

# Straight From The Heart

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## **BISHOP MCFADDEN CELEBRATES CONFIRMATION AT SACRED HEART**

Bishop McFadden made his first visit to Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, May 1, 2011 to confirm youth from both Sacred Heart and St. Jude Thaddeus Parishes. Although his visit was short due to his busy schedule, Bishop McFadden enjoyed his time here. He plans to come back to our parish in the near future.



## **A THANK YOU FROM OUR BISHOP**

Dear Father Weary,

Thank you for the warm welcome I received when I celebrated Confirmation on Sunday, May 1, 2011.

## Summertime and the Living is Easy-Sort Of By Fr.

It's never completely "easy" in a parish any time of the year. There are always challenges and more things to do. But it is summertime (officially mid-June) and things slow down a little.

First, spring sprang nicely here. Bishop Joseph McFadden came for his every two-year Confirmation on May 1, confirming 29 Sacred Heart youth and 11 from nearby St. Jude, Mifflintown. He wrote a gracious thank you note for the hospitality we extended. The church looked glorious, still decorated from Easter, just the previous Sunday, a great experience was had by all.

I did my annual Easter visit to my sister Eleanor's in Downingtown, near Philadelphia, May 10-13, and enjoyed beautiful weather. Her large back yard was green and verdant, like a storybook secret garden, thanks to her husband John's green thumb. He doesn't do a lot of colorful flower beds but plenty of trees and shrubs, all planted by him over the years.

My favorite is a big pin oak that he planted decades ago from an acorn gathered from one of the pin oaks in the back yard of the home where my sister and I grew up. My late mother sold the home in 1987 (the buyers still live there today), and those original pin oaks are long gone, but their child, that backyard Downingtown tree, stands as a testimony to the past.

When I wander through their back yard I stop and pay a visit to that oak tree as if to say, "Hi, it's me again. I remember your mother." It's like stopping by to visit a beloved relative and reminisce about the family. I always give a respectful touch to the trunk before I leave. Like a relative, it's a living link to my childhood.

One of the days, my sister and I visited the nearby Morris Arboretum, kind of a laid-back, simplified Longwood Gardens; once again, light on flowers but big on trees, shrubs, and walking paths. An Arboretum is

for educational purposes. Weather was beautiful and talk about a storybook garden! We walked through a mystic land of green, leafy beauty.

We then visited Chestnut Hill College next door, where my late mother and her sister studied for two years back in the 1930s (neither one graduated). One of the Sisters of St. Joseph took us into the glorious motherhouse chapel, still well-preserved. It was neat being there where our mother and our aunt had worshipped as coeds. To this day I have an old, black-bound Latin missal from the '30s, which has written inside: "Dee Morriss, Chestnut Hill College." My aunt Dolores (nicknamed Dee) obviously carried that missal right into that very chapel and prayed with it.

But I digress. The subject is late spring/summer. What activities? Well, last week I took four teenage boys and one adult on a hike up the locally-famous Thousand Steps, near Mount Union. They were built in the 1930s (?) by men for easier access to a high quarry where they mined sand and stone for the nearby (now-defunct) brick factory. Yes, the climb was challenging but manageable, and we rested at spots along the way. The 16-year-old cross-country kid in front of me was not even winded and barely sweating, although I kept up with him fairly well. 59-year-old runner that I am. One of the mothers joined us for our victory dinner at Mapleton OIP where I announced to the gathering that they all constituted the core (adult leaders included) of a new, renewed youth group at Sacred Heart. There was talk of a kayaking trip on the Juniata River for the near future.

What else? My More Than an Auction dinners are coming up, many planned for this summer. That huge April 3<sup>rd</sup> parish/school fundraiser at Reedsville Youth Park included bids for dinner at the rectory cooked by the pastor. The auctioneer kept adding another dinner after another at \$1,300 a

\$6,500, the biggest item for the day! Diners name their dinner guests and I eat with them on the menu. One night was chicken, another night roast beef, etc. I'm a parishioner, a wine connoisseur, donate wine for each course. Anything for C education, right? Overall, the Auction about \$28,000, thanks to all who worked hard to pull it off.

Of course, Cursillo weekends are coming. Cursillo means "little course" in Spanish. It is a Thursday night through Sunday renewal weekend, begun in 1940s Spain and spread throughout the world. It is a course or crash course in Christianity. People leave the weekend fired up for Christ and His Church.

Somebody might ask me, what is your plan for the parish? I would say Cursillo weekends. You come back and get in a one-on-one small prayer and share group. Enough parishioners do that and, voila, you have an energized, spiritually-charged up parish. I mean, the program is already in place, since the 1940s. Just plug into it. Why re-invent the wheel when it is not charismatic and it is not a re-

Summertime and the living is ... well, blank. In any case, have a good one.

