



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

This month's newsletter shows continued growth in monthly dollars contributed to the organ fund. We also had several new donors begin to support the organ fund.

Also this month we have an article written by Mrs. Regina Siple who plays the piano accompaniment at our 11:00 o'clock Mass at the Parish Center. In the article Regina discusses how in December she was able to obtain a Weaver Grand Piano for use at our Parish Center auditorium at no cost to the parish.

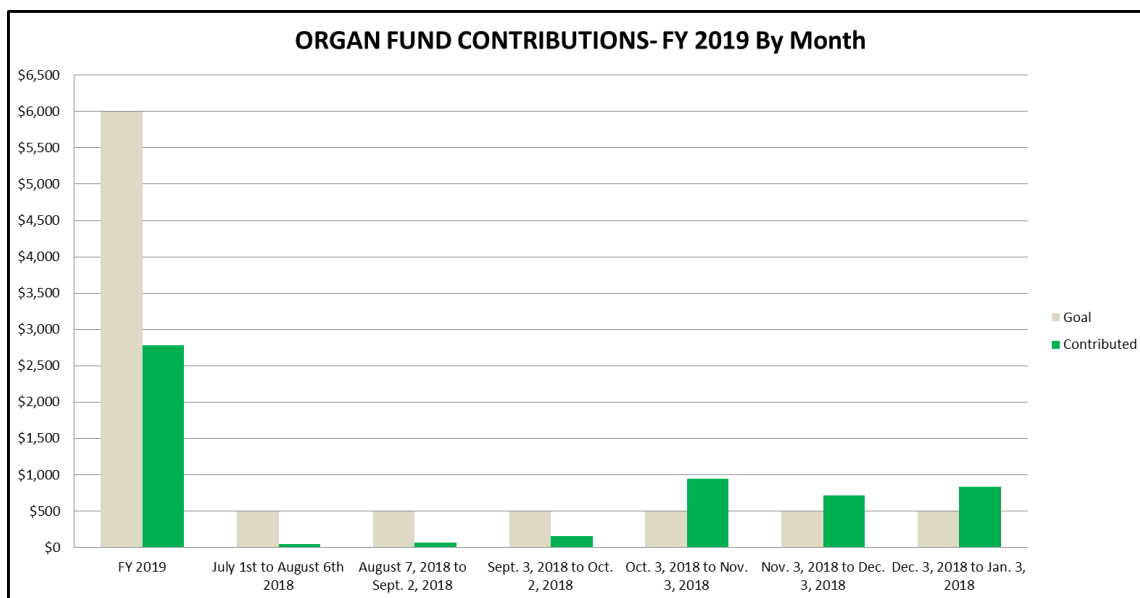
Membership

During the month of December 2018, 4 new families contributed to the organ fund. Therefore we now have 43 families and 2 organizations that have made donations. Due to privacy concerns all new donors will need to contact the office, or the Oleson's and make a request if they wish to receive the monthly newsletter. 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 01/03/19 contribution update, \$2783 had been collected for the Organ Fund for the six months of this new 2019 Fiscal Year. In the latest period of 12/3/18 to 01/3/19, \$838.00 was raised.

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 01/03/19)

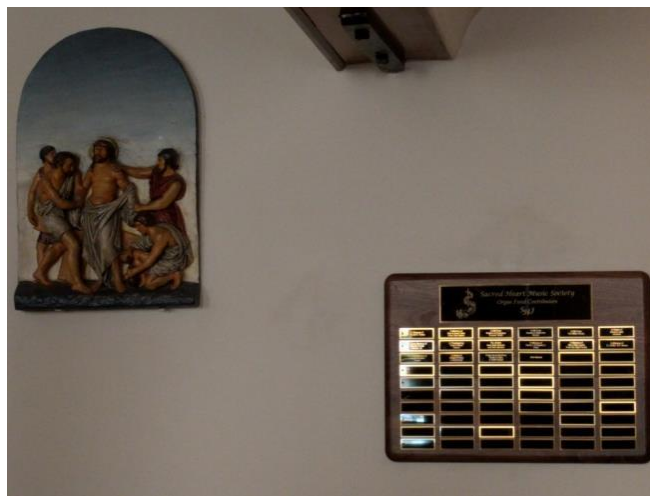
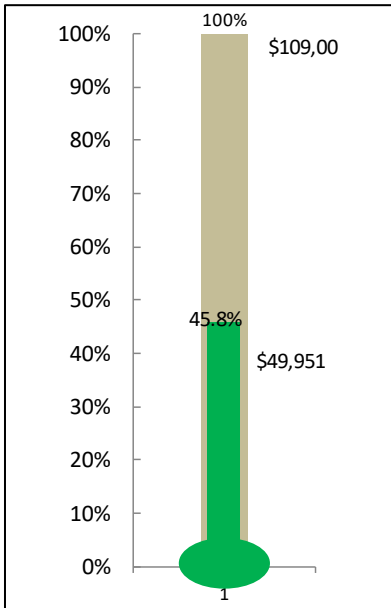


Photo 1: The Music Society Donors Plaque on the right side wall of Sacred Heart Church.

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. A line to opt out of being listed on the plaque 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.

Sacred Heart Gains a Grand Piano

By: Mrs. Regina Siple

Sacred Heart Parish Center recently gained a grand piano! It was generously donated to Sacred Heart via Calvary United Methodist Church in West York. The grand piano was built in the early twentieth century by the Weaver Piano Company located in York, PA.



Photo 2: Our new Weaver Grand Piano

This is the story for how our parish was able to obtain that piano.

For the past several years, we have used a Spinet piano to accompany the hymns sung at our 11 o'clock Mass at the parish center. Unfortunately that piano was actually too small to adequately project the music in the space the size of the auditorium. In addition it needed quite a bit of repair to bring it up to good playing condition should want to use it for programs.

In November an acquaintance of mine who is a member of Calvary United Methodist Church contacted me to ask if I might be interested in a grand piano that was at their Church and no longer being used. The piano was located in one of their conference rooms and had been tuned on a regular basis.

I made an appointment to meet at Calvary to see the grand piano to make sure that it was in good playing condition. I also wanted to check to see if the piano would be a good fit for our Parish Center. Upon having the opportunity to inspect and play the grand piano at Calvary, I concluded that the piano would work really well at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Once the Minister at Calvary gave his approval for Sacred Heart to obtain the piano at no cost to our Parish, my husband David and I then contracted with a piano moving company to have the grand piano moved to the Parish Center in December.

We are very happy to have a Weaver grand piano in its new location at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Sacred Heart parishioners who attend the 11 o'clock Masses on Sundays have been enjoying the beautiful tone quality of the grand piano. I invite all Parish members to stop in to see the piano. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful instrument!

The following is a brief history of the Weaver Piano Company:

The company opened its' doors in the year 1870 and was originally called "The Weaver Organ Company." The first factory was located on West Market Street in York city. In 1882, the company was renamed "The Weaver Organ & Piano Company." The company began manufacturing high-quality pianos in addition to organs. The company discontinued manufacturing organs in 1916 and increased their line of piano production. The company was then renamed "The Weaver Piano Company."

The Weaver Piano Company offered a complete line of upright pianos, player pianos, and grand pianos. Eventually the Weaver Piano Company built a line of spinet, console and baby grand pianos that remained popular for several decades. The Company was sold in 1956 and officially closed its doors in 1959. At one time there were over 280 companies in the United States that manufactured pianos. When the Weaver Piano Company closed in 1959, just 18 American piano makers were still in business.