

Around the Parish

AUGUST 2019

JUST ONE MORE TIME

“Damp, musty and well-worn.” It certainly wouldn’t catch your attention in a travel brochure. “No indoor plumbing. Hand pump for water located in back of the building.” No, that wouldn’t make me want to stay there either. “Out house conveniently located in front of or directly behind your rental.” What? No way! So why do I long to return to those places of my youth?

The old worn out couches were like giant pillows barely framed in faded mahogany, oak or pine. The kitchen table was held up by scratched and dented steel legs. The top surface was etched a hundred times by those before us. The red and white vinyl covered chairs would stick to my legs on a hot summer day. Still, one more meal there would be a blessing.

There were no televisions. There were no radios unless you brought one of your own. That meant you needed to entertain yourself for the week you were there. “Under the “n” the free spot!” my uncle Al would call out each evening. Yes, we played Bingo. It had such an impact on me that I still own an old Bingo game set to this very day.

The few beds that were available in any of these classic vacation spots held lumpy, torn, mattresses with a few questionable stains. But they were covered with our own bed linens freshly washed and folded by my mother. Of course, I never had the pleasure of actually sleeping on one of those dinosaurs. My grandparents and other older adults held that great privilege. The rest of us slept on couches, chairs and yes, the floor.

It was routine to discover my Grandmother standing over me in the middle of the night. Her thoughts and mental health often caused her to get up several times during the night. She carried a flashlight as she wandered through the cottage. Early on in my childhood I would awaken frightened and shaking under the covers each time I say this “ghost” wandering around. As years went by, I would wake up and say “Hello, Grandma! I love you!” I think it gave her pleasure and somewhat of a reality check to know she was somewhere she belonged.

Our days were spent at Sandy Beach and some of the most satisfying, delicious meals shared on old weather-worn picnic tables nestled under the pines.

I floated for hours on end in the lake. I had no fancy blown up vinyl rafts, just a simple inner tube from an old tire. My Dad was a mechanic.

A few times a week we would head to Hanson’s Park, which was located right on the lake. My first roller coaster ride was with my Uncle Al. I couldn’t speak for hours afterwards. By today’s ride standards that coaster would be a kiddie ride. But in the eyes of a 7 year old in 1957, it was the scariest ride on earth.

I really can’t remember what I did all day long back at the rented cottage, but I managed to keep myself busy and very happy. I had no video games, no electronic toys.

I had my imagination, which now as I think back, may have been the foundation for what I do today.

This was vacation. We traveled almost 12 miles to get there. That's right about 12 miles. I lived in Kingston, we vacationed at Harvey's Lake. It was the best we could do. It was the most my family could afford.

I'm 55 now, and I've traveled to some of the most remarkable places. I have stayed in some of the most luxurious hotels. I've eaten some of the best meals in the world.

But I'd give almost anything for one more night, one more picnic, one more roller coaster ride, one more trip to the outhouse... "just one more time!"

SENIOR NEWS

I scream...You scream...We all scream for ice cream! The Seniors Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Monday, August 5th at 1 PM in the Wachter Room. We will be dishing up this frozen treat with all the trimmings after the General Meeting. So, come on in, out of the heat, where it's nice and cool and enjoy a cone or a sundae in the company of friends! No screaming necessary!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lucy Ghobrial

Armando & Elena Sierra and their
children Selene & Armando Jr.

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 3rd/4th. 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!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart School is delighted to announce the appointment of three new faculty members. Mrs. Traci D'Elia joins us as our new second grade teacher. Mrs. D'Elia, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Lock Haven University. Mrs. Gina Burke, also a parishioner of Immaculate Conception, will be our new fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Burke holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Elementary Teacher Education and Political Science. Sister Patricia Farrell, OSF, will be joining us as the teacher in Cabrini PreK at Sacred Heart. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from St. Joseph University; for the past nine years Sister has been teaching preschool in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I know you join me in welcoming Mrs. D'Elia, Mrs. Burke and Sister Pat to Sacred Heart School. Stop by and say hi!

We are still accepting registrations in all grades, with some grades very close to being full. Registration can be completed at the school or online (www.sacredheartreading.com). All students are required to complete an academic screening before registration is considered complete. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a

personal tour of the school, please don't hesitate to call the school office at (610) 373-3316. Summer office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-1:00. The school will be closed July 29-August 2 for cleaning.

As we move from July to August (how did THAT happen?) we wish you sunny days full of fun and relaxation. You will, as always, be in our prayers.

Submitted by Kathy Napolitano, Principal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ximene Hernandez
Daughter of Noe Hernandez & Fabiola
Gonzalez
Ximene was born on 11-10-2017

RCIA STARTING SEPTEMBER 4TH

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 4th, 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.

W.I.N.E

The W.I.N.E 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 12th at 7 PM in the Wachter Room. The book will be "When Women Pray" by Kathleen Beckman--available on Amazon if you want a head start.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

In conjunction with Catholic Charities we will be having a school supply collection for local families that would otherwise have to go without. We are asking for you to help all kids get a great start to the new School year! At all Masses on August 10th & 11th there will be boxes at the exits for your donations of new (or very gently used) school supplies....feel free to drop in cash & checks. The more we receive the more families we can help. Thanks & God Bless.

