

# THE ENLIGHTENER

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## St. Ann Slavic American Festival set for July 20

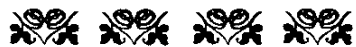
... The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together. Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love.

*St. John Chrysostom*



### Troparion

Ann divinely wise, you carried in yourself the Mother of God, the Immaculate One who gave life to Life; wherefore you now have been carried up joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, O ever blessed one, you seek the forgiveness of sins for those who honor you with fervor.



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

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Ann by attending the Festival at Saint Ann Byzantine Catholic Church on Sunday, July 20. This year's festival is being held the third Sunday in July, rather than the fourth Sunday that had been the date for many years. Please remember to mark your calendar now so that you do not miss this great event!

Tell your family and friends to join you on July 20 at this Slavic American Festival that has been a tradition of the Harrisburg area for over 40 years. The ethnic specialty foods that include halupkies, pirohis, schnitzlies, and halushky will be at the top of the list of the fabulous food served in the parish center. Full dinners and a la carte and take-out food are available throughout the day. Also, St. Ann's famous poppy seed, apricot and walnut rolls are sold at the dessert table that has delicious homemade cakes, pies, cookies, and fudge.

Plan to tour the beautiful church that will be open throughout the day. Scheduled tours will give you the chance to learn more about the Eastern Catholic Tradition.

On the church grounds are stands that display icons, books, pysankies, and many other ethnic items that you can buy. Plan ahead and buy some very meaningful and



By Yaroslava

unique presents. Also on display will be information about the active Pro-life Group that is part of the Saint Ann community.

Entertainment starts at 1 p.m. with a band to be announced. Starting at 5 p.m. dance to the sound of John Stevens and the Doubleshot Polka Band from Swoyersville. If you ever attended the picnic at St. Mary Byzantine Church in Mahanoy City, you know

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# Respect Life News

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## In summer, there's no vacation from 'Life'

It's finally summer, and that means beaches, barbecues, and sunshine. But even though in the summertime the "livin' is easy," and everyone becomes just a little more laid back, there's no vacation from defending life. The St. Ann Respect Life Committee (RLC) is working as hard as ever this summer with two big activities.

Sunday, July 20 is the parish's annual Slavic American Picnic. In addition to all of the food and fun, the RLC will again have an information table with brochures, balloons, and other items promoting the culture of life. The RLC will also accept donations of diapers and wipes, baby and maternity clothes, and any other baby (and mom) care items, for local pregnancy centers and maternity homes.

Priests for Life, an international pro-life apostolate, provides information and resources on the life issues for priests all over the world. This spring the organization launched a prayer project matching abortion clinics in every state with those Catholic parishes nearest to them. Parishioners are asked to pray for the clinic: for the babies who lose their

lives there, the women who suffer physical and emotional pain following the procedure, and the abortionists and clinic workers who are surrounded by physical and spiritual death every day. The RLC is getting St. Ann's involved by offering prayer suggestions and other activities encouraging the parish family's participation. St. Ann's is the only Eastern Catholic church in Pennsylvania to be a part of this important project. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details about how you can take part.

*Every person of good will must feel called to mobilize for this great cause, and must be sustained by the conviction that every step taken in defense of the right to life and in the concrete promotion of it is a step toward peace and civility.*

Pope John Paul II  
5TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF "EVANGELIUM VITAE"  
February 14, 2000

## Festival

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this band.

It should be no problem for any parishioner to work the entire day. This is your parish, and you should be willing to work with the pride of the founders of this parish. The Festival is only one day a year, and our helping throughout the day will show our appreciation to Almighty God and to Saint Ann, our Patroness. Let this year be the best Festival ever as we work together with the same pride and commitment as the founders of this parish had 40 years ago when they started St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church.

### Picnic Sign-Up Sheets

As in the past, we are asking for your help to work at the picnic. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibules of the church for you to pick and choose what stand and what hours you will be available to help. Remember, the success of our St. Ann

Festival depends on each and every one of us working as a team! Lets make this year's festival the best!

### Festival Wish List

Our Festival has acquired the reputation of being one of the biggest and best in the state of Pennsylvania, and all because of the giving of your time, talents, and treasures. Listed below are items which will be needed for our festival. Please drop off any donated items at the parish center at your convenience: Crisco oil (gallon container), margarine, paper towels, napkins, Great Northern beans.



