

Around the Parish

MARCH 2019

LENT IS A TIME TO FEAST AND FAST

<i>Fast</i>	from judging others.
<i>Feast</i>	on the Christ within them.
<i>Fast</i>	from emphasis on differences.
<i>Feast</i>	on the unity of all life.
<i>Fast</i>	from apparent darkness.
<i>Feast</i>	on the reality of light.
<i>Fast</i>	from thoughts of illness.
<i>Feast</i>	on the healing power of God.
<i>Fast</i>	from words that pollute.
<i>Feast</i>	on phrases that purify.
<i>Fast</i>	from discontent.
<i>Feast</i>	on gratitude.
<i>Fast</i>	from anger.
<i>Feast</i>	on patience.
<i>Fast</i>	from pessimism.
<i>Feast</i>	on optimism.
<i>Fast</i>	from worry.
<i>Feast</i>	on Divine order.
<i>Fast</i>	from lethargy.
<i>Feast</i>	on enthusiasm.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lauren Eckel

Nick Juergensen

Frank & Cherelyn Nave

SENIORS NEWS

The March Seniors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th at 1 PM. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with refreshments and the company of old and new friends. So don't be left out in the cold...come and join us!

MARCH 2019 NEWS FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

The Advancement Office has been busy with reenrollment of our current students and recruiting new students for next school year. Currently, 82% of our current students have enrolled for the fall and we have enrolled 31 new students for next school year. Sacred Heart has much to offer new students, including the opportunity to grow not only academically, but into contributing members of our local communities. At Sacred Heart School we teach mind, body and spirit. Please visit our school website www.sacredheartreading.com - new students tab - for more information or call the school office at (610) 373-3316 to schedule a tour.

Sacred Heart School's "Walk for Annual Fund" campaign will kick off on Monday, March 4th. 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. The Walk for Annual Fund is a fun way for our students to help raise money for their school. The Walk will be held on Friday, May 3rd, 2019. (rain date May 10th). 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. 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.

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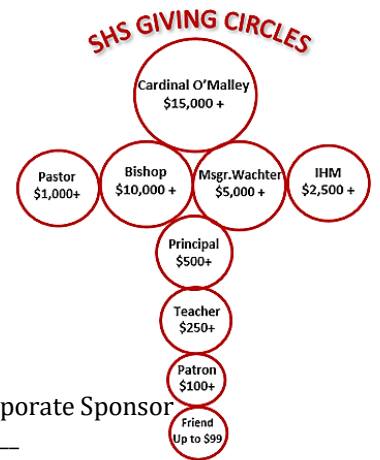
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SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

In the midst of our observance of Lent is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. In an effort to help foster parish devotional life, parish fellowship and to further our assistance to the needy, the parish will celebrate this feast in the following ways:

- ✠ A novena to St. Joseph at the end of all Masses the 9 days preceding the feast;
- ✠ A parish covered dish social in the auditorium of the school following Mass at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 19th, celebrating St. Joseph's table;
- ✠ An offering of canned goods for the needy, to be brought to Church on the feast. This food will be given to St. Joseph Food Pantry in Reading.

Volunteers are needed to help wrap plastic ware prior to the date. We also need volunteers interested in setting up and decorating the gym on that Monday afternoon, receiving dishes prior to Mass, and break-down and clean-up. Margaret Hueske has once again offered to co-chair this event. Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact either Margaret at (484) 706-0301 or Bonnie (610) 372-4010.

Covered dish sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex of the Church on March 9th and 10th. We will be placing papers in the pews to mark the number attending and aluminum pans will be available for your dish as well. Please plan on making the celebration of the husband of Our Lady and the Protector of the Christ, part of your parish life.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

At the opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week, Father Hutta challenged the students to bring in canned and boxed food, in a mission to help the St. Vincent De Paul Society feed the hungry. As incentive, he offered a pizza party to the class who brought in the most cans

per capita. Mrs. Munter's math students accepted the challenge to count the cans and figure out the percentages, bringing math to life while helping others. The 7th grade researched hunger and wrote essays that they read to the entire student body each morning and afternoon following prayer

The students of SHS collected over 1,500 cans and boxes of food - AMAZING! The "winning" class was 8th grade, but everyone was a winner, as they all learned what they can do to help those in need. Our SHS students always come through for others -it's who we are, and what we live each day.

