



Parish Tidings



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Picnic



On Saturday, July 13, a warm sunny afternoon, approximately twenty parishioners attended Father Bogdan's annual covered dish picnic. Kielbasa grilled by Father Bogdan, a variety of salads and an abundance of desserts were enjoyed by all. John Sydorak served as caller for four games of bingo. Everyone paid a dollar and each winner received \$4.25. The lucky winners were Karen Amate, Tara Broczkowski and John Sydorak twice. Karen and John were also winners of the Genius game, a list of twenty trivia questions. Thanks to Father Bogdan and Anna for hosting this event and to Jo Ann Schaffer for organizing the games.

Annual Blessing of Cars and Drivers



World War II Weekend

Hank Kudzik, wearing his dress Naval uniform, is kissed by two Michigan sisters dressed in 1940-style dresses at the Reading World War II Weekend.



Birthdays



On August 11, 2019 the ANS provided a birthday cake honoring the many parishioners celebrating their July, August and September birthdays. Congratulations to Lynn Wunderler, and Nicolette and Ernie Stavrovsky who celebrated July birthdays, Jerry Gritman and Madeline Getsko who celebrated August birthdays, and to Sonia Kotch, Barb Jurnock, Karen Amate, Stephanie Czuba and Joan Torkos who celebrate September birthdays.

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Father Senior Donald



Eight members of Our Lord's Ascension PNCC traveled to Reading for the Pastoral Installation and Investiture as Senior Priest of Reverend Donald Wunderlich on Sunday August 11. All participated in some way for the celebration. Father Bogdan was present at the altar, Gerry Matla, John Wunderler and Cindy Weller sang in the choir. Jackie Bayak, Lynn Wunderler,

Nancy Popski and Andrea Gritman held candles and joined in the processional and recessional representing the ANS along with three ANS members of the Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ (Father Donald's previous parish). The Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, DD celebrated the Contemporary Mass and The Most Reverend Dr. Anthony Milkovsky was guest of honor. It was a wonderful day filled with joy and blessings.

Congratulations to Father Senior Donald.

September at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- September 1 – ANS Meeting
- September 2 Labor Day
- September 8 – Coopersburg meeting
- September 18 – Kiffle Baking for Coopersburg – 9 AM
- September 19–Coopersburg preparations – 9 AM
- September 21 – Coopersburg Community Day
- September 27 & 28 - Tentative pierogi making
- September 29 – Women's Bible Study

October at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- October 6 – ANS Meeting
- October 6 – Blessing of the Animals
- October 13 – Meeting for Fall Bazaar
- October 16 – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
- October 18 & 19 Tentative Pierogi Making
- October 24 to November 1 – Preparations for the Fall Bazaar
- October 27– Women's Bible Study - *****
- November 2 – Fall Bazaar
- November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – set your clocks back

Dorothy Villa



With deepest sorrow, we announce the passing of Dorothy Villa on July 12, 2019. A longtime parishioner, Dottie will always be remembered for her many years volunteering at the Baked Goods during the fall and spring bazaars.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Jerry, sons Gerald Jr and Jeffrey, daughters Sandra Cockrell and Paula Villa and their families.

Gertrude Gron

We note the passing of Gertrude Gron on August 24, 2019. Gertrude was a longtime member of Our Lord's Ascension PNCC.

Around the Parish

• Manny and Mia Fernandes celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 5th. The celebration included a renewal of vows at Pocono Manor and a celebratory dinner at Lake Naomi Clubhouse. The couple's children and grandchildren were all present to wish them a Happy and Joyful Anniversary.

• Saturday, September 21, 2019 - Coopersburg Community Day – The Coopersburg organizers requested volunteers to help them with the setup for this event. Thanks to Ron Trawinski and Gerry Matla for giving their time, saving our church \$105 in registration fees. The signup sheet for this event is on the easel for those wishing to make donations or volunteer their time.

• Wednesday, October 16, 2019 - Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – A 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00 (the entire donation benefits our church). Save money by doing your Christmas shopping early.

• On July 21, one of the hottest and humid days of the summer, Father Bogdan celebrated a low mass (no music or singing). Those hearty enough to brave the heat were rewarded with ice cream for breakfast during the coffee hour thanks to Father Bogdan.



• The annual blessing of backpacks, parents, grandparents and teachers was held during Mass on August 25.



• Thanks to Gerry Matla, Jerry Gritman, Frank Matla and Ron Trawinski for trimming the shrubbery around the church.



• Lake Naomi in the Poconos was the site of an end of summer picnic hosted by Mia Fernandes on Saturday, August 24. Walter and Nancy Poposki, Mary Ann and Joe Bartone, Jackie Bayak, Jo Ann Schaffer and Andrea Gritman enjoyed the food, friendship and views of the lovely lake on the beautiful fall-like day. The trip was rather lengthy due to traffic problems but was worth the hassle. Thanks to Mia for inviting all the bingo kitchen workers and ANS members to this fun outing.



• Saturday, November 2, 2019 - Annual Fall Bazaar – 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. Bring your white elephant items to the church any time before October 24. Please bring any Auction Baskets to the church by October 27. Your Fall Bazaar Donation slips will be available at the beginning of October. A list of the tentative preparation dates for the bazaar is attached.

• The 2020 Lottery Calendar will be available in October.

How Many Points to get into Heaven?

A man dies and goes to Heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into Heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done and I give you a certain number of points depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married for fifty years to the woman I loved deeply and never cheated on her."

"That's wonderful!" says St. Peter, "That's worth 2 points."

"Only 2 points?" says the man. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported the church with my tithes and service."

"Terrific, that's certainly is worth a point."

"One point? I started a soup kitchen and shelter for homeless women in my community."

"Fantastic, that's good for 2 more points."

"Two points?" Exasperated, the man cries, "At this rate, the only way I'll ever get into Heaven is by the grace of God."

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Ice Cream Sandwich Cake

- 24 vanilla ice cream sandwiches
- 2 8 oz. whipped topping, thawed (such as Cool Whip)
- 1 12 oz. jar hot fudge ice cream topping
- 1 12 oz. jar caramel ice cream topping
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts or pecans



Arrange 12 ice cream sandwiches in bottom of 9x13 dish. Top with layer of whipped topping, hot fudge topping and caramel topping. Repeat layering ending with whipped topping. Sprinkle with peanuts. Cover dish with aluminum foil and freeze until set, at least 30 minutes.

You can try different toppings such as mini M+M's, sprinkles, crushed Oreo cookies, toffee bits, etc.

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.

Second Annual Golf Tournament

Our Lord's Ascension Second Annual Golf Tournament was held at Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course on August 10, 2019. A scramble format was used for scoring because of a diverse group of participants. The winning team of Joe and Mary Ann Bartone, Catherine Trawinski and Eric Trawinski edged out the team of Frank Matla, Ron Trawinski, Gene Wrona and John Sydorak by one stroke. The Broczkowski family of Dan, Tara and son David completed the outing. Food, beverages and stories filled the air at the Clubhouse Restaurant where the winning team received four dozen pierogies donated by Gerry Matla, sponsor. Family commitments and vacations kept the numbers down a little but everyone is looking forward to next year's competition at a site and time to be determined.

By Frank Matla

Fishing Trip

The first of two Black Lake fishing trips took place in late June for Gerry and Frank Matla. A stay at the Watertown, NY Ramada with the New York National Guard was noteworthy. All the rain and the St. Lawrence rising flooded the eastern shore of Lake Ontario – the Watertown Promenade was flooded and the Guard was there to aid in evacuation of small shore communities of Henderson Harbor and Sandy Pond.

We arrived at our cabin on Saturday and the good fishing trip began. The lake was a bit high but the fishing was great. The first three days numerous bass in the 4 to 5 pound range were caught on plastic lures and crank baits. A weather front arrived on day four and the lake kicked up with rolling waves of two to three feet. Three trips were lost to unfishable conditions. However, by week's end Frank boated 150 fish and Gerry 120 large and small mouth bass, northern pike, perch and dogfish. Next a return in September for trip two.

By Frank Matla

Preparation dates for 2019 Coopersburg Community Day

Thursday, September 19 at 9 AM – Kiffle baking

Friday, September 20 at 9 am final Coopersburg preparations

Friday, September 20 at 7 PM – load trucks

Saturday, September 21 – Load trucks (cold items) at church 7:00 AM

Saturday, September 21 – Set-up at 7:30 AM at Coopersburg

Preparation dates for 2019 Fall Bazaar

Please be considerate to the volunteers setting up for the bazaar and bring your white elephant items to the church by October 24 and your auction baskets by October 27.

Friday, September 13 - Roll Baking (Apricot & Lekvar)

Friday & Saturday, September 27 & 28 – Pierogi Making

Monday, September 30 – Roll Baking (Poppy & Nut)

Tuesday, October 8 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking

Sunday, October 13 – Meeting for the Fall Bazaar

Monday, October 14 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking

Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19 – Pierogi Making (if necessary)

Thursday & Friday, October 24 & 25 at 9 AM – White Elephant setup

Tuesday, October 29 at 9 AM – Table & white elephant setup

Wednesday, October 30 at 9 AM – Setup

Thursday, October 31 at 7:30 AM – Baking of Apple Squares and Strudel

Friday, November 1 at 9 AM – Halupki making & final preparations

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar – doors open for workers at 8 AM