



# Parish Tidings



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

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## Praying Twice

Did you ever wonder how the choir selects the songs they sing each Sunday? Of course, there are the traditional English and Polish hymns for the Christmas season and the Lenten and Easter hymns of the Easter season, but what about the rest of the year? We asked Karen Amate who has taken on the responsibility to choose the songs and then type the lyrics for the weekly church bulletin or designate the page number and verses from the church hymnal. She explained how she accomplishes this each week. "I look up the Readings and Gospel for the week. I use the Catholic hymnal which has the scripture listed so I can get an idea of the type of hymns suggested. Then I look in the Lutheran hymnal to find the category the hymns fall into. I go through hymns we know to choose what best fits. I also look for new hymns. Sometimes I ask my organist friends for suggestions and guidance. The choir helps too. We get together after Mass and choose hymns for future Sundays." Suggestions from parishioners are always welcome. Let Karen or one of the choir members know of your request. Karen said she would like to continue with the bell choir. The bells cannot be played until they are repaired. A year ago Karen was quoted a cost of \$800.00. Anyone is welcome to play. Karen is willing to teach you how to read the music. If we have enough children, it would be possible to have a children's bell choir. On Sundays when everyone is present we have 12 people who climb the stairs to offer their voices.



In addition to Kira Mohr, our organist, are members Gerry Matla, Karen Amate, Helen Trexler, John and Lynn

Wunderler, Ernie and Nicolette Stavrovsky, Jo Ann Schaffer, Jennifer Anderson, and Cindi and Bob Weller. It was Saint Augustine who said, "When you sing you pray twice." Amen!

## A Proud and Profitable Day



With our new parish banner flying high and our workers in their red T-shirts proclaiming our Polish pride, the Coopersburg Community Day was a huge success. After countless hours of organization and preparation coordinated by Andrea Gritman and Nancy Poposki their efforts produced a cooperative and positive atmosphere to sell our wares. We sold out of 60 dozen pierogies and two roasting pans of cabbage and noodles. In addition baked goods and craft articles were popular items. Several people stopped and inquired about our church and mass schedule. The sun kissed workers that were on the scene very early to set up or manned the booths during the day were: Walter and Nancy Poposki, Jackie and Ron Bayak, John and Lynn Wunderler, Helen Trexler, Madison Passaro, Andrea and Jerry Gritman, Karen Amate, Joe and MaryAnn Bartone, Dan and Tara Broczkowski, Father Bogdan, Anna, Barbara and Magda Yurchishin. People helped in other ways: Barbara Jurnock donated a new electric frying pan. Those that donated food, drinks, cash, baked goods or other supplies were; Alice Aronson, Rane Anthony, Jo Ann Schaffer, Wanda Poposki, Walter and Nancy Poposki, Jackie and Ron Bayak, John and Lynn Wunderler, Joe and MaryAnn Bartone, Andrea and Jerry Gritman. Sonia Kotch along with Joe Bartone, Helen Trexler and Andrea Gritman donated their time cooking the

pierogies days before the event. Everyone involved agreed it was hard work, but worth the effort.

## Cornerstone Families

Just as Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, a cornerstone is a stone forming a part of a corner in a wall which all other stones are set in reference to this stone. It is the foundation of any important concept or structure such as our church. We thought it would be interesting to learn more about the people who laid the foundation of our church in Bethlehem. A few members may have attended the first mass or had parents who were these first members. We have several members who may not have been an original member, but have attended our church for seventy plus years. We hope they will be willing to share with us the stories about their family and how they were involved in the life and growth of the parish. Each month we would feature the autobiography of a member and/or his family beginning in November.

## Fall Bazaar

Our 40th Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on November 3, 2012. 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.

## October at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM**  
Coffee Social after Mass
- Sunday School after Mass**  
Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- October 14 – ANS and Society of Friends meeting
- October 16 – Boscov's Helping Hands Day**
- October 16 – Committee meeting
- October 19 & 20 - Pierogi making**
- October 28 - YMS of R meeting

## Back to School

With the end of summer fast approaching, thoughts of a new school year harkened. The children of the parish enrolled for classes in the "School of Christian Living." Under the guidance of Tara Broczkowski classes began on September 9, 2012. Jennifer Anderson was added to the staff to work with the preschoolers.



The youth of our parish attend school in various local districts.

### Jenna DeVivo

Jenna is a junior at Liberty High School in Bethlehem. She is participating in the "High School Scholars Program" which enables her to take English courses in composition and rhetoric at De Sales University. Jenna works part time as a cashier at Wegman's in Bethlehem. In her free time Jenna likes to dance, but is injured at the moment.

### David Broczkowski

David is enrolled in the first grade at Spring Garden Elementary School. David enjoys golfing at Chip and Putt and is the owner of his own set of junior clubs.

### Madison Passaro

Madison is in the seventh grade at Northampton Middle School and participates in the gifted program. She is an altar server. In her spare time she enjoys reading. Madison loves animals and hopes to work with them in the future.

### Barbara Yurchishin

Barbara is in the fifth grade at Spring Garden Elementary School. She is an altar server and enjoys cross-stitching and tennis.

### Magda Yurchishin

Magda is in the fifth grade at Spring Garden Elementary School. Maggie is an altar server and enjoys swimming and tennis.

### Michael Kozerski

Michael started preschool this year. He attends one day a week and loves it. He enjoys playing with his Matchbox cars.

### Madelyn Kozerski

Madelyn is two years old and still at home with Mom. She likes to draw pictures of cats and looks forward to going to school soon.

## Financial Corner



	Contributions	Expenses
September	\$4,555.00	\$6,429.80

## Coopersburg Community Day

### Income

### Expense

Lottery Calendars	\$50.00	Reimbursement to Calendar Fund	\$50.00
Cookbooks	\$35.00	Reimbursement to S of F	\$35.00
Food	\$910.25	Banner	\$55.00
Crafts	\$297.00		
Total	\$1292.25		\$140.00
<b>Total Profit</b>			<b>\$1,152.25</b>

## Lottery Calendar

Please see Joe Jurnock for your 2013 Lottery Calendar. Remember you can play the evening daily number everyday for just \$25.00. This also makes a great Christmas present for the hard to shop for person on your gift list.

## Sharing Corner



### Fear of Flying

There was a religious woman who had to do a lot of traveling for her business. Flying made her very nervous, so she always carried her Bible with her. One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and smirk and went back to what he was doing. After a while, he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there, do you?" The woman replied, "Of course I do. It is in the Bible." He said, "What about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?" She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible. He asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?" The woman said, "Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven I will ask him." "What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically. "Then you can ask him," replied the woman.

## Coffee Cake

3 c. flour  
1 c. sugar  
1 c. brown sugar  
1 c. margarine  
1 tsp. salt



Mix like pie crumbs. Reserve 1 cup for the topping.

To the rest add:  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. baking powder  
2 eggs, beaten  
1½ c. sour milk

Mix all together. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle with crumbs and cinnamon and sugar.

Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes or until done. Cool before cutting.

A favorite at our bake sale and church breakfast social, this delicious cake recipe was submitted by Karen Amate.

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.