# What's Happening

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**Congratulations to Father Michael on the celebration of his 39th Priestly Anniversary. May God grant him many happy and blessed years-Mnohaja l'ita!**

**ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2004**-Plan ahead and save! The 2004 Rally, sponsored by the Intereparchial Youth Commission will take place June 24-27 at Camp St. Nicholas, Frazier Park, CA, which is 75 miles from Los Angeles. Cost for the rally will be \$250 per person. It is open to Byzantine Catholics ages 13-19. For further information visit [www. Byzanteen.com](http://www.Byzanteen.com) or call the Rally Planning office at 708-645-0241. Our parish will supply scholarships for any youth who wants to go but is unable due to the cost. Contact Father Michael for more information. Also, read the weekly bulletin for more details about the rally.

**Junior High Retreat - The St. Ann Eastern Christian Formation will be holding a mini retreat for junior high students from 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, to 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, on the parish grounds. A campout and other fun activities are planned. For more information, contact Marya Tipton at 338-1783.**

**Please Help!** There is a jug in the back of the church marked **Building Fund for the Blessed Theodore Romzha Seminary**. Any offering given to this worthy cause will be sent to Father Taras and Bishop Milan in Uzghorod. Our seminary in Uzghorod is only one-fourth complete because of lack of funds, and there is room for only 41 students and a couple priests. Bishop Milan plans to complete the seminary since he has over 100 applications. Father Taras has been in the United States and has gone to the NCCB to seek funds. Bishop Milan will be in the U.S. later this year to visit our parishes to see how they work and function.

Brochures explaining the **situation in Uzghorod** will be in the back of the church. If anyone wants to give a donation of \$500-\$1000-\$5,000 as a tax deductible contribution, the brochure will explain the procedure. As your pastor, I ask you to consider assisting those less fortunate than we are in our country. These people have been victimized by the signing of the Treaty in Yalta. This applies not only

to Ukraine but to all the former Soviet Bloc nations that are still economically in shambles.

**Please do not bring any more clothing** to send to Europe. We are still taking medicine, but no clothing. We no longer have a way to send it to Europe because it has become cost prohibitive.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter 2003 District 1 Gathering--October 10-12 at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster.**

Also--**The Joy of Cooking**. Ten years ago we started our parish cookbook project. We are now continuing. If anyone would like to contribute recipes, please send them to the parish office or bring them to church and give them to Helen Lutzkanin.



## Congratulations to Our High School Graduates

Andrew Devore, York Suburban High School  
(Plans to attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology)

Becky Dietman, Bishop McDevitt High School  
(Plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College)

Monica Lazur, Cedar Cliff High School, (Plans to attend James Madison University)

Josh Smee, Bishop McDevitt High School (plans to attend New York University)

## College Graduate

Jason Smee, graduated from Washington and Lee University, VA

**Mnohaja l'ita!**

These are the only names submitted.

## **Remember these Feast Days**

- June 29**     **Sts. Peter and Paul**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**
- July 20**     **Holy Prophet Elias**
- July 25**     **Patronal Feast of St. Ann**
- August 6**     **Feast of the Transfiguration**
- August 15**    **Dormition of**  
**the Mother of God**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**
- August 29**    **Beheading**  
**of St. John the Baptist**
- Sept. 1**        **Beginning**  
**of the New Liturgical Year**
- August 29 - Sept. 1**  
**Pilgrimage to Uniontown**

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Ever-Faithful God,  
You have called us and graced us  
through our baptism to continue the mission  
of your beloved Son, Jesus.

Open us to listen to your call  
and empower us to witness to the gospel  
with courage.

Inspire women and men  
to follow the path of service.  
Together may we build up the Church  
As a living and vibrant sign of your pres-  
ence  
in our world.

We offer this prayer  
In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus.  
Amen

## **Lectors (Readers)**

The reader of the Sacred Scripture is an important aspect of all our Divine Services. Scripture is read at all of our Vespers and Divine Liturgy Services. We would like to involve additional readers at our divine services. Men and women regardless of age are most welcome. Please see Father Michael who will be more than happy to give you a brief 15-minute course on public reading of Scripture and our Divine Services. Our high school students are asked to consider volunteering to be a lector. Also, the boys and men of our parish are asked to consider becoming altar servers.

## **Bingo Volunteers Needed**

If you can spare 3-4 hours one Friday night a month to come out and give bingo a much-needed hand, please call Tom Walko at 545-4046, Joan Bado at 545-2869 or the Rectory at 652-1415 and volunteer your services. Volunteers are needed in all aspects of bingo, particularly in the kitchen and on the floor.

