

# Community Photo Album

## It was a real animal house at St. Therese's

**SHAVERTOWN** - Dogs, cats, birds, ferrets and even guinea pigs brought their owners out on Oct. 4 to celebrate and remember St. Francis of Assisi.

The Blessing of the Animals at St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's event brought out the biggest crowd Msgr. Peter Crynes, pastor, remembers in seven years of holding the event.

"I want to have good luck with them," Leona Huntz said was the reason she brought her dogs, Snicker and Gidget. She received the two in July as a gift from friends who could no longer keep the father-daughter pair of Lhasa Apsos. Huntz's dog had passed away and she is grateful for her two new friends. Claudia Hanon, 5, said her reason for having her puppy,

Cuddles, blessed was a little different. Her little terrier shivers and Claudia told her grandmother, Marlene Tarreto, that maybe a blessing could help Cuddles.

"Animals fill the skies, the earth and the seas," said Msgr. Crynes. "They are God's beloved creatures. St. Francis remembered this. He called the animals his brothers and sisters."

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Birds of a feather, Zoe and Zack showed off their beautiful colors while perched on owners Jessica and Mike Phaneuf's arms.



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They didn't have enough help to bring all their animals, but Erin and Lynn Dougherty made sure Rev. Peter Crynes blessed their ferret, Gizmo, and their cat, Eve.



"Don't you just love us?" Leona Huntz sure does. Her father-daughter pair, Snicker and Gidget, know how to strike a pose.



Zach Aciekewicz, 11, and his ferret, Frisky, make new friends at the Blessing of the Animals with Aleta and Cody Adanosky and their poodle Missy.



Lucy is not just a beagle; she's a great buddy, said Amy Wyrchison.



Msgr. Peter Crynes of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, reminds the crowd that animals are God's beloved creatures.