

# Around the Parish

JULY 2019

## THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school. The first time the meaning of those words hits me is when I've just finished third grade. There is a wordless, excited buzzing that sings in my head and makes me giddy. I can see the summer extending before me - an eternity of popsicles and fireflies, of lying in grassy fields and feeling the earth rising up to hold me. I am riding my bicycle, my Huffy two-speed with the turquoise sparkle paint and the cushy banana seat with the psychedelic daisies, around and around and around the block. First, I'm riding with a pack of friends, and we're all yelling raucously "No more homework, No more books, No more teachers' dirty looks!" and feeling like rebels.

Slowly the pack has dwindled, and I am left alone in the twilight of a warm June night. The air is just a little cool and smells green. The light is that golden light that only happens early in the morning and just before the sun goes down. Painter's light, but I don't know that yet. There are so many things I don't know yet. But, I do know how it feels to be eight years old and completely free. To feel like I'm riding a hundred miles an hour, the wind in my face, whipping my hair. To feel like I can do just about anything. I take my hands off the handlebars, and ride no-hands for just a second, practically dizzy with my daring and I let out a whoop of pure joy.

Now that I'm grown, I don't often get the chance to experience that unfettered elation that I felt so many last-days-of-school ago. But every once in a while, every once in a great while, and only in the evening, and only in the early summer, when the light is golden and night smells green, I might see a kid on a bicycle and it will happen again. I'll suddenly remember out-of-the-blue, what it feels like to be eight years old on the last day of school. And in an instant, I'll be perched on the daisy-strewn banana seat of a glittering turquoise bicycle with the wind in my face, riding no-hands into the sunset of my memory, secure in the knowledge that tomorrow is the first day of the rest of my summer. The first day of the rest of my life.

And you know, it doesn't get much better than that.

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### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kevin & Lauren Urban

Charlie Dulik & Erica Addonizio

Caren Moyer

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emma Jae Scarpino  
Daughter of Alessio & Iesha Scarpino  
Emma was born on 4-3-2019

# SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation was held at Sacred Heart Church.  
The following students received diplomas:

<i>Christopher Chan</i>	<i>John Maurer</i>
<i>Christian Changco</i>	<i>Elizabeth McCann</i>
<i>Angelina Chi</i>	<i>Binh Nguyen</i>
<i>Jaylene Dorta</i>	<i>George Wachana</i>
<i>Jackson Gasperack</i>	<i>Kylie Weiger</i>

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2019 is **Angelina Chi** and the Salutatorian is **Christian Changco**.

The following students received awards at graduation for the highest GPA in each subject area:

Religion, Science, Algebra, Social Studies and Literature	<b>Angelina Chi</b>
Mathematics	<b>Binh Nguyen</b>
Language Arts	<b>Christian Changco</b>
Music	<b>Elizabeth McCann</b>
Art	<b>Jaylene Dorta</b>
Reading Musical Foundation Esprit de Corps Award	<b>Kylie Weiger &amp; Elizabeth McCann</b>
Reading Musical Foundation STEAM Award	<b>Elizabeth McCann &amp; Binh Nguyen</b>
Dr. Martin and Marie Gyomber Award	<b>Kylie Wieger</b>
The Father David Fick Award	<b>Jaylene Dorta</b>
Principal's Award	<b>Jackson Gasperack</b>
Consistent Effort Award	<b>Christopher Chan</b>
Christian Witness Award	<b>Jaylene Dorta</b>
Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement	<b>Jaylene Dorta</b>
Presidential Award for Academic Excellence	<b>Christopher Chan, Christian Changco, Angelina Chi, Jackson Gasperack, Elizabeth McCann, Binh Nguyen, Kylie Weiger</b>

Congratulations again to all our graduates and God bless you as you enter high school. We are proud of your accomplishments.

