



Parish Tidings



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Lesser Know Saints

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



Saint Frances was born in Lombardi, Italy in 1850, one of thirteen children. At eighteen, she desired to become a Nun, but poor health stood in

her way. She helped her parents until their death, and then worked on a farm with her brothers and sisters.

One day a priest asked her to teach in a girls' school and she held this position for six years. At the request of her Bishop, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Then at the urging of Pope Leo XIII she came to the United States with six nuns in 1889 to work among the Italian immigrants and became an American citizen.

Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, this remarkable woman soon founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages in this strange land for these Italian immigrants and children and saw them flourish in their new home. At the time of her death in Chicago, Illinois on December 22, 1917 her institute numbered houses in England, France, Spain, and the United States, and South America. In 1946, she became the first American citizen to be canonized when she was elevated to sainthood by Pope Pius XII.

Her feast day is November 13 and became known as the patroness of immigrants.

November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives.

Poland Trip

Plans are moving forward for the excursion to Poland. Twenty-one have signed up for the 10-day trip from June 10 to June 19, 2017. If you are interested in visiting the home of your ancestors, contact Father Bogdan for more information – cell phone 484-264-7627. Last day to sign up is October 31, 2016.

Father Bogdan will keep all travelers updated with trip information by text. Please remember to supply your cell phone number to Father Bogdan.

Fund Raiser

Rose Marie (Sarge) Brugger has devoted most of her life to service in her community. She volunteers at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, has volunteered many hours at Mercy Hospital in Scranton and most recently our church. A twenty-one-year survivor of stage 4 throat cancer and multiple surgeries, Sarge is unable to speak without using a microphone making it difficult to communicate with others.

On October 21, 2016, she underwent a voice box transplant surgery in St. Louis, Missouri. We have kept her in our prayers but unfortunately prayers are not enough. Funding is needed for airfares, hotel stays, hospital and medical expenses.

On Sunday, November 13, 2016 our church will host a Bingo Fund Raiser to help with these expenses. Many parishioners are giving up Sunday afternoon football to help at this worthy function. In addition to a fun afternoon of bingo, food will be available along with a Chinese Auction. Bingo starts at 2 PM, doors open at 12:30 PM.

Interested in helping out – contact Joe Bartone.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Today we give thanks
For our many blessings
As we pray for those in need.

We give thanks
For our family and friends
As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms
As we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health
As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity
As we share our blessings with others.

On this day of Thanksgiving,
May the love of God enfold us,
The peace of God dwell within us
And the joy of God uplift us.

**October 30 - 11:30 am -
Procession to our cemetery with
blessing of the graves**

November at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass**
- Religious Classes after Mass – 2nd and 4th Sunday of each Month
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM**
- November 1 – All Saints Day**
- November 2 – All Souls Day
- November 5 – Fall Bazaar**
- November 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – set you clocks back
- November 6 – ANS Meeting**
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 13 – Charity Bingo Fund Raiser**
- November 24 – Thanksgiving

- December 3 – ANS Ladies Social
- December 11 – Christmas Dinner

Pastor's Corner

Celebration of Life!



In the Apostles' Creed we read "I believe in the communion of saints". This truth has a very strong base in the Gospel of St. Luke 20:38 "He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for to Him all are alive." As the One, Holy,

Catholic and Apostolic Church we believe that in this communion of all the faithful in Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, the merciful love of God is always attentive to our prayers. We are approaching a significant time in the liturgical year – the time of prayer for our loved ones who preceded us in their journey to the Heavenly Kingdom. We will express our faith in the communion of saints during the solemnity of All Saints, but also during All Souls Day and after each Sunday in November by reading the Remembrance for the souls of those we loved. All these upcoming days will be filled with our hope and assurance that our life with the time of death is not ending, but will be changed into eternal life with God.

Father Bogdan

Around the Parish

- Interest in learning more about your faith. Father Bogdan holds religious classes after Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.
- Rane and Fran Anthony recently returned from their Hawaiian vacation visiting their son Matthew, daughter-in-law Patricia and grandchildren Olivia and Alex.
- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- The ANS earned \$325.00 from the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. This money will be used to offset the cost of baking of rolls for the Fall and Spring Bazaars. Thanks to all the parishioners who supported this project by buying shopping passes.
- To honor all those who have served past and present, Hank Kudzik, WWII Navy Chief Petty Officer on the USS Nautilus Submarine will be guest speaker at Stephens Funeral Home on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM.
- Do you have a favorite hymn? A signup sheet is posted on the easel for anyone wishing to hear their desired hymns at a future date.
- Thanks to Dan Broczkowski and Walter Popski for replacing the damaged ceiling tiles in the church.
- Thanks to Gerry Matla, Joe and Mary Bartone for replacing the ceiling lights in the basement.
- Thanks to Frank Matla, Gerry Matla, James Generoso and Ron Trawinski for trimming the shrubbery around the church



Lottery Calendar

You can play the daily number every day for just \$25.00. The winning number is determined by the number drawn each evening for the Pennsylvania daily number. Different

amounts are awarded each month for holidays and special events. You can support the church by selling to your friends or relatives and buying a lottery calendar. Remember there is a \$100.00 "Second Chance Drawing" after January 1, 2018. One winning number will be drawn from all sold calendars. See Jackie Bayak or Andrea Gritman for your 2017 Lottery Calendar. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the "hard to shop for person" on your gift list.

Diocesan Synod

The 12th Diocesan Synod of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church took place October 6-8, 2006 at the Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish PNCC in Wallington, NJ. The theme of the Synod was "Walking with Jesus," guided by the word of God, enlightened by the Principles of Bishop Hodur.

Attending were Father Bogdan and Nancy Popski representing Our Lord's Ascension PNCC. Many topics were discussed from the Central Diocese Treasurer's Report, the importance of dues and obligations, membership, to the future direction of the church. After a successful meeting the Diocesan Synod concluded at noon on October 8th.

You Never Know



A middle aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well look even nicer. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40 plus years? How come you didn't pull me out of the path of that ambulance?" God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

Sausage Stuffing

Cook up 1/2 lb of breakfast sausage and put to the side
Spray 1 bag of bread cubes with Pam with butter and then toss in a bowl with:

salt and pepper (lots of it)
1 tablespoon dried thyme
1/2 tablespoon dried sage
1 teaspoon dried rosemary



Melt 1/2 stick of unsalted butter in a pan cook over medium high heat until foam subsides and cook:

1 cup sliced onions
1 cup thinly sliced celery until tender (about 7 minutes).
Toss with bread cubes.

Toss in:

Cooked sausage
6 oz mozzarella cut into 1/2 inch cubes
5 oz spicy pepperoni cut into 1/4 inch cubes (optional)
Moisten with 1/2 cup of chicken stock.
Bake at 350 for 30 to 45 minutes (until golden brown)

This unusual stuffing can be prepared the day before and baked on Thanksgiving

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.