## **New Articles to be Memorialized**

Blue Vestments, Sterling Silver Chalice,  
Enameled Hand Cross, Four icon stands an icon  
table, and St. Ann icon

## **Saint Ann Parish 40th Anniversary Celebration**

Mark your calendar: October 5, 2003  
On this day we will have a celebration in honor of this historic and joyous occasion. Plan to attend! Your time, talent, and dedication to your church will be needed to prepare for this celebration. Plan to attend the organization meeting on Wednesday, July 9, at 7 pm in the parish center. Sign up to attend this meeting on the sheet in the back of the church or call Stephen Bobar (717-561-4551) or John Falatovich (717-697-4958) to tell them YOU want to help plan this important event.  
Note: There will be only one Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the anniversary celebration.

# School/Parents

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God has entrusted you with the special gift of a precious child and we know that, together, we are making a world of difference. Thank you for that privilege.

In Father Ciszek's book *With God in Russia*, he writes of two specific memories of his mom and dad.

One account is when he arrived home later than he was expected and was very cold, tired, and scared and knew that his father was worried about him. He writes, "My father, worried, was still waiting up for me. He lit a fire in the kitchen stove and then, without waking my mother, cooked a meal for me with his own hands and saw me safely into bed.

"Many years later, in the Siberian prison camps, it was that episode above all others that I remembered when I thought of my father.

"If it was from my father that I inherited my toughness, it was from my mother that I inherited my religious training. She taught us our first prayers and trained us in faith long before we entered the parish school."

What special memory will your child hold on to?

Catholic schools and parents, may we together continue to make a world of difference in the life journey of each child. Thanks, mom and dad, for all you do! We think you are great. God bless you.

Sister Catherine Danielle  
Principal and Faculty of Father  
Ciszek School  
Shenandoah

# Around the Parish

Congratulations to **Anthony Sedun** for his efforts in starting a Respect Life student group at his college, Millersville University. See article on Page 9. Anthony also recently attended a "Growing Up Into Christ: Beyond ByzanTEEN-hood" retreat for young adults at Uniontown and wrote an article about it for SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary.

**Ann Hanincik**, president of the St. Ann Respect Life Committee, has been accepted at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington, DC where she will pursue a master's degree in theological studies.

**Stephene Csonka** has recently completed 90 hours toward catechetical certification at the Cardinal Keeler Diocesan Center.

If there is any parish news you would like to report in the *Enlightener*, please drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Attention: Marie Nester or Marya Tipton.

## E.C.F. Registration

Please use one form for each child that is being registered for the 2003-2004 school year.

Child's Information:

Name,  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Parent's Information:

Name:  
Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of the child's Baptism certificate if he or she was not baptized in this parish

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**Thank you to Father Michael, Joan Trautlein, our ECF Coordinator, and the following dedicated teachers for the successful 2002-2003 school year:**

**Vera Miller, Joann Kohn, Karen Grubb, Gina Mistishin, Marie and Ray Gruber, Eileen Dietman, Tara and David Harchad, Grace Rentovich, Marie Sirkot, Matt Sahn, Marya Tipton, Dennis Bupp, Phillip Zulli, Marie Nester, Tracy Ort, Maribeth Peters, Katherine Skitka, and Kathy Szarko. Also, thank you to the parents and children.**

# Our tax dollars at work!

This is worth reading, short and to the point!

Our Senators/Congressmen do not pay into Social Security, and, therefore they do not collect from it. Social Security benefits were not suitable for them. They felt they should have a special plan. Many years ago they voted in their benefit plan. In more recent years, no Congressperson has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan.

For all practical purposes, their plan works like this: When they retire no matter how long they have been in office, they continue to draw their same pay until they die, except it may be increased from time to time by cost-of-living adjustments.

For example, former Senator Bill Bradley (New Jersey) and his wife may be expected to draw \$7,900,000 over an average life span, with Mrs. Bradley drawing \$275,000 during the last year of her life. Their cost for this excellent plan is "0," nada, zilch. This little perk they voted in for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan.

Our tax dollars at work! Social Security, which you and I pay into every payday for our own retirement, with an equal amount matched by our employer, we can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month. Or, we would have to collect our benefits for 68 years and 1 month to equal the Bradley's benefits. Imagine for a moment that you could structure a retirement plan so desirable, a retirement plan that worked so well, that Railroad Employees, Postal Workers, and other who were not in the plan would clamor to be included. This is how good Social Security could be, if only one small change was made. That change would be to jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan out from under the Senators/Congressmen. Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us. Watch how fast they fix it!! !

