

Straight From The Heart

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Father Weary Returns as New Pastor

He's ba-a-a-ck

I couldn't resist that corny line from the horror movie "Poltergeist," when the bad goblins return. Well, I am back. And I'm not a bad goblin (I hope not). I'm your new pastor (a good goblin?). And, yes, I was here before, for a brief but wonderful 7-month stint as parochial vicar back in 1989-1990, with Father John Schmalhofer as pastor.

I have fond memories of that time, which I look forward to reliving. The assignment came at a period in my life and priesthood when I really needed something like Lewistown and Mifflintown and so it was "just what the doctor ordered." I was welcomed warmly by all and I enjoyed the people very much. I remember that Fr. Schmalhofer was upset when I was transferred out but I had to replace another priest called away suddenly on health leave. Such is life.



But I'm ba-a-a-ck and happy to be with you. Here's more about me: I was born in Carlisle, Pa. (Cumberland County), to Hermas "Bud" and Eleanor Weary, and went through public schools there, grades K-6. My father died in 1962 and a year later my mother, sister and I moved to nearby Camp Hill, where I went to Catholic schools, grades 7-12, Good Shepherd and Trinity High School. Next came Susquehanna University, University of Missouri for grad school, and a return to Carlisle for 3 1/2 years of apartment living and work. Then it was 5 years of seminary, mostly at St. Charles Borromeo, Philadelphia, until ordination at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg in 1984, followed the next day by my first Mass at Good Shepherd Church, Camp Hill, 25 years ago.

Do you believe it? Twenty five years ago! And, yes, I am celebrating my silver anniversary of priesthood this year, having just finished up festivities marking that milestone in my former parish, Saint Joseph, Danville, where I served as pastor for 12 years.

And it's hard to believe that I was here 19 years ago but it's true and it's good to be back. I am very happy with the work that Fr. Bateman has done, especially introducing stewardship and tithing ideals to both parishes. At Danville, I brought in the same tithing group that you have had, McKenna Stewardship Ministry, out of New Jersey, so there's another reason for me to feel at home. The fact that you are "tithing the tithe," i.e., sending out money to other charities, to the tune of a full ten percent, makes the angels – and the new pastor – sing for joy.

With St. Paul I can say "We have confidence in the Lord about you" (2 Thess. 3: 4). And as the hymn says: "We will work with each other, we will hand in hand and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they will know we are Christians by our love."

More Than An Auction a Success

On a beautiful, sunny day in April, Sacred Heart Parish once again pulled together to put on another successful benefit auction. From the Merry Makers' music to the fudge...from the great food to the huge selection of auction items, you couldn't have asked for a better day! Thanks to all who donated time or treasure, as well as purchased and/or sold raffle tickets. Here's how we did:

Auction (Oral/Silent)	\$11,841.00
Cash Raffle	\$13,980.25
Children's Activities	\$ 432.50
Food/Bake Sale	\$ 1,771.90
Gift Basket Raffle	\$ 1,326.00
Monetary Donations	\$ 1,250.00
Plant Sale	\$ 126.35
Less Expenses	\$ 3,922.74
Total Profit	\$26,955.26!!

Liturgy Notes by Fr. Bateman

Ordinary Time:

In Church jargon, the word "ordinary" can mean "ordered" – in other words, "counted." So, each week of Ordinary Time is sequentially numbered to help us organize our books of readings and prayers. Really, Ordinary Time is not a liturgical season like Lent or Easter. These seasons all have their own particular images. But Ordinary Time doesn't have its own images, but rather is an unfolding of the Paschal Mystery. Green is the color for the season – signifying our constant "growth" in God's grace.

The days between Pentecost and the 1st Sunday of Advent span over half the year! Many people admit that they can't get a handle on this *long* stretch of green-vestment weeks. These weeks are the longest of the year, when linden trees fill the night air and fireflies make their graceful arcs of light on the lawn. Or the weeks of Ordinary Time may look like a farmer's market overflowing with corn and tomatoes, with tarragon and dill, with garlic and dried peppers. Or the weeks may look like school letting out for summer vacation, or a trip to the beach, to the amusement park, or Fourth of July fireworks.

