

Subject: Parish Campus Updates

Date: October 22, 2016

Joint Parish Discernment Meeting

This Thursday evening, October 27th, Barb Vite from the Archdiocese will be here to present an overview and update on Archdiocesan stewardship plans. Barb will explain planning steps, resources available, share ideas, and then we'll have Q & A. This is a key strategic direction being taken by all parishes in the Archdiocese per our recent Synod. Outcomes may include new member welcome events, community outreach, youth & senior activities and member appreciation events. All parishioners are invited. We'll meet from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in HT Parish Center Café. Refreshments & snacks will be provided. Please join us and provide input as we begin to create plans for our future.

Credit Cards

We know that many of you have asked in the past. We are now able to accept credit card payments for all money coming into Holy Trinity! We accept VISA, Master Card, Discover and American Express. We will need your Name, Address, Credit Card Number & Expiration Date. We also need to know the amount of your donation and if it is recurring (if recurring how often and for how long) or if it is a one-time donation. Please call Nancy at the Parish Office to set up.

Question: With all Saints & Souls Day approaching, we'd like to make a donation in memory of our deceased parents. How do we do this. **Answer:** A donation to our WE BELIEVE campaign in memory of your parents is a meaningful way to do just that and benefit our parish family and the future of our youth.

Parish Uses

We are pleased to announce several things. We now have Open Gym on Sunday nights at our Holy Trinity Parish Center. Youth times are 6:00 – 7:00 pm and cost is free. High School students & adults play from 7:00 – 9:00 pm with a \$1 cost. High school students and adults also play Wednesday mornings from 5 am-6 am. Please come & join us. Also, we are now taking requests for the use of the Parish Center. One family has reserved our facility for Thanksgiving. To make reservations, please contact Joel Fleischman at joel.fleischman@drexelteam.com. Joel is our short-term facility coordinator. Donations are accepted and encouraged to offset our costs of maintenance and operations. We worked closely with the Archdiocese and Catholic Mutual Insurance for our facility-use agreements. The more our Parish Center is used, the more we can spread the message of our Lord and the blessings we share.

New Members

We have many new families & individuals joining our parish. As you've noticed all of our Masses are full. Please consider moving towards the center of our chairs & pews. Please introduce yourself. Invite new members out for coffee, or to your committee meetings. Also, a warm smile and "HI" will go a long way towards making our new members feel welcome. Thank you.

Principal's Corner

The next time you're at Holy Trinity School, please take a minute to check out the new photo montage on the wall by our school office. Thank you to Mrs. Felton & Mrs. Roberts, we have a beautiful memorial of the Dedication by Archbishop ListECKI of our new Parish Center. What a beautiful evening it was! The Mass, the Archbishop's homily, the children singing, and the full sense of accomplishment on the part of everyone involved. Congratulations to HT Parish.

Our 4th – 8th grades visited the Buckskinners Camp on September 16th, and our 6th- 8th grades visited Riveredge Nature Center on September 22nd. Students participated in many outdoor projects & experiments at both events.

Upcoming Events:

- Grandparent's Day -- October 28th
- End of First Quarter -- November 2nd
- Thanksgiving Celebration & New Families for 2018 School Year -- November 15th

Question: Can I donate to the Angel Fund? **Answer:** Yes you can at any time. Just mark Angel Fund on your check and make it out to WE BELIEVE. The Angel Fund is designed to help all families who want to send their children to Holy Trinity School, and need financial assistance with tuition payments.

Daily Mass

We'd encourage you to join us at daily Mass. Father incorporates many subjects & topics in his daily homilies. As one parishioner said, not only do I benefit from receiving the Eucharist at the start of my day, but I always learn something at daily Mass. Father, thank you.

HT Advisory Board

Our Advisory Board met on October 11th. Chair is Heidi Butler, & members are: Paul Sebo, Joanne Geidel, Jodi Casetta, Bill Kurer, Michele Okrent, Sandy Krautkrammer, Pat Adelman, Brian Staehler, Carolyn Leister, & Andrew Dalhlberg. Please contact any of these members if you have questions or suggestions regarding Holy Trinity School. We want to thank these members for their dedication.

Last Volleyball Game of Year – HTS Gym

If you haven't had a chance to see our Volleyball Teams in action, please join us Monday night, October 24th, and cheer on our players. HTS Blue at HTS Gold games at 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

Question: Who paid for the HT School bathroom remodel? **Answer:** In 2008, the Lucille McCarty Estate left \$49,482 to HT School to be used for major projects. \$11,887 of that estate was left and we used it for the bathroom remodel. The balance of the bathroom costs came out of WE BELIEVE. In March, 2016 the Bernice Trapp Estate left \$200,000 to HT for church building improvements & repairs. Please keep all Lucille, Bernice and all donors to WE BELIEVE in your prayers. Thank you.

Forensics

We are planning to have Forensics here at HTS. Please contact Mrs. Casetta, HTS Principal if you would like to volunteer to help with this creative extra-curricular activity for our students.

Open House

We had our first Open House on Thursday night, October 13th. We had about 25 visitors and we broke these into 3 tour groups. We also had our first Home & School meeting this evening, so our HTS Advisory Board & students served as tour guides. We received many positive compliments.

Question: Why do we ring the bells after a funeral Mass? Who maintains our bells & large clocks in our steeple? **Answer:** We ring our large bell very slowly, which is called tolling. We toll the bells after Father concludes the funeral Mass. We do this to call attention to the fact that a soul is "passing" into the next world, and we're asking our community for your prayers. We sincerely thank Mark Boden for climbing so many steps & ladder rings up into our steeple to maintain our clocks & bells. Thank you.

"The Ripple Effect"

"When we focus our energy towards constructing a passionate, meaningful life, we are tossing a pebble into the world, creating a beautiful ripple effect of inspiration. When one person follows a dream, tries something new or takes a daring leap, everyone nearby feels that energy, and before too long they are making their own daring leaps and inspiring yet another circle." – unknown.