



Parish Tidings



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Coopersburg Community Day



After an absence of a year, it was great to be back at Coopersburg Community Day for the eighth time. The beautiful summer-like day brought out many familiar faces and all the haluski and kiffles were sold out by 2 PM. Kielbasa sandwiches and hot dogs were also available. Baked goods, our church Polish Cookbook, the "You Bet Your Pierogi I'm Polish" items and craft articles were also 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. This year a truck was rented and loaded with the non-perishable items on Friday evening making Saturday morning less chaotic. A special thanks to Gerry and Frank Matla 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	\$ 270.00
Food Sales	\$ 2,416.00
Crafts and Cookbooks	\$ 415.00
Total Income	\$ 3,101.00
Expenses	\$ 100.00
Total Profit	\$ 3,001.00

Fall Bazaar



Our annual Fall Bazaar was held, November 2, 2019. The sunny but cool day brought out our devoted customers and some new faces. A special thank you to Azar Market (formerly Elias Market) for donating two

bushels of apples for the apple squares and strudel and giving a discount on the cabbage used for haluski. Please remember this store when shopping. Thanks also to Carol Wagner who donated over seventy pounds of flour and 12 pounds of walnuts for baking in memory of her mother Mae Skovronsky. Donations of paper products, various food items, white elephant items and auction baskets from many parishioners and kielbasa and the meat for the stuffed cabbage from the YMS of R helped increase the profit.

The final breakdown is as follows:

Nut Rolls	\$ 1,587.00
White Elephant	\$ 328.00
Kielbasa/Sauerkraut	\$ 640.50
Crafts	\$ 659.00
Eat-In	\$ 802.26
Take-Out	\$ 1,211.25
Basket Auction	\$ 1,162.00
Baked Goods	\$ 1,410.00
Pierogies	\$ 1,497.00
Donations	\$ 1,320.00
Total	\$ 10,617.01
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Profit	\$ 10,617.01
After bazaar sales	\$ 509.00
Total Profit	\$ 11,126.01

This is a record high and the third consecutive year a profit of over \$10,000 was achieved.

Happy Birthday



On October 20, 2019 the ANS provided a birthday cake honoring the parishioners celebrating their October, November and December birthdays. Congratulations to Andrea Gritman, and Joe Bartone who celebrated October birthdays, Fran Anthony and Kara Josar who celebrated November birthdays, Mary Ann Bartone and Leslie Zavar who celebrate December birthdays.

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

Blessing of Animals



Two dogs and two cats were blessed before Mass on Sunday, October 6. Walter and Nancy Poposki's cats also attend the 9 o'clock service. The altar was decorated with fall flowers donated by Mia Fernandes.



This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Hank Kudzik



WW II veteran, Hank Kudzik, was one of two survivors of the battle of Midway treated to the red-carpet treatment at the November 5 Hollywood gala premier of the movie "Midway". A November 3

article in *The Morning Call* describes his experience during the battle.

December at a Glance

- Saturday Service at 8 AM during Advent
- Sunday Mass at 9 AM**
- Coffee Social after Mass
- Bingo every Wednesday at 7 PM**
- December 1 – ANS Meeting**
- December 3 – YMS of R Christmas Social
- December 8 – Mass at 10:30 AM**
- Christmas Dinner at 12 noon**
- December 14 – Holiday Food Sale
- December 17 – Ladies Christmas Gathering**
- December 24 – 9 PM Christmas Eve
- December 25 – 10 AM Christmas Day**

January 6 – 2019 Second Chance Lottery Drawing

Condolences

Members of Our Lord's Ascension Parish wish to offer our sympathies to Ashley and Evan Weller and their family on the passing of her father, Robert Tait. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ashley and Evan.

