food cake

For the custard

1 (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk

1 (12 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

For the glaze

1 cup sugar

3 Tablespoons cornstarch

3 Tablespoons strawberry gelatin (Jello)

1 cup water

2 cups fresh strawberries, cut in half or smaller

Whole fresh strawberries for garnish

Directions

Slice cake horizontally into 3 equal layers

Mix together cream cheese, condensed milk and whipped topping in a bowl; set aside

In a medium saucepan stir together sugar, cornstarch and gelatin, add water. Cook stirring over medium heat until thick. Remove from heat and allow to cool completely. Fold in strawberries.

Place 1 layer of cake in a large clear bowl. Top with a layer of glaze, followed by a layer of custard mixture. repeat layering in this order for remaining cake, glaze and custard. Top with 3 whole fresh strawberries

Paula Dean show: Paula Home Cooking; episode, Summer Favorites



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.