



The Music Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
Spring Grove, PA

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About Our Organization

The Sacred Heart Music Society draws together parishioners with musical talent or interest and strives to provide activities such as concerts or sing-alongs for the community that would be fun and may have fundraising potential for the parish.

To become a member: Use the Sacred Heart parish "Organ" envelopes or designate "Organ" on the Sacred Heart Parish on line giving. Then contact the Olesons or the Sacred Heart parish office and tell us you want to be a member of the society. That way we will be sure to include you in music society events and you can be assured that your Organ related gifts will be tracked for eventual recognition when you reach the \$100 goal.

From the Editor

By Fred Oleson

With the Christmas season coming to a close, we now look ahead to Ash Wednesday on March 6th, and Easter Sunday on April 21st. We have begun to plan for an Organ concert at the church to be presented in the May 5th time frame. If you are interested in helping plan for that concert, or you have ideas for other music related activities for later in the year, please contact the Olesons with your ideas.

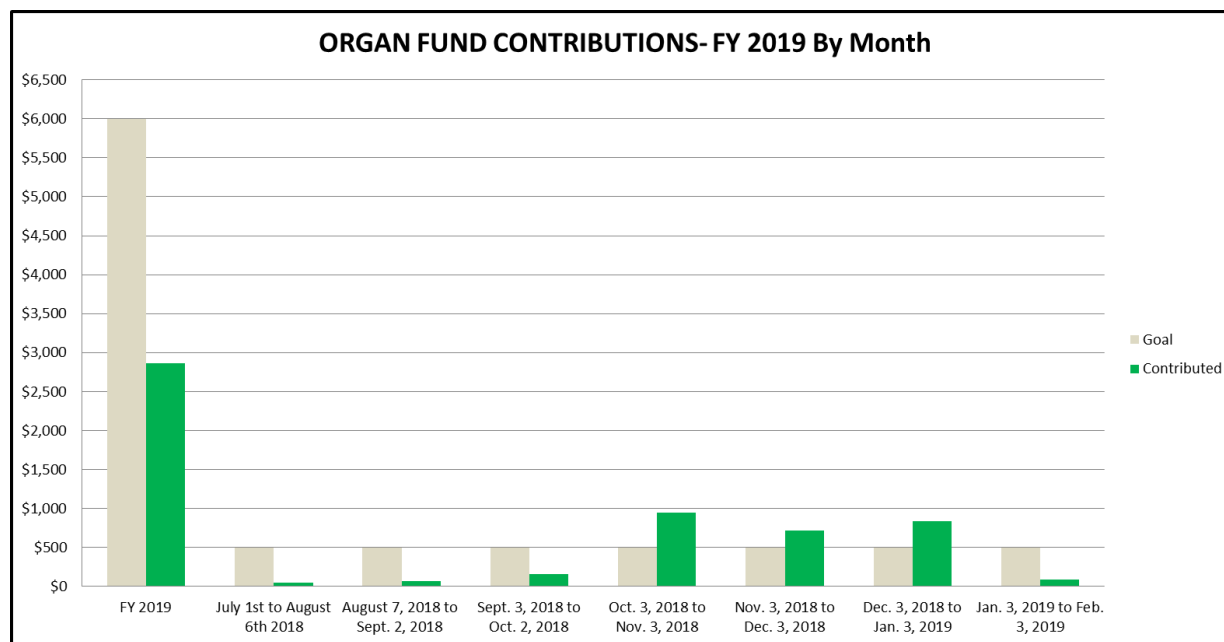
Membership

During the month of January we continued with 41 families and 2 organizations donating to the Music Society. If you are a new contributor to the organ fund and you wish to receive the Music Society newsletter, please contact the Olesons using our contact information in the parish weekly bulletin. Anyone who currently receives this newsletter and wishes to opt out of receiving future editions, please contact the office, or Fred Oleson and request to be removed from our distribution list.

Fundraising

As of the 02/04/19 contribution update, \$2868 had been collected for the Organ Fund for the seven months of the 2019 Fiscal Year. In the latest period of 1/3/19 to 02/3/19, \$85.00 was donated. This represents a shortfall in our organ fund collection goal for January. This shortfall might have been caused by bad weather hurting attendance or a delay in parishioners picking up their giving envelope boxes for the year. With the groundhog telling us that spring is on the way, we hope there will be a rebound in Organ Fund giving in February.

