

Around the Parish

JUNE 2019

WHAT IS A FATHER?

Hands big enough to get lost in. Power unimaginable. Stumbling, bumbling fool. Excellent lover, insensitive and uncaring spouse. The protector, the builder, the fixer and the destroyer of dreams. Not worth remembering and yet, someone's entire world. I could have written some lovely piece laced with warm memories and powerful images of all a father should be. I could have made you cry by telling you about the empty place at my dinner table that still rips my heart every holiday. I decided instead to tell you how difficult it is to be a father, or simply a man in this world.

When my dad was alive I always remember how much I hated buying a Father's Day card. They spoke of fishing, hunting, sports, father always knowing the right thing to say to comfort a child. They mention dedication to faith and family and the strength it took to stand tall in face of adversity. I would choose a "hope you have a great day" card and sign it with love. He wasn't a bad father. I loved him deeply.

Every Father's Day since 1998 I sing "Danny Boy" to my dad at his grave. So, why couldn't I find a card? Dad wasn't the warm fuzzy type. We went fishing once, maybe twice, never hunted, or played sports. He had a temper and I had the sore rear end to prove it. He went to church once in a while, believed in God, but shoved it all down my throat with a vengeance. "Do as I say, not as I do."

He wasn't a drinker or smoker. He worked hard, very hard, like my brother, his entire life to give family all they needed. He adored my mom. Sang to her. Danced with her. Said "I love you." But he couldn't say "I love you" to his sons without mumbling it. If he did, it was because something was wrong, someone died and he suddenly realized how delicate life was.

The point is, being a father isn't easy. Oh, you can certainly get someone pregnant, but that doesn't make you a dad. Being a dad is the part that's difficult, confusing and misunderstood. Today's image of manhood is confusing. If you are too tough on your children, you're uncaring, out of touch, mean, and although you had good intentions, will most likely be remembered as a tyrant. I always feared hearing "Wait until your father gets home!" That, in itself, was punishment enough...just waiting. If you're too easy, you're a bumbling fool who should never have had children. "Never good with the kids." Somewhere in the middle is a macho man with the ability to cry at the end of a "chick flick."

Television shows about family usually make the father out to be a sex driven fool who only cares about having a few beers with his buddies while watching sports. He is detached from the wants and needs of his children and solves everything with... "Ask your mother." The words "You're just like your father" is more of an insult than praise. You don't gain your children's respect; they simply fear you. Growing up the world told you that real men don't cry. So you wept in private. The world called you the "bread winner" so you worked more than you played. "Don't bother your father. He's tired". The world told you that you had to be strong and set examples even when life was beating the crap out of you.

Then after it is all said and done and you are at the other end of life with fond memories of raising children, fun times you had, places you took them and the sacrifices made to give them a good life you wonder why they don't come around anymore.

Fathers get ties, shirts, screw drivers, a golf club, a gift card for an oil change, a case of beer, a tool set for the grill, and socks. When my father died we found never opened shirts and socks and Kmart gift cards.

The truth? All we really want is your time. A hug even if we don't hug well in return or appeared un-hugable all those years. Your time...an opportunity to tell you about when we were kids even though you heard it a hundred times. The words, "Thanks, dad. And "I love you." And your time... did I mention...your time?"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019



**Congratulations to these children, who received the Lord
in the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday, May 4th.**

*Aiden Arboleda
Isabella Becker
Suzanna Bressler
Adriana DiBenedetto
Lillian Duncan
Erick Esterbrook
Leo Esterbrook*

*Ivann Gonzalez
Madelaine Greene
Kevin Ho
Maximus Horrigan
Claire Hurlleman
Payton Kowalski
Ginger Nickey*

*Dominic Perate
Austin Pincer
Carina Santana
John Carlos Santana
Luca Stanco
Noel Torres
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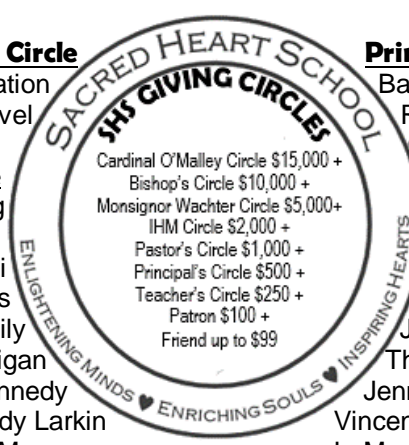
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Dear Parents:

Discover a true friendship with Jesus

Welcome to Roar, the VBS where Life is Wild and God is Good! Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste!

