



## *2016-2017 in Review*

- (May 2016 Fr. Dan Quinn arrived as our new pastor.)
- July We held our parish picnic.
- August Following the diocese, a group studied Fr. Gatley's *33 Days to Morning Glory*.  
The Catholic Daughters held their annual Penny Social.
- September The preschool year started with 23 children enrolled.  
We held a birthday party for Mary (Jesus' mom), and prayed the rosary.
- October The Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi was held in the town square with our protestant brothers and sisters.  
The annual Life Chain prayers were held during Respect Life Month.  
With the diocese, we studied Fr. Michael Gatley's *33 Days to Merciful Love*.
- November We prayed for our brothers and sisters who had died in the past year at Vespers on All Souls' Day, lighting a candle for each one.  
The parish had its pancake breakfast in Fr. Rausch Hall.  
Care packages were sent to all of our students away at university.  
We hosted the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service with our brothers and sisters from the other churches in Hancock, giving thanks to God for all good things that come from Him.
- December We placed second in the annual Hancock Christmas Lights Parade. Our float was a model of our church with a living manger scene in front.  
Our religion education classes put on their annual Christmas Program.  
Luminaries were placed all around town as we celebrated Christmas, the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord in the flesh. We gave out Scott Hahn's book *The Lamb's Supper...*
- January ...and in January, we met to discuss the book after having a chance to read it.
- February During Lent, we studied Fr. Michael Gaitley's *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*.  
Fr. Walter Baniak, pastor of St. Paul's from 1961 to 1976, died just before his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. His funeral was held at St. Joseph in Troy.
- March We made and sold homemade pierogies as a fundraiser to renovate the kitchen in Fr. Rausch Hall.
- April Holy Week and Easter, the celebration of the Lord's victory over death! And to celebrate, we had our annual Easter egg hunt and breakfast!  
In an effort to "go green", we made arrangements and received a grant from the O'Connor Foundation to hire a shepherd to bring his sheep to care for the St. Francis deSales Cemetery in French Woods.
- May We performed the funeral rites for Kathleen Antidormi, our parish secretary for almost 29 years. "*May the angels lead you into paradise.*"  
Seven of our young people were confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Bishop Ed.  
Three of our young members received their First Communion, and they also provided our image of Mary with her crown of flowers.  
Kyle Eads, one of our diocesan seminarians, came to spend the summer with us. In addition to assisting at Sunday Mass, he also preached at Pentecost and every Wednesday at Morning Prayer.
- June We blessed our four Hancock graduates and presented them with scholarship gifts from monies from our perpetual bottle drive. We honored them and our fathers at our annual Dads and Grads party.  
We started our summer movie series with *The 13<sup>th</sup> Day*, *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, *Life is Beautiful*, and *The Secret of Kells*.