Following the closing Mass for Sacred Heart School, our annual awards ceremony took place. The following awards were handed out:

## **Good Citizenship Awards sponsored by Senator Judy Schwank:**

Grade 1:	Gemma Brunner	Will Spencer
Grade 2:	Adriana DeBenedetto	Dominic Perate
Grade 3:	Adriana Quizhpi	Landon Hartranft
Grade 4:	Rileigh Knepp	Lily Mauro
Grade 5:	Delaney Moody	Rocco Perate
Grade 6:	Ava Mauro	Carmine Lenzi
Grade 7:	Meghan Munter	Claire Pakradooni

**Christian Witness:**

Grade 3: Junilynn Rodriguez  
Grade 4: Jack Recktenwald  
Grade 5: Jossian Lopez-Sanchez  
Grade 6: Isabel Rodriguez  
Grade 7: Taryn Bender

**Consistent Effort:**

Grade 3: Aniya Love  
Grade 4: Claire Mauro  
Grade 5: Sadie Bookser  
Grade 6: Mary Esterbrook  
Grade 7: Rianna Johnson

**Highest General Average:**

Grade 3: Gabriel Luo  
Grade 4: Casey Changco  
Grade 5: Rocco Perate  
Grade 6: Antonia Antolini  
Grade 7: Meghan Munter

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!**

**BERKS CATHOLIC**

Jakeb Benedict  
Giavinna Duddy  
Casey Emkey  
Gino Gaspari  
Aubrey Hanley  
Giovanna Nawa  
America Nieves  
Camryn Penn  
Catherine Schroder  
Adam Sichler  
Gianna Witmer  
Harrison Wittmeyer  
Sofia Woytovich

**GOVERNOR MIFFLIN**

Alex Ledesma  
Jose Ledesma  
Kierstyn Stevens  
Andrea Taveras  
Kaelin Walton

**FLEETWOOD**

**WYOMISSING**

Ryan Ashman  
Luke Cibulsky  
Chase DePue  
Jamie DiCarlo  
Emma Esterbrook  
John Gaza  
Cameron Gehriss  
Grace Gleason  
Mia Huber  
Ethan Kosmoski  
Ian Lazarchick  
McKinley Morris  
Daniel Moser  
Kayla Santillan  
William Schreck  
August Smychynsky  
Megan Spano

**WILSON**

Brandon Connor  
Jillian Klinger  
Maxwell Smith

## JULY 2019 SHS FUNDRAISING NEWS

THANK YOU - parishioners, parents, friends and families for helping us surpass our Gala & Annual Fund goals this year! The Great Gatsby Gala held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel was a roaring good time and a complete success! We surpassed our \$70,000 goal to purchase chromebooks for every student and improve the infrastructure in our building. Enormous thanks to our Gala Co-Chairs and the entire Gala committee. Their tireless efforts and passionate dedication to Sacred Heart School is what made the event possible.

**Gala Co-Chairs:**

Andi & Josh Ditsky  
 Rose Kennedy & Scott Esterbrook  
 Michelle & John Perate

**Gala Committee:**

Heidi Bernardo                      Jessica Clouser  
 Sarah & Adam Bookser      Ellie Butto  
 Melanie Hnatishion      Mary Kate Recktenwald

A special thanks to Maryanne & John Post for graciously accepting our Legacy Honoree Award at the Gala. Their generosity and dedication to Catholic education enriches our entire community. We thank you Maryanne & John!

We also surpassed our Annual Fund goal of \$110,000 this year! Our students, faculty & staff are incredibly grateful and blessed to have your continued prayers and support.

Another way to show support for our Parish & School is our SHOPS/scrip program. ***This program is an easy way to make money for Sacred Heart - both Parish & School.***

***Purchase gift cards at FACE VALUE*** from the fundraising desk at 5pm, 9:30am or 11:00am mass. It's that simple! We purchase the cards at a discount from retailers and then sell the cards to you at face value. That discounted amount is money earned for Sacred Heart. Use the order form below to purchase in stock cards. Drop your order at the fundraising desk in the narthex or at school on Mondays or Fridays from 10-11am.

Questions? Contact Beth Gasperack (610) 685-2347 or [bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org](mailto:bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org).

Summer office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9am - 1pm.

### SACRED HEART SHOPS/scrip Gift Card Fundraising

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME CELL WORK

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE**

**Method of pick up:**    **MASS** (5:00pm 9:30am or 11:00am)    **SCHOOL** (Friday am 10-11am)

**IN STOCK CARDS:**

<b>GIANT</b>	<b>AUSTIN'S</b>	<b>RUSSO'S</b>	<b>PANERA BREAD</b>	<b>UNIQUE</b>
<b>DESSERTS</b>				
QTY: _____	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	QTY: _____
\$25	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$10
\$50				
\$100	<b>THE WORKS/BLDG.24</b>	<b>STARBUCKS</b>	<b>WYO.FAMILY REST</b>	<b>GNA</b>
\$200	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	
	\$25	\$10	\$10	\$25
<b>REDNERS</b>				
QTY: _____	<b>DUNKIN DONUTS</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>WALMART</b>	<b>CHAPMAN'S DELI</b>
\$25	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	QTY: _____
\$50	\$10	\$100	\$100	\$10
\$100	\$25	\$25	\$25	
<b>WEIS</b>	<b>NONNO ALBY'S</b>			
QTY: _____	QTY: _____			
\$25	\$25			
\$100				



