



Around the Parish

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2022

Let's Make an Effort to Bring Christ Back into Christmas

Whether it's first semester in college, starting a new job, getting in with a new friend group, or just changing your regular routine, many things happen in our life to deter us away from that close-knit relationship with God. It comes on slowly, just small changes that just once is fine, but over a long period of time turn into gaps separating you from the peace you once held dear.

For me, this has been my first semester of college, and though it has been the best semester of my life, it also has been a season of failure and learning. I say failure with learning because in God's plan, He doesn't allow you to fail for the purpose of failing and feeling useless.

He allows us to fail to learn that what we are doing or what we are involved in and are trying to push isn't in His will for our lives and will ultimately hurt us. Now, we definitely don't understand this while we are pushing through in our own stubbornness, but once we back up and look at the situation, we can see how God had His hand over us the whole time, guiding us minimally but still letting us make our own decisions.

Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us, a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Yes, this is a Christmas verse, but it has also become the verse for my first semester. In choir, we are singing the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah for our Christmas concert, and of course "For unto Us a Child is Born" is included. When we first started rehearsals, I was in love with all the songs and overjoyed to be singing the Messiah.

However, a couple of weeks in, I realized that the wording of the songs was absolutely beautiful, even more so than I originally thought. I started feeling the music and how the phrases glorified God and realized that in my own life I had separated myself from the Prince of Peace.

It was so subtle, like the setting sun, growing into the darkness of night. I had pushed my way into doing the things I wanted, and therefore didn't have the peace or reassurance that I once had of everything working out for my benefit.

However, Philippians 4:7 says, "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

The peace of God, the peace that is above all understanding, will guard us. A lady from a church I had been attending texted me this verse. She didn't know what I was going through, no one did. However, God places those people in our lives to encourage us and bring us back to Christ when we fall off on the wayside.

So why my title? Coming back to Christ at Christmas? So far, some would say my title would make no sense, but in fact, it really does.

Christ in Christmas is everything, just as Christ in our lives is everything. When we separate ourselves from Him, it is hard to return to Him after living secularly for that period of time. Especially at Christmas. Christmas is the perfect reason for Satan to grab us and pull us even farther away from Christ, especially when we realize we are separate from Him and want to return.

The director at my BSU said, "If Satan can't turn you, he'll make you busy." Isn't that so true?

During the Christmas season, sometimes we can turn into selfish monsters concerned only with what we are going to get. We put so much attention on presents and parties that it is a wonder how we have time for Christ at all! Yes, of course, everyone goes to church at Christmas, but there is so much more we can do!

This Christmas, I have challenged myself and I challenge you to open your hearts and minds to the protection of peace from the Prince of Peace himself.

The Wonder Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father wants to love you and wants you to love others. Christmas is a time of giving yes, but it is also a time of remembrance and celebration of the wonderful gift God gave us.

So, my challenge is this Christmas, find a verse that makes you remember the joy of Christmas, whether it is the most iconic Christmas verse out there, or not even a Christmas verse at all, and share it with everyone. Whether you share it by mouth, note, or present doesn't matter that's your decision. But this Christmas, share the gift of the word of God and celebrate its meaning and power, bringing Christ back into Christmas as you yourself come closer to Christ this Christmas.

By: *Lillian Herring*—Via The Odyssey

SACRED HEART

BAZAAR PREVIEW PARTY

Thursday, December 8th - 6-9pm

****Adults Only, in the School Gym****

Hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer,
entertainment, silent auction, live
auction, fun and fellowship!

LIVE AUCTION featuring the art work of our school
children. The best activity of the night! Special silent
auction items are added for this event only.

\$10.00

donation @ the door

Children's Bazaar
raffle table is
open and raffle
ticket purchases
will be available.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SACRED HEART'S CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AND ANGEL CHOIR

Saturday December, 10th 2022 (alt. date: Sat. December 17th)

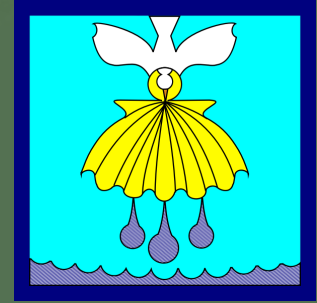
Following 5:00 p.m. Mass

Baked goods, Hot Coco, Coffee, & Spiced Hot Apple Cider will be served!