Our mid-Summer Gospel readings take us into the Bread of Life discourse of Saint John's Gospel (chapter 6). They give us an opportunity to be renewed in our understanding and appreciation for the gift of the Holy Eucharist and the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass. Regardless, the summer Gospels are powerful and appro-

priate parables for the summer: the threat of fire and brimstone, a tale of Elijah's thirst or a lesson about manna in the wilderness are told to us in an atmosphere of long days, often uncomfortable warmth, of sudden thunderstorms and of fields ripe for the harvest.

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Don't forget that our lives of faith ought not stagnate during the summer simply because school and CCD are out. Rather, our lives of faith continue to grow (thus the green vestments). We continue to place God over all other things (sports games, travel, vacations) by faithfully attending Mass each week. In fact, traveling in the summer can be a great opportunity to visit new churches and parishes (and maybe even come to appreciate what we do here at home).

May you have a blessed and restful summer vacation.



Upcoming Liturgical Events:

Friday, June 5—All-Day Adoration, Benediction, 7PM

Sunday, June 7—Trinity Sunday,

Sunday June 14—Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ); Farewell Mass for Father Bateman, 11:00 AM

Thursday, June 19—Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Benediction at 7PM

Wednesday, June 24—Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Monday, June 29—Saints Peter and Paul

Friday, July 3—All-Day Adoration, Benediction 7PM

Friday, August 7—All-Day Adoration, Benediction 7PM

Saturday, August 15—Assumption of Mary (Body and Soul) into Heaven

The Parish Register

Baptisms in the Parish

Tyler Roman Kline	April 19
Ethan Michael McMonigal	April 19
Leslie Vanessa Vazquez	May 2
Quinn Elijah Parson	May 17
Sarah Anne Swigart	May 24

Marriages in the Parish

Barry F. Minemyer and Kathryn C. Gehrett
May 23, 2009

Deaths in the Parish

March	Patricia Potts Caroline Fletcher
April	Helen Steele Cyril Simonetti Alys Mae Franko Stephen Kratzer James Wolfkill
May	John Hanley Paul Wright

New Members

Mary Frazier
Matthew Gregg
Carol Ann Larson
William and Kim Napikoski
Lovina Nipple
Willis Perry
Mary Schiech

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission Statement

We are the Catholic community in Mifflin County, a reflection of God's love for the world. We support each other by reaching out to those in need, fostering the beliefs and Tradition of the Universal Church, and educating our youth in knowledge and faith. We live our faith through Word and Sacrament, prayer and action, commitment of time and talent, tithing, and using our resources to honor Christ and respect all human life. By doing so, we strive to bring all people into Jesus' Sacred Heart, uniting us by living the life He exemplified.

- adopted by Parish Council, December 27, 2004

Focus on... The Cookie Man - Attilio (Tim) Ruggieri

Let us introduce the "Cookie Man", Mr Attilio Ruggieri...or, as he is also known, the "Harmonica Man". Attilio, better known as "Tim", is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. As a youth he was such a big movie fan of Tim McCoy, a cowboy actor, that his family of 10 brothers and sisters started calling him Tim. His family ancestry traces back to 1700. His parents came from Italy and they settled in Philadelphia. Tim attended Philadelphia public vocational schools and was a parishioner of St. Mary's Eternal RC Church where he received Communion and Confirmation. He says, "The biggest change in the Church has been speaking in the vernacular. Everything else is the same."

He and his wife, Maria, have been married 67 years and have lived in Belleville since 1983. Tim and Maria were married in Louisiana in 1942 while he was in the military service. They have 5 children and 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Tim credits the longevity of his and Maria's marriage to "being faithful, dependable...and praying...and working together through good and bad with love...and praying." Tim is very proud of his daughter Betty Anne, who was on the United States' Olympic Trials Team in 1972 and she swam in Switzerland, England and Germany. She learned to swim at the many family outings, going camping and boating.

