

# Sacred Heart Church Newsletter

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**EASTER** is a season of life and hope, and at Sacred Heart we have been busy preparing for this spiritual renewal.

Stations of the Cross were held each Friday evening and were very well-attended this year. Following Stations of the Cross each Friday evening a special family-centered activity was sponsored by each of our parish organizations ~ the Evangelization Committee presented a movie, *War Room*, about Catholic family values, the Holy Name Society arranged for a guest seminarian who spoke about family spirituality and his journey to religious life, the Knights of Columbus arranged a spiritual music hour, the Rosary Group guided participants in making their own rosary, and the Catholic Daughters sponsored a community service project of making Easter cards for the residents at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home. On Good Friday, a beautiful presentation of the live Stations of the Cross was performed by our CCD students.

A number of parishioners and community members who had participated in our Discovering Christ Program in 2016 also came together for our Following Christ Program & Retreat during this Lent.

Your continued support of the Evangelization Committee's efforts to strengthen our faith community is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 AM in the Church Hall....all are welcome.

## ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Sacred Heart Parish also celebrated several cultural events this winter. In January the Evangelization Committee sponsored our annual Pasta Dinner, and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. We also hosted our first International Pot Luck Dinner in February. This event started with a

recitation of the rosary in five different languages...thanks to our very dedicated Rosary Group! A pot luck dinner followed with delicious foods representing many cultural backgrounds. The CCD children researched and provided photos and information on the patron saints of the different countries and decorated the walls with the beautiful flags of those countries. An array of cultural music also played in the background for all to enjoy.

The Knights of Columbus hosted their annual St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Dinner in March and everyone feasted on a delicious Italian/Irish buffet and enjoyed the wonderful entertainment of music and dancing.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

- ❖ **May Crowning ~ Sunday, May 7**  
Immediately following 10:30 AM Mass
- ❖ **Catholic Daughters Bake Sale ~ Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21 following masses**  
Proceeds will support CDA's scholarship fund and other charitable efforts.
- ❖ **25<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass ~ Saturday, June 3 at 4:00 PM**  
If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, please contact Meg Cairney at 279-4832 to sign up for this special celebration. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.
- ❖ **THE FEAST OF SACRED HEART & THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH**  
We are planning several special events for the weekend of June 23-25 in honor of the Feast of Sacred Heart and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish. Additional information will be forthcoming in the bulletin and in our June newsletter.

Sacred Heart continues to strengthen our mass attendance and financial stability....your continued support and generosity is making a difference! If you are interested in Parish Pay Online Giving, please visit the website [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) to enroll. Simply type in our church zip code 12563 and follow the instructions or call the toll free help line at 1-866-727-4741. Your generous stewardship of the Cardinal's Appeal is also appreciated....Sacred Heart has met our parish goal for six years in a row and we are on target to meet this year's goal.

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