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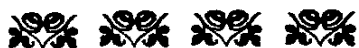
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Parish Family Picnic set for September 16

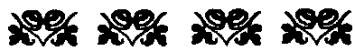
God who is by nature good and dispassionate, loves all men equally as His handiwork. But He glorifies the virtuous man because in his will he is united to God.

St. Maximos the Confessor



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Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, heralded joy to the Universe; for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He took away the curse, He gave the blessing, and by trampling Death, He gave us everlasting life.



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Divine Liturgies at 8 a.m. and
10:30 a.m.; Summer 8 a.m. and
10 a.m.; Holy Day Vigil 7 p.m.

Plan to attend the St. Ann Parish Family Picnic on Sunday, September 16. This is the perfect day for relaxing with your church friends and welcoming new parishioners.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks are provided. Please bring a salad, casserole, dessert, chips or other snack food to add to the buffet choices.

The hot dogs and hamburgers start cooking at 11:30, which means the food is ready soon after the second Divine Liturgy. Join us then and plan to stay until the end at 3 p.m.

During the afternoon children enjoy horseback rides, a peanut scramble, musical games, and many more fun activities.

Some of you might want to look at the pictures from other years that are on display. Also, you can see the new textbooks that are being used in the E.C.F. program. You will recognize many of the peo-

ple and scenes in these books because our parish has been chosen as one of the locations highlighted in this revised series.

This year the St. Ann Pro-life group will be there to answer any questions you might have about their activities.

September 16 is also Catechetical Sunday and the first day for E.C.F. classes. What a great way to start our church year program. Mark your calendars now, and remind your church friends to come to the picnic.

Anyone who wants to help with the set-up or clean-up, please call Heidi Kushlan, 564-4934.

Mark Your Calendars!

**St. Nicholas Buffet
Dance to be held
December 8
in the parish center**



Nativity of the Theotokos

What's Happening

Celebrate the Family

What do other families do during Phillip's Fast, the fast before the Feast of the Nativity? How can we find time to pray as a family? What meals do you serve during Lent?

Answers to questions like these are discussed every second Sunday of the month. Parents, grandparents, and other family members meet in the parish center at 9:15 to talk about issues that concern the family and to share ideas that work for some families.

This year the "Celebrate the Family" discussion series will include videos about parenting skills. Mark the second Sunday in October to remind you to join this group that celebrates the family.

Slavic-American Festival

The St. Ann Slavic-American Festival was a great success because of the many people who came forward to assist and because of the many who attended.

Mark your calendars now—the Festival next year will be July 28th, the fourth Sunday.

Tree of Giving

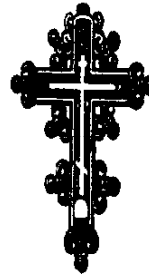
The Tree of Giving project will be coordinated by Drs. Richard and Kathy Szarko. We thank them, and we also thank John and Ann Marie Falatovich for their many years of dedication.

Fall Schedule

The Summer Liturgy Schedule (8:00 & 10:00 a.m.) ends Sunday, September 9. The fall schedule (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.) begins on Sunday, September 16. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

The Enlightener

A newsletter, *The Enlightener*, will be sent throughout the year to keep you informed of the many activities at St. Ann's. It is prepared by Ann Hanincik, Marie Nester and Marya Tipton. Send any suggestions or information that you want included in the next issue to any of them or put the item in an envelope marked for the newsletter and place it in the collection basket.



Eternal Memory

Our parish family offers prayers and condolences to the families of the following:

+ Agnes Szarko, mother of Dr. Richard Szarko

+ Kristen Puhak, daughter of Gabe and Betty Puhak

+ Nannette (Nan) Kohn, wife of Jack and mother of Joanne and Kenneth

Eternal Memory!

