



Around the Parish

JUNE 2020

OLD SEVEN DOLLAR

When we moved to our itty bitty dirt farm in the late 70's after my husband Roy retired from the US Navy, he fell heir to a barn full of unidentifiable, valuable junk from the former owners. Way back in the left corner of the barn was a rickety, broken lawn mower trying valiantly to stand on three wheels. Looking at the old mower and the expanse of hay that would become our lawn, and knowing we had a combined brood of kids to feed, he scrounged through the junk piles to find parts to repair the dilapidated machine. However, no amount of digging through the random stuff could uncover the missing wheel. A new spark plug was required for the machine to run with gusto.

After a quick trip to the local farm supply store, Roy returned with the replacement parts, a spray can of red paint, and a receipt for seven dollars. Thus, Old Seven Dollar was born and would practically become a member of the family.

Over the next ten years or so, Roy and Old Seven Dollar beat back the hay fields until they became proud owners of an "estate." To complete the job, man and machine spent a leisurely Saturday afternoon in the sun. After a bit of discussion, we decided that it really was time to upgrade to a riding mower. Yes, you guessed it, Roy found a machine that had been repaired by an elderly gentleman in his tinker shop. Old Seven Dollar still had a mission: to mow the lawn patches directly in front of the house that I hadn't converted into a weeping tree collection and perennial garden. The riding mower couldn't maneuver in and out of the narrow garden paths.

With this new toy, Roy began testing the limits of the hay field! Each passing year expanded the perimeters of our estate. A couple years later, he announced, "I stopped at Sears. They've got a mower with a bigger mowing deck. I could get the mowing job done quicker and have more time for play." Proudly, he purchased his first new riding mower. I purchased a T-shirt for him to wear while riding it that proclaimed, "I Fought the Lawn, and the Lawn Won!" Old Seven Dollar still had its mission of manicuring the area in the front yard that wasn't a garden yet.

Eventually, Roy spent a full Saturday mowing our lawn that was taking on the appearance of a country club golf course. Occasionally, I'd take pity on him. "How about a duel? I can mow more than you in an hour!" I chided. With both of us mowing, we could conquer the lawn in under five hours. When he began eyeballing the industrial strength mowers at Agway, I suggested we sell our extra mowers, or we'd have to hire all the neighbors to help us mow! Roy got the subtle hint.

Yesterday, he lamented, "Old Seven Dollar is acting sick and won't stay running. What do you think, should I buy a new power mower without all the bells and whistles to mow that patch or two of grass in the front garden?" "What happened to 'Make do, use it up, wear it out?' "We're going to be in the poorhouse if you buy another mower!" I teased borrowing expressions handed down by his fugal father and mother.

Old Seven Dollar, thank you for your many years of dependable service. Even Roy believes you have finally earned your well-deserved retirement. There is a special niche in the left-hand corner of the barn just for you... May you rust in peace!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

As I sit to write this we are on day 44 of "Corona School." I have a new marking in my school planner that lets me keep track of how many instructional days we have teaching remotely. That's 44 days of schooling differently, and 67 days since we've been following our "stay at home" orders. We've missed a lot: First Holy Communion, Easter Vigil and celebrating our students who are still planning on joining the Church, May Procession, Iowa Assessments, Bishop's Scholar Event, Spring concert, Walk for Annual Fund, Passion Play, Stations of the Cross, Declamation, Mathletes competition, class trips and bonding experiences with Berks Catholic, Muffins with Moms and school Masses, bake sales and shared birthday cupcakes. It's disappointing, and we'd be lying if we said otherwise.

