



SHRINE NEWS



AUGUST, 2015

LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over six hundred people attended the 11:00 A.M. Mass on August 9th, to welcome Archbishop Lori to our parish. The support of the Alumni Association allowed the parish to host a well-attended reception after a very special Mass. Many of us were fortunate to speak briefly with the Archbishop. A special thanks to Bob Campbell and his wife Helen for all their hard work in coordinating this event.

A special thanks also to Board Member, Tim Pugh for arranging the participation of The Irishman's Chorale. Their music added a special note to the Mass.

There were many alumni present, but there were a few special attendees we would like to acknowledge:

Evelyn Kane Kraft, class of 1935. She was one of the graduates of the first full eight year class.

Bernadette Frey Hergenbahn, class of 1942. She was baptized 87 years ago, in 1928, at Little Flower.

Brianna Brown, class of 2004. She is the youngest grad to attend the mass. The school closed in 2005.

A special thanks also to Dan Bentzen, for coordinating the use of the school hall for our reception, and for assisting with the handicap lift.

Susan Hitzelberger Scheerer '63

BULL ROAST

Question: Have you been pondering where you can go on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 for good fellowship and companionship, have a full, all-you-can eat buffet and open bar while, at the same time, either listening to a great DJ play the music you like and/or watching the Ravens completely dominate the Cleveland Browns on big screen TVs? Not to mention the possibility you might win a gorgeous potted mum or even \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 on Raffle payouts or more on the 50/50s?

Well, there is only one correct answer to that question.....

The 10th Annual Bull and Oyster Roast
Columbus Gardens (4301 Klosterman Ave.)
Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 1:00 until 5:00 P.M.
(Food served from 1:00 until 4:00 P.M.)

Fresh salad bar and Taco bar, Maryland Crab Soup, Oyster Stew, Raw and Padded Oysters. Choice Top Round of Beef, Virginia Baked Honey Ham and/or seasoned Turkey Breast. A Hot Buffet consisting of Shrimp Creole with Rice, Hot and Mild Sausage, Breaded Chicken, String Beans in Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Penne Pasta and Meatballs. Additional compliments are Virginia Baked Ham and Genoa Salami along with American, Swiss and Provolone cheeses. Creamy Cole Slaw, Potato and Macaroni Salads, Rye, Wheat and White breads and French Dinner Rolls. And, assorted Sheet Cakes for dessert.

Good drinks complement good food: the **bar**, as always, is **OPEN** and **FREE!** There is something for everyone's taste; alcoholic (beer, wine, mixers and liquor) or non-alcoholic (soda, O'Douls or virgin mixers).

The **Ravens** play the **Browns** at 1:00 P.M. You will not miss a second of the game! See it live on the 52" TV in the lounge! **GO RAVENS!**

\$1000, \$500 & \$250 Raffle Payouts **Plant & Cake Wheel** **50/50 Raffles**

The music of your choice by **DJ Master!**

DJ Master can play virtually any music of any type or any era you choose. Simply tell him what you would like to hear.

Tickets are **\$45.00** per person or **\$400.00 per table of 10**. Your contacts for tickets are: Susan Scheerer at 410-488-7169 (littlefloweralum@comcast.net) or Chuck Snyder at 410-254-8005. **Please note that there is an increase in ticket prices.** Since the Annual Bull and Oyster Roast inception in 2006, the ticket price had remained at \$40.00 per person. However, prices have finally forced us to do what we have tried not to do – raise prices! If you will please note the ticket price has risen to \$45.00!

We can offset that by offering a full table price of \$400.00 for a table of 10. However, this works **ONLY** if there is **ONE** person at the table responsible for all 10 tickets....that is, if one person pays the \$400.00. We cannot offer the \$400.00 price if each person at the table is responsible for his/her own ticket(s).

After October 1, we will try to accommodate requests for tickets and for specific seating, however, we may not be able to guarantee either, so please try to place your order for tickets as early as possible.

We are sorry but there are no tickets sold at the door.

Attending the Roast? We would greatly appreciate your donations. The food pantry needs whatever non-expired dry or canned goods you would care to donate (cash donations are also greatly appreciated). And, without your donations of cakes and other baked goods, the Plant and Cake Wheel will be just the Plant Wheel. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find tickets for the annual raffle. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250. Suggested donations are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Bull Roast (you need not be present to win). Please use the form in this newsletter to submit your ticket stubs and money. Your continued support of the raffle is greatly appreciated.

LITTLE FLOWER SUNDAY

Father Mike invites everyone to attend the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 4th, to celebrate Little Flower Sunday. Please come, and support the Shrine.

IN MEMORIUM

MARGARET KARLE MILLER '61, sister of Charles '59, Mary Karle Carr '60, and Harry '64 – passed away on May 30, 2015.

ANTHONY TRACHTA '63, brother of Joseph '67 and Mary Catherine '71 – passed away on July 17, 2015.

JUDY CHIMAK HESSLER '56 – passed away on June 19, 2015.

CAROLYN LAPONZINA – wife of Gayton Laponzina '57, passed away recently.