**For more details about our SHOPS/scrip program and for the FULL RETAILER LIST go to**  
[www.sacredheartreading.com/shopsscrip\\_fundraising](http://www.sacredheartreading.com/shopsscrip_fundraising)  
**Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart School!**

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## SENIORS NEWS

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

August 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Now we turn our attention to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing. This year's Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.bornknights.org)

Every Sunday - Pray the Rosary

Sunday 10:40AM SH Church

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.

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## TOILET PAPER/BAR SOAP COLLECTION

Sacred Heart's St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) will collect rolls of toilet paper and bars of hand soap for the St. Joseph's Outreach on the weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. We collect these necessary items of daily living for the people who use the St. Joseph's Parish Outreach Program. Vehicles will be stationed in front of the Church before all the Masses to accept your donations. Thank You!

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## OUR CONDOLENCES TO

The Trachte Family on the death of:  
**Francis M. Trachte**  
2-7-2019

The McGuire Family on the death of:  
**John "Jack" McGuire**  
6-11-19

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## W.I.N.E

The WINE group, Women in the New Evangelization, just completed its first year and is now on summer hiatus. We studied two books, took part in lively discussions, and enjoyed wine and each other. If fellowship and faith sharing sounds good to you, join us next fall. The first meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. The book will be "When Women Pray" by Kathleen Beckman--available on Amazon if you want a head start.

## RCIA STARTING SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

If you know of someone that is interested in coming into the Catholic Church from another faith tradition, or of none, have them contact us. We'd love to talk to them and answer any questions they might have.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of formation, education, and initiation for those who desire to come into full communion with our faith community. It is for those who:

- have never been baptized, or
- have been baptized in a non-Catholic denomination and would like to come into full communion with the Church, or
- were baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Classes for both Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary parishes are held in Sacred Heart's Parish Center. Our first class meets on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 9 PM in the Bornemann room. Classes will continue to meet every Wednesday until Pentecost. If you know someone who is interested, ask them to call Sacred Heart Rectory (610) 372-4010 or email SacredHeartRCIA@gmail.com.

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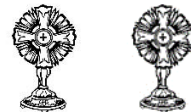
## SHS ENROLLMENT NEWS

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 Pre-K program IS FULL for the fall but we are accepting names for our waiting list.

Our Fall Kindergarten class is close to full with only a couple of spots remaining. We are excited to welcome

all of our new Pre-K & Kindergarten families along with the 11 new families with students registered in the upper grades at SHS for the fall. Our current Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade enrollment for the fall is 157 students. We're also actively recruiting new students over the summer in grades K-8 for the fall. If you'd like to register your child or know of a family with school aged children or to schedule a private tour please call or contact Beth Gasperack at (610) 685-2347. Our summer hours are 9AM to 1PM, Monday through Friday.

There are SHS & Pre-K brochures displayed at the fundraising desk in the narthex of the church. Feel free to take one for yourself or a friend. You can also access all our admissions information for all grades on our school website: [www.sacredheartreading.com/new\\_student\\_admissions](http://www.sacredheartreading.com/new_student_admissions). Pre-K - [www.sacredheartreading.com/prek](http://www.sacredheartreading.com/prek) .



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday the real presence of Jesus is in the Church/Chapel for the entire day beginning after 8 AM Mass till 10 PM. Please take time from your busy schedule to spend an hour or a half hour with Jesus. Many blessings have been received and prayers answered after time was spent in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

If you can commit one hour or ½ hour a week or once a month, your presence would be greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time with our Lord. If you would like more information, please call Bonnie Batdorf at (610) 372-4010.

## **JULY 2019 EVENTS**

- 4 **HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!**  
RECTORY & PARISH CENTER CLOSED
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- 8 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter  
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 11 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 17 Baptism Class – 7 PM - Chapel
- 18 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann  
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 21 Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 24 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
- 25 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann