



Parish Tidings



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"through the years..."

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Cornerstones

John Stephen (Jay) Wadolny



John was born in Bethlehem on August 31, 1914. He was the son of Ferdinand and Ludwika (Moskal) Wadolny. John had three brothers, Alex, Fred, and the first born

who died at birth, and one sister, Mary (Mania) Soltysiak.

He graduated in 1933 from Liberty High School where he excelled in swimming and baseball. He played baseball in the church league and St. Michael's Polish Hall teams. He coached the Polish National Alliance baseball team. He took classes at Penn State University to advance his career.

John married Bertha Mae Brunell on July 26, 1939. They had one daughter, Joan Louise Yelovich, one granddaughter, Courtney Joy Yelovich, and several nieces and nephews.

Working for Bethlehem Steel Corporation beginning in 1934, he eventually becoming a staff man for the United Steelworkers of America and retiring in 1978. He was one of the organizers of the union and served the union and the labor movement through elected offices, council and committee assignments. He was elected president of USWA local 2599, Bethlehem. Later he was promoted to Steel Staff Representative of District 9 and then was appointed Director of USWA District 9, covering the entire East coast. He also served his community on the board of directors of Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg, and the Lehigh Valley Blue Cross. He was a corporate trustee and board member of St. Luke's Hospital.

He loved his church, where he served as recording secretary for 30 years.

The Steel festival in September 1999 marked the final shutdown of the Bethlehem Steel. A renowned storyteller, Jay O'Callahan, was hired to write and perform a story about the steel company at the festival. After months of interviews with people connected with Bethlehem Steel, Jay O'Callahan decided to base the story

on John's mother, Luidwika Wadolny. The story "Pouring the Sun," an immigrant's journey, was performed at Lehigh University and Touchstone Theater. The entire Wadolny family was featured and very honored. Courtney, John's granddaughter played a nocturne by Frederic Chopin at the start of each performance. The music was to honor John's father, Ferdinand, who was a skilled pianist that loved to play the works of his favorite composer, Frederic Chopin, at different events throughout the Lehigh Valley. Jay O'Callahan still keeps in touch with John's daughter whenever he performs "Pouring the Sun." People all over the world seem to connect with an immigrant's journey in this story.

John died at home on July 23, 2004 with Joan, Courtney, and his sister Mania by his side. The son of Polish immigrants, he achieved incredible success.

Remembered by Joan Wadolny Yelovich

Happy Birthday



On Sunday, September 15 Wanda Poposki celebrated her 85th birthday with cake and ice cream. Thanks to Nancy and Walter Poposki for hosting this milestone in his mother's life.

Wishing another year of blessings.
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Father Bogdan continuing with the tradition of blessing our students, their backpacks, along with their parents and all the teachers of the parish at the start of the new school year

Coopersburg Community Day



For the third consecutive year our church booth at Coopersburg Community Day was a huge success. Although there was a threat of rain, sunny skies prevailed and brought out many customers. We sold out of 75 dozen pierogies and two roasting pans of cabbage and noodles. In addition baked goods, our church Polish Cookbook and craft articles were popular items. Several inquiries about our church and mass schedule were made. Thanks to everyone who made monetary contributions or donated their time, food, crafts and supplies making the fun-filled day a profitable one. The net profit was \$1,566.50.



Joe and Barb Jurnock renewing their vows on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

October at a Glance

Mass at 9 AM

Sunday School after Mass

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

October 5 - Blessing of Animals on St. Francis Day

October 6 - Baptism of William Heath

October 11 & 12 - Pierogie Making

October 19 Diocesan Council Meeting

October 20 - Ladies meeting

October 22 - Boscov's Friends & Family Day

October 22 - Parish Committee Meeting

October 26 - Seniorate Meeting

October 27 - Fall Bazaar Meeting

Week of October 27 - Bazaar Preparation

November 2 - Fall Bazaar

Pastor's Corner



"Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. On the first day of the appointed month in early autumn, you are to observe a day of complete rest. It will be an official day for holy assembly, a day commemorated with loud blasts of a trumpet." Leviticus 23:24

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

The ladies of the ANS are again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends day on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. For a \$5.00 donation (the entire donation benefits our church) you will receive a 25% OFF SHOPPING PASS and a chance to win a \$500 or \$100 Shopping Spree. Our church also has the opportunity to win additional money so remember to fill out the stub and deposit it in the Boscov's ballot box on October 22.

The Shopping Pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS. Support your church and save money – a winning combination.

Breakfast Donations



The YMS of R is the sponsor of the breakfast for the first Sunday of the month. The women's societies are responsible for breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. The

third, fourth and possibly fifth Sunday are set aside for the rest of the congregation to donate items for the coffee hour. If you are not familiar with the coffee making procedure, Nancy Poposki will be happy to help you.

Why Do We Carve Pumpkins on Halloween?



The name "jack-o'-lantern" is of British origin and dates from the 17th century, when it literally meant "man with a lantern" or a night watchman. It was also a nickname for the natural phenomenon known as "will o' the wisp,"

the mysterious, flickering lights sometimes seen at night over wetlands and associated in folklore with fairies and ghosts playing pranks on travelers.

According to legend, the jack o' lantern took its name from an Irishman known as "Stingy Jack" who tricked the Devil into promising he wouldn't have to go to hell for his sins. When Jack died he found out he had been barred from heaven, so he journeyed to the gates of hell to demand his due. Wouldn't you know it, the Devil kept his promise and doomed Jack to wander the earth for all eternity with only an ember of hellfire to light his way. Therefore, he was known as Jack O' Lantern and represented Christian souls in purgatory. In Ireland and Scotland people began to make their own version of Jack's lanterns by carving scary faces into turnips, potatoes, or beets and placing them into windows or near doors to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering spirits.

It wasn't until Irish immigrants brought the custom of carving jack o' lanterns to North America that the more commonly available pumpkin came to be used for that purpose. It was not until the late 19th century that pumpkin became a Halloween staple across the United States. Today the pumpkin is used in many autumn dishes, including the traditional pumpkin pie.

Dining in Heaven



In heaven Mother Teresa is dining with God, who has made a couple of tuna fish sandwiches. While they're eating, she looks down into hell and sees everyone eating steak, lobster, and crème brûlée. "Not that I'm complaining," she says, "but why are they eating lavishly, and we're having tuna sandwiches? "Well, says God, "with just the two of us up here, I figure, why cook?"

High Hopes for the Fall Bazaar



Our 41st Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013. Please remember to pick up your donation form, fill it out and return this form as soon as possible to Nancy Poposki, Andrea Gritman, or place in the Bazaar Box in the Narthex. As always church members have been busy baking rolls and making pierogie.

Lottery Calendar



Please see Joe Jurnock for your 2014 Lottery Calendar. Remember you can play the evening daily number everyday for just \$25.00. New for 2014 – if your lucky number is drawn on your birthday, you win double the prize money. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the hard to shop for person on your gift list.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game



On a beautiful night for baseball a group of 32 representing Our Lord's Ascension Parish attended the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Friday, August 30, 2013. All were treated with a come-from-behind victory over the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders. Although the group sat in different sections, everyone enjoyed the fantastic fireworks display.

Thanks to Joe Jurnock for organizing this enjoyable outing. We hope we do this again next year and to see you there.

Pumpkin Cookies

- ¼ cup margarine
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon



1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. Cream together the margarine, vegetable oil and sugar.
3. Beat together the egg, vanilla and pumpkin.
4. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; combine with pumpkin mixture and stir in walnuts.
5. Drop onto ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Be careful not to over bake.

These pumpkin and walnut drop cookies are delicious snacks and easy to make.

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.