### Upcoming Liturgical Events

**Sunday, June 12—Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday, June 19—The Most Holy Trinity**

**Thursday, June 24—The Nativity of John the Baptist**

**Sunday, June 26—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**Wednesday, June 26—Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Friday, July 1—Patron Feast Day of Sacred Heart Parish. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, day Eucharistic Adoration, ending with Holy Hour 7-8PM**

## Focus on ... Annemarie Swineford



If you have had a chance to stop by or phone the parish office in the last few months, you have certainly been greeted by someone new at the receptionist desk.

The office was in need of a new secretary upon the retirement of Marie Bender. A committee was formed to search for a replacement, including Parish Council members Dan Bennett and Cathy Stout, Sue Parzanese, and Fr. Bill. Following a review of applications and resumes, interviews were held over a two-week period. We were blessed to have several excellent candidates! One candidate stood out above the others and was the unanimous choice of the committee: Annemarie Swineford.

Annemarie, a parishioner since 2002, brings with her extensive experience in the customer service industry as a meeting/events planner, most recently at the Atherton Hotel in State College, which includes superior communication skills and

technical proficiencies. She has a BS from Rochester Institute of Technology and an Associate's Degree from Herkimer County Community College. Her husband, Dan, is a local Podiatrist, and her two children, Kathryn Ann and Ronan attend Strodes Mills Elementary School, where she serves as PSA president. She was also recently elected to the Mifflin County School Board.

Annemarie currently is involved in the CCD program and has served as chair of the More Than An Auction. She has recently been involved in helping to form a new group, Columbiettes and plans to teach Kindergarten CCD next year. She also plans to make her Cursillo in July.

Since taking over the phones and desk in mid-march (with the help of Marie Bender, who graciously stayed on for a week or two to train Annemarie), she has learned many new things about parish life, the Parish Data System, and church record-keeping. She also orders supplies, creates the bulletin each

week, as well as special programs such as Easter and Confirmation. She has completed her first Minister Schedule. It has been a learning process, but she has tackled each task cheerfully and eagerly. Her energy is palpable and contagious!



### WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED OUR PARISH AT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS

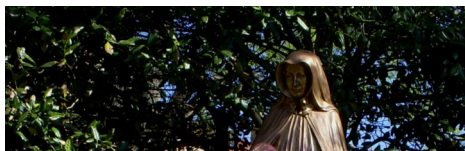
Catechumen: Calvin (*Joseph*) Zimmerman

Candidates: David (*Patrick*) Edward, Steven (*Andrew*) Edward, Mattea (*Clair*) Meyer,

Brandi (*Elizabeth*) De Angelo, Justin (*Maximilian*) De Angelo

## PARISHIONERS JOIN "COMPANIONS OF PAULINE" ON COVENANT DAY By Marie Bender

May 1 was a beautiful day as we, Dottie Peiffer, Anne Marie Showers and myself, traveled to the Mallinckrodt Convent, the Sisters of the Christian Charity Motherhouse, in Mendham, New Jersey. After a three and one half hour drive, we arrived at the Motherhouse and were awed by the beauty of the convent grounds. We were then greeted by three familiar smiling faces: Sister Carmelita, Sister Marie and Sister Marlene.



We were treated to light refreshments and given a tour of the Convent. Afterward

## “MORE THAN AN AUCTION” MANY HAND AND GENEROUS HEARTS

By Theresa Dybach

Thirteen was a lucky numbered event for Sacred Heart School and parish. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual, “More Than An Auction” took place on Sunday, April 3, 2011, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Mifflin County Youth Park in Reedsville. Despite the tough economic times, this yearly benefit for our school was a very gainful venture. Red, white, and blue balloons swayed in the breeze above flower bedecked tables. A+ For America-Catholic Schools was cheerfully depicted along with Sacred Heart School’s mascot, the Cardinal. Food, raffles, children’s activities, face paintings, an oral auction, a silent auction, and good old-fashioned socializing took place on this chilly, but bright day. Many hands did make light work of this monumental fun fest. Preparations, volunteer time, multiple talents, and a lot of hard work helped to create a memorable experience for children and adults of all ages.

