



Parish Tidings



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

Our Lord's Ascension Parish

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Looking For a Few Good Men and Women



"Jeden," "Top of the House," "076." When Gerry Matla, our Bingo caller calls

out one of these phrases, it brings a smile to the faces of the Bingo players. The problem is that the faces have been dwindling over the past year. We do have a core group that continues to come even with the adjustments that have been made to conserve time and promote financial gains. Financially, an advantageous aspect of Bingo is selling food. The kitchen is open when the doors open at 6:00PM until after half-time. Fran Anthony is usually the chief cook and bottle washer. There is the standard fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, French-fries and pizza. However, other food donations are always welcomed because everyone enjoys homemade treats. Lately, Rane Anthony has been very generous with donations of beef barbecue, macaroni salad, and baked goods. Other members and non-members have donated food staples and baked goods in the past. If you want to contribute to the effort, please consider donating your time and or food occasionally to help out the men of the YMS of R who sponsor Bingo. Those that can be seen nearly every Wednesday are Joe Jurnock, Gerry Matla, John Sydorak, Fran Anthony, Joe Bartone, and Charlie Kovacs. Others that give of their time are Danny Broczkowski, Walt Poposki, Ron Trawinski, and John Wunderler. Both men and women can volunteer to sell specials, verify winners, serve food, donate food specialties or baked goods. You don't have to sign up ahead of time; just drop off the food item at 600 PM. Remember this is a project that directly benefits the church by their donations into the general fund of the church. Over the past few years donations were given to the church committee for special projects such as purchasing new

heaters for the church and for the church hall and twice repairing the parking lot.

"Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone"



It was Friendship and Sisterhood in practice as the members of the ANS and Society of Friends sponsored a "Ladies Night Out" for all the women of the church, Tuesday, June 12 at Frank's Italian Restaurant in Bethlehem. The bread that was broken and shared was garlic bread. This event replaced the traditional covered-dish social, but without the cooking, dish washing, and cleaning up. Those in attendance were Helen Trexler, Mae Skovronsky, Jennifer Anderson, Nancy Poposki, Andrea Gritman, Nicolette Stavrovsky, Cindi Weller, Jennie Martucci, Lynn Wunderler, Jackie Bayak, and Jo Ann Schaffer. Conversations ranged from the weather to fund-raising to the Bible. A contest to test one's knowledge of the Bible was won by Lynn Wunderler. All agreed that it was a great way to have a few laughs, get to know each other better, and share ideas.

Father's Day Breakfast

The men of the parish were treated to breakfast of fruit salad, pancakes, sausage, and coffee after mass on Father's Day. Thanks to the ladies organizations for sponsoring this event. Rane Anthony, Jackie Bayak, and Sonia Kotch prepared the meal. Jo Ann Schaffer, Nancy Poposki, Lynn Wunderler, Helen Trexler, Andrea Gritman, Madison Passaro, Robert, Mark, and Kathy Heath served and helped with the cleanup. A cake celebrating Ernie's graduation from high school was provided by the Stavrovsky family.

First Holy Communion



Robert Heath, son of George and Kathy Heath, received his First Holy Communion on June 3, 2012. In addition to God's blessings, Robert received gifts of a prayer book and a rosary to commemorate this holy and memorable day. After mass, parishioners helped Robert celebrate his special day by sharing friendship bread, chili, fruit salad, cake, and other tasty treats provided by the family.

Graduation



Ernest F. Stavrovsky Jr., son of Ernie and Nicolette Stavrovsky, and head acolyte, graduated from Saucon Valley High School on June 15, 2012. While a student he was a member of the National Honor Society, an assistant Drum Major for the Band, and did morning announcements for the TV Studio. Ernie Jr. also participated in play productions. He was part of the stage crew for Grease and had an acting part in Aida. He also was a member of the Track and Field Team for 3 years. His future plans include a place in the work force. As of July 9, 2012, he will be employed by C.F. Martin in Nazareth Pa. We congratulate him and wish him all the best.

July at a Glance

Sunday Mass at 9 AM

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

July 1 - Baptism

July 20 and 21 - Pierogi making

July 29 - YMS of R meeting

Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

Summer - it's the best time for reflections, meditations and prayer when we see surrounding us the beauty of God's creations. The flowers, the birds, the feeling of the ocean breeze on our face or the view of the night sky with billions of stars in it bring feelings and positive emotions that I can compare with the Psalm 8:

"O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!"

This Psalm begins with praise and ends with praise - as a reminder that we should begin and end our days giving praise to the One who has made us, and Who put in front of our eyes the beauty of all creation to praise in it its Creator. We can realize what an amazing and generous Creator we have!

Father Bogdan

Fund Raisers

In order to maintain our church property and pay the monthly bills, it is necessary to have various fund raising projects. Weekly Bingo, monthly pierogi making, the Lottery Calendar sales along with the Fall and Spring Bazaar are the most popular and financially beneficial projects. Additional upcoming events are:

Saturday, September 15 - Coopersburg Community Day –a booth selling pierogi, haluski, Lottery Calendars, and crafts

Tuesday, October 16 - Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – a 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00



Pierogi

Pierogies are made monthly and can be purchased frozen, either cooked or uncooked, for \$6.00 a dozen.

Next scheduled pierogi making dates are July 20 and July 21. Hope to see you there.

Renovation Update

Do you see the light – the Exit Light? Thanks to Peter Bilz and Jennifer Anderson for donating the basement and main floor exit lights. A safety issue was corrected with this improvement.

Financial Corner



	Contributions	Expenses
June	\$3763.00	\$3436.54
Church Renovations	\$3,266.09	\$2,2628.77

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.

A.S.A.P



Means

Always Say A Prayer



Sharing Corner



No Parking Zone

A priest parked his car in a "No Parking" zone in a large city. He was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."



Cheesy Garlic Bread

1 1/2 cups of mayonnaise
1 cup of shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1 cup of thinly sliced green onions with tops
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 loaf of French or Vienna bread, halved lengthwise
1/3 cup minced parsley
Paprika

Mix mayo, cheese, onions, and garlic: spread on bread halves.

Sprinkle with parsley and paprika. Wrap each half in foil.

Refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours or freeze.

Unwrap and place on a baking sheet.

Bake @ 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes (20 to 25 minutes if frozen) or until puffed, but not brown.

Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Submitted by Jo Ann Schaffer