*JOIN US!!
for some faith,
fellowship, and
Christmas Carols!*



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Freya Fritz

Born June 4, 2019

AND

Killian Fritz

Born October 31, 2020

Children of Jonathan Fritz and
Samantha Fox



Christian Sidari

Born April 27, 2022

Son of Michael and Rosalie Sidari



December 2022 LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 3/4

2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Terry Vogel

7:30 AM Beth Tharp

9:30 AM Mike Gallagher

11:15 AM Margaret Hueske

December 10/11

3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Mary Ann Kelly

7:30 AM Kathy Nevel

9:30 AM Mary Ann Kase

11:15 AM Karen Ann Cameron

December 7/8

The Immaculate Conception

5:15 PM Steve Krupa

7:00 AM Lou Sutherland

12:10 PM Mary Ann Kase

7:00 PM Steve Bell

December 17/18

4th Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Steve Krupa

7:30 AM Vince Moffitt

9:30 AM John Gleason

11:15 AM Bill Wellock

December 24/25

5:00 PM

10:00 PM

9:30 AM

11:15 AM

The Nativity of the Lord

Sandie Wrable

Lori Anewalt

Denise Mogel

John Sylvester

*Merry
Christmas*

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Practices will be held each Sunday in December
from 1:00—2:00 p.m.

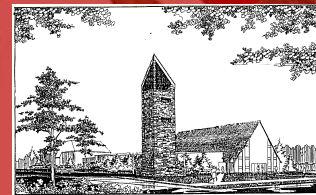


Please call or email Kirsten to sign your
children up!

610-372-4010 ext. 201

activity@shrcparish.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sacred Heart Book Club -
Wachter Room**

December 1st, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation

December 6th, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

SHS *ADULT ONLY* Bazaar

-School Gym

December 8th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Children's Nativity

*December 10th, 2022 - after 5:00
Mass*

Makeup date December 17th, 2022

**Children's Christmas Choir/
Mass**

December 24th, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

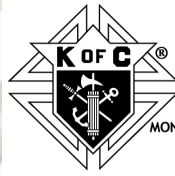
Christmas Vigil Mass

December 24th, 2022 @ 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

*December 25th, 2022 @ 7:30 a.m.,
9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.*





**KNIGHTLY
NEWS**
MONSIGNOR BORNEMANN COUNCIL
#16066

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY
ROSARY - MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE MONSIGNOR
BORNEMANN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL!**

Thank you to everyone who made our Annual Holiday Pie Sale a great success! We truly appreciate your participation in our activities throughout the year and are looking forward to 2023!

Recitation of the Rosary is now on the weekly schedule, and we hope you can join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 Mass in the church and after Adoration on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome!

Important 2022 K of C dates for your calendar:

December 1 - Officer's Meeting – IHM Room 7:00 p.m.

December 15 - Membership Meeting – IHM Room 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

December 25 – CHRISTMAS

December 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

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 John Sylvester at 610-451-6980, or go to bornknights.org and fill out the Contact Form located on our website OR sign up directly using the online KofC link.



Boscov's at the Berkshire Mall was a vivacious place on Wednesday, October 19! The SVDP (Saint Vincent de Paul) Society from Sacred Heart Church was right in the middle of the hustling and bustling!

We were selling tickets for \$5.00 which gave the customer 25% off most merchandise and through a lucky drawing or most likely, the Grace of God, we were given prime location to sell the tickets.

Thank you to the eleven super stars who managed our table for 12 hours. Thank you to all who sold or bought tickets. Your generosity will enable us to meet the needs of those we serve. We could not do it without you.

Please contact the rectory if you hear the call to join us! (610-372-4010)

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with Sacred Heart's weekend at Kennedy House on 10/22 and 10/23.

We worked together to serve a warm meal to our brothers and sisters in need on both of these days.

Thank you also to our friends at Sweet Streets, Philly Pretzel Factory, Redner's, and the Wyomissing Farmers Market for your support!



**WELCOME
TO THE PARISH**

Mrs. Audrey Fey



Mr. Brian Wagner



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Gasoline	\$300	3%	\$108
Dining Out	\$250	10%	\$300
Entertainment	\$200	8%	\$192
Clothing	\$250	8%	\$240
Home Improvement	\$100	4%	\$48
TOTAL EARNINGS			\$1,080

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