

Around the Parish

APRIL 2019

FORGIVEN?

It's become a ritual for me. Once a year I go through the closet in my mind and force myself to be "forgiven."

I guess that sounds like I've done a lot of bad things in my life. Well, some. But mostly I deal with bad memories of things I've done. Let me

explain.

There are things in our lives that we say or do that perhaps at some level we regret. The ones we deal with immediately often times get buried or forgotten completely because we deal with them emotionally and maybe even ask for forgiveness right then and there.

But there are issues in many lives that never go away. Little hurtful actions on our part that are sometime triggered by current events. Days when we are depressed or disappointed in the way things are going in our lives we methodically return to that mental file we keep handy. You know, the one you call upon every time you criticize yourself and subconsciously re-enforce the negative image that holds you back.

"Boy, am I stupid!" "I'm just no good at this!" "I'm such a klutz!" "If it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all!"

Sound familiar? Most of us do it every day.

But yesterday was my day of redemption. I normally hang an American flag in front of my home. It's up through most of the good weather months, not just on national holidays. In fact, I wear them out as they become faded and torn. I need a new one this year. I'm proud to be an American. Don't get me started on that. I'll have to pull out the soap box and sing "God Bless America!"

But on this special day I hand a flag that I struggle with. It is my Easter flag that bears a Golden Cross and the word "Forgiven" on it.

The first time I placed it in the holder I couldn't look up at the passing cars. In my mind, every person I've ever done wrong or hurt in some way, was driving by at that moment. I could hear them say, "Who does he think he is? I haven't forgiven him!"

The odd thing is for weeks afterwards people asked us where they could get one. They too wanted the world to know that they were forgiven also.

This year, as I prepared the flag, I carried with it all of my negative images. I mentally wrapped them inside and as the flag unfurled I saw them blow away in the wind.

The wind that took them away, I believe, is the last breath of Jesus Christ as He died upon the cross so that I could hang that flag with my head held high this year.

Some people may not have yet forgiven me. But the One who matters did.

SHS ENROLLMENT NEWS

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway! We are busily registering new students from Pre-K - 8th Grade for Fall 2019.

Cabrini Pre-K at Sacred Heart currently has a waiting list and there are only a couple of spots open in our Kindergarten program. In grades 1-8 we've reached an 85% retention rate and are recruiting new students to join us in the fall.

For your convenience we offer online registration on our website at www.sacredheartreading.com

Directory - New Student Admissions. If you'd like to visit our school or schedule a tour, contact Beth Gasperack (610) 685-2347/ bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org.

Our students have achieved much success this year in academics, extracurricular activities, and in serving our community.

- Our Mathletes placed 2nd in a county wide competition with one of our students receiving a perfect score.
- Our 2018 7th Grade class placed in the top 5 schools in the Diocese on their IOWA tests.
- Our 1st & 2nd graders collected and donated over 300 pairs of gloves, hats & scarves to The Children's Home of Reading as their service project.

These are only a few examples of the exemplary results of a Sacred Heart education. At Sacred Heart School we nurture the minds, bodies, and souls of every student.

Transfer Grants are available for those students transferring from a public school and many forms of financial aid are available to qualifying families.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Many hands make light work and that was truly evident at the St. Joseph Covered Dish Social. Thank you to Margaret Hueske who co-chaired the event, to the Knitters and Crocheters who wrapped plastic ware, and to all those who helped set-up, received dishes, and helped to break down and clean up. Everyone had a great time tasting the culinary delights as well as socializing. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 19th, 2020 for the next St. Joseph Covered Dish Social.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kathleen Gorgas and her daughter
Ahanexi

RCIA JOURNEY

Our two candidates—Whitney Herzog of Sacred Heart and Terry Brossman of Holy Rosary—continued their RCIA journey on the First Sunday of Lent with the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion. On the Second Sunday of Lent, they both participated in Penitential Rites preparing them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as they continued to draw ever closer to the Easter Sacraments. They will both be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 20th at Sacred Heart.

Please keep Whitney and Terry in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith and join us in celebrating their Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, beginning at 8 PM on Saturday, April 20th.

2ND TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors

First Honors

Second Honors

GRADE 6

*Antonia Antolini
Ronald Van*

*Mary Esterbrook
Brayden Hartranft
Nate Hnatishion
Carmine Lenzi
Ava Mauro
Ava Smith*

GRADE 7

*Rianna Johnson
Meghan Munter
Claire Pakradooni*

*Taryn Bender
Rocco DeCarlo
Jule'ah Dubel-Haag
Adriana Vidal*

GRADE 8

Angelina Chi

*Christian Changco
Jackson Gasparack
Kylie Wieger*

*Chris Chan
Elise McCann
Binh Nguyen*

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

The April Seniors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1st at 1 PM. Senior Stations of the Cross will be conducted by Deacon Bill Kase in the Church. Afterwards we will enjoy refreshments in the Wachter Room with the company of old and new friends. So don't be left out in the cold...come and join us!