After retiring from being an automobile mechanic, he moved to Belleville to be near his daughter and her family. Tim was called "Harmonica Man" and "Cookie Man" by Bob Heisler from Sacred Heart after giving a concert and cooking some food at a picnic. The names stuck. Tim has performed at Sacred Heart "More than an Auction" and picnics, various auctions, area nursing homes, senior centers, the YMCA and various Derry Park



shows. Tim is self taught in the music field, having first learned to play the hammered dulcimer, a [stringed](#) instrument with the strings stretched over a [sounding board](#). He also taught himself to play the harmonica by "ear" 9 years ago. He knows over 300 pieces of music and people are amazed at his virtuosity. His taste in music has been influenced by the "big band" era with music by Frank Sinatra, Vaughn Monroe and the Dorsey Brothers. Tim plays a wide range of music including country, hymns, waltzes, polkas, big band and blues. For several years he was a member of the "Merry Makers" group when they performed at Derry Township Community Park. He is currently supported by the group, "Truth Junkies"; a classic rock and folk rock group. Tim is currently active with a music schedule that includes the Brookline Home, Sacred Heart Picnic and every Tuesday at Derry Township Park. His cooking ability was developed at ages 9 to 10 when his mother taught him to cook. At age 13, he worked as a cook for a restaurant in Germantown, PA.

He recalls Christmas in his youth was a traditional Christmas, spending time with his parents, family and friends. He would help in making Italian treats which were also made for all holidays. A traditional Christmas was celebrated for 3 days. He has been involved in creating "from scratch" authentic Italian meals and has cooked sausage scallopine for the Milroy Fountain Square Senior Center. At one of

his nursing home concerts, he made pizelles for the guests. Tim has his own Pizelle Irons that he carries with him. One of his favorite memories is about his father making Italian Ices for the fans who went to the old Philadelphia Phillies baseball park. He also remembers the boys and men wearing "zoot" suits with the long jackets and peg legs with chains hanging out. Black and white shoes were the order of the day in Philadelphia.

Pope Benedict XVI says, "The Evangelization of cultures is a priority task to ensure that the Word of God remains accessible to everyone". The "Harmonica Man" and "Cookie Man" certainly evangelizes. Besides, he fulfills St. James 2:26 "Faith without works is dead" admonishing. The church teaches that to feed the hungry and visit the sick are two of "The Corporal Works of Mercy" and Tim [lives](#) those teachings. The Catholic Catechism defines Human Virtues of people as having firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. -Tim has all of those virtues.

Submitted by Frank Cunningham



Father Bateman Offers Farewell Message

Father Bateman's Farewell: One of the most difficult things about being a diocesan (and thus parish) priest, is moving from parish to parish every 6 years or so. Although this is only my 3rd move, it never gets any easier - especially this time! We've grown so much in these past six years, and I can only thank you, the people of the parish, for the many ways in which you have responded to the Lord's

call. Our parish is vibrant and alive - a sign to our community of the Lord's presence in our lives. We've accomplished much together in these years, and now I entrust you to your new pastor to continue journeying toward Christ.

Many, many thanks to all for your kindness, well wishes and prayers. Know that I will certainly keep you in my prayers as well. In these years, I have grown in my own appreciation for the Sacred Heart, and will always celebrate the First Fridays with a prayer for you. May you always respond with the love of Jesus' Most Sacred Heart.



Parish Organizations in Abundance at SHP

As promised, each issue of "Straight From the Heart" will provide information on the many organizations and ministries active in our parish, so you can be informed and, hopefully, get involved. The following is information received in the last few months:

CCD NEWS

CCD classes ended this year with donuts and awards. We had 8 students who had perfect attendance. Grade 1- Julia Montgomery, Grade 4- Andrew Montgomery, Kierra Russler, Mitchell Wagoner, Grade 6- Matthew Wagoner, Grace Wagner, Grade 7- Ann Bielski, Grade 9- Adam Bowser.

