

Around the Parish

JANUARY 2020

THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

A mother of a 9-year-old boy, Mark, received a phone call in the middle of the afternoon. It was the teacher from her son's school.

"Mrs. Smith, something unusual happened today in your son's third grade class. You son did something that surprised me so much that I thought you should know about it immediately."

Mothers seldom want to hear from their child's teacher in the middle of the day. The mother was uneasy and nervous by such a beginning to a phone call. "What now?" the mother wondered. The teacher continues, "I have been teaching for many years and nothing like this has happened until now.

This morning I was teaching a lesson on creative writing. And as I always do, I tell the story of the ant and the grasshopper. The ant works hard all summer and stores up plenty of food. But the grasshopper plays all summer and does no work.

Then winter comes. The grasshopper begins to starve because he has no food. So he hops to the ants house and begins to beg. "Please Mr. Ant, you have much food please let me eat, too." Now boys and girls your job is to write the ending to the story.

Your son, Mark, raised his hand. "Teacher, may I draw a picture?"

"Well, yes, Mark, if you like, you may draw a picture. But first you must write the ending to the story."

The papers came in. As in all the years past, most of the students said that the ant shared his food through the winter and both the ant and the grasshopper lived.

As always, a few children said, 'The ant said, "No, Mr. Grasshopper. You should have worked in the summer and not played. Now, I have just enough food for myself." So the ant lived and the grasshopper died.

But your son ended the story in a way different from any other child, ever. He wrote, "So the ant gave all of his food to the grasshopper; the grasshopper lived through the winter. But the ant died."

And the picture?

At the bottom of the page, Mark had drawn three crosses. "Jesus gave up His life so that we might live eternally."

1ST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors

First Honors

Second Honors

GRADE 6

Rocco Perate

Victor Ortiz

GRADE 7

*Antonia Antolini
Francesca Ditsky
Mary Esterbrook*

*Carmine Lenzi
Ava Smith
Ronald Van*

*Thania Cubas
Nate Hnatishion
Sarah Schnatz
Lakelyn Sola*

GRADE 8

Meghan Munter

*Taryn Bender
Jule'ah Dubel-Haag
Rianna Johnson
Claire Pakradooni*

*Marvin Armistead
Rocco DeCarlo*

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors

First Honors

Second Honors

*Isabella Duddy
Sophia Emkey
Margaret McCann
Matthew Morelli
Madeleine Piersol
Audrey Rojas
Kylie Weiger*

*Paul Battista
Jaylene Dorta
Coleen Duncan
Thomas Esterbrook
Elizabeth Esterbrook
Kaitlyn LaManna
Hannah Landau*

*Andrew McConnell
Haden Mintzer
Frances Moser
Lauren Naso
Felicia Nawa
Raphael Parisi
William Shewalter*

Christine Yu-Quintos

*Christian Cacchione
Caitlyn Changco
Christian Changco
Isabella Ditsky*

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

LIFE AD 2020

Sign-ups for Life Ad will be held at the fundraising desk in the narthex of the Church after all the Masses January 4th/5th and January 11th/12th. This pro-life ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$6 for individuals or \$12 for couples/families. Your names will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Life Ad is a public declaration against abortion and a fundraiser for Mary's Shelter/Home, a Reading area organization which provides an alternative to abortion for pregnant women who have nowhere else to turn. Last year's Life Ad raised \$10,246 and contained 862 names. The deadline for registration is Sunday, January 12th. Thank You for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



Life Ad Donation Coupon

Place this coupon with your donation (check payable to "St. Ignatius Loyola Church") into the Sunday Mass collection or mail to:

Life Ad
Sacred Heart Church
P.O. Box 6217
Reading, PA 19610
Deadline for donation is
Sunday, January 12th.

*"A nation that kills its own children
is a nation without hope"*
Pope John Paul II

Name: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

Amount: \$_____

MANY, MANY THANKS!

- * To Rose Kennedy for her hard work organizing and leading rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Eve Choir with the help of Joe Oros, Terrie Taylor and Rachel Tharp.
- * To all those generous people who helped Lifeline of Berks County through the Giving Tree.
- * To all those who generously gave their time to decorate the Church for Christmas.
- * To all those who bought cookies for the cookie tray sale. We SOLD OUT!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Carter James Angstadt
Son of Jonathan & Jamie Angstadt
Carter was born on 4-25-2019

Gabriella Rose Dalvano
Daughter of Robert & Nicole Davlano
Gabriella was born on 7-5-2019

Brayden Thomas Manz
Son of Tyler Manz & Jennifer Love
Brayden was born on 11-12-2018

SENIORS NEWS

Come and join the fun on Monday, January 6th because we are celebrating Everybody's Birthday! The festivities will begin at 1 PM in the Wachter Room for cake, ice cream and a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday! Don't miss out on all the fun! Come and bring a friend along!

TAX CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Please Note that this year the Church will not be sending out Tax Contribution Reports automatically. If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. If you would like your statement sent to you electronically, please print email address clearly on this form.

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Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

will be awarded. This is a drawing held each year on April 30th and features 16 different major prizes. Details and ticket books will be available later in January 2020 at both parishes. See the bulletin for more details.