The students also enjoyed an assembly on Growth Mindset, provided by the NED show. They learned to *Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best*, all while watching some pretty cool yo-yo tricks. It was a great conclusion to a successful Catholic Schools Week, and we thank our parents and volunteers for all their hard work to make it a fun week for our students and teachers. Special thanks this year to GNA Ristorante for hosting our dinner fundraiser, and for providing the delicious food for our teacher appreciation luncheon.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Sacred Heart School 2019 Spelling Bee!

Sixth Grade

- 1st Place Ronald Van
- 2nd Place Nate Hnatishion
- 3rd Place Mary Esterbrook

Seventh Grade

- 1st Place Rianna Johnson
- 2nd Place Taryn Bender
- 3rd Place Juleah Dubel-Haag

Eighth Grade

- 1st Place Kylie Weiger
- 2nd Place Jackson Gasperack
- 3rd Place Angelina Chi

Overall School Champions

1st Place Rianna Johnson
2nd Place Kylie Weiger
3rd Place Ronald Van

The nine winners will travel to LaSalle Academy to compete in the Berks County Spelling Bee.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

The Schieck Family on the death of,
Doris A. Schieck
2-5-2019

The Wentzel Family on the death of,
Robert P. Wentzel
2-10-2019

The Ciatto Family on the death of,
Joseph P. Ciatto
2-13-2019



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 life us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bornknight.org.

And, if you are ever interested in joining our fine group of Catholic men, just Contact Us and we will be happy to give you any details of what we do.

March Events:

21st Rosary, General Meeting & Fellowship- 6:45 PM - IHM Room
29th Lenten Meal before Stations of the Cross- 6 PM - Wachter
31st Fifth Sunday of the Month
Rosary following 11 AM Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Spaghetti Dinner at Victor Emmanuel II, Wednesday, May 1, 4:30-7:00pm

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.

MANY, MANY THANKS!

Thanks to all of you who donated countless items for the Valentine's Day Baskets. From socks to stamps, from personal care items to prayer books, from snacks to tea bags. 40 baskets were filled to the brim for our fellow parishioners who are homebound. On behalf of those who received the baskets, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness. Their Valentine's Day is a little brighter because of you! New members are always welcome! St. Vincent de Paul meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 PM in the Wachter Room.

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The

law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of the fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 6th to June 16th). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year.

Catholics are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Celebrated on Wednesdays at 1:15 PM with our parish school children and Fridays at 12 Noon at Holy Rosary and at 7 PM at Sacred Heart. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place at all times.

SVDP SOUP KITCHEN

The weekend of March 30th and 31st, Sacred Heart Church Parishioners have our twice a year duty and opportunity to volunteer to serve brunch/ lunch to those in need at the Kennedy House in Reading.

Time : from 10 AM to 1 PM, both days

Kennedy House Address: 532 Spruce St, Reading

We regularly serve 150 - 200 people per day. Come be a part of this fulfilling experience; helping your fellow man and working with others to get the detail done. Spots (usually 15 volunteers is what we look for) often go quickly so contact Jim Tucker at jet999@comcast.com or (610) 781-7940 to sign up. **Please Note: All volunteers must be fully vetted to be able to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen.**

SACRED HEART HYMNALS

So far, we have received \$2,835 of the \$6,000 matching funds as of February 21st. Don't be left out! Now it is your turn to match those funds! You can do that either by calling/sending Kate Banta your donation at the Rectory (610) 372-4010 or Sacred Heart Church, P.O. Box 6217, Reading, PA 19610. Or you can put it in the Sunday collection basket in an envelope clearly marked-HYMNAL FUND. Hymnals will be able to be memorialized.

MARCH 2019 EVENTS

- 2 Mardi Gras Party – 6 PM – SHS Gym
- 3 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
- 4 Seniors Meeting – 1 PM – Wachter
Parish Council – 7 PM - Wachter
- 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 7 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 8 Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church
- 11 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
- 13 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
Stations of the Cross – 1:15 PM - Church
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 14 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
W.I.N.E. – 7 PM – Wachter
- 15 Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church
- 17 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 20 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
Stations of the Cross – 1:15 PM - Church
Liturgy Committee – 7 PM – Wachter
- 21 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 22 Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church
- 25 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
- 27 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
Stations of the Cross – 1:15 PM - Church
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 28 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
W.I.N.E. – 7 PM – Wachter
- 29 Lenten Meal – 6 PM - Wachter
Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church