Around the Parish

- **2020 Lottery Calendars** are available in the church hall. Support your church by selling the Lottery Calendars to your friends and family or at least purchase one for yourself. Return your calendar stubs and payment to Andrea Gritman or Jackie Bayak. Remember you can play the evening daily number every day for just \$25.00 and a second chance winner of \$100.00 is picked from all tickets at the end of the year. A Lottery Calendar makes a great Christmas present for the "hard to shop for person" on your gift list.
- The annual Christmas Dinner sponsored by the ANS will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 after Mass. Mass that day will be celebrated at 10:30 AM. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6 to 12. The menu includes pork roast, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, salad, desserts baked by members of the ANS, coffee or tea, wine for a toast and sharing of the Oplatek. A raffle will be held. The cost of the raffle tickets is 6 for \$5.00. Join our parish family and help celebrate the beginning of the Joyous Christmas season.
- On Sunday December 8, 2019, the day of our annual parish Christmas dinner, a remembrance tree will be placed on St. Joseph's side of the altar. Part of the tree will be adorned with vintage Christmas ornaments from Poland. Ornaments will be supplied for each parishioner to place on the tree in remembrance of loved ones or bring your own.
- The YMS of R will hold their annual Christmas Social at Feasta Italiana, 2400 Schoenersville Road on Tuesday, December 3 at 7 PM. All men of the parish are invited.
- The ANS will hold a Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 17 at 12 noon at Jo Ann Schaffer's house. All ladies of the parish are invited to this covered dish luncheon. A signup sheet is posted on the easel in the narthex of the church.
- The members of the ANS sold shopping passes for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. A total of \$380.00 was earned.
- Members of the ANS are holding a food sale on Saturday, December 14 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Rolls, kiffles, pierogies and kielbasa will be available.
- Interested in visiting Poland. A flyer describing a trip to Poland and Czechoslovakia scheduled for July 9 - 19, 2020 is available in the narthex of the church and on the church website.

Fishing Trip #2 – The Matlas

As reported earlier, the June Black Lake trip was a successful outing as usual. The high waters of Lake Ontario and Black Lake rescinded to a drop off two/three feet below the normal lake levels. Also, the normal weed population of Black Lake was very low!! Areas of fishing which had thick vegetation were now absent of weeds to a sandy bottom. Areas of good fishing were gone and new areas had to be searched. Also, the lake was purging to a pea green color and very warm water prevailed.

With the low lake conditions and lack of weeds; plastic lures (worm, fluke, etc.) were not catching bass as in the past. Gerry Matla's catch was well below his normal production. However, Frank's production remained about the same as always due to the fact he uses crank baits (bandit lures). His total of 125 for the week was about average for September.

The weather for the week was nice if not a bit warmer than usual for September after Labor Day. Once again, the fishing getaway was great and are looking forward to our June 2020 trip.

By Frank Matla

"AT ANY AGE, AT ANY STAGE"

A One-Day Retreat was held at Scranton's St. Stanislaus Cathedral on Saturday, October 5, 2019. It was hosted by the Central Diocesan Board of the United Women's Society for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Five members of our ANS attended: Jackie Bayak, Nancy Poposki, Marilyn Kovacks, Mary Ann Bartone and Jo Ann Schaffer

The theme of the day was "At Any Age, At Any Stage, Celebrating the Christian Life." The program was produced by "Friends of the Heart," three women who share God's love through drama and music. The first character was "Dora the Explorer" who is young and apt to be a risk taker with many choices, changes and challenges. Then there was "Wonder Woman" who is middle aged and very busy with commitments of family and career. She too has many life challenges. Lastly, there is Hyacinth Bucket of the British sit-com "Keeping Up Appearances" who is mature and is self-centered and often dishonest with herself as she meets the challenges of her life. Discussion followed each presentation.

Focusing on Psalm 139 which begins "O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand; you understand my thoughts from afar" means God is with us at every age and every stage of life.

Entering Heaven

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.



"In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass

through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?" The man replied, "They're Carol's."

Orange Butter

(Serve with Pumpkin Bread)

- 1/2 lb. butter, softened
- 1/2 box powdered sugar
- grated rind of 2 oranges
- 2 Tbs. orange juice concentrate



Beat butter and sugar together. Add orange rind and juice and mix well. Put in decorative crock. Delicious with both warm and cold pumpkin bread.

Orange Dressing

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/8 cup lemon juice
- 1 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tbs. chopped parsley
- 1/2 tsp. ground mustard
- 1/4 tbs. salt

Shake all ingredients in tightly covered container.

Use this dressing with salad greens and mandarin oranges, sliced strawberries, sliced almonds and chow mien noodles for a quick refreshing salad.

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.