We are sadly saying goodbye to two teachers. Grade 4- Joann Loht has been with us for 24 years. Grade 1- Norma Andrie has been with us for 5 years. Thank you so much for your unselfish time and talent you gave to the program. You both will be missed.

Also we want to thank Rachael Zimmerman, our teacher's helper for the past 3 years. Good

luck with your future plans.

Connie Quinn-Director of Religious Education

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild meets every first Saturday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass. Our meetings are held in the church basement. Occasionally, we meet after Mass at a local restaurant for breakfast and our meeting.

Mother/Daughter Banquet: The banquet was held on Saturday, May 9 in the school cafeteria. There were 62 in attendance.

Our speaker was Jacquie Bennett. She shared helpful, interesting fashion tips. Special music was presented by Ruth and Bridget Allison. Ruth Allison, also provided the beautiful table centerpieces. Martha Cullen made the lovely favors. We hope to continue this event

every year!

Summer Kick-Off: This event, sponsored by area churches, will be held on Saturday, June 20 from 10am-3pm at Rec Park. The Women's Guild will have a food stand. If you would like to help, please contact Timi Wills 248-1955 or Dottie Peiffer 248-1804

Dottie Peiffer, Chairperson



ADULT CHOIR

The 'Belfry Room'

Most parishioners are totally unaware that this room even exists, but above the new restroom, adjacent to the choir loft is a room referred to as the 'belfry room'. This room contains access to the crawl space that runs the entire length of the church's nave, as well as the ropes that ring our bell. Though finished, the room had fallen into a state of disrepair over the last few decades due to extensive water damage from a one time leak.

Recently, Barb and Bob Gross, long time adult choir members, took it upon themselves to initiate renovations to make that space a much needed storage facility for the choir. Barb and Bob scraped old paint, repaired falling plaster, scrubbed dirt and water stains, primed and then painted the walls and ceiling to match the colors of the church. In addition, Barb removed the old loose flooring. Carpet and new lighting was installed by Tony Hallinan.

Our adult choir has grown over the past few years, and a recent purchase of choir robes added to the space dilemma we were having in the loft. With the renovation of this room, we now have clean, dry storage for our robes, as well as music and other equipment.

Feel free to pay a visit upstairs to take a look at our new space!

Tony Hallinan

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE:

The past year has been as exciting year in the parish. A new office building was purchased, the church rectory has undergone renovations, and on top of that, the Parish Feasibility Committee has been formed and has been meeting regularly.

The Feasibility Committee is a committee that was formed in the parish to go out and research what exactly the parish needed. The committee is responsible for identifying the needs of the parish and then trying to coordinate what projects the parish can undertake to help with these needs. The committee then can do the research it needs to see what projects are "feasible".

So far the committee has met several times and has developed a "to do" list that involves assessing the existing facilities of the parish, quantifying the pluses/minuses of the parish facilities, deciding what is available to the parish, developing and distributing surveys to the parish to assess needs, and setting up meetings with parish organizations.

These items are no small order as ultimately the committee will find out the true needs of the parish and see what projects to research. The committee has already considered various projects to research and has compiled a list, assessed the list, and then narrowed the list down to projects to research and projects for the long term. The committee is now poised to move forward to contact real estate agents, architects and any other experts if needed to find out what projects are truly feasible. If anyone has any question about the Feasibility Committee, please contact Mark Colussy, committee chairman, at 814-243-1217 or MColussy@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. John's Council 1338 has had a busy spring. The Knights sponsored a portions of the April visit by the Middle States Accreditation Team at Sacred Heart School. Congratulations to Sacred Heart School for all their hard work. Also, the Knights sponsored a reception on May 3-Father Bateman

Appreciation Day- honoring Father Bateman in recognition of his nomination for Distinguished Pastor Award.

Other activities that the Knights were involved in were providing resources for the Wine and Cheese Social at the recent rectory Open House.