We were very fortunate to have these willing volunteers:

CoChairs: Heidi Altiery and Kimberly Bubb

Committee Chairpersons:

Ticket Raffle-Jen Mitchell

Food and Chicken Barbeque-Mary Aultz

Children’s Activities-Susan Gilbert

Gift Basket Raffle-Connie Quinn

Class Baskets-Sherri Hutchinson

Solicitation-Kimberly Bubb

Publicity-Ashley Henry

Auction Day-Kirsten Smyrk & Sharon Whitesel

Decorating-Theresa Dybach

Auctioneering-Kirk Stevens

Support-Father Bill, Father Fidelis, Sister Marlene, Sue Parzanese

Knights of Columbus & many anonymous volunteers

Most importantly, we are thankful to



## Upcoming Parish E

- 6/19 Youth Kayaking Trip, 12 noon
- 6/27-7/1 Vacation Bible School at St. J Thaddeus Church, 6—8PM
- 7/1 All Day Adoration—Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day
- 7/4 Parish Office Closed
- 7/11-15 Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart School, 6—8PM
- 8/5 All Day Adoration and Holy Mass
- 8/6-7 Mission Co-Op Presentation
- 8/18 SHS Faculty In-service @ SHS
- 8/18 Kindergarten Parent Meeting
- 8/25 Kindergarten Orientation, 8:30AM
- 8/25 SHS Faculty Meeting, 10:30AM
- 8/27 Summer’s End/School Kick-Off Carnival, 10AM-3PM at Victoria
- 8/29 SHS Faculty/Staff Retreat Day
- 8/30 SHS Faculty In-service @ SHS
- 8/31 First Day of Sacred Heart School

All the important dates are on the parish calendar. Click on “Calendars” then choose “Event Calendar” from the drop-down menu. It is updated regularly, so check back periodically for changes and additions.

## The Parish Register

### Baptisms in the Parish

- Luke Warfel March 6
- Kenneth Shank May 22

### Marriages in the Parish

- Kathryn Bielski & Charles Laney  
April 30 2011

## Parish Organizations Updates

### PRO LIFE

Frank Cunningham

The U.S. House passed a "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act," 251-175 on May 4, 2011 and North Carolina enacted a North Carolina Law recognizing Unborn Child as a Second Victim which passed on May 4, 2011.



We are happy to report the spring campaign "40 Days for Life" reports that there were 80,000 participants and 247 cities across the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Ireland, Spain, Belize, Armenia and Georgia. There were 714 lives spared from abortion and 10 abortion workers quit their jobs; 3 more abortion facilities shut down and went out of business!

Sacred Heart of Jesus will participate in our fourth "National Life Chain Sunday 2011" will be held October 2, 2011

The Pennsylvania Pro Life Federation is having a 2011 Celebrate Life Banquet featuring former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum on October 11, 2011 At the Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North 910 Sheraton Drive Mars, PA 16046. We are hoping to have representatives from our parish attend. If interested please contact the parish office or call Frank Cunningham.

Lewistown's Pro-Life March will be held Sunday, January 22, 2012. It will be our third march and hopefully we will continue to increase our parish participation.

It is our Catholic belief that we must protect God's Image and Likeness. Get active in pro life. Our Catechism clearly states: 2260 - The covenant between God and mankind is interwoven with remind-

ers of God's gift of human life and man's murderous violence: For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning... Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image. (59) 2268 - The fifth commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful Infanticide, (69) fratricide, parricide and the murder of a spouse are especially grave crimes by reason of the natural bonds, which they break. Concern for eugenics or public health cannot justify any murder, even if commanded by public authority 2271 -You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. (74) God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.(75)

### LADIES GUILD

Dottie Peiffer



On May 7 and 8, the Ladies Guild presented all ladies who attended the Mother's Day weekend Masses with a miniature pot of impatiens.

On Saturday, May 14, women from Sacred Heart gathered at Simplicity Tea Room in Mifflintown for a Mother-Daughter Tea. We had a delightful afternoon tea. Following the tea, Mrs. June Gray of Juniata County presented an interesting program on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the series "Little House on the Prairie." It was a pleasant afternoon for all.

On June 18 and 19, members of the Ladies Guild will distribute a gift to fathers at Father's Day weekend Masses.

The Ladies Guild meets the first of the month following the 8:00am Mass (except for June and July). All women of the parish are invited.



Photo: Doris Jordan and daughter

### CCD

Connie Quinn

This was a successful year for students in our CCD program. Eight students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Twenty students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop McFadden. Students in grades K through 9, attending Sacred Heart School, signed up to receive their Sacraments. Students need to prepare for First Penance and Holy Communion in the second grade. Registration for 2011-2012 will be in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the church. We would like to thank Cathy McFadden for 4 years of teaching the 7th grade, Mary McDorman for 4 years of teaching the 8th grade, and Josh Berkey for teaching the 9th grade for 1 year.



## New Priest Ordained

Through the laying on of hands, His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph P McFadden, Bishop of Harrisburg, ordains Rev. Brian J. Wayne into the priesthood on Saturday, June 4, 2011, in Harrisburg. A holy hour was held on Friday, June 3 at Saint Theresa Parish in New Cumberland, Fr. Wayne's home parish, to pray for then Deacon Brian, for all Diocesan Seminarians, and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Fr. Wayne will serve as Parochial Vicar at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey. He said he is eager to minister to youth, couples planning for marriage, and the dying.



