



Parish Tidings



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Our Lord's Ascension Parish Hosts the Central Diocese's ANS Convention

On May 5, 2012, our parish hosted the Central Diocese's ANS Convention. Father Bogdan welcomed Bishop John Mack and eight other clergy and delegates from 10 parishes within our diocese. Nancy Poposki served as our delegate. More than double the number of delegates were in attendance this year than at the last convention two years ago. Maybe they heard what good cooks and bakers we are. Some of the outstanding contributions to the day were:

- ❖ Wanda Poposki, a 56 year member of our parish ANS, presented a welcoming rose to Bishop Mack during mass.
- ❖ Jackie Bayak's leadership in coordinating of the food (planning, purchasing, and serving) and securing a goodie bag which included promotional items donated by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. She also donated Bethlehem (Christmas) stars which served as favors on the tables.
- ❖ Andrea Gritman created and printed bookmarks to commemorate the occasion.
- ❖ Karen Amate's inspirational interpretive dance depicting the life of Mary.

- ❖ The St. Peter's Bell Choir Sextet performed several songs.
- ❖ "God Bless the ANS" Father Bogdan's motto inscribed on the cake.



- ❖ The gathering of the Sisterhood to pose for a picture after completing a very successful display of hard work and hospitality.

This N That

Henry Kudzik was a guest speaker at the Bethlehem Area School District Retirees' luncheon held May 3, 2012 at Green Pond Country Club. He spoke intriguingly of his experiences at sea during World War II.

May 9, 2012 was an important day in the life of John "Sy" Sydorak. It was his 65th birthday and his last day of work before retirement. He, a bingo worker and player was surprised at bingo with a cake by his sister, Jo Ann Schaffer, to celebrate and share the occasion.



The new American flag, which will be flown outdoors, was donated by State Representative Joe Brennan, thanks to Jackie Bayak.

Wedding Bells

On a lovely sun-kissed afternoon Kira Weller, our organist and daughter of Robert and Cynthia Weller, was married to Thomas Mohr on Friday, May 11, 2012. The ceremony which was held outdoors at the Meredith Manor in Pottstown, PA was officiated by Father Bogdan. According to Mom, "Everything went very well, and God graced us with beautiful weather." We extend our "Best Wishes" to the happy couple. Just a day before the wedding on Thursday, May 10, 2012 Kira received a Masters Degree in Social Work from Temple University. Congratulations on your success.

Mother's Day Breakfast

The ladies of the parish were treated to breakfast of juice, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, rolls, and coffee after mass on Mother's Day. The men did a great job cooking, serving and cleaning up. Thanks to the YMS of R for sponsoring this event and to all who helped.

June at a Glance

Sunday Mass at 9 AM

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

June 3 - First Holy Communion

June 12 – Ladies Fun Night Social, sponsored by the ANS, 6 PM at Frank's Restaurant, Bethlehem Square – please sign up

June 17 - Father's Day Breakfast

June 19 - Committee meeting

June 22 and 23 - Pierogi making

June 24 - YMS of R meeting



Pastor's Corner

God is on your side

For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation and adorn the wretched with victory.

Psalm 149:4

Our prayers are needed for: Gertrude Gron, Anthony Getsko, Jennie O'Callaghan, Amelia Stankus, Elana Todd, Helen Heath, Gerry & Dorothy Villa, Ernie & Nicolette Stavrovsky, Mary Ann Bartone.

Pierogi



Pierogi making took place Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. 92 dozen pierogies were made. Those who came to prepare the ingredients on Friday were: Barb and Joe Jurnock, Joe Bartone, Jerry Matla, Nancy Poposki, Dan Broczkowski, Jerry and Andrea Gritman.

Those who came on Saturday were: Father Bogdan, Wanda Poposki, Sonia Kotch, Joe Bartone, Jo Ann Schaffer, Jackie Bayak, Lynn Wunderler, Helen Trexler, Jennifer Anderson, Peter Bilz, Tara Broczkowski, Barbara Frisch, Nancy and Walter Poposki, Brian and Madison Passaro, Alice Aronson, Mae Skovronsky, and Andrea Gritman.

Those who helped bag the pierogies and clean up on Sunday were: and Sonia Kotch, Jackie Bayak, Nancy Poposki, Helen Trexler, Andrea and Jerry Gritman.

Pierogies are made monthly and can be purchased frozen, either cooked or uncooked, for \$6.00 a dozen. We have a deal with The Bull and Bear Restaurant to supply them with 50 dozen uncooked pierogies every 3 months. The proceeds of the pierogi projects have been going into the church's general checking account to help pay the monthly bills.

Next scheduled pierogi making dates are June 22 and June 23. Hope to see you there.

Renovation Update

Just in time for the ANS Convention we had the unveiling of the newly renovated restrooms in the church hall. Through the cooperation, dedication, and hard work of several members, the project was a huge success. We received many compliments about the very attractive rooms. Those who contributed their skills and time were: John Wunderler, Joe Jurnock, Walter Poposki, Kira and Thomas Mohr, Eric Weller, Danny Broczkowski, Jerry and Andrea Gritman, Jennifer Anderson, and Father Bogdan. We thank them all.

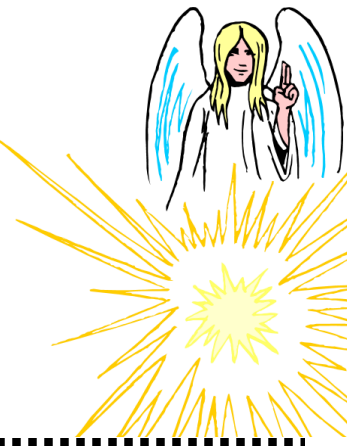
Financial Corner



	Contributions	Expenses
May	\$4,905.00	\$5,704.22
Church Renovations	\$2,946.09	\$2,308.77

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.

Don't forget to pray tonight because God didn't forget to wake you up this morning...



Sharing Corner



Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was making her rounds. She was visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Sister Mary Ann walked back to her car to look for something in her car that she could fill with gas. She spotted the bedpan she was taking to a patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas and carried it back to the car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm becoming a Catholic."



Sugar Free Strawberry Pie

- 18 oz diet red soda (A-treat cream)
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 1 large sugar free strawberry Jello
- 4 cups fresh strawberries, sliced

Mix soda, cornstarch, and Jell-O in 2 qt. bowl. Microwave for 3 minutes. Stir mixture and microwave for 4-5 more minutes. Let mixture cool a little. Mix strawberries in with mixture and pour into 9" pie plate sprayed with Pam. Refrigerate for 3 hours or until set. Serve with light whipped cream or Cool Whip. Double the recipe for 9x13 Pyrex dish.

A light and easy summer dessert submitted by Jo Ann Schaffer.