



MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL
FOLK ARTS & HERITAGE PROGRAM

FIELDNOTES

Fieldworker(s) [(Initials) Name]: (MH) Maggie Holtzberg, (DB) David Blackburn, (MF) Martha Felch

Accession Numbers:

MH-11-04-FN

Fieldnotes

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Audio recordings

MH-11-04-D

Photographic documentation

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Additional materials

Initial Contact: _____ Contact Date: 4/23/2011

Related Accession Numbers: _____

Individual/Group/Event: Blessing of the food at Holy Trinity Polish Church parish hall

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lowell

Zip: 01852

County: Middlesex

Phone: Daytime: [REDACTED]

Evening: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: [REDACTED]

Contact person: Pauline Golec

Title: _____

Location of Interview: Parish hall

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lowell

Zip: 01852

County: Middlesex

Special Needs (including translation): _____

Traditions documented on visit (traditional art/skills, occupational experience, ethnic or religious community): Blessing of the Easter food, representational foods, butter lambs, and actually blessing by Monsignor Kempa

Traditions noted for follow-up: Pierogi making with Dottie Naruszewicz Flanagan

Other Possible Contacts: _____

Summary Description: Various conversations with parishioners who had brought their food baskets to be blessed by the priest. Descriptions of butter lambs, and other special foods representing Easter. Many people spoke of a time when the priest would make individual house calls to bless the food. Formal blessing by priest.