Upcoming activities include sponsoring the Parish Picnic on July 19 and our annual Lake Raystown Cruise on July 31. Look for details in the near future regarding these popular events.

Jim Thomas—Grand Knight

PARISH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:

Statistics show that one of five Americans has a disability. The Parish Advocacy Committee would like to learn more about the needs of our parishioners and the barriers that may prevent full participation at Sacred Heart. For this reason, the committee has compiled an Accessibility Survey that is included in this Newsletter. We ask that all parishioners please take a few minutes and complete the survey. You may place it in the collection basket, send it to the church office or contact Bob Rosenberry at 248-3795 and he will pick up your survey.

Mary Lou Sigler

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Sacraments and Recognitions in the Parish

Confirmation was held on Friday, April 17, 2009 at St. Jude Thaddeus Church. The Most Reverend Kevin Rhoades celebrated the Mass for the 25 young adults from grades 8 and 9 from both parishes.

Thomas Andrie	Anthony Anna
Sarah Bonson	Adam Bowser
Jasmine Coolbaugh	Michaela DeBenedetto
Joshua Fike	Steven Gingerich
Jeremy Koller	Jenna Lafty
Gregory McDorman	Aaron Michaels
Anna Musser	Patrick Parker
Matthew Potorti	Jenna Powell
Lucas Reinke	Cullen Russler
Eileen Shoemaker	Hannah Spigelmyer
John Wagner	Selina Roman-White
Rachel Zimmerman	Rene Zimmerman
Michael Zoppetti	

First Holy Eucharist was held in our parish on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Ten children from SHS and the CCD program participated. Four other SHS students received their First Holy Eucharist with their fellow parishioners at St. Jude on Sunday, May 3. Please remember these children in your prayers:

Zebulon Ames Ryan Aultz



Nikolas Aumiller	Bella Carothers
Brady Dible	Nickolas Fike
Katherine Kline	Leah Millard
Declan Miller	Jeremiah Parson
Madeline Torquato	Hunter Vargo
Fernando Vasquez	

RCIA Candidates were brought into the parish at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 10, 2009. Father Thoms celebrated the Mass at Sacred Heart, which included candidates:

Carol Larson
William and Kim Napikoski
Willis Perry

At the Saturday Easter Vigil at St. Jude,

Father Bateman celebrated Mass and RCIA candidates were brought into their parish along with Matthew Michael Gregg, a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

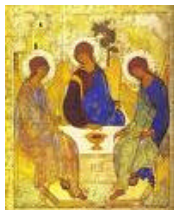
On Sunday, May 3, **Rev. John Bateman, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**, was recognized by the school community, the Diocese of Harrisburg, and Mayor of Lewistown, Deborah Bargo, for his enthusiastic support and endorsement of Sacred Heart of Jesus School at the 11:00AM Mass at the church. A reception followed in the school cafeteria.

Sister Marie Luu, Principal, along with the support of the school community and the Diocese of Harrisburg, nominated Rev. Bateman for the Distinguished Pastor Award, a national award sponsored by the National Catholic Teachers Education Association to recognize pastors who have given outstanding support to Catholic elementary education. The NCEA Department of Elementary Schools acknowledges Continued on Page 6...



Summer Feasts and Solemnities

Trinity Sunday – Sunday, June 7: The first Sunday after Pentecost is always “Trinity Sunday,” a day set aside to honor the Most Holy Trinity. The feast appropriately follows Pentecost, when the entire Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) has been revealed in their fullness to the Church.



Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)- Sunday, June 14: This feast is actually celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (in the United States, it is transferred to Sunday) to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. On Holy Thursday, our minds and hearts are focused on the events of the Paschal Mystery (Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection). So many things take place this day that remembering the institution of the Eucharist is often nearly lost. So, a new feast was instituted to allow the faithful to focus especially on the Gift of the Holy Eucharist.



Solemnity of the Sacred Heart – June 19: This is our parish feast day – occurring each year on the Friday following Corpus Christi. We will have a special Holy Hour on our Parish Feast Day beginning at 7pm in the church. Perhaps this would be a good day to come spend some time in prayer in Church.



Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Wednesday, June 24: Did you know that in the liturgical celebration of saints, we only celebrate the birth of three people (all the others are celebrated on the day of their death)? The three are Jesus (of course – on December 25), Mary (on September 8), and John the Baptist. On this day, the sun is now beginning to set earlier and earlier – reminding us what John the Baptist said, “I must decrease; He must increase.” Even the sun reminds us of this fact. (Note that after our celebration of Christmas, the amount of daylight is increasing.)

Saints Peter and Paul – Monday, June 29: The Jubilee Year of St. Paul officially closes on this day. It has been a year-long opportunity to better understand this great Apostle to the Gentiles. The Diocese will hold a special Mass today beginning at 5pm at the Cathedral in Harrisburg.



Assumption of Mary (Body and Soul) into Heaven – August 15: This day remembers the Doctrine of Mary’s being assumed, body and soul, into heaven. It is a sign of hope that, one day, we will also be taken to heaven, body and soul. This year, August 15 is a Saturday, which means that the obligation to attend Mass is relaxed. However, it is still an important day for us – I’m sure we’ll celebrate a special Mass in Mary’s honor.



that in honoring these pastors, it also honors the many pastors who give their support to Catholic elementary schools throughout the United States.

Although Rev. Bateman did not receive the award on a national level, he is recognized by the Bishop, the Diocese, and the school community for his exemplary service to Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Mrs. Moretta Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Harrisburg presented him with a certificate, and Mayor Deborah Bargo presented him with an official proclamation that May 3, 2009 be "Father Bateman Recognition Day."

High School Graduates from both Lewistown Area and Indian Valley High Schools were honored at the 7:30AM Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2009, followed by a breakfast at the school. Receiving Senior Awards for outstanding service to our parish included Tim Borger, who serves as a member of the Knights of the Holy Temple as well as a Eucharist Minister; Michael Murray, Eucharist Minister; and Anthony Musser, Eucharistic Minister. We send these young men and women our prayers and best wishes in all their future endeavors.



Pictured are: (l to r) Rachael Ziegler, Madeline Leeper, Sara Trinclisti, Lindsey Oberlin, and Rachael Zimmerman. Back row: David Wright, Timothy Borger, Michael Murray, and Rev John Bateman, Pastor. Other seniors who were not in attendance include: Patrick Hilton, Joseph Morningstar, Kristi Potorti, Tawnya Smyrk, and Kayelar Snook.



Pictured receiving their Outstanding Youth Awards are Michael Murray and Timothy Borger. Missing from the picture is Anthony Musser.

Sponsor-A-Child Program in Need of Sponsors

Where would you or your children be today without your Catholic Education? If you are in a position to financially assist local families to send their children to Sacred Heart of Jesus School, we would like to hear from you. Many families need help to finance their child's education, and you could be the answer to their prayer! If you could Sponsor a Child, either in name or anonymously, by paying \$50, \$100, or the actual tuition of \$217.40 (or \$339.30 for non-parishioners) each month (for 10 months), you could make a huge difference in a child's life.

Each month, it seems, another family in our school is faced with a loss of a job, a reduction in hours or wages, or some other catastrophic event that changes their ability to continue to afford their child's education. This coming fall, the demand for financial aid will be greater than ever before. Although we are blessed with scholarships from the Neumann and Bravo Scholarship Foundations, as well as a grant from the FOCUS Foundation, the need may be greater than the current financial aid available.



The Sponsor-A-Child Program allows parishioners to be actively involved in a child's life, not only financially, but personally, if they choose to do so. The child will know the name of his or her benefactor(s), and he or she can invite them to school events, send them letters or pictures about what they are doing in school, etc. Parishioners can also choose to remain anonymous if they prefer. Either way, your involvement will make an impact on that child's life.

If you are a product of Catholic Education (or if your children are), please search your heart to assist our children in this way—you will be blessed! Contact the Pastor, Principal, or Development Director if you are interested in participating in this very important ministry.

