St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Saturday, October 3, 2009 • 1:00 p.m.

bring your dogs, cats, fish, birds, lizards, etc. for a special St. Francis blessing

As we know, animals trusted Francis and he treated them with courtesy.
He politely asked twittering birds in a marketplace not to interrupt his sermon.
He once preached to a flock of birds, exhorting them to praise their creator. Near the end of his life St. Francis composed a song of praise and thanks to God for all his creations, called "Canticle to Brother Sun" - also known as the "Canticle of the Creatures." From this song we know that St. Francis did not perceive himself isolated from other creatures. He simply assumed that all creatures - not only humans - form one family of creation. So we are encouraged to bless and praise God with cats, dogs, birds and all God's creatures!

BLESSINGS FOR ALL ANIMALS

Blessed are you, Lord God, Maker of all living creatures, On the fifth and sixth days of creation you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this animal. By the power of your love enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

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Sunday, October 4, 3:00 pm
FALL FUNDRAISER DINNER

Enjoy Great Home-Cooked Specialties
...All in the Name of Fundraising
for our Beloved Saint Francis Church

$15.00 Adults
$6.00 Children under 12 years old
Plenty of Great Prizes
& Raffles

Reservations are a Must!
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Carol (516) 546-2535
When you call for reservations, please leave your name, phone number and the number of adults and/or children in your group