



# Parish Tidings



**Polish National  
Catholic Church**  
"through the years..."

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## Blessing of Animals



As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Animals. It's a custom in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests in this ritual that touches the hearts of all in attendance.

It's estimated that 70-80 million dogs and 74-96 million cats are owned in the United States. For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

Father Bogdan has maintained the tradition of blessing of all animals on the first Saturday in October.

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If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans.

*James Herriot*

## A Proud and Profitable Day



With both the Polish and American flags flying high, our church booth at Coopersburg Community Day was a huge success for the fifth consecutive year. The day started out foggy but sunny skies prevailed and brought out many customers. Ferrous, the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs mascot stopped by looking for bacon but gave a thumbs up to our pierogies. We sold out of the following: 110 dozen pierogies, three roasting pans of cabbage and noodles, 63 kielbasa sandwiches and 26 dozen kiffles. In addition, baked goods, hot dogs, our church Polish Cookbook and craft articles were also popular items. Many customers indicated they previously purchased food and crafts from our booth. A pamphlet prepared by Father Bogdan was available to anyone interested in learning about our church.

| Income              |                    | Expenses         |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Cash Donation       | \$ 130.00          |                  |
| Food                | \$ 2,274.00        |                  |
| Crafts              | \$ 353.00          |                  |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$ 2,757.00</b> | <b>\$ 139.50</b> |
| <b>Total Profit</b> | <b>\$ 2,617.50</b> |                  |

Thanks to everyone who made monetary contributions or donated their time, food, crafts and supplies making this fun-filled day a profitable one. As always teamwork is the key to success.

## Triple Baptism



On a Sunday, August 30, 2015 Sara and Brent Sutton's three children received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism. We welcome Cameron James, Paige Elizabeth, and Peyton Ranees Sutton to our parish family.

Congratulations to the proud grandparents Fran and Ranees Anthony.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday, November 15 Bishop Bernard J. Nowicki will administer the sacrament of Confirmation. Anyone wishing to receive this sacrament see Father Bogdan.

## October at a Glance

**Sunday Mass at 9 AM**

SOCL after Mass

**Coffee Social after Mass**

Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM

**October 3 – 10 AM Blessing of Animals**

October 4 – ANS meeting

**October 8 – 9 AM Kiffle making**

October 10 -7:30 PM Organ Recital

**October 12 –Committee Meeting**

October 17 – Seniorate meeting

**October 20 – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**

October 29 to November 6 – Preparations for the Fall Bazaar


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November 1 – Meeting for Fall Bazaar

**November 7 – Fall Bazaar**

November 15 - Confirmation

## Organ Recital

 On Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 7:30 PM our new organist, Sandra Collier will give a concert of organ music in the church. A reception will follow the recital in the church social hall. Hope to see you for this evening of entertainment and fellowship.

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## Annual Fall Bazaar

It is once again time for the Annual Fall Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. 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 Chinese Auction. White Elephant items may be brought to the church any time before October 25.

### Tentative preparation dates for 2015 Fall Bazaar

October 8 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking

October 29 & 30 at 9 AM – White Elephant setup

November 2 at 9 AM – Table & white elephant setup

November 3 & 4 at 9 AM – Setup (if necessary)

November 5 at 7:30 AM– Baking of Apple Squares

November 6 at 9 AM – Halupki making & final preparations

November 7 – Fall Bazaar – doors open for workers at 8 AM

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## Around the Parish

- Matthew, Pattie and their children Alex and Oliva Anthony, from the Hawaiian island of Kauai visited his parents Fran and Rane Anthony for two weeks. Old friends were happy to see Matthew and his family.
- The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day is on Tuesday, October 19, 2015. For a \$5.00 donation (the entire donation benefits our church) you will receive a 25% OFF SHOPPING PASS and a chance to win a \$500 or \$100 Shopping Spree. The Shopping Pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS.
- Outside maintenance - Five trees were removed from the rectory surroundings and several trees at both the rectory and the church were trimmed. Thanks to John Wunderler for supervising this project.
- Thanks to Father Bogdan and Anna for tidying the flower beds at the entrance of the church.
- 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.



## 2016 Lottery Calendar



For the past several years our church has sold lottery calendars as a fund raiser. 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.

After more than five years of managing the Lottery Calendar Fund Raiser, Joe Jurnock has decided to resign from this position. Jackie Bayak and Andrea Gritman will resume responsibility for the 2016 Lottery Calendar project. Thanks to Joe for his many years of dedication and service.

You can support the church by buying a lottery calendar and selling them to your friends or relatives. See Jackie Bayak for your 2016 Lottery Calendar.

Remember you can play the evening daily number every day for just \$25.00. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the "hard to shop for person" on your gift list.

Calendars will be available mid-October.

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## A Different Fish Story



A boy is selling fish on a corner. To get his customers' attention he is yelling, "Dam fish for sale! Get your dam fish here!" A pastor hears this and asks, "Why are you calling them dam fish?" The boy responds, "Because I caught these fish at the local dam."

The pastor buys a couple of fish, takes them home to his wife, and asks her to cook the dam fish. The wife responds surprised, "I didn't know it was acceptable for a preacher to speak that way." He explained to her why they are called dam fish. Later, at the dinner table, he asks his son to pass the dam fish. He responded, "That's the spirit, Dad! Now pass the "bleeping" potatoes!"

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## Baked Salmon Fillet Dijon

Ingredients:

4 (4 ounce fillets of salmon)

3 Tablespoons prepared Dijon-style mustard

1/4 cup Italian style dry bread crumbs

1/4 cup butter, melted

Salt and pepper to taste



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a shallow baking pan with aluminum foil.
- Place salmon skin-side down on foil. Spread a thin layer of mustard on the top of each fillet, and season with salt and pepper. Top with bread crumbs, then drizzle with melted butter.
- Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until salmon flakes easily with a fork.

Enjoy!