Upcoming Summer Events

Sunday, June 14 :

Farewell to Father Bateman at F O Eagles Club, 2PM

Saturday, June 20 :

Summer Kick Off Carnival at Rec Park, 10AM—3PM

Sunday, July 19:

Parish Picnic at Derry Twp Park

Saturday, July 25:

Rummage Sale at Reedsville Youth Park, 8AM—4PM

Saturday, July 25:

Octogenarian Mass and Dinner at Rec Park Community Center, 4PM

1st Annual Sacred Heart Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 25
8AM—4PM

Reedsville Youth Park

Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School



Drop off your used or unwanted items at one of two locations:

9 N Brown St (parish office)

2 E Market St Basement (office of Dr. Colleen McCusker)

Questions? Call Gordon at 248-3643 (w) or 667-9714 (h) or Theresa at 667-6893

Parish Organizations

Updates Continued . . .

PRO LIFE

This is in store for human kind. Please pray for our Lord's intervention!

[From the U. S Bishops](#)

"Please speak up today!

Some background.

As you will recall, the NIH draft guidelines implement the March 9 Executive Order of President Obama overturning the limits President Bush had placed on government funding of this destructive research. In a recently published critique of the draft guidelines, the Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities states, "The federal government, for the first time, will spend taxpayers' money to encourage the destruction of living human beings to obtain research material." The guidelines violate the basic principle: "Innocent human beings, especially those who cannot give consent to be used in research, must never be subjected to serious

risk of harm or death solely to provide possible benefits to others." The Secretariat discusses how the draft guidelines are broader than any proposed before on this matter, and conclude, "It is increasingly clear that forcing taxpayers to subsidize such unethical research lacks practical justification." Embryonic stem cells lag far behind adult and cord blood cell in benefiting patients. Embryonic stem cells are rapidly

being replaced by reprogrammed ordinary adult cells called "induced pluripotent stem cells" (IPS cells). "In short, science has moved on, and the NIH is lagging behind by continuing to insist on a scientific or medical need to fund morally objectionable research."

This marks a new chapter in divorcing biomedical research from its necessary ethical foundation, respect for human life at all stages.

Embryonic stem cell research treats innocent human beings as mere sources of body parts, as commodities for our use.

Even if, like the embryos targeted by the NIH policy, an embryo may be at risk of being abandoned by his or her parents in a fertility clinic, that does not give researchers or the government a right to kill that human being – much less a right to make the rest of us subsidize that destructive agenda. "

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GREETING CARD COMMITTEE

During the 2008 Christmas season, a group of interested Sacred Heart parishioners were found sending Christmas cards on behalf of the parish to homebound and to those in nursing homes. They had committed themselves to this project at the Time/Talent weekend in September of '08. Soon after Christmas, about a dozen people attended another meeting to discuss the

goals of this committee. A mission statement was proposed and accepted.

Our Mission Statement: Through the Greeting Card Committee, it is our sincere endeavor: 1) to make contact with parishioners who are homebound or who are in nursing homes, 2) to update the parish birthday list for those between ages 65 and 100, 3) to bring healing prayer, cheer and a loving remembrance from our priests and parish family through the cards.

We are very fortunate that one of our members, Mary Perry, has a hobby of designing cards, and she has graciously offered to supply our needs. We are also grateful to Theresa Dybach for her donation of various greeting cards and notes. Responses from parishioners prove that this ministry is very worthwhile. Committee members are busily engaged in sending birthday cards every month. It is as much a joy for those who send as those who receive.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Thus far, two women have joined this ministry. A comment in this regard from an elderly couple states how they look forward to the visit since the visiting minister not only brings the Eucharist but also takes the time to play cards with them.

Sister Anna Marie / Sister Carmelita



New Principal at Sacred Heart

Dear Parishioners and School Families:

As you know I am being assigned by my community as principal of Sacred Heart School. I am looking forward to my time with you. From both Father Bateman and Sr. Marie I have heard many wonderful things about your school and the commitment of the parish and the parents and all involved to its future growth and development.

