



Parish Tidings



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

Our Lord's Ascension Parish

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50th Anniversary



On August 31, 1963, Barbara Godek and Joseph Jurnock were united in Holy Matrimony at St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Church, Scranton, PA. Reverend

Joseph Janik, Grandmother Godek's brother, preformed the ceremony.

A 50th anniversary is a momentous occasion, a celebration of a half a century together. Congratulations and best wishes, Barb and Joe!

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Barb and Joe Jurnock

Joe and I knew each other for a while before we dated. My friend's mother was Joe's godmother, so whenever there was a special occasion at her house, we were both there. However, Joe was shy, and didn't come in the room where the girls were despite urging from the adults. My girlfriends and I also liked to play miniature golf in an area halfway between where Joe lived (Taylor) and where I lived (West Scranton). Joe and his friends would stand at the fence, watching and sometimes taunting (a little less shy). At a football game between our high schools, Joe was standing behind me. As my cousin Walt, who is here today made a good play for my school; I jumped up and cheered, landing on Joe's foot. He couldn't forget me after that – the pain and limping brought me to mind. He asked me out and the rest is history.

After Joe graduated from trade school in 1960, he was offered a job at Western Electric and moved to the Lehigh Valley from Taylor. For 2 ½ years Joe drove to Scranton every Wednesday after work so we could be together. He would drive back to Allentown early Thursday morning to be at work at 7 AM.

The first thing we did after moving to an apartment here was to look for the Polish National Catholic Church in the

Lehigh Valley. When we walked into the church on 5th and Williams Street on that first Sunday it took only a few steps to reach the front pew – very different from the large church in Scranton. Within months Joe was on the church council, where he remained for 30 years. He also organized the YMS of R and Wednesday night Bingo. Joe is again a trustee on the church council and runs the church lottery calendar.

I joined the Society of Friends early in our marriage and stayed until 1996. I also taught Sunday school for 10 years from the time our daughter Sharon was 2 years old. We are part of the Friday night Pierogi Makers, peeling and preparing the 60 pounds of potatoes and can also be found helping at the fall and spring bazaars.

Joe and I had two children, Sharon, husband of Anthony Seritsky, grandchildren Marcus and Jasmine, of Catasauqua, PA and Mark (deceased 2003), grandchildren Marissa and Braedon Jurnock Kulick, of Anthem, AZ.



For our 50th anniversary we will renew our vows at 10 AM mass on September 1st with a dinner reception to follow at Holy Family Club in Nazareth, PA. A trip to the Southwest is planned in the spring of 2014.

Remembered by Barbara Jurnock

Deacon Donald Wunderlick

A familiar face in our parish, Donald Wunderlich was ordained as deacon at the Ordination Ceremony held at Holy Mother of Sorrows PNCC, Dupont. PA on Saturday, August 17, 2013.



Danielle, Deacon Donald and Beverly Wunderlich

Congratulations to Deacon Donald on this meaningful and significant step in his life.

Labor Day



For many of us who grew up in the fifties and sixties, Labor Day was the time for the

last family picnic or the final weekend vacation at the Jersey shore. It was the unofficial end of summer. School would begin in a few days. But what were we celebrating? Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. Labor unions themselves celebrated the first Labor Days in the United States, although it is not exactly known who came up with the idea. Most historians credit Peter McGuire, general secretary of the Brothers of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, with the original idea of a day for workers to show their solidarity.

The first Labor Day celebration in the United States can be traced to New York City's Union Square on September 5, 1882. It was designed as a way to appease city workers after numerous strikes and in some cases even violence. Labor Day has been celebrated on the first Monday of September every year since. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland declared that Labor Day be an official holiday.

September at a Glance

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

September 1 – 50th Anniversary Mass at 10 AM

September 3 – Roll Baking
September 3 - Committee Meeting
September 8 – Coopersburg Community Day meeting

September 15 – First day of SOCL Blessing of Backpacks

September 15 – Ladies meeting
September 21 – Coopersburg Community Day

October 22 – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,
There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time of planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted. "Eccl 3, 2

Reading these words, taken from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3, 2, reminds me of the present time of the year – the time of harvest.

When I was living in Poland, I remember from the middle of August, through September was harvest time. The people worked very hard through the summer to enjoy the fruits of their work at the end of it. I remember also how we enjoyed our conversation in the vestibule before Holy Mass about our miniature gardens and what they brought for us. Being so proud about our little successes, we shared what we got: several tomatoes, five cucumbers or maybe more and some peppers. We also shared our disappointments that some plants died or were eaten by rabbits.

The numbers of our harvest hide something more, our hard work and our pure joy of taking care of our gardens. We enjoyed the process of growing our 'huge' gardens. Thinking about that, I ask myself what happened during this time of summer with my heart. What have I grown there? Can I see the results of my spiritual work in my heart? What kind of harvest I can expect in my spiritual life at the end of this summer? What is your answer?

Rev. Bogdan Jurczynszyn

School of Christian Living

School of Christian Living will begin its classes on September 15, 2013. It is very important to bring up our children and youth in a spiritual environment, where they can learn Christian values and shape their moral character. Our church provides religious education to all children and youth. This year 2 students, David Broczkowski and Sarah Heath will be preparing for First Holy Communion. Tara Broczkowski and Jennifer Anderson are both returning as our teachers with Jenna DeVivo helping out as an assistant.

Bundles of Joy



into the world and their lives.

The newest member of the Heath family, William Taylor Heath was born August 1, 2013, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Proud parents George and Kathy, along with big brothers Mark, Robert and sister Sarah are happy to welcome him



Jerry and Andrea Gritman are happy to announce the arrival of their long awaited first grandchild, Logan Gerald Gritman, on August 28, 2013, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long. The proud parents are Jeff and Andrea Falcone-Gritman of Collegeville, PA.

Congratulations to all.

Financial Corner

| | Contributions | Expenses |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| August | \$3733.00 | \$5734.83 |
| Mae Skovronsky Memorial | \$1845.00 | |

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.

The Hikers



One day Joe, Bob and Dave were hiking in a wilderness area when they came upon a large, raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so.

Joe prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river. Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, although he almost drowned a couple of times.

Seeing this, Dave prayed to God, saying, " Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

Bob had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying "Please God, give me the strength and the tools, and the intelligence to cross this river." Poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, and then walked across the bridge.

Happy Birthday



On Sunday, August 18 Janina Martucci celebrated her 85th birthday with cake and ice cream. Thanks to Nicolette Stravrovsky for hosting this milestone in her mother's life.

Wishing you another year of blessings

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 3/4 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup sour milk
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups shredded zucchini
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan.

1. Cream butter, oil and sugar until light and fluffy
2. Add eggs, vanilla and sour milk. Beat until smooth.
3. Mix flour, cocoa, baking soda and cinnamon together and add to creamed mixture. Beat well.
4. Stir in shredded zucchini.
5. Pour into a 9x13 inch pan and sprinkle top with chocolate chips.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Variation:

- Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Substitute or add peanut butter chips
- Omit chocolate chips and frost with your favorite cream cheese frosting

To make your own sour milk mix one tablespoon lemon juice or distilled vinegar to each cup of milk. Let sit for 15 minutes.

A great cake for all that zucchini at the end of the season, and the kids love it too! — Andrea Gritman