We're glad you've chosen this amazing adventure that will help kids (and teen helpers) begin or deepen their faith by experiencing the solid foundation of God's goodness. Kids discover that God is good through all of life's challenges.

Your kids will be in for a week full of fun, incredible music, and a relaxing setting that all come together to point kids to Jesus. All we do during this week of VBS is to allow Jesus' loving care for each person to come to life like never before...touching lives, changing hearts, and drawing kids and teens closer to Jesus as they understand that God is Good.

Your kids will also participate in an outreach project called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that will let kids in our community show God's love to others. This year kids will be invited to bring school supplies which will be sent to West Virginia, in a very needed place.

Please write a check payable to Sacred Heart Church for \$30.00

Detach and mail to: Sacred Heart Parish – Religious Education, P.O. Box 6217, Reading , PA 19610
 Blessings, Valerie Christo, VBS Director
 610-374-5430 (paddams@sacredheartreading.org)

Please return by June 9, 2019 2019 VBS Registration Form \$30.00 per child

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Home address: _____ Phone#: _____

Childs Name: _____ Grade Completed _____ Age (5-11) _____ Allergies?
 _____ Gender _____

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Office use only: Date rec'd _____ Amount Paid _____ Check #: _____

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

The following Sacred Heart students were winners in the Berks County CYO Art Show:

Jackson Gasperack-2nd Place Tempera Paint

John Spink-Honorable Mention Oil Pastel

Rianna Johnson-1st Place Collage

Taz Thomas-2nd Place, Collage

Christian Changco-Honorable Mention Collage

Elizabeth McCann-Honorable Mention Collage

Adriana Vidal-1st Place Marker

Taryn Bender-Honorable Mention Marker

Meghan Munter-Honorable M Marker

Francesca Ditsky-1st Place, Printmaking

Jaylene Dorta -2nd Place Acrylic Painting

Juleah Dubel-Haag-1st Place Water Color

Claire Pakradooni-Honorable Mention Water Color

Kaitlyn Romero-Honorable Mention Water Color

Kylie Weiger-Honorable Mention Colored Pencil

Thank you to Mrs. Bisaccia for her able and talented guidance to these students. What an amazing job! Student artwork will be displayed until May 30 at the GoogleWorks.

Congratulations as well to our Mathletes Team, who won first place in the Spring Competition. The team consisted of 8th graders Christian Changco, Angelina Chi, Jackson Gasperack, John Maurer and Kylie Weiger. Angelina Chi had the distinction of achieving a perfect score! A big thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Munter who prepared the students for the competition.

Sacred Heart School's annual STEM Career Day was a big hit among students in Grades 5-8. We are grateful to the following presenters: Mrs. Beth Gasperack, Mrs. Melanie Hnatishion, Dr. Aimee Luo, Dr. Robert Luo, Dr. Mark Landau, Dr. Dennis Mauro, Ms. Deanna Witzel, Officer Marvin Armistead.

Our students learned about careers in finance, school development, medicine, dentistry, law enforcement, engineering and alternative energy. Thank you to

Mrs. Danelle Parisi for organizing such an interesting and informative day.

Submitted by Kathy Napolitano, Principal

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Noe Hernandez, Fabiola Gonzalez and their daughter Ximena

Ellen Kerper-Martin

Tyler Manz, Jenifer Love and their son Brayden

SENIORS NEWS

Come and join all your fellow seniors at the reserved senior tables at the 12th Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 9th from 12 Noon till 2 PM.