I have already spent two days with the school staff and I felt very much at ease with all of them – they all have the dedication and the vision to make Sacred Heart School a wonderful place for children to learn and to grow in their Catholic Faith. Both Father Bateman and Sr. Marie were most gracious and helpful in explaining the life of the school to me.

A little background about me... I have been principal in several different dioceses – Scranton, Paterson, and the Archdiocese of New York, ministering in 6 different elementary schools. All of my religious life has been spent in the ministry of Catholic education in some form, teaching or administration. I am a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity who also taught me in grade and high school. I was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa and lived there with my parents and sister until I graduated from High School and entered the community. The SCC's [Sisters of Christian Charity] already there have welcomed me to our convent. I have known both of these Sisters for a number of years. All of us were stationed rather closely together in Williamsport. I am looking forward to our life together and I trust that the three of us will live our mission of Christian Charity in Pauline's spirit. I ask for your prayers during this time of transition and I eagerly await meeting all of you.

I extend my best wishes to Father Bateman and Sr. Marie as they follow God's plan for them to a new place of ministry to God's people.

Sincerely,

Sr. Marlene Weitzel, SCC

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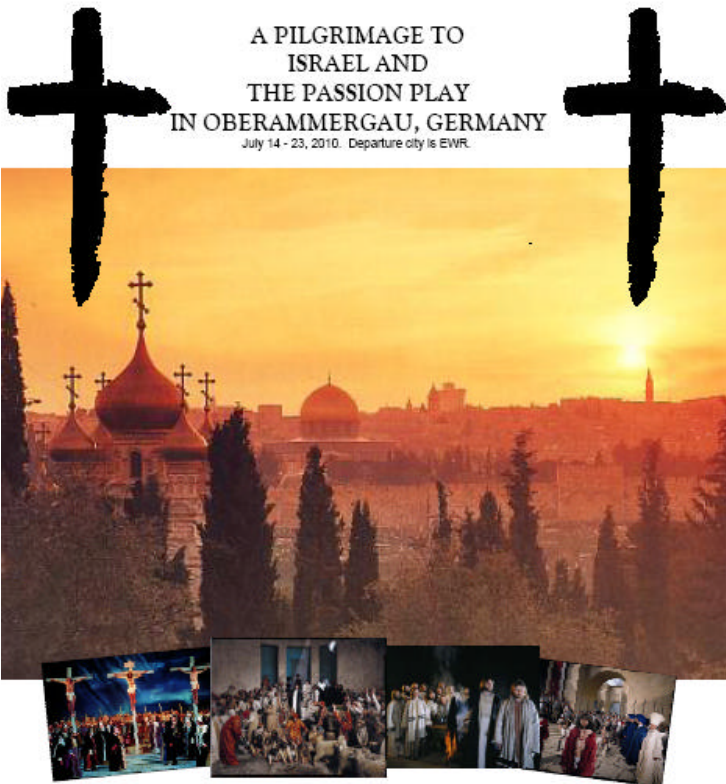
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JULY 14-23, 2010

You are invited to join Fr. Bateman and other members of our parish as we experience the Passion Play surrounded by the beauty of the Bavarian hills in the village of Oberammergau, Germany. A fulfillment of a promise to God for sparing this village from the black plague, every villager participates in this presentation, which is done on a magnificent scale every 10 years. Your pilgrimage begins with a visit to Israel, walking the same shores, streets and towns Jesus walked during his ministry on earth. Complete this "once-in-a-lifetime" journey with the Passion Play in Oberammergau and come to know scripture in a new light. Dates for this program are July 14-23, 2010 and package price is all-inclusive out of Newark Airport – approximately \$4,600, but costs are fluctuating a great deal. Pamphlets are available in the church's pamphlet rack. More information is available on the parish website at www.SacredHeartLewistown.com.

Deadline for deposits is July 1, 2009!