

Around the Parish

JANUARY 2019

I WANT TO BE A MOUNTAIN

The year drew to a close. What would I accomplish in the next?

I looked up at the mountains in the distance. They were white now. Not long ago, they were brown. In the time I've lived in Idaho, I've had the opportunity to watch the cycle of seasons make their changes on those mountains I never tire of seeing.

My first sight of them came in September of 2008. The sides of the mountains were painted green with the leaves of sage brush. Near the top were pines. The days moved on. The weather cooled, and the rain didn't fall. The leaves browned. The mountain changed.

Fall gave way to winter. I stood in the rain and watched the top of the mountains turn a blinding white. Each week the snow crept further down the slopes and long before the first snows fell in the valley, the mountains were covered with fresh powder. The sun set; the lights on the ski slopes lit the side of the mountains a dazzling white. I'm not a skier, but I imagined the excitement of speeding down the side of those mountains - free, fast, and thrilled.

Winter turned to spring. The snow in the valley disappeared and made its retreat up the slopes until it was gone once again. The weeks passed, the green in the valley flowed steadily up the slopes like a reversed waterfall. The mountains were as I first saw them, green and lush.

On this New Year's Eve, the mountains are white again. On New Year's Day they will be peppered with the dark dots of the distance skiers as they daringly fall down their slopes.

I saw so many changes, but were they changes? The mountains are never changing. Like people, they only changed coats to fit the weather. They didn't allow outside influences to alter what lie beneath their coats of changing colors. They were always the same. You can have faith in them.

I'm in my third season of life. A little snow has gathered at my peak. Some of the sage brush is gone all together. My clothing changed to fit my seasons. Next year and all my years to follow, I want to be as constant as a mountain. Although my looks change, I want to be reliable. My body will change coats many times, but when my day is done, I want people to say, "No matter what the seasons of life brought, he never changed inside. He never allowed the pressures of the seasons or the weathers of life to change what he was underneath. He was a mountain you could rely on to watch over those who looked up to him."

For this New Year and all the New Years that I have left, whether it is at my job, at home, or with friends and family, I want to be a mountain - reliable.

1ST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors

First Honors

Second Honors

GRADE 6

Antonia Antolini

*Brayden Hartranft
Nate Hnatishion
Carmine Lenzi
Ava Smith*

*Francesca Ditsky
Cooper Esterly
Isabelle Gasperack
Ava Mauro
Lakelyn Sola
Ronald Van*

GRADE 7

Meghan Munter

*Taryn Bender
Rianna Johnson
Claire Pakradooni
Adriana Vidal*

*Rocco DeCarlo
Jule'ah Dubel-Haag*

GRADE 8

*Christian Changco
Angelina Chi*

*Chris Chan
Elise McCann
Binh Nguyen
Kylie Wieger*

Jackson Gasparack

Sacred Heart Parish is very proud of the accomplishments of all students.
Many of our students have worked very hard to achieve academically
and we are proud to recognize them.

Congratulations to these students on their achievements

SENIORS NEWS

Come and join the fun on Monday, January 7th because we are celebrating Everybody's Birthday! The festivities will begin at 1 PM in the Wachter Room for cake, ice cream and a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday! Don't miss out on all the fun! Come and bring a friend along!

W.I.N.E.

The W.I.N.E. (Women in the New Evangelization) Book Club will starting a new book on January 10. "Walk in Her Sandals" by Kelly Wahlquist views the Passion of Christ through the eyes of the women who played a part. Come join the discussion! For more info, contact Marsha Gleason (610) 256-0746 or Margaret Hueske (484) 706-0301.

JANUARY 2019 SHS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar Preview Party and Children's Christmas Bazaar were held in the school gym on December 6th & 7th and were enormously successful! Thank you to all who attended and supported our efforts to raise money for our school. A heart felt thank you to all our volunteers, especially, our Home & School committee members, Cassie Brendlen, Katie Rohrbach, Kelly Tobin & Adrienne Horrigan for all their hard work and dedication to SHS and transforming the gym into a Christmas Wonderland. Also, a huge thank you to Crysti Knepp & Robin Rhoads who took on the enormous task of collecting and organizing hundreds of raffle items. We are so blessed to have dedicated volunteers who selflessly give back to Sacred Heart.

SHS Annual Fund is now in full swing. We are incredibly appreciative of all the donations we've received so far and overwhelmed by the selfless generosity of our parishioners. Our Annual Fund is used for the upkeep of our building, books for our library, art supplies, salaries for our wonderful teachers and many other daily operational needs. Every dollar we receive directly affects each and every student. Pledge now and pay over time - all pledged donations have until June 30th to be paid in full. Prayerfully consider a donation to our Annual Fund.

You can also support our school by purchasing gift cards through our SHOPS/scrip program. SHS purchases gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value. We carry many of the local grocery stores & restaurants and can order from over 700 retailers. You can order or purchase your SHOPS cards after the 5:30 PM, 9:30AM, & 11:00 AM Masses on most weekends and in the IHM room on Mondays & Fridays from 8-9:45 AM.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Questions? Please contact Beth Gasperack at 610-685-2347 or bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

___ Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

___ Please charge my credit card for my gift. (enter credit card info below)

___ I wish to pledge \$ _____

(Pledges are due by June 2019)

___ Please invoice me monthly payments of \$ _____ for _____ months

___ Please charge my credit card for a monthly payment of \$ _____ for _____ months

Student to receive credit: _____

Name/Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please circle all that apply:

Current Parent Former Parent Grandparent of current SHS student Parishioner Corporate Sponsor
 Foundation Faculty/Staff Alumnus - Class of _____ Other _____

I wish to remain anonymous

Matching Gifts: ___ A matching gift will come from my employer.

