



# Parish Tidings



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## Picnic



Approximately twenty parishioners defied the hot, humid weather to attend Father Bogdan's annual covered dish picnic on Saturday, June 30. Kielbasa grilled by Father Bogdan, a variety of salads and desserts were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Father Bogdan and Anna for hosting this event.

## Unexpected Candlelight Service



When parishioners arrived at church on Sunday, July 15, they were surprised to discover a power outage. A first at the Jennings Street location, Father Bogdan and the choir did an admirable job conducting the service and singing by candlelight and flashlight.

## Happy Birthday



On August 12, 2018 the ANS provided a birthday cake honoring the many parishioners celebrating their July, August and September birthdays. Congratulations to Lynn Wunderler, and Nicolette and Ernie Stavrovsky who celebrated July birthdays, Jerry Gritman and Madeline Getsko who celebrated August birthdays, and to Sonia Kotch, Barb Jurnock, Karen Amate, Stephanie Czuba and Joan Torkos who celebrate September birthdays.

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## Annual Blessing of Cars and Drivers



## September at a Glance

- Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Coffee Social after Mass
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM
- September 2 – ANS Meeting**
- September 2 – Blessing of teachers, students and backpacks
- September 2 – Baptism of Zolton Cruz Weller**
- September 3 Labor Day
- September 9 – Coopersburg meeting**
- September 13 – Kiffle Baking for Coopersburg – 9 AM
- September 14– Haluski making & Coopersburg preparations – 9 AM**
- September 15 – Coopersburg Community Day
- September 21 & 22 – Tentative Pierogi Making**

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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 to October 3 –XXV General Synod, Belleville IL
- October 5 & 6 - Tentative Pierogi Making**
- October 7 – ANS Meeting
- October 13 - Seniorate Meeting**
- October 16 – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
- October 20 - Diocesan Council Meeting**
- October 25 to November 2 – Preparations for the Fall Bazaar
- October 28 – Meeting for Fall Bazaar**

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- November 3 – Fall Bazaar**
- November 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – set your clocks back



## Around the Parish

- Saturday, September 15, 2018 - Coopersburg Community Day – The Coopersburg organizers requested volunteers to help them with the setup for this event. Thanks to Ron Trawinski and Gerry Matla for giving their time, saving our church \$105 in registration fees. The signup sheet for this event is on the easel for those wishing to make donations or volunteer their time.
- Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – A 25% discount shopping pass may be purchased from any member of the ANS for \$5.00 (the entire donation benefits our church).
- Saturday, November 3, 2017 - Annual Fall Bazaar – Preparation for this annual event has already begun. Countless hours are spent making pierogies and stuffed cabbages, baking rolls and kiffles, along with setting up for this four-hour affair. Bring your white elephant items to the church any time before October 25. Please bring any Auction Baskets to the church by October 28. Your Fall Bazaar Donation slips will be available at the beginning of October. A list of the tentative preparation dates for the bazaar is attached.
- Volunteers are needed to lend a hand at bingo on Wednesday nights
- The 2019 Lottery Calendar will be available in October.
- Sunday Breakfast - The YMS of R is the sponsor of the breakfast for the first Sunday of the month. The women's societies are responsible for breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. The third, fourth and possibly fifth Sunday are set aside for the rest of the congregation to donate items for the coffee hour
- We are thankful for the safe return of all from Poland.

By Frank Matla

## Just One Question



Recently a teacher, a garbage collector, and a lawyer wound up together at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter informed them that in order to get into Heaven, they would each have to answer one question.

St. Peter addressed the teacher and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into the iceberg? They just made a movie about it." The teacher answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate.

St. Peter turned to the garbage collector and figured Heaven didn't REALLY need all the odors that this guy would bring with him, decided to make the question a little harder: "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the trash man had just seen the movie and answered, "About 1,500." "That's right! You may enter."

St. Peter then turned to the lawyer, "Name them."

## Our Lord's Ascension First Annual Golf Tournament



On July 21, 2018, our first golf tournament was held at Tumblebrook Golf Course, a Donald Ross design. The weather was very iffy and participation was light due to many vacations happening.

The teams were twosomes of Frank Matla and Eric Trawinski, Ron and Catherine Trawinski, and Joe Bartone and John Sydorak and Gene Wrona. The winners were Frank Matla and Eric Trawinski over a match of scorecards with Joe Bartone and Sy Sydorak. It went to the ninth hole for the win with a par breaking the tie.

Fun was had by all, espically having a few refreshments after the round for stories and excuses. All are looking forward to next year's tournament with an expanded field and better weather.

By Frank Matla

## Happy Fishing To Us!!

Frank and Gerald Matla took their first of two trips to Black Lake, New York the last week in June. The weather was gorgeous and the fishing was steady. We did "catch

and release" all fish totaling three hundred, predominately largemouth bass. The other species were smallmouth bass, northern pike, walley, perch and also one bowfin, aka dogfish. All meals were grilled by Frank with Gerry in charge of cleaning. Also, we took a trip one mile away to a local winery in a restored 1850 barn with a full bar and food selections. The interior is all original oak beams and solid oak bar with a tasting station. We have been making this trip for twenty years and are looking forward to returning for another week after Labor Day.

## Old-Fashioned Bean Soup

- 1lb. (2 cups) Great Northern white beans
- 2 smoked ham hocks (2 1/2 lb.)
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup mashed potato
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley



1. Wash beans. Cover with 2 1/2 quarts water; refrigerate, covered, overnight.
2. Next day, turn beans and water (there should be 6 cups) into 6-quart kettle.
3. Add ham hocks, onion, garlic and bay leaf. Bring to boiling; reduce heat, and simmer, covered tightly, about 2 hours, or until beans are almost tender.
4. Add mashed potato, celery, carrot, salt and pepper. Return to boiling; simmer, covered, about 1 hour longer, or until beans are tender.
5. Remove ham hocks; cut off meat. Dice meat and return to kettle. Before serving, sprinkle with parsley.

Note: Use leftover mashed potato, or make from instant.

## Preparation dates for 2018 Coopersburg Community Day

**Thursday, September 13 at 9 AM – Kiffle baking**

Friday, September 14 at 9 am – Haluski making & Coopersburg preparations

**Friday, September 14 at 7 PM - load trucks**

Saturday, September 15 - Load trucks (cold items) at church 6:30 AM

**Set-up at 7:30 AM at Coopersburg**

## Preparation dates for 2018 Fall Bazaar

Please be considerate to the volunteers setting up for the bazaar and bring your white elephant items to the church by October 25 and your auction baskets by October 28.

**Roll Baking – to be announced**

Friday & Saturday, September 21 & 22 – Pierogi Making

**Friday & Saturday, October 5 & 6 – Pierogi Making**

Monday, October 8 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking

**Monday, October 15 at 9 AM – Kiffle Baking**

Thursday & Friday, October 25 & 26 at 9 AM – White Elephant setup

**Tuesday, October 30 at 9 AM – Table & white elephant setup**

Wednesday, October 31 at 9 AM – Setup

**Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 AM– Baking of Apple Squares and Strudel**

Friday, November 2 at 9 AM – Halupki making & final preparations

**Saturday, November 3 – Fall Bazaar – doors open for workers at 8 AM**