But...we have learned and grown so much in ways we could have never expected. Our teachers and students pivoted immediately and embraced a new way of teaching and learning. We watch Mass now via livestream. We were able to honor our Bishop's Scholars, Rocco DeCarlo and Jule'ah Dubel-Haag virtually with Bishop Schlert. Our 8th graders were surprised with hotdogs on Walkathon Day by members of the State Police, and each class had a "Zoom" lunch that day. Speaking of Zoom, classes are meeting daily and the faculty meets weekly via Zoom, and many faculty members have attended professional development opportunities either via Zoom, Google Meets or webinars, and we even had a Zoom School Board meeting. Our Student Council Co-Presidents, Rocco DeCarlo and Claire Pakradooni, crowned statues of the Blessed Mother and Jesus this past

weekend, and the ceremony was livestreamed via Facebook. I do a morning prayer Monday- Friday on YouTube. We are planning a special day on June 5 for our graduation 8th grade (safely, of course!) and will livestream a graduation Mass at 6 PM on June 8. I couldn't be prouder of our students and their parents, our teachers, our Board and our supporters. Annual Fund donations are STILL coming in - and we are immensely grateful. We will continue to keep you in our prayers, as we pray for life to (slowly) return to normal.

Submitted by Kathy Napolitano, Principal



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there are no June events scheduled at this time.

The Bornemann Knights ask that everyone continue to stay safe and practice safe distancing and wash your hands regularly.

We also encourage you to continue with your weekly/monthly contributions to our parishes during this time, or, consider contributing online using the Online Giving Page (Our Sunday Visitor) link found at the bottom of the Sacred Heart website. It is very easy to set up and it will track your weekly giving just like your envelopes.

Also, the KofC Annual COAL/ Chance of A Lifetime fundraiser tickets are still available! Proceeds from the COAL drawings directly benefit the annual Knights of Columbus PA State Council Student Scholarship Program. Prizes range from vacations and cruises to cash

and more will be awarded. This annual event drawing is usually held in April, but due to the COVID-19, will be held at a later date. Tickets are \$1 each and are available for purchase by contacting John Sylvester at (610) 451-6980 or ask any of our parish Knights that you might know.

Important 2020 KofC dates for your calendar:

August 21st, Friday - 4th Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Tournament - Reading Country Club! More information will be coming out soon, so get your team together now, and plan for a great time! In the meantime, if you need more information about this worthy tournament please contact Jim Tucker at (610) 781-7940.

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 Grand Knight John Sylvester at (610) 451-6980.

SVDP FOOD DRIVE

We collected and delivered over 100 bags of food and \$350 in checks and \$145 in cash to Kennedy House today. I want to thank everyone who donated food and monetary donations. The generosity is so inspiring and uplifting.

Since the onset of the Stay at Home order service at Kennedy House has not been interrupted. We have been serving "To Go" hot lunches/sandwiches on the weekends to our friends an average of 155 a day. Additionally, the Wednesday Food Pantry with the help of donations such as today's, has been serving 200 + EVERY WEEK! Our thanks and prayers

are for all who have been so supportive to stay safe and healthy.

God Bless you for all you do, it means so much to so many!!

QUESTIONS???

Can't get to Church. Want to see the bulletin/newsletter and know what's going on?

Questions about school?

Here are your resources:

Parish Website: shrcparish.org

School Website: sacredheartreading.com

Diocesan Website: allentowndiocese.org

JUNE IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In honor of the Sacred Heart here is a special Consecration prayer that may be said by the entire family.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the human race, we humbly kneel before You, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. To You we belong. Yours we wish to be. Many have never known You, many have rejected You. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Your Sacred Heart. May Your kingdom come, a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

We consecrate to You today ourselves and our families. The love for us and for all people, that fills Your Sacred Heart prompts us to pledge our love in return. We wish to live in union with You. We wish to share Your mission of bringing Your Father's love to people. We wish YOU to be the center of our hearts and of our homes. Lord Jesus Christ, accept this consecration of our families and keep us ever one in Your Most Sacred Heart. Amen.

SACRED HEART SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 AM TO 12 NOON

Church will be open with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

9 AM TO 3PM

Church will be open for private prayer

FRIDAY

9 AM TO NOON

Church will be open for private prayer

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

6 PM TO 8 PM

Church will be open with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS

4:00 TO 4:45 PM

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART – Monday through Friday 10 AM