



Around the Parish

OCTOBER 2020

“GROW”

I discovered that one word can mean so very much. One word can carry a lot of weight. Words like, “yes,” “no,” “stop,” “go,” “win” and “lose,” seem to be particularly important to us. So, it came as no surprise to me when, on one early morning in late October, I walked out my door and saw it. It must have been there for at least a day or two. I might ask myself why I didn’t see it before. But I know why. I wasn’t meant to see it then. It had to be that day.

It is how God works. It is how God teaches me to see when I am trying to hear. It was my “yes” when I thought He was saying “no.” It is how God makes me “stop” when I am on the “go.” He shows me how to make something a “win” when I thought I would “lose.”

I was rubbing the night dreams from my eyes as I opened the door. It was still dark and I wanted it that way. I wasn’t looking for the bright side of anything. I needed to slip into this day slowly, so when I stepped out onto the deck and stood there waiting for my dogs to come back in, I made no effort at all to even notice anything. But, in God’s plan for me, this little thing would appear so much bigger. I have no idea how it got there. I can’t even imagine that it just fell and took root, but it certainly took advantage of wherever it ended up.

There is about five feet from by back door to the railing that surrounds a small deck. One step up and you have access to our hot tub. The thick brown cover used to keep the tub hot when not in use, has a handle on each end. To remove it you simply fold one half on top of the other and then slide it off to one end. Each handle is made of fabric and carefully stitched into the vinyl for strength.

That morning in the darkness of a cold October day, I discovered a small seedling growing from the seam of the handle facing the door. It was about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch tall and the only survivor of the first plant killing frost of autumn that very day. I rubbed my eyes again and went back into the house to get my glasses. Upon closer look, I was amazed at what I saw. This tiny seed found its way into the side of the handle and without hesitation and against all odds it began to grow. There it was “Grow.” It was spectacular! Fabulous! Wonderful! Now eager to see the sunrise I hurried through my morning routine and grabbed my camera. I had to capture this. I had to take this picture and place it somewhere where I can be reminded everyday.

Reminded of what?

Everything does not have to be perfect. Nothing has to make complete sense. All the parts don’t have to be in place. All plans don’t have to be made nor the timing absolute. You hear “no” but feel, “yes”; You want to “go” but feel the need to “stop”; You want to “win” and fear you might “lose.” Take a moment to realize that everything God wants for you, everything God sees in you, everything you are and everything you will be is already ready inside. Like the seed, wherever you land you can “grow.” When the seed ended up in the handle of my hot tub, it did not waste a moment to moan, complain, whine, cry or curse. Right where it was. God provided everything it needed to become everything. He created it to be. You might well point out that it is not where seeds belong. It will not thrive there. It is doomed and wasted. You would be wrong. It was chosen by God to be there for me when I needed to be encouraged and inspired. And in turn, God knew I would share this with you.

A seed planted. A man inspired. A story shared. It’s not where you are planted, but how much you “Grow.”

**PLEASE WELCOME
OUR NEW MEMBERS**

John & Margaret Ideman

Donald Rongione & Maryellen Kueney

**Avelardo & Iveliese (Quiroz) Miranda
and their daughters Valentina &
Valerie**

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

It's inspiring how the teachers at Sacred Heart School, and their families, as well as, of course, our students, have adapted to "school in the time of Corona." Some grades (PreK, 3,4,5) are here five full days, in person, with some students in those grades choosing 100% virtual instruction. The other grades (Kindergarten,1,2,3 and 6,7,8) are hybrid, with two separate cohorts attending school Monday/Tuesday, or Wednesday/Thursday, with all those students virtual on Fridays. It hasn't been easy, smooth or seamless, but we are meeting daily challenges with patience and grace.

We are most grateful to the Simone family and Stratix for providing us with an IT professional to help us work out some of the glitches we are experiencing. Thank you also to School Board member Ralph Nevel for helping navigate our eRate application and advising us on increasing the bandwidth in the building.

A huge thank you to the John R. Post family and Post Precision Casting for the beautiful cross that was erected in front of our school building. It is a very welcome addition and is a physical representation of what Sacred Heart School is all about. Our students and teachers can gather by the cross for

prayer and reflection. The next time you drive by school take a look - it truly is wonderful.

And while we are showing gratitude, thank YOU Sacred Heart parishioners for your continued support through prayer and you Annual Fund donations. A Catholic education has never been more important than it is right now, and because of your generosity we can continue our mission.

God bless you all.

Submitted by Kathy Napolitano, Principal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rocco Allen Myotte

**Son of Nathan & Ronni Myotte
Rocco was born on 6-1-2020**

Charlotte Rose Troisi

**Daughter of Paul & Carlin Troisi
Laila was born on 10-21-2019**

SVDP SOUP KITCHEN

The weekend of **October 17th/18th**, Sacred Heart Church Parishioners have our twice a year duty and opportunity to volunteer to serve brunch/ lunch to those in need at the Kennedy House in Reading.

Time: from 10 AM to 1 PM, both days

Kennedy House Address: 532 Spruce Street, Reading

We regularly serve 150 - 200 people per day. Come be a part of this fulfilling experience; helping your fellow man and working with others to get the detail done. Spots (usually 10 volunteers is what we look for) often go quickly so contact Jim Tucker at

jet999@comcast.com or (610) 781-7940

to sign up. **Please Note: All volunteers must be fully vetted to be able to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen.**

RCIA NEWS

On Sunday 30 August at the 11:15 Mass we welcomed new members into the Catholic Church: three adults and five students: Patrick Rutter, Lydia Snow, Terri Chervanick, Kaitlyn Romero, Ronald Van, Marvin Armistead, Marcus Armistead, and Mayleen Armistead. The pandemic could not lessen the commitment of these souls to finally join the People of God as they continued their classes long past the Easter Vigil and throughout the summer.

if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic then contact Deacon May at SacredHeartRCIA@gmail.com or call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

9-12-2020

Adam Scott Cronomiz
&
Jeanette Catalina Tejada



GOLF SUCCESS!

Thank you to the 80 plus golfers, sponsors, and all who either participated or donated your time, gifts, or talents to the 4th Annual Swing and A Prayer Golf Outing that was held on August 21 at the Reading Country Club! It was a big success! Proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund.

HOLIDAY PIE SALE COMING SOON!

The Monsignor Bornemann Knights are planning to run their Annual Holiday Pie Sale starting sometime in October and offering 3 weekends in November where orders and payments can be made after the Masses. The pies offered will be the same as in the past: Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Coconut Custard, Pecan and Pumpkin. Pickup in the School Parking lot on Tuesday November 24th.

Recent monthly activities:

- Painted bathrooms at Holy Rosary
- Installed Ethernet cables at Sacred Heart for Livestream integration
- Installed WiFi Extender at Holy Rosary for the resident nuns; improved internet reception
- Purchasing a new American Flag for school flagpole

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

The Feick Family on the death of:
Rosalie M. Feick
8-20-2020

The Ciatto Family on the death of:
Joseph Ciatto
8-21-2020

The Rivera Family on the death of:
Marie D. Rivera
8-26-2020

The Horner Family on the death of:
Magdalena Horner
9-10-2020

SACRED HEART SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Vigil – Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday – 7:30, 9:30 & 11 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 2 PM

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