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Good Friday, April 19th, after Stations of the Cross at 8 PM. Anyone who is interested in assisting is most welcome! Please call the rectory (610) 372-4010 to let us know if you are able to help.



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.

April Events:

- Every Sunday during Lent - Pray the Rosary at 10:40 AM at Sacred Heart
- 5th Lenten Meal 6 PM to 7 PM
Wachter Room
- 6th/7th Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales
After All Masses
- 12th Lenten Meal 6 PM to 7 PM
Wachter Room
- 27th/28th Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales
After All Masses

May Event:

- 1st Spaghetti Dinner
Victor Emmanuel II
4:30 to 7 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.

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.

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED!

Any men *or* women interested in volunteering to be greeters and/or ushers at Sunday Mass please call or email Bob Duchynski at (610) 775-7597 or rduchynski@comcast.net. No previous experience required - just a smile 😊 We are especially in need of greeters for the 9:30 and 11 AM Masses.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

APRIL

- 10th & 11th Altar Server Training
- 21st EASTER
Easter Egg Hunt!

MAY

- 1st K of C Spaghetti Dinner
- 3rd Walk for Annual Fund
- 4th First Communion

JUNE

- 1st Sacred Heart School Gala
- 9th 12th Annual Parish Picnic

APRIL 2019 DEVELOPMENT NEWS FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Spring is here! Spring means Walk for Annual Fund time for Sacred Heart School. Our students kicked off our Walk for Annual Fund 2019 campaign on March 4th by addressing envelopes to their family and friends to ask for support of our Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is a yearly campaign to raise financial support for items such as new books, art supplies, upgrades in technology and our teachers' salaries that continue to provide Sacred Heart School students with a solid educational foundation to succeed in high school and beyond. The Annual Fund also helps offset tuition. Tuition only covers 42% of the cost to educate a child at Sacred Heart School. A donation to our Annual Fund helps bridge this gap and allows families the opportunity to send their children to our school. SHS Walk for Annual Fund is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd (rain date May 10th) starting in front of the school at 10am and ending at Happy Hollow playground. Our annual picnic immediately follows our walk at the playground pavilions. Please help us reach our goal by donating to our Annual Fund. No donation is too small. You may also visit www.sacredheartreading.com and click "donate now" to pay online.

Preparations are continuing for our 100th year "Great Gatsby Gala" being held on June 1st. Information on tickets and/or sponsorships are available on our website under "Upcoming Events" tab. 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.

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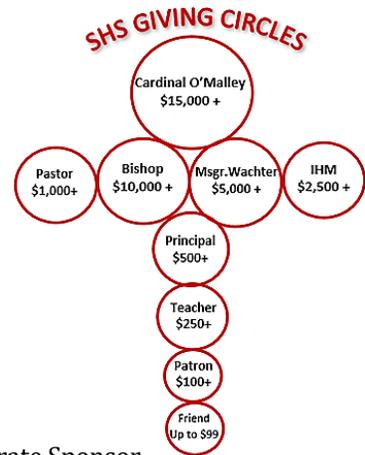
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Signature: _____



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SACRED HEART EGG HUNT

**EASTER SUNDAY,
APRIL 21ST**

12:30 PM

AGES 1-10

Meet in front of the Church.

Don't forget your basket!



APRIL 2019 EVENTS

- 1 Seniors Meeting – 1 PM – Church & Wachter
Parish Council – 7 PM - Wachter
- 3 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
Stations of the Cross – 1:15 PM - Church
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 4 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
Fatima Pilgrimage – 7 PM - Wachter
- 5 Lenten Meal – 6 PM - Wachter
Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church
- 7 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
- 8 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
- 10 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
Stations of the Cross – 1:15 PM - Church
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
Baptism Class – 7 PM - Wachter
- 11 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
W.I.N.E. – 7 PM – Wachter
- 12 Lenten Meal – 6 PM - Wachter
Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church
- 14 CYO Board Meeting – 8:30 AM - Wachter
- 17 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
Stations of the Cross – 1:15 PM - Church
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 18 **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7 PM - CHURCH**
- 19 **COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION – 3 PM -CHURCH**
Stations of the Cross – 7 PM - Church
- 20 Blessing of the Food – 12 Noon - Chapel
EASTER VIGIL – 8 PM - CHURCH
- 21 **HAPPY EASTER!**
Easter Egg Hunt – 12:30 PM – Church Grounds
- 22 **RECTORY & PARISH CENTER CLOSED**
- 24 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 25 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
W.I.N.E. – 7 PM – Wachter
- 28 Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter