



Parish Tidings



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Mother's Day History



Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's

Day history can also be traced in United Kingdom where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of Mother's Day as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mother's day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well-wisher.

Around the Parish

- Congratulations to Ron and Jackie Bayak who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on May 22.
- The YMS of R will sponsor a Mother's Day breakfast on May 8, 2016
- 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).
- Jackie Bayak and Beverley Wunderlich will attend the ANS Convention at Transfiguration of our Lord Parish in Wallington, NJ on May 7, 2016
- Deacon Donald Wunderlich will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood in the near future.

Seniorate Meeting

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 our church hosted the semi-annual Seniorate meeting with 17 in attendance. These meetings are held to discuss the status of each of the five parishes in the Philadelphia Seniorate. Each pastor gave a report on the activities of their parish since the last meeting. A discussion was held following a suggestion that each parish create a 'Welcome Basket' for new members of the church. A Polish luncheon of kielbasa sandwiches and pierogies was served along with macaroni salad prepared by Nicolette Stavrovsky. Karen Amate baked Pineapple Cheesecake and Black Bottom Cupcakes for dessert. Father Bogdan, along with our delegates, Karen Amate, Mary Ann Bartone and Nancy Poposki enjoyed seeing the delegates from the other churches. Thanks to Walter Poposki for cleaning up. The next meeting will be held in October 15, 2016 at Our Savior Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ.

ANS to Host Anniversary Brunch

It is difficult to believe that forty years have passed since Mass was first celebrated at the Jennings Street location of Our Lord's Ascension Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church. After Mass on Sunday, May 22, 2016 the ANS invites all to our Anniversary Brunch commemorating this occasion. The menu will include Fruit, Quiche, Zrazi (stuffed steak), Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee or Tea and Wine for a toast. We will also hold a raffle at the brunch. The cost of the raffle tickets is 6 for \$5.00. Join our parish family and help celebrate this significant occasion.

Happy Birthday Father Bogdan



Wishing you another year full of blessings

Mother's Day Prayer



May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!

Jenna's Bike and Build



Parishioner Jenna DeVivo is setting off on a cross-country bike trip this summer to raise awareness for Habitat for Humanity and affordable housing. On May 22nd, she will embark on an 82 day bike trip from Charleston, South Carolina to Santa Cruz, California.

In order to participate in Bike and Build, each cyclist must fundraise \$4500 for affordable housing. Jenna has already raised over \$3000 but still needs a lot of help! If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to her journey, please visit her personal Bike and Build bio at: <http://classic.bikeandbuild.org/rider/8625>. You can follow her training progress and trip at her blog: <https://jennasbikeandbuild.wordpress.com>.

Please keep her in your prayers as she undertakes this monumental journey!

May at a Glance

Sunday Mass at 9 AM

SOCL after Mass

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

May 5 – Ascension Day

May 7 – ANS Convention

May 8 – Mother's Day Breakfast

May 21 – Father Bogdon's Birthday

May 22 – Anniversary Brunch

May 30 – Memorial Day

Bring Potato Chips



A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

Prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's continue to pray for one another.

God, I ask You to bless my friends, relatives.

I ask You to Minister to their spirit at this very moment.

Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy.

Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through Your grace.

Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. Amen.

May Bingo Kitchen Schedule

May 4 - Barb Frisch & Andrea Gritman

May 11 - Nancy Poposki & Lynn Wunderler

May 18 - Mary Ann Bartone & Nicolette Stavrovsky

May 25 - Jackie Bayak & Beverly Wunderlich

What My Mother Taught Me!



My mother taught me LOGIC:

"If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

My mother taught me MEDICINE:

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD:

"If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"

My mother taught me ESP:

"Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

My mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE:

"What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"

My mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT:

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me about GENETICS:

"You are just like your father!"

My mother taught me about my ROOTS:

"Close the door. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me about the WISDOM of AGE:

"When you get to be my age, you will understand."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION:

"Just wait until your father gets home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING:

"You are going to get it when we get home."

And my all-time favorite thing, JUSTICE:

"One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU... then you'll see what it's like."

Bazaar Potato Salad

5 pounds yellow, red or white potatoes

1 ½ cups mayonnaise

1 heaping tablespoon sour cream

Yellow mustard to taste

2 finely chopped medium onions

1/2 cup finely chopped celery (3 ribs)

8 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste



Directions

- Cook potatoes with skin on 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes can easily be pierced with a fork. Once cooled, peel potatoes by gently pinching the skin and pulling it away. Chop peeled potatoes into bite-size chunks then add to a large bowl.
- In a medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream and mustard.
- Add dressing, onion, celery, and eggs to potatoes. Gently stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
- Refrigerate at least 30 minutes before serving.

This favorite from the spring and fall bazaars courtesy of Fran Anthony.