July will be a vacation month with no meeting to be held.

August 5^h will be the ever-favorite Ice Cream Social at 1 PM in the Wachter Room. So not only can you get out of the heat and come into the cool air but also enjoy a cool treat.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alexander Philip Schaeffer

Son of Ronald & Kathleen Schaeffer

Alexander was born on 2-20-2019

RCIA JOURNEY

Our two neophytes, Whitney Herzog of Sacred Heart and Terry Brossman of Holy Rosary, who completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 20th, are completing their RCIA journey in a period of Mystagogy that formally ends at Pentecost. Whitney and Terry have journeyed with us for nine months of weekly classes and

we now send them forth into the world, asking them to “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by their lives.” Continue to pray for them in this time of deepening of their Christian experience, spiritual growth, and entering more fully into the life and unity of our parish communities at Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining next year’s RCIA journey, please contact the rectory at (610) 372-4010 or email SacredHeartRCIA@gmail.com. Our first class will be on Wednesday, September 4th from 7 to 9 PM in the Bornemann Room.



What can we say but a BIG THANK YOU to all those parishioners, family and friends from our community that attended our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner! Needless to say, it was a huge success and we had numerous positive comments on our Facebook page. Thank you once again! Next year’s dinner will be held on Wednesday April 29, 2020!

Now we turn our attention to the 4th of July Parade Float. Meetings have already begun on the initial layout and design of our parish float. This year’s theme is “We Serve” and will focus on all those who have, or currently are, serving in the military in some capacity. Dates for the float assembly and painting will be June 22 and June 29th from 1pm to 3pm in the Sacred Heart School parking lot. Watch the bulletin and our website for more information.

Also coming soon is the 3rd Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing. This year’s Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, August 16th. More information will be coming out soon. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund. All our events are also found on our Calendar at www.bornknights.org

June Events:

Every Sunday at 10:40 AM

Pray the Rosary

8th Fourth Degree Exemplification
King of Prussia PA

10th Planning Meeting -7pm
IHM Room

20th Monthly General Meeting - 7pm
IHM Room

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 Kozak Family on the death of:
Laura R. Kozak
5-5-2019

SHS ENROLLMENT NEWS

SHS Re-registration retention rate is now at 95%. We have 95% of our current Sacred Heart families committed to returning and registered for the 2019-2020 school year! Our Fall Kindergarten class is also filling up for the new school year. There are only a couple of spots left! Our 2019-2020 Kindergarten students visited their classroom on May 17th and enjoyed a morning with Mrs. Orlando as a class. We are excited to welcome them along with our 5 new families registered at SHS for the fall. If you’d like to register your child or know of a family with school aged children please call the Advancement Office at 610-685-2347. We also have SHS and Pre-K brochures displayed at the fundraising desk in the narthex of the church. Feel free to take one for yourself or a friend.

JUNE 2019 EVENTS

- 1 SHS Gala – 6 PM - Doubletree
- 3 SHS Graduation – 6 PM - Church
- 4 BCHS Baccalaureate – 7 PM – St. Catharine of Siena
- 5 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
BCHS Graduation – 7 PM – Alvernia University
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 6 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
WAHS Baccalaureate – 7 PM – Atonement
- 7 WAHS Graduation 7 PM – Scottish Rite Cathedral
- 9 CYO Board – 8:30 AM – Wachter
12th Annual Parish Picnic - NOON
Berks Sinfionetta Rehearsal – 7 PM - Church
- 10 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 12 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
Berks Sinfionetta Rehearsal – 7 PM - Church
Baptism Class – 7 PM - Chapel
- 13 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 14 Berks Sinfionetta Rehearsal – 7 PM – Church
- 15 Berks Sinfionetta Concert – 7:30 PM – Church
- 16 **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**
- 17 Parish Council – 7 PM - Wachter
- 19 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
- 20 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 23 Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 24 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
- 26 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
- 27 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann