



Parish Tidings



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Rev. Donald Wunderlich



In the presence of our diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki and representatives from Our Lord's Ascension and Our Saviour Parishes, the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church ordained Deacon Donald Wunderlich to the Holy Priesthood at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral in Scranton on August 27, 2016. Rev. Wunderlich served his first mass as a priest at Our Saviour Parish on Sunday, August 28.

Donald Wunderlich was baptized at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Homestead, Pennsylvania. His parents influenced his early spiritual development in the church and encouraged him and his brothers to serve as acolytes for many years. He began his studies for the Diaconate in September 1999 and was ordained as a Sub-deacon in May 2000. For the next few years he continued his studies in New Jersey and Florida. Moving to Easton in 2004, he and his family became members of Our Lord's Ascension Parish and in August 2014 he was ordained as a deacon. Immediately afterward Deacon Donald was assigned to provide services at Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Congratulations to Father Donald, his wife Beverly and their daughter Danielle.

Saint Damien



Saint Damien was known as the Leper Priest, the Hero of Molokai. Born Joseph in Tremelo, Belgium, on January 3, 1840, he received the name Damien in religious life. He joined the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary religious institute. In 1864 he was sent to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was ordained. For the next nine years he worked in missions on the big island. He then went to the leper colony on Molokai, after volunteering for the assignment. Damien cared for lepers of all ages, but was particularly concerned about the children segregated in the colony. He announced he was a leper in 1885 and continued to build hospitals, clinics, churches and some six hundred coffins before he died in 1889 on Molokai. Father Damien was canonized on October 11, 2009 in the presence of King Albert II of Belgium, the Belgium Prime Minister and several cabinet members. He has two feast days, October 11, which when he was canonized and May 10 which is obligatory in Hawaii.

He has been described as a "martyr of charity." He was the tenth person in what is the United States to be recognized as a saint. Damien's symbols are a tree and a dove. In Saint Damien's role as the unofficial patron of those with leprosy or Hansen's disease, HIV and AIDS, the world's only memorial chapel to those who died of these diseases, is at the Eglise Saint-Pierre-Apotre in Montreal, Quebec, which is consecrated to him.

A Golden Picnic



About twenty parishioners enjoyed a warm late afternoon picnic on Saturday, August 13, 2016 in the rectory yard. Kielbasa grilled by Father Bogdan, a variety of salads and desserts were enjoyed by all for this covered dish event. Using the Olympics as her inspiration, Jo Ann Schaffer provided a variety of games. Five winners were awarded gold medals. Fun was had by all during the squirt gun battle playing trivia.

Thanks to Father Bogdan and Anna for hosting this event.

September at a Glance

Sunday Mass at 9 AM

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

September 4 –ANS Meeting

September 5 – Labor Day

September 9 & 10 – Pierogi Making

September 11 – Baptism of Chase

Anthony Frye after mass

September 15 – Kiffle Baking

September 17 – Coopersburg

Community Day

September 23 & 24 – Pierogi Making

Take Me Out to the Ball Game



On a perfect night for baseball a group of 24 representing Our Lord's Ascension Parish attended the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game on Friday, August 12, 2016.

Unfortunately, the home team was defeated by the Indianapolis Indians but all who attended were rewarded with a fun evening. Fran Anthony made a great catch of a t-shirt during the t-shirt toss and a fantastic fireworks display 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.
- We are thankful for the safe return of Jenna DeVivo from her cross country bike trip for Habitat for Humanity and the safe return of Barbara and Magda Yurchishin from their summer vacation in Russia.
- Thanks to John Sydorak for power washing the north side of the church.
- Father Bogdan continuing with the tradition of blessing our students, their backpacks, along with their parents and the teachers of the parish at the start of the new school year.
- 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.
- Remember the signup sheet for Coopersburg Community Day.
- A 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS day (Tuesday, October 18, 2016) for \$5.00.
- The schedule for preparations for the Fall bazaar will be in next month's newsletter.



- 2017 Lottery Calendars will be available at the end of September.
- Remember the "Go for the Gold" flour drive.

Goodness and Mercy



A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.'

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

Blueberry Dump Cake

Ingredients

- 1 20oz. can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 can blueberry pie filling
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix



Directions

Grease a 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. In pan dump and spread 1 can of undrained pineapple. Dump pie filling on top and spread. Dump dry cake mix (right out of the box) over blueberry layer. Spread evenly. Sprinkle pecans over top. Pat dabs of butter on top and bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes. Can be made, baked and ready to eat with ice cream in 1 hour!! For variety, cherry pie filling may be used in place of blueberry.

Simple and fuss free recipe everyone will love