Planned Giving: ___ I would like information on planned giving.

For Credit Card Payment: (circle one) VISA Mastercard American Express

Name as it appears on card: _____

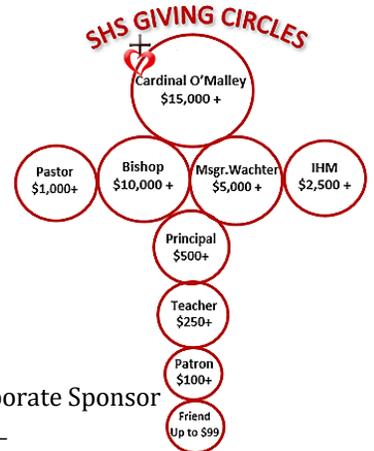
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Signature: _____

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LIFE AD 2019

Sign-ups for Life Ad will be held at the fundraising desk in the narthex of the Church after all the Masses January 5th/6th and January 12th/13th. This pro-life ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$6 for individuals or \$12 for couples/families. Your names will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Life Ad is a public declaration against abortion and a fundraiser for Mary's Shelter/Home, a Reading area organization which provides an alternative to abortion for pregnant women who have nowhere else to turn. Last year's Life Ad raised \$10,246 and contained 862 names. The deadline for registration is Sunday, January 13th. Thank You for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



Life Ad Donation Coupon

Place this coupon with your donation (check payable to "St. Ignatius Loyola Church") into the Sunday Mass collection or mail to:

Life Ad
Sacred Heart Church
P.O. Box 6217
Reading, PA 19610

Deadline for donation is
Monday, January 8th.

*"A nation that kills its own children
is a nation without hope"*
Pope John Paul II

Name: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

Amount: \$_____

Journey on a 10 Day Pilgrimage with Sacred Heart Parish to Portugal and Spain

Visiting Lisbon, Santeram, Fatima, Coimbra, Porto, Braga, Pontevedra and Santiago de Compostela. Departing October 10th and returning October 19th. Price is \$2,999 per person based on two people in a room. Included in the price: Roundtrip Air from Newark, Superior 3 and 4-star hotels, portorage for one suitcase, breakfast and dinner daily, Wine Tasting in Porto, tour Escort from beginning to end, Deluxe Motor Coach and Driver, Local Guides where needed. All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary, Daily Mass, All overseas transfers airports and hotels and All Assistance at overseas airports and hotels. \$100 Discount if deposit received before January 10, 2019. If that date is missed \$50 discount if deposit received before March 15, 2019. Please contact Bonnie at the rectory for a brochure and more information. Lucille Ferrara will present the trip on Friday, January 4th at 7 PM in the Wachter Room. Come and explore what a pilgrimage to add to your spiritual life!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Peter Albertson & Cherrie Sage and
their children Andromeda, Leandra,
Orion and Leonidas.

Gabriela Firak

Lisa Herzog

Tanya Melendez and her daughter
Camila

MANY, MANY THANKS!

- * To Rose Kennedy for her hard work organizing and leading rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Eve Choir with the help of Joe Oros.
- * To all those generous people who helped Lifeline of Berks County through the Giving Tree.
- * To all those who generously gave their time to decorate the Church for Christmas
- * Parish Christmas Breakfast was a wonderful treat for children of all ages thanks to the Knights of Columbus. A special thank you to Santa for making an appearance during his busy season.



The Bornemann Knights are now online! That's right, stay up-to-date with our parish activities calendar, activity photos, and Catholic Resources page with links for Catholic life! Check out our new website www.bornknights.org and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bornknights.org/. And, if you're ever interested in joining our fine group of Catholic men, just contact us and we'll be happy to give you any details of what we do! A special Mandated Reporter Training session has been scheduled for Monday, January 14th at 10 AM in the Wachter Room in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. This session is open to anyone who volunteers with youth 17 and under

(soup kitchen, school, CYO, Knights, etc.) to help become fully vetted in order to volunteer. To register for this training, call the Diocese (610) 332-0442 (s2016). You must be registered to attend this session. These live sessions are far and few between, so sign up soon! The only other option is to do the 3 hour training online.

January brings the 46th Annual March for Life on Friday, January 18th at the National Mall in Washington D.C. For more information go to www.marchforlife.org. The Knights will have more information available in the coming weeks.

January Events:

17th - Rosary, General Meeting
IHM Room at 6:45 PM

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Bornemann Council membership is open to all practicing Catholic male adults, aged 18 and over, who wish to serve their parish and community. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. To join, contact our Membership Committee Chair Charlie Polinko at (610) 301-5592.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

The Mazurkiewicz Family on the death of,
Francis Mazurkiewicz
11-27-2018

The Stremba Family on the death of,
Genevieve V. Stremba
12-2-18

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| <p>Parish Website: shrcparish.org School Website: sacredheartreading.com Diocesan Website: allentowndiocese.org</p> |
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JANUARY 2019 EVENTS

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Rectory & Parish Center Closed
- 2 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 3 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 6 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
- 7 Seniors Meeting – 1 PM – Wachter
Parish Council – 7 PM - Wachter
- 9 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 10 WINE – 7 PM – Wachter
Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 14 Mandated Reporter Training – 1 PM - Wachter
SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
- 16 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM - Bornemann
Baptism Class – 7 PM – Chapel
Liturgy Committee – 7 PM – Wachter
- 17 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 20 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 23 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 24 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 27 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS**
- 28 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
- 30 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 31 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann