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#### What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain.

The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities.

When there was nothing more to add.

He knew His masterpiece was complete.

And so, He called it ... Dad Author Unknown A man's mind plans his way, but the

Lord directs his steps and makes them sure. Proverbs 16:9

Happy Birthday



Again this year Anna supplied a delicious brunch with a variety appealing foods for all of parishioners on Sunday, May 23, 2015 to celebrate Father Bogdan's birthday. Ranee Anthony and John Sydorak were also serenaded with "Happy Birthday" and "Sto Lat" during our Coffee Hour after Mass for their May birthdays.

### Mother's Day Breakfast



A delicious breakfast buffet sponsored by the YMS of R was served after mass on Mother's Day, May 10, 2015. The menu scrambled included eggs, bacon. hash browns. rolls. orange juice and coffee. Every lady was presented with a red rose. A special thanks to all the men who did a great job preparing this annual breakfast honoring the ladies of the parish.

#### School of Christian Living



Enjoying ice cream on the last day of Sunday School

## **Our Newest American** Citizen

Congratulations to Anna Yurchishin for completing the requirements to become an American citizen. She is shown here holding her Certificate of U.S. Naturalization



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### Third Anniversary

This issue marks the third anniversary of our

Tidings." We have looked fondly at our history and heritage, the cornerstones and keystones of our parish, and the parish events that have brought church familv closer our together. We thank those who have taken the time to share their past and their present with us. This year we would like to feature some more memories from the past. If you have any pictures from earlier years that you would like to share please give them to Jo Ann Schaffer or Andrea Gritman. All photographs will be copied and Anyone using the returned. internet can email photographs gritmanger@hotmail.com. to We encourage more members to contribute in some way to continue with the success the last three years. All comments and suggestions are welcomed.

# June at a Glance

Mass at 9 AM **Coffee Social after Mass** Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

June 7 – ANS meeting June 11 – Ladies Night Out June 19 - Iron Pigs Baseball Game Day June 21 Father's \_ Breakfast June 27 – Roll Baking June 28 – Eagle scout Court of Honor for Ernie Stavrovsky Jr. Pierogie making for July to be announce

## **Pastor's Corner**

My Dear Friends,



The month of June is a special time of praying to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I found this prayer to be a very powerful. Let us pray together:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant Good Jesus that I may live in you, and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

## Father Bogdan Around the Parish

- The ANS is sponsoring a "Ladies Night Out" at Prime Steak House on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM. We hope to see all the women of the parish there for a night of fun, great food, and fellowship.
- Ernie Stavrovsky Jr. was interviewed for Inc. Magazine and he is in the June issue. You can read the article online at <u>http://www.inc.com/magazine/201506/jeff-</u> <u>chu/making-it-work-the-spectrum-of-debate.html</u> or you can also find it in the June print edition of Inc. Magazine.
- After four months wintering in Florida, Gerry Matla is back north and singing in the choir.
- A surprise birthday party was held by Ranee Anthony's family and friends for her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Thanks to Anna, Magda and Barbara Yurchishin for weeding and planting the flowers at the entrance of the church.
- Thanks to Jackie Bayak for supplying and arranging the spring flowers on the altar.

• Have you noticed the red "You Bet Your Pierogi



I'm Polish" t-shirts worn by many of our parishioners at the spring and fall bazaar? Baseball style hats are now also available. If anyone is interested in buying a shirt or hat for \$20.00, please see Jackie Bayak. This fund raiser benefits the ANS.

• Recently all the original doors in the church have



been replaced with new energy efficient doors. Donations by John Godek (Barbara Jurnock's brother), Walter and Nancy Poposki (in memory of Wanda Poposki), an anonymous donor, the YMS of R and the ANS covered the cost of the doors.

- For your easy summer read visit the book display by the Sunday Schoolroom.
- Do you have a favorite hymn? A signup sheet is posted on the easel for anyone wishing to hear their desired hymns at a future date.

# Long Hair



A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal

with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father, if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man waited for a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair!" to which his father replied, "Yes, you're right, and they also WALKED everywhere they went!

#### **Easy Fruit Pizza**

Ingredients

1 roll (16.5 oz.) Pillsbury refrigerated sugar cookies 1 package ( 8 oz.) cream



1/3 cup sugar

cheese, softened

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 kiwifruit, peeled, halved lengthwise and sliced
- 1 cup halved or quartered fresh strawberries
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1/2 cup apple jelly

#### Steps

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray. In pan, break up cookie dough; press dough evenly in bottom of pan to form crust. Bake 16 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Spread mixture over cooled crust. Arrange fruit over cream cheese. Stir jelly until smooth; spoon or brush over fruit. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour. To serve cut into wedges or squares. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pizza.

A treat for your eyes, this colorful fresh-fruit pizza tastes as good as it looks!

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.