



Parish Tidings



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Birthdays



On April 14, 2019, the ANS provided a birthday cake honoring the many parishioners celebrating their April, May and June birthdays. Congratulations to Ranee Anthony, Mia Fernandes, Father Bogdan and John Sydorak who celebrate May birthdays and to Joe Jurnock, Ron and Catherine Trawinski, Joe Novak, Walter Poposki, Barbara and Magda Yurchisin, John Wunderler, and David Broczkowski, who celebrate June birthdays Sto Lat!



Anniversary Brunch



To celebrate the anniversary of the formation of the Polish National Catholic Church, the ANS sponsored a brunch after mass on Sunday, March 10, 2019. After a blessing by Father, all were treated to fruit salad, waffles, sausage, egg casserole and desserts. Thanks to Andrea Gritman, Jo Ann Schaffer, Sonia Kotch, Jackie Bayak, Madeline Getsko and Nancy Poposki for setting up, preparing the food and clean up.

A raffle was held and the lucky winners were:

- Karen Amate – Redners gift card
- David Broczkowski – Giant gift card and 2 dozen pierogies
- Gerry Matla – Panera gift card and 1 dozen kiffles
- Andrea Gritman – Apricot roll
- Jackie Bayak – Apricot roll
- John Sydorak – 2 dozen pierogies
- Fran Anthony – 1 dozen kiffles
- Bob Weller – Bottle of Wine

2019 Spring Bazaar



Our annual Spring Bazaar was held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. As always, a line formed at the door well before 10 AM. Better advertisement brought many first-time attendees. Thanks to Jackie Bayak for providing the information to get the word out about the bazaar. Kielbasa was the first to sell out followed by Haluski. All the Golumpki (Halupki) and rolls were sold out the following week. All areas but two exceeded last years' sales.

The fund-raising committee wants to thank the men and women who gave of their time to make kiffles, rolls, and stuffed cabbages; and everyone who prepared pierogies several times. Also noted are the women who donated a large amount of home-made Easter candies and baked goods to be sold and the YMS of R who donated the kielbasa and the ground meat for the stuffed cabbage. We can't forget those who helped set up the tables and hall and the clean up afterwards. The total income for the day was \$8,632.10.

The breakdown is as follows:

Rolls	\$1,234.00
White Elephant	\$ 266.60
Kielbasa	\$ 750.50
Crafts	\$ 425.25
Eat-In	\$ 563.50
Take-Out	\$ 929.00
Basket Auction	\$ 881.00
Baked Goods	\$ 969.25
Pierogies	\$1,343.00
Donations	\$1,280.00

Additional sales made the following days netted \$760.00 for a grand total of \$9,392.10.

Easter Tide



Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday



The 9 AM Easter Sunday service began with the traditional procession around the nave of the church. In addition to the customary Easter songs, David Broczkowski, accompanied by his mother Tara on guitar, sang *Holy Is His Name*. The Bell Choir performed *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*. After Mass Father Bogdan blessed the Easter food.



May at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass**
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sunday after Mass**
- May 9 – Pines Dinner Theater
- May 12 – Mother's Day Breakfast**
- May 17 & 18 - Tentative pierogi making
- May 19 – ANS meeting**
- May 26 – Women's Bible Study
- May 27- Memorial Day**
- May 30 – Ascension Day

June at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass**
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every Sunday after Mass**
- June 2– ANS meeting**
- June 16 – Father's Day Breakfast
- June 21 & 22 - Tentative Pierogi Making**
- June 30 - Women's Bible Study

Around the Parish

• The Snow Birds, John and Lynn Wunderler, have returned from their home in Pinellas Park, Florida in time for Easter. While in Florida, during the week of March 18th, I and my friend Mary Ann were the guests of the Wunderlers. We took the train from Philadelphia to Tampa where John and Lynn met us. During the week the four of us spent many sunny hours at Madeira Beach and at the Phillies Spring Training Camp. We were at the ballpark the day Bryce Harper hit his first homerun as a Phillie. Dining was an adventure for our taste buds. We had dinner at several ethnic restaurants including a Polish establishment that was out of cabbage and potato pierogies. We settled for two kinds of dessert pierogies filled with cherries and sweet cottage cheese. John took us to a German restaurant where we feasted on a typical dinner of wiener schnitzel with spatzle and a variety of German cakes. Mary Ann and I appreciated the gracious hospitality of the Wunderlers and the chance to spend time together basking in the warm sun.