Chart 1: Monthly Contributions for current fiscal year (FY2019)



Please keep in mind that the 3:1 match is continuing for this fiscal year. Therefore, we have the ability to take several more years off the originally planned length of our fund drive if we meet this year's \$6,000 goal.

Chart 2: Overall Progress Towards the \$109,000 Total Goal (as of 02/04/19)

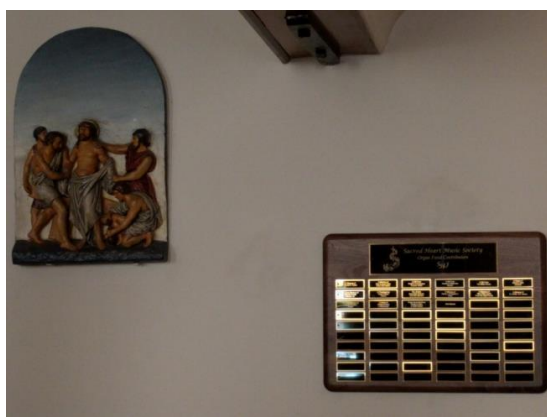
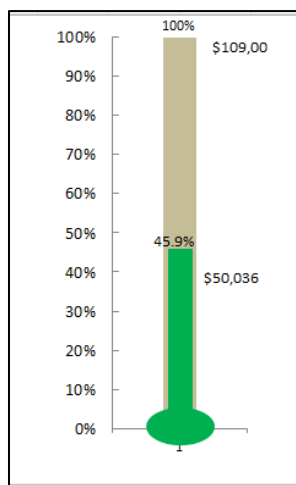


Photo 1: The Music Society Donors Plaque on the right side wall of Sacred Heart Church.

For this fiscal year the music society will continue to recognize cumulative contributions to the society in increments of \$100. For each new \$100 increment a family may request an additional plate be added to the plaque commemorating a loved one, a mentor, group, or intention.

When you have made your contribution, please contact Diane Oleson and provide details for the engraving to recognize your family's gift (form available on Realm). We ask you to use the form to ensure the spelling is correct and to confirm the message. To opt out of being listed on the plaque a line has been added to the form so you won't be contacted unnecessarily. You may also contact Diane and provide information over the phone or via email.

Special Interest Articles

A newsletter that only discussed membership and fundraising might end up being pretty dull. If you have a story to tell, or a piece of information to relate that is germane to church music, please submit an article for publication.

Planning Begins for 2019 Organ Concert

By: Fred Oleson

One of the ways that the Music Society shows our appreciation to our members, and also raises money for the organ fund is by producing concerts during the year. In 2018 we had great success with a concert on our Allen organ held on a Sunday afternoon shortly after Easter (see Photo below).



Photo 2: Organ Concert April 15th 2018

We would like to reprise the Organ concert this year. The timing will need to be different for this year as Easter is about 3 weeks later than it was last year. Therefore we are currently thinking in terms of May 5th as our tentative performance date. Thus far the Olesons, Rose Tiehel and Cecile Fethers have begun the planning process for the concert. In January we learned that Tom Tiehel who performed for our organ concert last year will not be available to travel to Spring Grove and support our 2019 concert; this is due to his recent appointment as church organist and music director at a large parish in Florida. However Tom was good enough to provide us the names of organists in York County who might be available to do our concert. On February 11th, Rose Tiehel of our music society contacted master organist Todd Davis and obtained tentative agreement from Todd that he would perform for our concert this year. Over the next month we will further define the details of the concert.

If you would like to help in the preparation for this concert, either by publicizing the concert, providing technical support (audio/visual set up), or preparing the decorations and food for the after concert reception, please contact the Olesons.

Interest in Informal “Hymn Sing” in June?

Carla Kolasa has suggested that our music society organize an informal “Hymn Sing” to be scheduled for later in June. Carla’s vision is that this activity would be held at the parish center and would focus on the audience singing well known hymns and folk tunes (song sheets would be provided). The instrumental accompaniment would be very simple, consisting of either a guitar, or piano, or acapella. There would be a core group from the Sacred Heart choir present to help lead the singing. Perhaps this could be rolled into an “ice cream social” type activity.

If you would like to help organize this activity, or if you would like to offer your services as a guitar, or keyboard player, please contact the Olesons.

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