



Parish Tidings

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Farewell Fr. Jurczyszyn Welcome Fr. Yurchishin



When Father Bogdan, Anna and their girls relocated to the United States, he had a Polish passport and Anna, Barbara and Magda had Russian passports. Since the Polish alphabet is the same as the American alphabet, Father Bogdan's last name stayed the same – Jurczyszyn. Russia has a different alphabet and Anna and the girls last name was Americanized to Yurchishin. Now that they both are American citizens, Father Bogdan has legally changed his last name to match the rest of the family.

To celebrate this momentous occasion Jo Ann Schaffer prepared sandwiches and Jackie Bayak donated a cake decorated with the Polish, Russian and American flags on Flag Day, June 14.

Music Fills the Air

During Holy Mass on May 31st, the original weekend of Memorial Day, both the Senior and Youth Choirs performed. Their lilting voices delighted the congregation with their inspirational rendition of "God of All the Nations." In June an early Father's Day tribute with the hymn "On this Day, O Dearest Father" was sung by the Youth Choir. We thank Sandy Collier and the choir members for their additional time and effort needed for their special presentations. We look forward to future musical endeavors.



Milestone Birthdays



During June three parishioners celebrated noteworthy birthdays. A cake was supplied by Barb Jurnock for Joe's 75th birthday. Anna Yurchishin provided a fruit salad and a birthday cake for Barbara and Magda's 13th birthday. Also celebrating June birthdays are John Wunderler, David Broczkowski, Joe Novak, Walter Puposki and Ron Trawinski. Sto Lat.

Prize Poetry

Magda Yurchishin a 7th grade student at Lehigh Valley Academy recently had the following poem published in *Lehigh Valley Academy Creative Writing Magazine*. We all agree she is a talented writer.

Not Something We Need

On my big, wooden table,
Stood a lamp with a label.
Curiosity took my mind
"Did the mailman leave this behind?"
Ever so slowly, I tilted my head,
I couldn't believe what the price tag read
"\$300!?" I exclaimed, surprised
It was expensive, I soon realized
As my husband walked through the door,
Out of shock I fell to the floor
I told him, "What is this doing here?"
And he answered, "Well, I bought it, my dear,"
As I saw the bill, I started wincing
Luckily, my husband was very convincing
"This lampshade is the finest of its time!"
"It's diamond encrusted and cleans away grime!"
So in the end, I finally agreed
We could keep this lamp, even though
it's not something we need.

Maggie Yurchishin

Soaring to New Heights



Ernest F. Stavrovsky Jr., son of Ernie and Nicolette Stavrovsky, achieved Boy Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor ceremony held in the church on Sunday June 28, 2015.

To earn the rank of Eagle, a scout must earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate leadership and community service by organizing and carrying out an Eagle project. For his project, Ernie, with the help of other scouts and adult volunteers, revitalized the landscaping in the front of our church. He surpassed the merit badge requirement earning 24 merit badges. Ernie joins the ranks of other notable Eagle Scouts such as former President Gerald Ford, director Steven Spielberg, basketball Hall of Famer and U.S. senator Bill Bradley and former Phillies centerfielder Shane Victorino.

A graduate of Saucon Valley High School, Ernie is 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 4 – Independence Day

July 12 – Coopersburg planning meeting

July 17 & 18- Pierogie making

July 25 – Roll Baking

July 26 – Blessing of all cars

Pastor's Corner



My Dear Friends!

"through the grandeur and beauty of the creatures we may, by analogy, contemplate their Author" (Wisdom 13. 5)

The summer is upon us! We enjoy more and more the nature which is so vibrant and full of life around us. According to the Book of Wisdom, we have opportunity during this time to contemplate the presence of God among us. He implanted in this world his own beauty and everywhere we can experience his peace.

I would like to wish you all to find God's peace and majesty in the beauty of creation in places where you all live or where you will go during this summer.