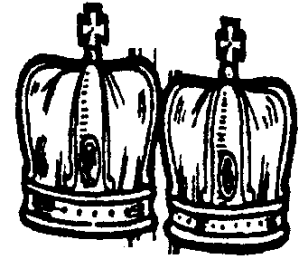
United in Holy Matrimony

May God grant many happy and healthy years to the following couples:

Bridget Sedun and Harry Bailey

Barbara Bereschak and Thomas Imboden

Marya and James Tipton



New Arrivals

Aaron Harchak, son of Dave and Tara Harchak

Hannah Paige Wilsbach, daughter of Beth and Greg Wilsbach

Please Pray for the following home-bound parishioners:

Mrs. Mildred Potochney, Mrs. Eleanor Figler (Villa Theresa), Sophie Mechalko, Marge Bastardi, and Alice Pawlinski (Ardens Court)

An Invitation from the Respect Life Committee

What's the name of the only church in the Diocese of Passaic with a respect life group? St. Ann, of course! The St. Ann Respect Life Committee is an apostolate designed to give the people of our parish community a chance to learn about the important life issues facing all people – especially Catholics – in today's world. The Committee is working to spread the *Gospel of Life* by offering opportunities for prayer, education, and participation within the parish and in cooperation with other parishes and community organizations.

The Respect Life Committee's first official event took place at this year's Slavic-American Festival and featured a pro-life display, free pamphlets and prayer cards, and balloons for the kids. Most importantly, many visitors to the display gave monetary gifts to the Committee, as well as donations of diapers, clothing, and formula for local pregnancy centers. Because of the overwhelming response from

parishioners and visitors, the Respect Life Committee installed a permanent donation box in the shrine room at St. Ann's.

The Respect Life Committee is planning many activities for this fall and winter, including establishing a pro-life lending library, organizing special events for Respect Life Month, and arranging transportation to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. The Respect Life Committee is fast becoming an active and vibrant part of the parish, and the members welcome **your** participation. The Committee meets after the second Liturgy, every third Sunday of the month in the parish center. Everyone is invited to enjoy coffee and donuts and spend an hour for Life.

If you would like more information about how to participate actively or through prayer, contact the St. Ann Respect Life Committee by email at stannrlc@mindspring.com or call 312-0465.

Eastern Christian Formation

Catechetical Sunday First Day of ECF Classes

The first day of the E.C.F. (Eastern Christian Formation) classes for children from preschool age to twelfth grade will begin on September 16, Catechetical Sunday. Classes are held between the Liturgies from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

The following are our dedicated teachers: Preschool/Kindergarten—Vera Miller and Joanne Kohn assisted by Marie Sirkot, Marie Gruber, and Theda Smith; First Grade—Karen Grubb assisted by Joan Bado; Second Grade—Marian Bassler; Third Grade—Eileen Dietman; Fourth Grade—Tara and David Harchak; Fifth/Sixth Grade—Beverly Kushner; Junior High—Marie Nester and Dennis Bupp; Senior High—Phillip Zulli, assisted by Marya Tipton, Michael Bado, Michael Peresolak, and Matt Sahn. Substitutes include some of the assistants and Kathy Szarko.

All children must be registered. Please complete the registration form and place it in the collection basket.

ECF Registration

Please use one form to register each child. (Include a copy of the child's baptism certificate if he or she was not baptized in the parish.)

Child's Information:

Name: _____
 First Name M. Last

Age ____ School Grade ____

Birthday ____/____/____

Parents' Information:

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____

Calendar

Sept. 1 Beginning of the New Liturgical Year

Sept. 8 Nativity of the Mother of God

Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 24 Baking for Christmas

Sept. 25 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 1 Patronage of the Mother of God

Baking for Christmas

Oct. 2 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 8 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 9 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 15 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 16 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 21 ECF Meeting - Parish Center

Oct. 22 Baking for Christmas

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Oct. 28 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Oct. 29 Baking for Christmas

Oct. 30 Baking for Christmas

Nov. 5 Baking for Christmas

Nov. 6 Baking for Christmas

Nov. 8

Nov. 11

Nov. 12

Nov. 13

Nov. 18

Nov. 21

Nov. 22

Dec. 6

Dec. 8

Archangel Michael

Veterans Day

Baking for Christmas

Baking for Christmas

ECF Meeting- Parish Center

Presentation of the Mother of God

Thanksgiving Day

Feast of St. Nicholas

Conception of St. Ann

St. Nicholas Buffet Dance - Parish Center

The Byzantine Congress will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Scranton, PA.

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