If enough people receive this maybe a seed will be planted, and maybe good changes will evolve.

Don't forget, our girl, Hillary Rodham Clinton. Thanks to the infinite wisdom of New York State voters, she now comes under this Congressional Retirement Plan.

Talking about the Clintons, it's common knowledge that, in order for her to establish NYS residency, they purchased a million + house in upscale Chappaqua, NY. Makes sense. Now, they are enti-

led to Secret Service protection for life. Still make sense. Here is where it becomes interesting. A residence had to be built in order to house the Secret Service agents. The Clintons now charge the Secret Service rent for the use of the said residence and that rent is just about equal to their mortgage payment, meaning that we, the taxpayers, are paying the Clinton's mortgage and it's all perfectly legal.

## Sedun brings Life to campus

The name of our student pro-life organization over here at Millersville is "Millersville University Solutions For Life" (or MUSFL). We have about 15 students that come to each meeting, but around 40 students on the email list.

The officers are: Anthony K. Sedun, President; Beth Curlett, Vice President; Travis Copeland, Secretary; Scott Smith, Historian; Delfina Szekeres, Public Relations; Katie Ostrom, News-hound.

Last semester, as you may already know, was our very first, getting started and all. But still, we managed to get the stage set for the future and participate in these activities and events: tour of local pregnancy center ("A Woman's Concern" in Lancaster; attended fundraising benefit dinner for "A Woman's Concern"; attendance at Pro-Life Seminar by Rock For Life (Lancaster Chapter) hosted by Lancaster Bible College; attended a talk on "Pro-Life Apologetics" by Stephanie Grey; attended the "Proudly Pro-Life" Dinner in New York City by Nat'l Right to Life Committee, etc.

This coming semester we look to bring in at least one speaker from Nat'l Right to Life to Millersville University, complete at least one service project, and continue to build and contribute to the 'culture of life' here on campus in many other ways. Please include in your blurb about MUSFL that though we are technically a 'non-denominational' group of students, THE PRAYERS OF THE PARISHONERS OF ST. ANN'S AND OTHERS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED FOR US IN OUR PRO-LIFE EFFORTS.

## *Feast of St. Ann*

Friday, July 25, is the Feast of Saint Ann. This is the patronal feast of our parish. It is a holy day of obligation for all the members of our parish family. There will be an outdoor procession on Thursday evening at the vigil Liturgy.

### **Looking for something to do:**

Thursday, July 3rd-Battle of the Bands-St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose-9 PM- 2 AM

Featuring "Lost in Place" and "Root 80"

Tickets: \$10/ call 544-4581 or \$12 at the door.

July 4, 5, 6-St. Nicholas 68th annual Parish Picnic-Picnic Grove, Primrose

Ethnic foods, live entertainment, refreshments.

A chicken dinner will be held on Sunday, July 6 from noon-2 PM. Tickets are \$5 per platter; \$5.50 take-out.

Sunday-July 27-69th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day, Primrose.

Ethnic foods, live entertainment and refreshments

(This annual event started as Ukrainian Day in Lakewood Park.)

## **Picnic Basket Bonanza**

"Basket Bonanza" raffle-This year we have a new addition to the festival and we need your support.

We are asking parish organization, individual parish members, families and/or groups of parish members to sponsor a basket valued at \$50.00. Use your imagination and be as creative as you wish, or you may want to make a monetary donation for a basket and we will do the shopping for you! The baskets will acknowledge the responsible organization, group or person. If you have any questions, contact the following co-chairpersons:

**Joanne and Harry Smith**

**Rosalie and Joe Tarris 545-7676**

**Cindy and Tom Walko 545-4046**

Basket suggestions: Penn State, dinner out, God Bless America, car care, pasta, hair and beauty, towels, golf, kids' (boys or girls), back to school, music, wine and spirits, coffee and tea.

***If anyone would be interested in memorializing flowers, the 7-day branch candle or the at the St. Ann shrine icon candle, contact Father Michael.***

## **Anniversary Celebration**

Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary  
(multiples of 5: 5th, 10th, 15th, etc.)

is invited to the Eparchial celebration on September 23.

Contact the rectory as soon as possible  
to make your reservation.

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# Slavic-American FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 20 from 12:00 noon til 9:00 P.M.

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**Raffle**

**\$3500.00 in Cash Prizes**

**\*Ethnic Food\***  
**Polka Bands**  
**Folk Dancers**  
**Games**

**Free Admission  
& Free Parking**

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