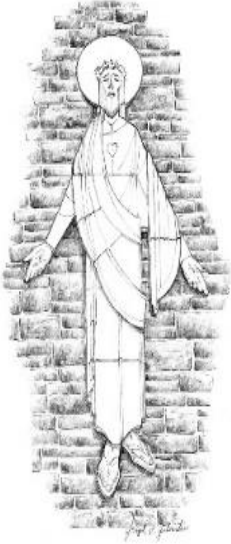


Around the Parish



JULY 2020

THE MEADOW

It was a warm breezy summer day in July and a perfect day for a walk. My first thought was to go to the meadow, a place where I feel comfortable and secure as if God's hands are around me. The meadow is a place where you can see all of God's handiwork if you take the time and watch closely, looking beyond the obvious.

Upon entering the meadow, the first thing that caught my eye was the way the winds blew softly across the sea of yellow goldenrods. It was as though each flower was in sync with the other as they moved in unison to and fro in the gentle summer breeze.

The time passed quickly as I became mesmerized by the swaying motion of this sea of yellow flowers. I could hear the soft, soothing sounds of the bees as they flew from flower to flower. There was a yellow haze over the flowers as pollen filled the air, and its fragrance was sweet and refreshing. I realized that was God's way of helping the bees do their never-ending task of pollinating the flowers of the meadow.

As I looked closer, I could see the small birds that were clinging to the goldenrods. They seemed so peaceful as they rode back and forth on the stems, almost as if God had created this motion just for their enjoyment. What was actually happening was, they were being fed by God's handiwork. The wind was causing the bugs that lit on the flowers to become airborne and as they did the birds would feast upon them. It was as though they knew that all this was being done, just for them.

At the extreme end of the meadow I noticed several raspberry bushes which were blessed with an abundance of ripened fruit. Looking closer, under the bushes, were rabbits, field mice and woodchucks feeding on the ripened berries that were close to the ground. Just behind them were deer eating the berries that were higher on the bush. It was obvious at this point that God was providing food for His creatures.

The day passed all too quickly but that was of no importance to me. The things I had seen were so beautiful and special that time seemed to have stood still. I had been lost in the overwhelming creations of God and had learned that He provides for all His creatures no matter what their needs. I felt safe and secure in all that was around me, realizing that I too was a creature of God and that He was providing for me.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart School graduating class of 2020:

*Marvin Armistead
Taryn Bender
Rocco DeCarlo
Jule'ah Dubel-Haag
Rianna Johnson*

*Nikolas Leppien
Meghan Munter
Claire Pakradooni
Alexis Pinon
Kaitlyn Romero*

The following 8th grade students were recognized with “Certificates of Achievement” on Friday, June 5th, at our “social distanced graduation”:

Religion: Rianna Johnson

Algebra, Literature, Science, TIE & Social Studies: Meghan Munter

Mathematics, Language Arts, Science & TIE: Taryn Bender

Music: Jule'ah Dubel-Haag

Music & Art: Claire Pakradooni

Consistent Effort: Claire Pakradooni

Christian Witness: Taryn Bender

Catholic Women's Club Scholarship: Marvin Armistead

Dr. Martin and Marie Gyomber Scholarship: Nikolas Leppien

Sen. Judith Schwank Good Citizenship Award: Meghan Munter and Claire Pakradooni

All of our graduates will be attending Berks Catholic this fall. Congratulations!

**Congratulations to these Sacred Heart Students for being awarded
the Good Citizenship Awards from Senator Judy Schwank:**

Kindergarten: Max Clouser and Gabriel Tinnemyer

First Grade: Emma Ashman and Daniel Recktenwald

Second Grade: Charlotte Bell and Ben Bernardo

Third Grade: Caleb Abreu and Dominic Perate

Fourth Grade: Calista Abreu and Adriana Quixhpi

Fifth Grade: Jack Recktenwald and Priella Lenzi

Sixth Grade: Marcus Armistead and Delaney Moody

Seventh Grade: Nate Hnatishion and Ava Smith

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 1st/2nd. 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!

BERKS CATHOLIC

Lydia Becker
Caitlyn Changco
Isabella Ditsky
Sophia Emkey
Thomas Esterbrook
Clayton Gibbs
Kaitlyn LaManna
Hannah Landau
Andrew Maurer
Margaret McCann
Andrew McConnell
Matthew Morelli
Lauren Naso
Raphael Parisi

GOVERNOR MIFFLIN

Olivia Butler
Adrianna Hoffman
Jose Hoffman
Ryan Kusmierz
Kaelin Walton

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY

Maximus Murphy

WYOMISSING

Nicholas Dowling
Anna Focht
John Garapola
Colleen Gieringer
Maxwell Hurleman
Benjamin Kuhn
Michael Kuhn Jr.
James Pottieger
Michael Smerek
Pierce Tharp

WILSON

Kailie Connor
Teresa Hoffert
Eamon Kenny

21ST CENTURY

Ciaran Giles

MUHLENBERG

Matthew Wanner



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 dates for your calendar:

August 21, Friday - 4th Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Tournament - Reading Country Club! Teams are now forming. The information mailer has been sent out, 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.

SACRED HEART SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Vigil – Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday – 7:30, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Daily Mass at 8 AM (Monday through Friday) & First Saturday

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