



Parish Tidings



Our Lord's Ascension Parish

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St. Joseph's Day Miracle

St. Joseph's Day or the Feast of



St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the step-

father of Jesus of Nazareth, is commemorated in many Christian Churches. It is also the day of a miracle that happens every year.

The miracle of the "Swallows" of Capistrano takes place each year at Mission San Juan Capistrano, on March 19th, St. Joseph's Day. This phenomenon has been occurring for about two centuries. As the faithful little birds wing their way back to the most famous mission in California, the village takes on a fiesta air and the visitors from all parts of the world gather in great numbers to witness the "miracle" of the return of the swallows. At dawn on St. Joseph's Day the little birds arrive from their winter home in Argentina and begin rebuilding their mud nests, which are clinging to the ruins of the Great Stone Church. The arches of the two story, vaulted Great Stone Church were left bare and exposed, as the roof collapsed during the earthquake of 1812. After the summer spent within the sheltered walls of the Old Mission, the swallows take flight again. On the Day of San Juan, October 23rd, they leave after circling the Mission bidding farewell to the "Jewel of the Mission."

ANS Plans Anniversary Dinner

To celebrate the 118th anniversary of the establishment of the PNCC, the ANS will sponsor a dinner on Sunday, March 8, 2015 after the 10:30 mass. The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. The menu consists of meatballs, sausage, pasta, salad, cheesy garlic bread, wine, coffee or tea and desserts provided by the ladies of the church.

Annual Spring Bazaar



Real men do know how to pinch pierogi

It is once again time for the Annual Spring Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. 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.

Baskets, bows and cellophane paper are available for anyone wishing to contribute a basket for the Chinese Auction. White Elephant items may be brought to the church any time before March 15.

In order to accommodate the requests of our parishioners and our outside guests, a signup sheet for kiffles, pierogi, rolls and stuffed cabbage is on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church. This list will be used to determine the quantity of these items required to fulfill all requests.

Signup sheets for Easter kielbasa orders are located on the bulletin boards in the narthex and the lower church hall. Last date to order is March 19, 2015. Pickup at the Spring Bazaar. \$7.00 per ring

Tentative Preparation Schedule for Spring Bazaar

- March 13 & 14 – Pierogie making
- March 16 – 9 AM – Kiffle Baking**
- March 19 & 20 – 9 AM – White Elephant Setup
- March 23 – 9 AM – Table & white elephant setup**
- March 24 & 25 – 9 AM – Setup (if necessary)
- March 26 – 9 AM – Setup**
- March 27 – 9 AM – Halupki making & final preparations
- March 28 – Spring Bazaar – doors open for workers at 8 AM**

March at a Glance

- Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass**
- SOCL after Mass
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM**
- March 1 – Annual Parish Meeting
ANS meeting after mass
- March 8 – Day Light Savings Time**
Mass 10:30 AM
Anniversary Dinner after Mass
- March 13 & 14– Pierogie Making
- March 28 – Spring Bazaar**
- March 29 – Palm Sunday

Holy Week Services

- Holy Thursday – Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM
- Good Friday –The Passion of the Lord at 6:30 PM**
- Holy Saturday –Blessing of Easter food at 10 AM, & 11 AM
Easter Vigil at 6 PM
- Easter Sunday– Holy Mass at 9 AM**

Around the Parish

- 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.
- For the fourth consecutive year, Joe Jurnock is organizing a parish outing to attend a Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game. A minimum of 24 is required for this group excursion. A signup sheet will be posted later this month.

Hymns for All Professions

Match each profession with the appropriate hymn.
Correct answers are at the bottom of this page.

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| 1. Dentist's Hymn | A. Abide With Me |
| 2. Contractor's Hymn | B. Send the Light |
| 3. Choir Director's Hymn | C. There Shall Be Showers of Blessings |
| 4. Weatherman's Hymn | D. O For the Faith That Will Not Shrink |
| 5. Politician's Hymn | E. Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming |
| 6. Golfer's Hymn | F. Crown Him With Many Crowns |
| 7. Optometrist's Hymn | G. Jesus, I Am Resting |
| 8. Dry Cleaner's Hymn | H. Sing Them Over and Over Again To Me |
| 9. Lawyer's Hymn | I. The Church's One Foundation |
| 10. Librarian's Hymn | J. Pass It On |
| 11. Gardener's Hymn | K. Standing On the Promises |
| 12. Innkeeper's Hymn | L. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence |
| 13. Paleontologist's Hymn | M. There's A Green Hill Far Away |
| 14. Census Taker's Hymn | N. Rock of Ages |
| 15. Airline Pilot's Hymn | O. In the Hour of Trial |
| 16. Student's Hymn | P. Open My Eyes That I Might See |
| 17. Realtor's Hymn | Q. Nearer My God to Thee |
| 18. Electrician's Hymn | R. Sweet By and By |
| 19. Shopper's Hymn | S. All People That On Earth Do Dwell |
| 20. Gossip's Hymn | T. Ask Ye What Great Things I Know |
| 21. Absent Church Member's Hymn | U. I've Got A Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop |

Palm Sunday



It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, the one Sunday I don't go to church and He shows up."

Vegetarian Lasagna

Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 2 cups tomato pasta sauce
- 1 medium zucchini, shredded (1 cup)
- 1 (12-oz.) container (1 1/2 cups) low-fat cottage cheese or 1 (15-oz.) container low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 9-oz.) pkg. Green Giant™ Frozen Spinach, thawed, squeezed to drain well
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves
- 8 precooked lasagna noodles (shelf-stable or frozen), each about 7x3 inches
- 1 (4-oz.) can Green Giant™ Mushroom Pieces and Stems, drained
- 8 oz. (2 cups) shredded mozzarella cheese



Directions

1. Spray 12x10-inch sheet of foil with nonstick cooking spray. In medium bowl, combine pasta sauce and zucchini; mix well. In another medium bowl, combine cottage cheese, spinach, Parmesan cheese and oregano; mix well.
2. Spread 1/4 cup sauce mixture in ungreased 8-inch square (2-quart) glass baking dish. Top with 2 lasagna noodles. Spread about 1/2 cup sauce mixture over noodles. Drop 1/2 cup of spinach mixture by small spoonfuls over sauce mixture; spread carefully. Sprinkle with 1/4 of mushrooms and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese.
3. Repeat layers 3 more times, beginning with noodles. Cover with foil, sprayed side down; refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight.
4. Heat oven to 400°F. Bake covered for 45 minutes.
5. Uncover baking dish; bake an additional 10 minutes or until lasagna is bubbly around edges. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

A good alternative to fish for a meatless meal.

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.