Jo Ann Schaffer

• During the third week in March, Jerry and Andrea Gritman along with their son Jeff, his wife Andrea and their son Logan visited their oldest son Jason in Broomfield, Colorado. An enjoyable week was spent visiting and seeing several local sites. The highlight of the trip was the wedding of Jerry's great-niece at a resort in the Colorado Rockies and seeing Jerry's six nieces and nephews and their children.

• Jasmine Seritsky, daughter of Sharon Jurnock and Tony Seritsky and granddaughter of Barb and Joe Jurnock will graduate from Catasauqua High School on June 3, 2019. Treasurer of her senior class, Jasmine was also the boys' basketball manager, a member of the Varsity C Club, a member of the student council and played fours years of volleyball. She recently returned from Disney World after performing with the chorus and band. In March she took a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with her mother. A certified lifeguard, Jasmine will work at Dorney Water Park this summer before attending East Stroudsburg University to pursue a career as an athletic trainer.



Parish Yearly Meeting

The Parish Yearly Meeting was held after Mass on March 3, 2019. Father Bogdan opened the meeting with a prayer. A copy of the Annual Report and the minutes from last year's meeting were given to each member along with the financial reports of each society. Father gave an overview of all the responsibilities and activities he was involved with during the year. There were 25 members in attendance out of the 44 total members. Mia Fernandes has resigned as recording secretary and this position is open to any parishioner. All other council members agreed to keep their positions for the following year. Walter Poposki gave a report on the status of our financial concerns. He stated that although we still owe back dues for the years 2009 thru 2014, we paid our yearly dues to Scranton for the fifth consecutive year. We were reminded that 6% of the weekly collection and holiday envelopes are remitted to the Scranton Dioceses. The

cancellation of the Coopersburg Community Day was a big financial loss to the parish. A booth at the Whitehall Fall Festival made up a small portion of this loss.

President Dan Broczkowski discussed future concerns including the status of the parking lot, repointing of the brick and replacing the damaged portion of rug at the altar. Dan also expressed thanks to the Stavrovsky family for plowing the parking lot during the past several winters. Father Bogdan believes that the statues of Mary and Joseph, the baptismal fountain and the Monstrance should be repaired or replaced due to deterioration.

Before the meeting, sandwiches, pasta salad, and dessert were provided by the committee members.

Mother's Day Humor



Over the centuries mothers have given their children plenty of good advice; here are some examples which you may find quite amusing.

COLUMBUS'S MOTHER: I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You could have written.

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it.

GOLDBLOCKS'S MOTHER: I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this Goldie?

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something?

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: Of course, I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!

HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER: Humpty, If I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? No!

Garlic Shrimp and Pasta

1 can condensed chicken broth
½ cup water
2 tsp cornstarch
2 tsp olive oil
4 cloves garlic, sliced or minced
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
¼ tsp grated lemon peel
1/8 tsp ground red pepper (cayenne)
1 ½ lb. medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
2 tsp lemon juice
4 cups hot cooked spaghetti



- In a small bowl, stir together broth, water and cornstarch until smooth; set aside
- In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot oil, cook garlic, parsley, lemon peel and red pepper 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add shrimp and lemon juice. Cook until shrimp turn pink and opaque, stirring constantly.
- Gradually add broth mixture to skillet. Cook until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Toss with spaghetti.

Serves 4

If you have something to share, a story, anecdote, recipe, or up-coming event in your life, please submit it to Jo Ann Schaffer, or Andrea Gritman.