



# Parish Tidings



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## Lesser Known Saints Saint Jerome



Saint Jerome is known mostly for his translation of the Old Testament Scriptures from Hebrew into Latin, which came to be known as the Vulgate. He was the second most voluminous writer in ancient Christianity. His commentaries are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us even today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monks, bishops and popes. St. Augustine said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known." Therefore, he is recognized as the patron saint of translators, librarians, scholars and archaeologists.

Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper, but his love for God and Jesus was extraordinarily intense. Anyone who was not a believer was an enemy of God and truth, and Saint Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sarcastic pen.

He traveled extensively throughout his life. When in Antioch, he began writing his first work, "Concerning the Seven Beatings." He became ill and had visions which made him even more religious. Jerome went into the desert to live for four years, living as a hermit southwest of Antioch. Next, he traveled to Constantinople where he studied under St. Gregory of Nazianzus, who was a great theologian. After St. Gregory left Constantinople Jerome returned to Rome and met Pope Damasus and became his secretary. Eventually, he returned to Palestine, traveling and marking each spot of Christ's life with

an outpouring of devotion. He spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem where he lived on the land believed to have been the birthplace of Jesus. Jerome died in Bethlehem September 30, 420 AD which became his feast day. His remains now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

## Picnic



Saturday, August 26, on a perfect weather day, members of the parish gathered at the rectory's backyard and newly completed patio for the "annual end of summer covered-dish picnic". Deacon Joe and Carol Kielbasa were invited guests. In addition to Father's traditional grilled kielbasa, delicious salads, desserts and drinks were plentiful.

Activities included playing quoits and fun games. In the "Battle of the Sexes" version of Family Feud four teams were vying for the championship. The winning team was the female team of Nancy Poposki, Barbara Yurchishin, Mary Ann Bartone, Tara Broczkowski and Anna Yurchishin and Karen Amate who had to fill in for Anna in the finals because Anna was called into work. In a singing event, a choir member was asked to sing a song that everyone had to guess the title while his mouth was filled with water. Watching each one trying to sing and stay dry was hilarious. David Broczkowski won the award as the best singer. Thanks to the other good sports, Gerry Matla, Karen Amate and Mark Bennett for participating.

## September at a Glance

Sunday Mass at 9 AM

Coffee Social after Mass

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

September 3 – ANS Meeting

September 10 – Coopersburg meeting

September 14 – Kiffle making – 9 AM

September 15 – Haluski making & Coopersburg preparations – 9 AM

September 16 – Coopersburg

Community Day

## Future Pierogi Maker



Jackie Bayak's great granddaughter, Rilynn Pietkiewicz helping her make pierogies.

## Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS



On Saturday, August 26 Nancy Poposki and Jackie Bayak spent several hours selling Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS discount passes along with kiffles baked by members of the ANS and mini zucchini bread baked by Jackie Bayak. The successful day produced total sales of \$254.00 plus a \$2.00 donation and \$25.00 in discount passes.

The ANS will once again participate in Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. A 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00 (the entire donation benefits our church).

## Start of the School Year



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.

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.

## Around the Parish

- Saturday, September 16, 2017- Coopersburg Community Day – Again this year Our Lord's Ascension PNCC will have a booth selling pierogi, haluski, kielbasa sandwiches, hot dogs, baked goods and crafts. A signup sheet is posted on the easel in the narthex of the church.
- Currently we have pierogies and poppy seed and apricot rolls for sale. Please see Nancy Poposki or Andrea Gritman if you are interested in purchasing rolls (\$12.00) or pierogies (\$7.00).
- 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.
- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights.
- 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 2017 Lottery Calendar will be available in October.
- The annual fall bazaar will be held Saturday, November 4, 2017 – Preparation for this annual event has already begun. Bring your white elephant items to the church any time before October 23. Donation slips will be available October 1.

## The Florist's Mistake



On opening his new store, a man received a bouquet of flowers. He became dismayed on reading the enclosed card, that expressed "Deepest Sympathy."

While puzzling over the message, his telephone rang. It was the florist, apologizing for having sent the wrong card.

"Oh, it's alright," said the storekeeper. "I'm a businessman and I understand how these things can happen."

"But," added the florist, "I accidentally sent your card to a funeral parlor."

"Well, what did it say?" asked the storekeeper.

Congratulations on your new location!

## Zucchini Appetizer

3 cups thinly sliced zucchini

½ cup vegetable oil

1 cup Bisquick

4 beaten eggs

½ cup finely chopped onion

2 tbsps. parsley

½ cup grated cheese

1/2 tsp. salt

1 clove garlic, minced

1/2 tsp. oregano

Preheat oven 350-375 degrees. Grease 13 x 9 pan. Mix all ingredients, spread in pan. Bake until golden brown.

When cooled, cut into squares.

*Great use for excess zucchini*