PHYLLIS FERTITTA PEARSON '41 – passed away recently.

EUGENE BONNER '48 – passed away recently.

PAUL SCHEERER – husband of Alumni President, Susan Hitzelberger Scheerer '63 – passed away on August 4, 2015.

FRANCIS KILDUFF – companion of Nancy Cirincione '66, passed away on April 20, 2015

SR. JUDITH O'NEIL, OSF – passed away on June 29, 2015.

SR. IRENE JURAS, OSF – passed away on June 28, 2015.

JOAN KASAL LEWALD '50 – sister of Marita Kasal Knapp '44, passed away on June 27, 2015.

GEORGE CORA '44 – passed away on November 25, 2014.

ALUMNI BUSINESS MATTERS

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to us at littlefloweralumni@comcast.net . You will receive your issue a week before those who have it mailed to them.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

The Committee can be reached by e-mail. Questions, comments, etc. can be sent to: littlefloweralumni@comcast.net

SHRINE WEBSITE

We encourage everyone to log on to the Shrine's website:

www.shrineofthelittleflower.org

There is information on the website about the church and an Alumni Section that is in the early stages of being developed. You can view a Guestbook with some interesting comments that may bring back memories from your days at the Little Flower. Please sign the Guestbook and remember to include some comments about your recollections of the Shrine and growing up in the area. If you attended the Little Flower School, please remember to include your graduation year

MAINTENANCE REPORT

For the first time in several years, Little Flower was able to address many concerns that had been put on the back burner due to the cost factors. The following projects have been completed within the last two months:

Complete restoration of the murals over the three altars. This is the first time that this had been done in many years. It was very costly, but absolutely necessary or the murals would have deteriorated beyond repair. The results are outstanding. Please visit the church to see for yourself.

Exterior concrete work that included pointing up the steps and patching various areas.

Repairs to broken stained glass windows.

Cleaning of the upholstery on the chairs in the sanctuary, and the altar rail kneeling pads.

Restaining of the church doors and the main door of the rectory.

Replaced carpet in a rectory meeting room.

Window joint caulking of the exterior of the stained glass windows.

Replaced caulking on all of the interior of the stained glass windows.

Painting of all exterior railings of the church and rectory.

Plastering and painting of various areas of the church and rectory.

Repairs to various water damaged areas of the church and rectory.

Miscellaneous items including rental of lifts to access upper areas.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Sister Anthony Brendan who taught at the Little Flower in the early '50's celebrated her Diamond Anniversary as one of the Sisters of Saint Francis Jubilarians celebrating 70 years of dedicated service to her Order. She now goes as Sister Elizabeth Scully and anyone wishing to contact her can send her a note at Assisi House, 609 Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014-1207.

CLASS REUNIONS

The Class of 1975 is planning a reunion in October. Contact Ken Crabbe, Pastoral Associate at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 410-686-3085, x 107.

The Class of 1950 is planning a 65th Reunion at the Bull Roast. Contact Warren Bayne at 410-771-8281, if interested.

The Class of 1955 recently celebrated their 60th Reunion. Thank you for your \$300 donation to the Shrine.

FIFTH SUNDAY MASSES

The Little Flower Alumni Association encourages Alumni and Friends of the Shrine to help support our Church by attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass on these 5th Sundays. Your attendance is most appreciated and gives you an opportunity to meet old friends and to say hello to Father Mike, who has been pastor for over 20 years.

Aug. 31st

Nov. 30th

DUES

By now you should have received your dues invoice for the calendar year 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014. Please pay your invoice as soon as possible. Dues are \$15 for a year, or \$150 for a life time membership.

If you would like to pay your dues at this time, please use the form on the last page of the newsletter. Any organization that wants to continue needs to grow. Please try to promote the Alumni Association whenever you can.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Please be sure to notify us when you have a change of address, phone number or e-mail address. Changes may be sent to the Alumni Association in care of the Rectory, or, e-mailed to: **littlefloweralumni@comcast.net**.

Keeping us advised of changes to your address helps us to keep mailing costs down, as we have to pay a fee for each letter returned by the post office. Use of e-mail also helps us to cut expenses.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Did you know that you can obtain a copy of your school records for just a \$10 donation? There is a space on the enclosed form to order your records. Ladies, please remember to include your maiden name.

FOOD PANTRY

Anyone who visits a grocery store on a regular basis cannot help but notice the steady increase in the cost of food. As these costs have increased, so have the requests for assistance. Please continue to donate what you can. Fr. Mike and the people of the Parish appreciate your generosity.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Just a reminder: Please do not send in cash when mailing in your membership dues and donations. Also, enclose your check with the Registration Form from the Newsletter, completely filled out. **We require this information in order to save your data for the Alumni Database. Please note that all information is in a secure database that is never shared or sold to any organization or individual. Thank you for your support and cooperation**

“A VETERAN IS SOMEONE WHO, AT ONE POINT IN THEIR LIFE, WROTE A BLANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO “THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA” FOR ANY AMOUNT, UP TO AND INCLUDING THEIR LIFE.”

Please remember to pray both for the men and women in service to our country, and for the families who support them.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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