January Activities:

- 2nd Planning Meeting - IHM Room 7PM
- 16th General Meeting - IHM Room
6:45-9:00PM
- 24th March for Life
Washington, DC

Important 2020 dates for your calendar:

- February 8th Habitat for Humanity
"ReStore" volunteering
9 AM to 1 PM
- March 7th Habitat for Humanity
"ReStore" volunteering
9 AM to 1 PM
- May 6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
4:30 to 7:30 PM
- August 21st Annual Swing and a Prayer
Golf Tournament

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, please contact our Membership Committee Chair Bill Fatora at (484) 855-9478.



Coming in January! - The Knights of Columbus Annual COAL/ Chance of A Lifetime fund raiser tickets will be available in January 2020. Proceeds from the COAL drawing directly benefit the annual Knights of Columbus PA State Council Student Scholarship Program. Prizes range from trips to cash and more



**PLEASE WELCOME
OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Karen Weidner

Thomas Scott Schoen

A VALENTINE REMEMBRANCE

The Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting items for their Valentine's Day Baskets for Shut-Ins Project. Needed are small baskets in which to put the gift items in as well as: flavored/decaffeinated tea, light jam, Dove or Ivory soap, deodorant, gentle body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, sugar-free candy, note paper and stamps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small packages of tissues, or anything else you think they would enjoy or need. We can no longer accept hotel soaps, shampoos, body washes. You may place your items in the basket located in the vestibule in front of the windows next to the fundraising table or drop them off at the rectory. You are also invited to join in packing the baskets on Monday, February 10th at 7 PM in the Wachter Room. We are also in need of volunteers to deliver the baskets. If you have any questions, contact Ann Sutherland at asuther237@gmail.com. As always, SVDP appreciates your continued support of their projects.

SHS ENROLLMENT NEWS

Our re-registration process is already underway for the 2020-2021 school year. 61% of our students registered for the fall in November during our "50% OFF Registration Fee" special. Our Kindergarten class is now almost half full!

We've been working with the Allentown Diocese to increase financial aid dollars to help families that want a Sacred Heart Catholic Education for their child/ren but cannot afford it. The Diocese created a Special Purpose Entity Program in 2018. Special Purpose Entities are a great vehicle for giving.

For example, a \$10,000 donation yields a \$9,000 Pennsylvania tax credit. For a net cost of \$1,000 you can create \$10,000 of scholarship money. For more information or to see if you qualify please contact Beth Gasperack at (610) 685-2347.

Catholic Schools Week is only a few short weeks away. On Sunday, January 26th, Sacred Heart will kick off Catholic Schools Week by holding an Open House for families to tour the school and register their child. Our celebration begins at 9:30 AM Mass and then continues at school with games, refreshments and tours from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Our fall 2020 Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten classes are already filling up - save your child's spot today by registering online at www.sacredheartreading.com - new student tab or call the school office - (610) 373-3316.

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.

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.

JANUARY 2020 SHS FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar Preview Party and Children's Christmas Bazaar were held in the school gym on December 5th & 6th and were enormously successful! Thank you to all who attended and supported our efforts to raise money for our school. A heart felt thank you to all our volunteers, especially, our Home & School committee members, Cassie Brendlen, Katie Rohrbach, Kelly Tobin, Adrienne Horrigan & Jasmin Sanchez-Lopez for all their hard work and dedication to SHS and transforming the gym into a Christmas Wonderland. Also, a huge thank you to Crysti Knepp who took on the enormous task of collecting and organizing hundreds of raffle items. We are so blessed to have dedicated volunteers who selflessly give back to Sacred Heart.

SHS Annual Fund is now in full swing. We are incredibly appreciative of all the donations we've received so far and overwhelmed by the selfless generosity of our parishioners. 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. 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.

You can also support our school by purchasing gift cards through our SHOPS/scrip program. SHS purchases gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value. We carry many of the local grocery stores & restaurants and can order from over 700 retailers. You can order or purchase your SHOPS cards after the 5 PM, 9:30 AM, & 11AM Masses on most weekends and in the IHM room on Mondays & Fridays from 8-9:45am.

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 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.

For Credit Card Payment:

(circle one) VISA Mastercard American Express

Name as it appears on card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

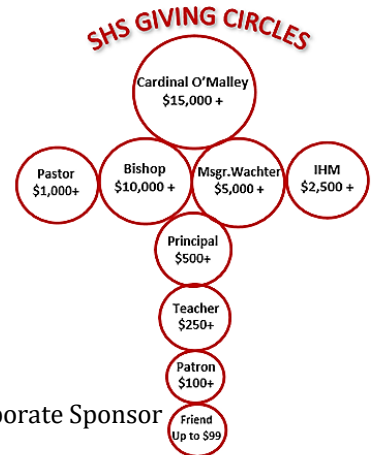
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Signature: _____

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart School !

Gifts to Sacred Heart School are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

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- 2 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 5 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
- 6 Seniors Meeting – 1 PM – Wachter
- Legion of Mary – 6 PM - Bornemann
- Parish Council – 7 PM – Wachter
- 8 RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 9 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- W.I.N.E. – 7 PM – Wachter
- 13 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
- 15 Liturgy Committee – 7 PM - Wachter
- RCIA – 7 PM - Bornemann
- Baptism Class – 7 PM – Chapel
- 16 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 19 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
- Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 22 RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 23 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 26 **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**
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- 27 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
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