



Saint Stephen the Martyr PNCC PARISH NEWSLETTER



20 St. Stephen's Church Lane, Reading PA 19607 - August 2024

News You Can Use!
Helpful Info
Great Advice
Need to Know

UKRAINIAN RELIEF

New deadline for donations to the Ukrainian Relief Organization is SUN., Sept. 8 on the designated table in Fellowship Hall. Items needed: Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, unexpired medical supplies (9 mos. from exp.), adult & children diapers, personal hygiene products sanitary wipes and pads, canned foods, protein snacks blankets, towels and linens, new undergarments & socks, flashlights & batteries.

POLISH AMERICAN FESTIVAL

The Polish-American Heritage Society of Berks Co. is running a bust trip to the 58th Annual Polish-American Family Festival & Country Fair, in Doylestown, Sat., Sept. 7. Featuring rides, food, amusements, entertainment, vendors & crafts. Deadline for reservations is Aug. 16. Cost \$60/members \$65/non-members. Flyers with details are on the table in the vestibule of the church.

PICNIC: SUN. AUGUST 11 - NOON 'TILL 6 PM

Parish, Picnic Committee Countdown to Event

The picnic committee met on Sunday, July 21 to finalize many details for the event set for Sunday, August 11.

HERE ARE SOME BULLET POINTS TO NOTE:

- Band: Eddie Foreman Orchestra is booked
- Refrigerated Trailer: Booked for week of picnic
- Tents: Two 20 x 40 Tents reserved. Set-up Friday.
- (1) Food Service, (1) children's activities. Pop-ups to be used for hospitality/welcome/raffle ticket sales
- Golf Carts: 2 reserved \$1042.78
- Portable Toilet (Handicap): Reserved to be set-up near restrooms
- Insurance/Liquor License, etc.: To be secured
- Platzki Grill: Extra Blackstone grill was purchased to increase potato pancake production
- Propane Tanks & Burners: Items are secured for use at the soup stand and generator.
- Credit Card System: Will be operational day of
- Raffle Tickets: Tickets were mailed to parish members. *Final deadline for money and ticket returns Sun. 8/4. Extra Tickets are available.*
- Children's Activities: Organized
- Welcome Tent: This will be set-up on the parking

lot side of the main tent, and handle raffle ticket sales, and serve as a meeting point for the golf carts shuttle.

- REMINDER: Pierogi Need to be **DEFROSTED!**
- Bake Sale, Soup Stand: An open roofed pavillion will be the service area for the soup stand and baked goods. The platzki (*potato pancakes*) will be nearby.
- Food preparation: See dates for golumpki, halushki and soup listed below.
- Grounds set-up: Saturday 8/10 (Jay)
- Ice: detail still to be finalized 400 lbs. needed.
- Food Tickets: To be sold in one Kiosk
- Financials: Details have been finalized
- Product Inventory: Inventoried & Ordered
- Ground Map & Food Menu: Will be printed to be handed out day of picnic
- Signs: Gary W. & Mike T. to work out details for signs for the picnic
- Folding Tables: Tables will be needed from hall to serve food in tents
- Volunteer Workers Sign-up: It is important for members, family & friends to turn in sign-up sheets to assess staffing & scheduling details. **PLEASE!!!**

2024 Golumpki, Halushki & Soup Prep Dates:

Aug. Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				Golumpki 1 Prep. 9 am til ?	Golumpki 2 Prep. 9 am til ?	Golumpki 3 Making 9 am til ?
Golumpki 4 Making 9 am til ?	5	6	Halushki 7 Making 11 am - 3 pm	8	Soup 9 Making 10 am - ?	Food 10 Making ????

Please Sign-up to help if you are able!



St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Committee Report

Highlights of July Meeting

"Keeping YOU Informed of Parish Matters!"

PEST CONTROL/WOODPECKER UPDATE: The parish will have the exterior of the church and the rectory painted with a special paint to deter the on-going damage caused by woodpeckers. Met with contractor July 10. He will power wash the building. No date set.

CEMETERY NEWS: Plans to remove the broken gate from the cemetery entrance still on hold.

MISSION COMMISSION MAILING: The Mission Commission post card mailing to promote new members for the parish and the picnic was mailed to 50,000 households in the area. The \$19,500 cost was paid by the Enlivenment program of the Central Diocese.

Fluorescent green t-shirts are in the works for members of the church to wear at the picnic and community functions for promotion.

To date about 50 are being ordered. If you have **NOT** returned your form with t-shirt sizes **PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (Jan-June):

Included in this mailing is a report of each members financial contributions to the parish to date. (*According to your member #) Lynn Dowd, Financial Sec., reported that donations for the first six months are up about \$4,200 and savings on fuel oil for heating has decreased by \$5,600 this season. However, we are reminded that although dues is no longer collected, members need to increase weekly donations to cover the difference in expenses. To date, parish expenses vs. income shows a net loss of **\$34,228.65**. Thank you for your support for our parish!



Upcoming EVENTS

Meetings

✓ **Y.M.S. OF R.** (Men's Group)

To be announced if needed

✓ **ANS : LADIES ADORATION SOC.**

None Scheduled

✓ **PICNIC COMMITTEE**

Sunday, August 4 @ 10:45 am

✓ **PARISH COMMITTEE.**

Sun., Aug. 18, 11am in the Hall

✓ **MISSION COMMISSION**

None Scheduled

✓ **BOOK CLUB**

✓ To Be Announced. "Jesus Behaving Badly," by Mark Strauss

✓ **UKRAINIAN RELIEF**


Ukrainian Relief Donations
Deadline, Sunday, Sept. 8

✓ **SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday: Aug. 11 @ 9 am

Aug. 4, 18, & 25

@ 8 & 9:30 am



Prayer List

Please remember all those on our prayer list. Check the Weekly bulletin or the St. Stephen's website for an updated list. Please let Fr. Sr. Donald know if any changes need to be made to the list. Your devotion to prayer is a valuable tool for those in need! Thank you!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

The following parish organizations are always seeking new members to assist with projects and to offer new ideas. These include:

Altar Flowers Donations

Carole Urban

The ANS (Ladies' Adoration Society)

St. Stephen's Book Club & Mission

Commission: *Sally Traczuk*

Bishop Hodur Choir:

Cheryl Heckman

Financial Sec.: *Lynn Dowd*

Knight's Closet Reading HS Program

Sally Traczuk & Janet Katinowsky

Picnic/Fund-Raising

Committee: *Jay Rowe*

School of Christian Living:

Janet Katinowsky

Special Mass Intentions

& Memorial Contributions

Fr. Sr. Donald

Ukrainian Relief
Donations & Newsletter

Tom Schalata

YMS of R (Men's Group):

Fran Golembeski

FALL PARISH ACTIVITIES

Please check out the September Newsletter for more info on Parish Activities planned for the Fall!

EAST READING REUNION

The 2024 East Reading Reunion will be held from Noon to 6 pm on Sun., Sept. 15, 2024 at the Liederkrantz, 143 Spook Lane, Reading. A wide variety of American, Polish and German food desserts and drinks will be available. See old friends & neighbors & make new friends. Ted Roberts, D.J., will provide music from the 1950's to the present. There will also be an East Reading Trivia Contest. Presentations will be featured on the initiation of the East Reading Pool, pictures of old East Reading buildings and opportunity to share memories and stories of the area. The event will also feature games, prizes, children's playground and more. Admission \$5 adults (18 & over) Children free. admission includes non-alcoholic drinks and commemorative mug. East Reading T-shirts will be available. Rain or shine. Tickets avail at the gate or for tickets and info see facebook: East Reading Reunion 2024 or contact Tom Gajewski 610-698-8731 or Sandy Lubas Hummel 610-207-7065/ sahummel@ptd.net or Andrea Andrzejewski @ andrea1107@com-cast.net.

Contact Info & Resources



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Mass Schedule: 8 AM & 9:30 AM *Unless noted

August 2024 - Calendar of Events & Special Dates

Sunday Donuts Downstairs Back in Fall!	Tune in each month to THE POLISH AMERICAN CONNECTION with Tom Gajewski on BCTV on First Tuesday of Month - 7:30 pm; First Wed. after First Tues. - 7:30 pm; First Fri. after First Tues. - 1:30 pm; First Mon. after First Tues. - 10:30 am, & Second Tues. - 3:30 pm on Comcast Reading Channel 15, Comcast Southern Berks CH. 965, Service Electric CH. 19 & Streaming on <i>youtube</i> channel!				Golumpki Prep. 9 am - ?	Golumpki Prep. 9 am - ?	Golumpki Making 9 am - ?
Sunday Masses 8 & 9:30 AM Golumpki Making 9 am - ?	Sun. Aug. 4 FINAL PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING Raffle Ticket Deadline!	Polish American Connection with Tom Gajewski on BCTV @ 7:30 pm	Halushki Making 11 am - 3 pm	Soup Making 10 am - ?	Grounds Set-up @ Willow Glen & Food Making ???		
Annual Parish Picnic - ONE MASS ONLY @ 9 AM	Important Reminders: Return raffle tickets & money by Sun., Aug. 4 Picnic Grounds Set-up on Saturday, Aug. 10 @ ? Sign-up for Picnic Work Schedule & T-shirt Sizes needed ASAP				*PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETIN OR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONAL DATES FOR EVENTS!		
Sunday Masses 8 & 9:30 AM Parish Committee Meeting @ 11 AM in Fellowship Hall	SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who helped prepare the food for the annual picnic, and financial contributions. Your continued support is most appreciated!				*Please remember that despite the elimination of dues our parish still must meet our budget requirements. Your contributions to date are enclosed to keep you informed of status. Thank you for your support!		
Sunday Masses 8:00 & 9:30 AM	SAVE THIS CALENDAR Put it on Your Fridge !!!		Ukrainian War Relief Effort for donations for the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee Donations has been postponed to Sunday, September 8. Please Make a Note!				