Fr. Bogdan Yurchishin

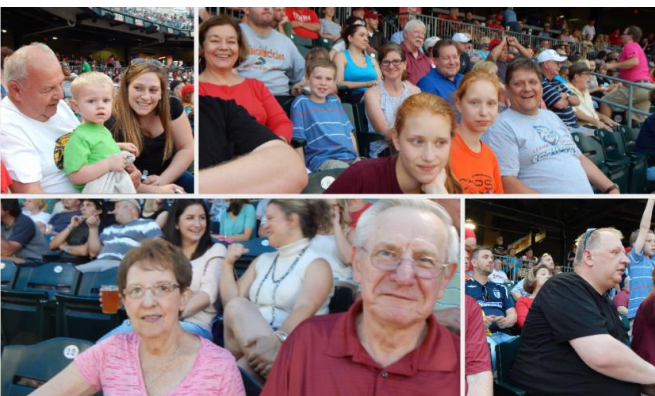
Prime Time for Ladies Night Out



It was Friendship and Sisterhood in practice as the members of the ANS sponsored a "Ladies Night Out" for all the women of the church, Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Prime Steak House in Bethlehem. The

seventeen in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal ranging from shrimp to prime rib. Once again Jo Ann Schaffer provided the entertainment with several games and prizes. All agreed that it was a great way to have a few laughs, get to know each other better, and share ideas. The next ladies get-together will be a covered dish social held during the Christmas holidays.

Take me out to the Ball Game



On a perfect night for baseball a group of 20 representing Our Lord's Ascension Parish attended the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Friday, June 19, 2015. The home team took the lead in the first inning and was victorious over the Scranton/Wilkes Barre Rail Riders. A fantastic fireworks display was enjoyed by all who stayed for the end of the game.

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

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.

If you missed this game or would like to see a rematch between these two teams, Jackie Bayak has 11 tickets in section 119 for the Wednesday, July 29th game versus the Scranton/Wilkes Barre Rail Riders. The \$10.00 cost includes a \$2.00 food coupon.

Parable for the 4th of July



Once in the 1800's a little boy called Sam was playing in the yard behind his house. During his pretend fighting game, he knocked over the outhouse. Now Sam was upset and worried that he would get into trouble so he ran into the woods and didn't come out until after dark. When he arrived back home, his pappy was waiting for him. He asked suspiciously, "Son, did you knock over the outhouse this afternoon?" "No, pappy," Sam lied.

"Well, let me tell you a story," said the father. "Once, not that long ago, Mr. Lincoln received a shiny new axe from his father. Excited, he tried it out on a tree, swiftly cutting it down. But as he looked at the tree, with dismay he realized it was his mother's favorite cherry tree," his pappy paused. "Just like you, he ran into the woods." When he returned, his pappy asked, "Abraham, did you cut down the cherry tree?" Abraham answered with, "Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did indeed chop down the tree!" Then his father said, "Well, since you were honest with me, you are spared from punishment. I hope you have learned your lesson, though." So, then Sam's father asked again, "did you knock down the outhouse?"

Then his pappy spanked Sam red, white and blue. The boy whimpered, "Pappy, I told you the truth! Why did you spank me?"

Pappy answered, "That's because Abraham Lincoln's father wasn't in the tree when he chopped it down!"

Poppers for Pops



On Sunday, June 21, 2015 Father's Day was celebrated with a breakfast buffet sponsored by the ANS. After a prayer by Father Bogdan the fathers and all in attendance were

treated to fruit salad prepared by Nancy Poposki, French toast, bacon, sausage prepared by Sonia Kotch and Rane Anthony and an egg, potato and sausage casserole provided by Rane Anthony. Poppers or crackers containing lottery tickets, supplied by the ANS, were distributed by David Broczkowski to all males in attendance. Joe Novak was the top winner with a lottery ticket worth \$30.00, Ernie Stavrovsky Jr and Fran Anthony won \$3.00 each and David Broczkowski, Ron Bayak, and Bob Schaffer each won a free ticket. Congratulations to the lucky winners.