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## Columbiettes Organization Begins at Sacred Heart

The idea of the Columbiette organization was conceived by Monsignor J. Francis in 1939. He saw a need for a ladies organization to work with the Knights of Columbus. On March 2, 1939, the first auxiliary was instituted in New York City. Seventy-two years later, after months of planning and a gracious donation from the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Church now has its own Columbiettes group.

The first official activity for the group was to sell 50/50 tickets at the More Than a Game event. The money went towards work packets the students at SHS take home to work on over the summer. They are making lots of plans for more activities involving friends, church, and the community. Be sure to watch the bulletin for a list of upcoming events.

On May 22, fifteen women joined the Columbiettes at the first and major degree ceremony held at the school. They are Theresa Dalton, Ellen Sheetz, Dianne Shearer, Norma Donna Potepan, Maria Amspacker, Marianne Thomas, Cyndi Shoemaker, Tina S. Mary Ann Kline, Jo Fisher, Amy Dalton, Cathy Borger, Annemarie Swineford, and Zannino.

Meetings for the summer months are scheduled for Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in July. Meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Building on Market Street.

The Columbiettes are always looking for new members. Membership is open to all Catholic women at least 17 years old and you can join anytime. Please contact Annemarie Zannino or Annemarie Swineford for more information.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 11-15, 2011**

**6:00—8:00PM at Sacred Heart  
School**



Thanks to the generosity of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart from Cresson, PA for their tireless preparation for this year's bible school.

Please call the parish office or Bob Sanders (248-9778 or 248-9779) to register or if you are an adult and can help ASAP! Thank you!

## Now is the Time to Prepare for the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, is now being prepared for publication. **The *Roman Missal* will be implemented in the United States of America on the First Sunday of November 27, 2011.** The ritual editions should start arriving in parishes around October 1.

Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among other things, the new edition of the *Missale Romanum* contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the *Roman Missal* will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

The entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives. Parishes should now be in the planning process for the implementation, with a view toward executing that plan in the coming months.

The website [www.usccb.org/romanmissal](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal) has been prepared to serve as a reliable resource for all engaged in the formation process. Sources can be found on the website for the faithful, for the clergy, and for the parish and diocesan leaders.

Now is the time to seize the opportunity given to us for all Catholics in the United States to **deepen, nurture, and celebrate** our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

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### THE MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION

#### New Collection Keeps Funds in Diocese



The Matthew 25 Collection allows the Church of Harrisburg to address the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing on a local level through food banks, soup kitchens and other parish-supported projects that assist those in need. All funds collected benefit local needs.

Seventy-five percent of the monies collected will be distributed to programs within the diocese to address the needs of the poor. Twenty-five percent of the monies was returned to parishes for their use in assisting others. Our parish received \$343.00 back, which was donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society to assist in their work. The parish collected \$1,371.00 for the Matthew 25 Collection.

### CHARITABLE GIFTS:

#### Use Your IRA As Never Before

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law new tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are 70 1/2 or older. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of charitable organizations across the United States.

Under the law, you can make a lifetime gift using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) without undesirable tax consequences. Now these IRA gifts can be accomplished simply and without complex applications. Plus, you can make the gift now-while you are still able to witness the benefits of your generosity.

Have you considered leaving a legacy to Sacred Heart of Jesus or school? This is just one of many ways you can help secure the future of our parish and its programs and missions even after you are gone. Without the generosity of those who have come before us, many of our facilities and programs that we enjoy would not have been possible.

#### HOW THE NEW LAW WORKS:

Pat, age 80, has \$450,000 in an IRA and has pledged to give \$75,000 this year. If Pat transfers \$75,000 from the IRA, she will avoid paying income tax on that amount. She cannot, however, claim a

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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
MT. ST. MARY'S, EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND**

**The 24th Annual Diocesan-Wide Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart will take place on Thursday, August 4, 2011, at the Shrine of our Lady of Lourdes.**

This day of prayer will offer the Sacrament of Penance, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, praying of the Holy Rosary, a Marian Conference by Fr. John Bednarik, OFM Cap, an act of Consecration to Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, the chanting of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and will end with a Holy Hour of Exposition and Adoration.

**The Day's Schedule**

- 10:00 Orientation in the Chapel on the Hill
- 10:15 – 11:30 The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 11:30 Rosary at the Grotto (weather permitting)
- 12:00 Holy Mass at the Grotto (weather permitting)  
Homilist = Fr. John Bednarik, OFM CAP
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 – 2:30 Marian Conference in the Chapel on the Hill  
Presenter = Fr. John Bednarik, OFM Cap
- 2:45 – 3:45 Holy Hour in the Chapel on the Hill
- 3:45 – 4:00 Dismissal

**POPE JOHN PAUL II  
BEATIFICATION**

**LIVESTREAM EVENT  
AND SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 30 - MAY 1**

