



# Parish Tidings



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

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## Our Trip to Russia

By Magda & Barbara Yurchishin



We woke up on a very sunny morning. It was time to go to Russia. We were very excited! We

were going to New York City! We hopped in the car and we drove there. "Are we there yet?" I asked. "Not yet, but soon," our dad answered. After a long time of being patient we got there. The airport was huge. We grabbed our suitcases and went inside. In our suitcases there were Crayola chalk, glow sticks, tattoos, and crayons. In our mom's suitcase there were clothes, toothbrushes, shoes, and so much more. The time came to kiss our dad goodbye. We quickly said we love him and we went to take our seats before it got too crowded. The pilot said we have to buckle our seatbelt, so we all did. It was time for takeoff. We waited a long time to get to Russia hour after hour.

Finally, we got there. When we stepped out, we felt like this was going to be the best summer ever! We looked left and right, up and down, but we couldn't spot grandma and grandpa. Then we saw curly blond hair, and a man with glasses! "It's grandma and grandpa." We rushed over and hugged them. We felt warm and loved. Our grandpa is very strong, so he picked up our luggage and put it into his car. We were in Moscow, so it's going to be a three hour trip to our home in Kaluga. After three long hours we finally got there – home sweet home. It was just how we remembered from the last visit. Our adventures were just to begin!

First we went to a camp. We went to see a movie, to see acrobats, ballet, and acting performances. We had some contests and much more. We also went to St. Petersburg. We went on a tour around the city – on a bus. And we went to see a tour of palaces and different famous churches by boat. The most exciting thing we saw in St. Petersburg was the Kunts Kamera Museum. They have a museum of culture and art over there too. After returning to Kaluga, we

were ready to go to see our relatives in Belarus. That is another country between Poland and Russia. In Belarus there is a little village called Benin where our grandma was born. There is a house over there where we lived. Sometimes we went berry picking; sometimes we had a treasure hunt for candy prepared by our moms. We lived with our two cousins and our two aunts. We also went swimming in a lake which was behind our backyard. It was awesome!

Well, we said to ourselves "Summer went by quickly!" We were ready to go back home, to America. We packed our bags with souvenirs, and other items, and we hit the road. The drive was long. There was a lot of traffic, but somehow we got to the airport. We got our tickets and said goodbye to our grandma and grandpa. Our grandma was crying when she was kissing us goodbye. When we took off, after a little bit, the plane started moving side to side; it was really unstable. We got scared. The pilot told us to buckle our seatbelts; he told us there is going to be turbulence. It was a little scary. When we finally got to the USA the first thing that came to our minds was, we will soon see our daddy. When we got to the place where you meet people, we couldn't see him. Suddenly we saw a face emerge from the crowd, it was our daddy. We ran into his arms and hugged and kissed him. We were where we belong.

## Community Day

Our parish will be participating for the second consecutive year in the Coopersburg Community Day. It is an opportunity for us to promote our church in addition to gaining a monetary profit from the sale of our specialty items. We will be selling pierogies, cabbage and noodles, nut rolls and other baked goods, the parish cookbook and our lottery calendar as well as craft articles. It is scheduled rain or shine for September 15, 2012 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with a set-up time beginning at 7:00 am. As a parish event all members are invited and encouraged to join in the venture in some way. The co-chairpersons, Andrea Gritman and Nancy Poposki, would

welcome cash donations for the purchase of necessary items needed for the sale (ice, paper products, registration fees, rent, etc.), donations of food items, and most importantly, your time manning a booth for a few hours. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the vestibule where you can volunteer. A six foot banner with our parish's name has been purchased for use at this event and future events.

## An Exciting Weekend



On Saturday, July 28th a bridal shower was held in honor of Sara Anthony, daughter of Francis and Rane Anthony. Her bridesmaids surprised her with a party in the church hall. Sara will wed Brent Sutton on Saturday October 13, 2012 in our church. Brent is the son of Wayne and Karen Sutton of Hamburg.



A day later on Sunday July 29, 2012 Brent Jason Sutton was baptized by Father Bogdan. Lawrence Suiter, Brent's grandfather and Karen Sutton, Brent's mother were his sponsors.

## September at a Glance

**Sunday Mass at 9 AM**

Coffee Social after Mass

**Sunday School after Mass**

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

**September 9 – First day of Sunday School**

September 9 – ANS and Society of Friends meeting

**September 14 – Consecration of new Bishops**

September 15 – Coopersburg Community Day

**September 18 – Committee meeting**

September 30 – YMS of R meeting

## Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

The clergy of the Central Diocese met on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012 for a 3 day Summer Retreat and Clergy Conference at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat Center at Mt. Pocono, PA. The retreat master was Archbishop Tikhon Mollrid, the Rector of the Orthodox Seminary in Waymart, PA. He shared with us the spiritual heritage of the Orthodox church in the writing of its saints.

During this conference we discussed topics related to pastoral work in the parishes and we analyzed all events which took place since the last conference in March. We also focused on new events which are expected to happen in the upcoming months. Every parish received an invitation to the Consecration of new bishops on September 14, 2012. The next Diocesan Synod is on October 11, 2012.

The most significant moment during our meeting was the welcoming of our new Bishop Bernard Nowicki, and saying goodbye to our still acting Bishop John Mack. With warm words Bishop Mack emotionally expressed his gratitude toward God for serving in our Diocese during last 18 months.

Father Bogdan

## Condolences

Members of Our Lord's Ascension Parish wish to offer our sympathies to Ron Trawinski and his family on the passing of his mother. Helen Trawinski was a parishioner of Ss. Peter & Paul's Polish National Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Although the skies were overcast, the atmosphere was sunny when a group of 31 representing Our Lord's Ascension Parish attended the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Saturday, August 25, 2012. We were delighted when Walter Poposki, representing our church, threw a knuckle ball for the ceremonial first pitch. The home team had a come from behind victory over the first place Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees. Another winner was John Sydorak who won an Iron Pigs mug in the group raffle ticket drawing, but all who attended were rewarded with a fun evening.

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

## Financial Corner



	Contributions	Expenses
August	\$3,890.98	\$4,799.76

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.

## Friends Helping Friends Day

The ladies of the ANS are participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends day on October 16, 2012. 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 Flat Screen TV, Diamond Pendant or a \$500 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 16.

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

## Sharing Corner



## Don't Wake Your Neighbors

A man arrives at the gates of heaven. St. Peter asks, "Religion?" The man says "Methodist." St. Peter looks down at his list, and says, "Go to room 24, but be very quiet as you pass room 8. Another man arrives at the gates of heaven. "Religion?" "Baptist." "Go to room 18, but be very quiet as you pass room 8. A third man arrives at the gates. "Religion?" "Jewish." "Go to room 11, but be very quiet as you pass room 8." The man says, "I can understand there being different rooms for different religions, but why must I be quiet when I pass room 8?" St. Peter tells him, "Well, the Catholics are in room 8, and they think they are the only ones here."

## Chocolate Tossies

Dough:

- 2 cups flour
- ½ lb. butter
- 6 oz. cream cheese

Line tossie pans with dough

Chocolate Filling:

- 1 cup (6oz.) chocolate chips melted

Add

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. milk
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tsp. vanilla

Stir in double boiler. Remove from heat and blend in 1 egg (beaten)

Cream Cheese Filling:

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ tsp. vanilla

Pour chocolate filling halfway in each tossie cup. Top with spoonful of cream cheese filling and garnish with a chocolate chip. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

This tasty dessert was submitted by Rane Anthony.