



Parish Tidings



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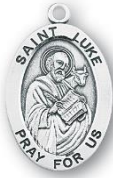
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Lesser Known Saints Saint Luke



Luke, a disciple of Paul and the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified as "Luke, the beloved physician" by Saint Paul. It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile. In Colossians 10-14 Paul speaks of those friends who are with him. He first mentions all those "of the circumcision," in other words, Jews, and he does not include Luke in this group.

Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, of Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles. Today we assume that someone who was a doctor was rich, but scholars have argued that Luke might have been born a slave. It was not uncommon for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they have a resident family physician.

The unique perspective Luke had on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and the eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes.

Luke also has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat.

It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. He gives us a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who wants the door to God's kingdom opened to all, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

The reports of Luke's life after Paul's death are conflicting. Some early writers claim he was martyred, others say he lived a long life. He is often shown with an ox or a calf because these are the symbols of sacrifice.

Luke is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, students and artists. His Feast Day is October 18.

Annual Fall Bazaar

Once again it is time for the Annual Fall Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Volunteers are need for baking, pierogi making, setup, working the day of the bazaar and cleanup. Please remember to pick up your donation form, fill it out and return this form as soon as possible to Nancy Poposki, Andrea Gritman, or place in the Bazaar Box in the Narthex.

Baskets, bows and cellophane paper are available for anyone wishing to contribute a basket for the Basket Auction. White Elephant items may be brought to the church any time before October 26.

Tentative preparation dates for 2017 Fall Bazaar

- Tuesday, October 3 at 9 AM – Roll Baking
- Thursday, October 5 at 9 AM – Roll Baking
- Thursday, October 12 at 9 AM – Roll Baking
- Monday, October 16 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking
- Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21 – Pierogi Making
- Tuesday, October 24 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking
- Thursday & Friday, October 26 & 27 at 9 AM – White Elephant setup
- Tuesday, October 31 at 9 AM – Table & white elephant setup
- Wednesday, November 1 at 9 AM – Setup

- Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 AM – Baking of Apple Squares and Strudel
- Friday, November 3 at 9 AM – Halupki making & final preparations
- Saturday, November 4 – Fall Bazaar – doors open for workers at 8 AM

August, September and October Birthdays



On September 10, 2017, the ANS provided a birthday cake honoring the many parishioners celebrating their August, September and October birthdays. Congratulations to Jerry Gritman, who celebrated an August birthday, and to Sonia Kotch, Barb Jurnock, Karen Amate, Stephanie Czuba and Joan Torkos who celebrated September birthdays and to Andrea Gritman and Joe Bartone who celebrate October birthdays.

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Please inform any member of the ANS the month before your birthday.

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October at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

October 1 – ANS Meeting

October 14 - 11 AM Diocesan Council Meeting

October 17 – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

October 20 & 21 – Pierogi Making

October 26 to November 3 – Preparations for the Fall Bazaar

October 29 - – Meeting for Fall Bazaar

November 4 – Fall Bazaar

November 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – set your clocks back

Coopersburg Community Day

For the seventh consecutive year our church booth at Coopersburg Community Day was a huge success.



Although the day was sunny, there did not seem to be the volume of people in attendance as previous years. Before the booth was even setup, an order for 12 dozen frozen

pierogies was placed. We did not sell all of the pierogies, but did sell all 22 dozen kiffles. Cabbage and noodles, Kielbasa sandwiches, hot dogs were also available. In addition, baked goods, our church Polish Cookbook, the "You Bet Your Pierogi I'm Polish" items and craft articles were popular items. Many customers indicated they previously purchased food and crafts from our booth and attend our bazaar. Several inquiries about our church and mass schedule were made.

Thanks to everyone who made monetary contributions or donated their time, food, crafts and supplies making this fun-filled day a profitable one. A special thanks to Gerry Matla and Ron Trawinski for donating their valuable time to the Coopersburg organizers saving our church \$105.00 in registration fees. As always teamwork is the key to success.

Income

Cash Donations	\$ 250.00
Food Sales	\$ 2,851.00
Crafts and Cookbooks	\$ 543.50
Total Income	\$ 3,644.50
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Total Profit	\$ 3,644.50

Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Even though it was a cold night for baseball a group of 25 representing Our Lord's Ascension Parish attended the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Friday, September 1, 2017. The home team had a come from behind win over the in-state rival, Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRaiders. Walter Poposki made a great catch of a t-shirt during the Wawa t-shirt toss, Evan Weller caught a softie baseball and just

missed a t-shirt and Joe Bartone won an Iron Pigs hat in the "pig in a poke" drawing. All who attended were rewarded with a fun evening and a fantastic fireworks display which was enjoyed by all who stayed for the end of the game.

Thanks to Joe Jurnock for organizing this enjoyable outing. We hope we do this again next year and to see you there.

Around the Parish

- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- Congratulations to Nancy and Walter Poposki who celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on September 1.
- Congratulations to Sonia and John Kotch who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on September 29.
- Thanks to our many parishioners who continue to supply the church with flour, sugar, eggs, Crisco, onions and other items used for our fund-raising projects. Although we have received many donations throughout this year, additional flour donations will be needed in preparation for the Fall Bazaar.
- The ANS will once again participate in Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.
- The 2018 Lottery Calendar will be available in October.
- The next issue of Parish Tidings will be published in December.

Empty Nesting



At an ecumenical round-table discussion, various religious leaders tried to answer the question "When does life begin?"

"At conception," said the Catholic priest.

"No, no," said the Presbyterian minister. "It begins at birth."

"It's in between," said the Baptist, "Life begins at 12 weeks when the fetus develops a functional heartbeat."

"I disagree with all of you," said the rabbi. "Life begins when your last child leaves home and takes the dog with him."

Lentil Sausage Soup

- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 quarts chicken broth
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 (15 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 stalks celery with leaves (chopped)
- 1 lb. dry lentils, rinsed
- 1 lb. kielbasa, sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- salt and pepper to taste



Heat oil in large stockpot over medium heat. Stir in the onion, carrots and celery; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Add kielbasa, chicken broth, tomatoes, garlic, lentils and bay leaves and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 hours. Season to taste with salt and pepper.