



SHRINE NEWS



MARCH, 2018

LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI

It is that time again! Time to begin thinking of

The Shrine of the Little Flower Alumni

14th Annual Bull and Oyster Roast

Sunday, October 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Columbus Gardens, Klosterman Avenue

A full menu will be published in an upcoming Bulletin, along with the ticket price. Be assured that the food will be just as good and plentiful as in the past and, naturally, the bar will be open.

We ran out of mums last year, so this year we will make sure there are enough for everyone who wants to win one at the Plant/Cake Wheel.

And, of course, we will have the 50/50 raffles along with the Annual Association Raffle (with prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.)

The DJ will be Tom Gavin of DJ Delights playing the music you like to hear and dance to.

If the Ravens play we will have them for you in the Lounge.

Class reunions are encouraged. If you have reunion you want to schedule, why not at the Bull Roast?

So, get up, take a pen in hand, and mark your calendar for the 14th Annual Bull and Oyster Roast on October, 14, 2018 from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm.

As always, your contacts for tickets are: Susan Scheerer at 410-488-7169, Chuck Snyder at 410-254-8005, or littlefloweralum@comcast.net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their dues for 2018, and a special thanks to many of you who contributed additional money to Little Flower. It is most appreciated and will be put to good use

For those who have not sent in dues, invoices will be mailed in mid-March. If you receive an invoice and have already paid or are a life time member, we apologize. Just let us know and we will make the necessary correction.

The pew memorial dedications have been one of our best fund raisers ever. To date approximately 60% of the pews are accounted for. One approach has not been taken and that is a class memorial. Special offer. If a class makes a dedication with a total amount of \$500, we will also put an appropriate name plate on the memorial plaque in the rear of the church in addition to the ones on the pews themselves. If you want more information, please contact Bob Campbell for details.

As always, thank you for your support of Little Flower. Encourage your siblings and classmates to join the alumni association.

Regards,
Bob Campbell, Class of 1953. 410-933-3666

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 7th**, to celebrate Little Flower Sunday. Please come, and support the Shrine.

CLASS REUNIONS

Calling all members of the **Class of 1963**. Come to this year's Bull Roast, and join in celebrating our 55th Reunion. If interested, please contact Susan Hitzelberger Scheerer at 410-488-7169, or littlefloweralum@comcast.net.

If you are interested in planning a reunion for your class, and would like to obtain information on your class members, please contact the Alumni for assistance at littlefloweralumni@comcast.net.

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 25 years.

April 29th

July 29th

Sept. 30th

Dec. 30th

PEW DEDICATIONS/MEMORIALS

This method of raising money for Little Flower as well as remembering family and friends has been very well received. We hope that more of you will consider future participation as there are still many pews available.

Seventy-five pews have already been dedicated, and there are 75 pews still remaining. If you have any questions about the purchase price or the location of a specific pew, please call or contact either Bob Campbell or Garry Brown.

Bob can be reached at 410-933-3666 or hsinn2@comcast.net

Garry can be reached at 410-931-2436 or garry.s.brown@exxonmobil.com

LITTLE FLOWER FACTS

Shrine Pastors – Past to Present: Who Were They and When Did They Serve? Part 2.

In the previous issue of the Alumni Newsletter the first two of five pastors who served the Shrine were presented. They were Father Thomas J. Wheeler (7/9/1926 – 4/9/1942) and Monsignor George J. Larkin (5/29/1942 – 5/29/1967). Due to Monsignor Larkin's poor health Assistant Pastor Frederick H. Dugan was named Administrator of the Parish and held that position until February, 1969, when shortly after Father Joseph D. Fuller was appointed the third pastor of the Shrine.

Father Fuller was appointed pastor on March 1, 1969. He set about the creation of an elected Parish Council and began much needed repairs to the parish buildings and grounds. His sudden death on May 9, 1969, was a shock to the parish.

Cardinal Shehan appointed Fr. John V. Ballard as the fourth pastor of the Shrine on June 14, 1969. Father Ballard was invested as a Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor on October 18, 1970. He retired in early 1992 after serving as pastor of the Shrine for 23 years.

Fr. Michael J. Orchik was appointed by Archbishop William Keeler as the fifth pastor of the Little Flower in March, 1992. Father Mike's first assignment after ordination in 1973 was as associate pastor at St. Patrick's in Fells Point and later he served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Graceland Park. Since 1997, Father Mike has been the only full-time priest on staff. He has served our parish for over 26 years making him the longest tenured pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower. Thank you Father Mike for your continuous service not only to the Shrine, but, also to the community.

The above information was obtained from "A Story of the Parish 1926 - 1951", published to celebrate the Shrine's 25th Anniversary, "Golden Jubilee – The Shrine of the Little Flower 1926 – 1976" and "Shrine of the Little Flower School 75th Anniversary Grand Reunion").

Anyone wishing to contribute to the LITTLE FLOWER FACTS or provide stories relating to your years at the Little Flower can email them to Jim Durkin '54 at: jrdurkin@verizon.net.

IN MEMORIUM

JOHN PAUL PIPKIN – husband of MARY FRANCIS JASINSKI PIPKIN '54 – passed away on November 16, 2017.

ELEANOR LECHERT – mother of BARBARA LECHERT MCCULLY '62 – passed away recently.

KATHERINE LOTZ FILIPPI '54 – passed away on February 5, 2018.

BONNIE BENNETT - wife of CHARLES BENNETT '53 – passed away in January, 2018.

DANIEL BERGIN '50 – passed away recently.

CHARLENE AUGUST CHANEY '60 – passed away recently.

CYNTHIA GREEN WINTERLING '53 – passed away recently.

EUGENE HULKA '53 – passed away in December, 2016.

WILLIAM KUCHMAS '61 – passed away in February, 2018.

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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

DUES

Dues invoice for the calendar year 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018 will be mailed shortly. 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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