



# Parish Tidings

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## Does God Take a Vacation?



Vacations play a prominent part in the modern American way of life. They are also a definite part of the Christian way of life. The Third Commandment called for one day of rest out of every seven. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of The Lord, Thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work."

In the New Testament the Lord likewise recognized the wisdom of going on a vacation in order to escape from the constant demands and duties of our mortal life. After His disciples had had an especially trying time of it, we have Mark's word for it (Mk. 6:31) that he said to them: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile."

Remember, God doesn't take a summer vacation. He is home in any and every parish away from home.

### How I Spent my Summer Vacation



We, the Wunderlers spent time vacationing with our oldest son, John Jr., his wife Julie, and their son Aidan

during their visit to PA in June. Time was spent shopping at the Tannersville Outlets, which was enjoyed by all. A three day trip to Ocean City, MD proved to be an exciting time especially for Aidan as it was his first trip to a beach. He enjoyed it so much that it was difficult getting him to leave the beach. We celebrated John Sr. and John Jr.'s birthdays during their visit as well. We were all sad when it was time for them to leave, but vacation time had run out they had to return to Shelby Township, MI. We look forward to traveling to Michigan to celebrate Aidan's fourth birthday in September.

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Jerry and Andrea Gritman spent a staycation during July when Andrea's sister, Cecelia and her husband Bob Dilday visited Pennsylvania from Stuggart, Arkansas, the rice and duck capital of the world. Coming from a city with a population of under 10,000, the Lehigh Valley seems like a big city compared to their hometown. Time was spent visiting another sister, two brothers, other relatives and childhood friends in Hazleton. Bob, who received his Ph.D. in plant breeding, enjoyed a trip to Lancaster's Amish country which included a tour of an Amish farm and house. The highlight of the Lancaster trip was a visit to see the show "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Theatre. This production of Moses was a beautiful and amazing experience. The sets, music and special effects were absolutely astounding.

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Magda and Barbara Yurchishin recently returned after spending two months visiting their grandparents in Kaluga, Russia.

## Polka Mass

Sunday, August 10th, Sacred Heart Hospital and Healthcare System sponsored a Polka Mass as part of the Musikfest traditions. The liturgy celebrant was Father John Hilferty, Chaplain at Sacred Heart Hospital. He was assisted by Father Michael Piccola from SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Hazleton and Deacon Reuben Hartzell from SS. Simon & Jude Church in Bethlehem. Music was provided by The Changing Times and the Tatra Slovak Folk Group. Booklets were passed out by Boy Scouts from Troop 335, so those in attendance could follow along and participate with the singing. Attendees were able to receive communion. The Polka Mass was attended by all age groups from young to old. This year was no exception with good attendance at the Festplatz tent. A few of our parishioners were among those in attendance.

## School of Christian Living

School of Christian Living will begin with a party for all students on Sunday, September 14, 2014. It is very important to bring up our children and youth in a spiritual environment, where they can learn Christian values and shape their moral character. Our church provides religious education to all children and youth. Tara Broczkowski is returning as our Sunday School teacher.

This year two students, Danielle Wunderlich and Madison Passaro will be preparing for Confirmation. Father Bogdan will conduct the classes starting Sunday, September 21, 2014.

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Father Bogdan and Deacon Donald continuing with the tradition of blessing our students, their backpacks, along with their parents and all the teachers of the parish before the start of the new school year



Happy Birthday  
Janina Martucci celebrated her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday after Mass on Sunday, August 17 with many family and friends in

attendance.

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## September at a Glance

Mass at 9 AM

**Coffee Social after Mass**

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

September 2 – Committee Meeting

**September 7 – ANS meeting**

September 7 - Baptism

**September 14 – Kira Mohr – "How to Keep Your Memory Healthy"**

September 14 – Sunday School begins

**September 20 – Coopersburg Community Day**

September 21 – Confirmation Classes begin

**September 26 & 27 – Pierogie making**

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Although we waited through an hour rain delay, the atmosphere was sunny when a group of 31 representing Our Lord's Ascension Parish attended the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Friday, August 1, 2014. We were delighted when David Broczkowski, representing our church, threw a perfect strike for the ceremonial first pitch. The game was interesting with a seesaw battle for the lead and the home team was victorious over the Rochester Red Wings. Another winner was Ernie Stavrovsky who won an Iron Pigs hat in the group raffle ticket drawing, but all who attended were rewarded with a fun evening. 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.

## Upcoming Fund Raisers

In order to maintain our church property and pay the monthly bills, it is necessary to have various fund raising projects throughout the year. Weekly Bingo, monthly pierogi making, the Lottery Calendar sales along with the Fall and Spring Bazaar are the most popular and financially beneficial projects. The next few months are the busiest time of the year with the forthcoming events.

Saturday, September 20, 2014 - **Coopersburg Community Day** –Again this year Our Lord's Ascension PNCC will have a booth selling pierogi, haluski, rolls, baked goods and crafts.

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 - **Bosco's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** – a 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00. Nancy Poposki and Andrea Gritman will be selling the discount shopping passes at Bosco's, Lehigh Valley Mall on the day of the sale. Stephanie Czuba and Beverly Wunderlich will be at the Palmer Park Mall.

November 1, 2014 - **Annual Fall Bazaar** – Preparation for this annual event has already begun. Countless hours are spent making pierogies and stuffed cabbages, baking rolls and kiffles, along with setting up for this four hour affair.

**Lottery Calendar** - The sale of the Lottery Calendars is second only to the Fall and Spring Bazaar in earnings. The 2015 Lottery Calendar will be available in mid-September. Please see Joe Jurnock for your 2015 Lottery Calendar. Remember you can play the evening daily number every day for just \$25.00. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the "hard to shop for person" on your gift list.

## Bridge



A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says 'nothing's wrong,' and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

## Guest Speaker

After mass on Sunday, July 27, 2014, Joe Law and Tanya Rogers from Compassionate Care Hospice explained all the aspects of hospice care, especially as it is provided in the terminally ill patient's home. It includes an array of services not only for the patient, but for the members the family. Father Bogdan is the chaplain in the group. A question and answer session followed. Gerry Matla, who spoke from experience agreed how helpful hospice care can be during this difficult time.

## Easy Apple Bake

2 c. flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Combine and set aside.

1 3/4 c. sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 c. cooking oil  
3 beaten eggs  
Combine.

Combine both sets of ingredients until well blended.

Add:

2 c. sliced apples  
1 c. chopped nuts

Blend well and turn into greased 9x13 inch pan.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.  
Cut into squares when cool.

*This tasty apple dessert is a quick-to-make autumn treat.*



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.