This is a summer project that Tim Ferguson is heading up for the Diaconate Program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

6-15-2019

Stephen Dettra Mahon

&

Sonja Katherine Bjorcken

6-22-2019

Peter Alexander Ferlita

&

Emilee Ruth Hart



Thank You everyone who participated in the annual Wyomissing Fourth of July Parade! Whether you helped to build and decorate our float, walked alongside in the parade, or cheered from the curb, your participation was greatly appreciated by the Knights! And thank you to all who attended the Stone House activities and supported the activities and concession stands of our community.

August Activities:

5th Planning Meeting
7 PM - IHM Room

15th Rosary & General Meeting
6:30 PM - IHM Room

3rd Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing at the Reading Country Club on Friday, August 16th. Team and individual reservations are being taken now (\$100 entry fee per golfer). This event benefits the Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund and is organized by our Knights Council. For more information on how to register contact Beth Gasperack, Advancement Director, at Sacred Heart School (610) 373-3316.

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 Tschiderer Family on the death of:
Aileen C. Tschiderer
6-23-2019

SHS ENROLLMENT NEWS

Our school serves both the faith community and society by educating children, young people and adults to contribute to the common good by becoming active and caring members of our local community. Sacred Heart School offers a rigorous curriculum, a safe, nurturing environment, small class size, a full day Kindergarten and the ability for children to grow in their personal relationship with God.

We are currently accepting applications for grades Kindergarten to 8th grade as well as our Pre-K program. Cabrini Pre-K at Sacred Heart offers full and half day options. The age requirement is age 4 by October 15th. If you know someone with school aged children, please encourage them to call (610)685-2347, email bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org or visit our website www.sacredheartreading.com/new_student_admissions. A Sacred Heart education is priceless and more affordable than some imagine.

We are excited to welcome the new school year on August 26th!

AUGUST 2019 SHS FUNDRAISING NEWS

SHS 2019-2020 Annual Fund Campaign is underway! Our students, faculty and staff depend on our Annual Fund for our operating budget, including teachers' salaries, building maintenance, new books for our library, materials for our art program and many other daily operational needs. Every dollar we receive directly affects each student. Prayerfully consider a donation to our Annual Fund and help us reach this year's goal. No donation is too small.

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 11AM 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. Visit the fundraising desk in the narthex to place your order or for more information. SHOPS/scrip cards are also sold at school during summer hours on Mondays & Fridays from 10-11AM. You can access all SHOPS info at www.sacredheartreading.com/shopsscrip_fundraising.

A special thanks to the Monsignor Bornemann Council #16066 Knights of Columbus for organizing our 3rd Annual "Swing and A Prayer" Golf Outing to be held on August 16, 2019. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to area students who attend Sacred Heart School. For more information on becoming a sponsor or participating in the Golf Outing visit www.sacredheartreading.com/golf_outing.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

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 2020)

___ 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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(circle one) VISA Mastercard American Express

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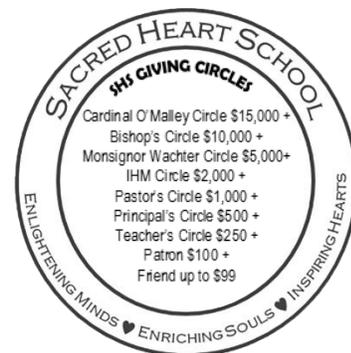
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WHERE ARE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTENDING COLLEGE?

Gino Gaspari - United States Marine Corps
Grace Gleason - Loyola University
Mia Huber - University of South Carolina
Daniel Moser - Temple University
Giovanna Nawa - Duquesne University
Camryn Penn - Kings College
Gianna Witmer - Wartburg College
Kierstyn Stevens - Clemson University

We wish all these students the best as they begin the next journey in their educational career! God Bless!

BERK'S BEST 2019

The following students from Sacred Heart Parish were featured in Berk's Best - celebrating 2019's best and brightest graduating high school seniors in Berks County:

Community Service/Taylor Seitzinger Award: Mia Huber

Business Nominee: Karla Santillan

Communications Finalist: Kit Schroder

Foreign Language Finalist: Karla Santillan

Performing Arts Nominee: Grace Gleason & Kaelin Walton

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Diocesan Policy states that two years of preparation are required before the celebration of the sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist. Thus all students entering first grade in September 2018 should be registered in Sacred Heart's Religious Education Program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Religious Ed Office, sent by mail, or emailed to

paddams@sacredheartreading.org.

Please return the form, fee, and a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate to the office. For more information or questions, contact Valerie Christo, DRE (610) 374-5430.

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.

SHRINE VOTIVE OFFERINGS

Anyone wishing to have a candle or candles burn at the shrines to St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary as a memorial or special intention for any particular Sunday/week, contact the office (610) 372-4010. The usual offering for the memorial candle is \$5.00. There are many weekends open.

NEED INFORMATION? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Parish Website: shrcparish.org

School Website: sacredheartreading.com

Diocesan Website: allentowndiocese.org

AUGUST 2019 EVENTS

- 1 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 5 Seniors Meeting – 1 PM - Wachter
Parish Council – 7 PM – Wachter
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 8 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 12 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
- 14 Baptism Class – 7 PM - Bornemann
- 15 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 18 Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 21 Liturgy Committee 7 PM - Wachter
- 22 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 26 ***FIRST DAY OF SHS SCHOOL!***
Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
- 29 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann