

CYO GLORY

November, 2007

Remembering that all we do is for the glory of God...

Focus On Service to Others

The Ronald McDonald House

This month's trip to the Ronald McDonald House was on November 11. About twelve seventh and eighth graders participated in cooking breakfast and helping out families whose children are being treated at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Ronald McDonald house is a hotel for families with sick children attending Children's Hospital. The Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia was the first Ronald McDonald House in the world. It was founded by a former player of the Philadelphia Eagles. Now there are over 250 houses all over the world. After working at the Ronald McDonald house, I felt good about cooking breakfast, playing with small children, and doing a good deed. There are still three more chances to cook breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House. These dates are January 13, 2008, February 10, 2008, and March 9, 2008. Seventh and Eighth Graders may contact Mrs. Corcoran if you are interested in helping.

By: Maura Angiollilo



Villa Update

On Monday, November 19, the first group of Villa volunteers went to St. Joseph's Villa. The volunteers go around the building getting water for the residents and stay to talk to them. A few times throughout the school year, St. Luke also sends CYO volunteers to help with Bingo at the Villa. Going to the Villa is a fun service project to take part in.

By: Anna Fiorella

CYO Leaf Rakers Get The Job Done

Leaf raking was a bit harder this year than raining. We didn't let the elements get every yard, big and small. When we filled more bags than we could count. Just needed was better than the chips and cook-gave us. The eager raker volunteers came Mrs. Corcoran and all of you who helped. If you were unable to participate in this project please get involved in future service projects. Your help is greatly appreciated.

By: Mark Wilson



in past years. It was cold, wet, and in our way though. We finished had finished our service we had the feeling of helping someone who ies tasted that the grateful people

from all parts of CYO. Big thanks go out to

CYO Glory Wants You

If you would like to join or contribute to CYO Glory, please come to our next meeting on Friday, December 7, 2007, in the St. Luke Library, or contact one of the editors. Thank you.

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Operation Santa Claus Begins Sunday

The First Sunday in Advent is the start of one of CYO's major service project of the year, Operation Santa Claus. Please take a tag from the Christmas trees in Church. Buy a gift for the child listed on the tag, and place the gift under the tree by December 16. CYO and the St. Luke Youth Group will organize and deliver the gifts to needy children in the Philadelphia area. CYO members, your help is needed on December 16 to carry and organize gifts to FFH after the 11:00 Mass

CYO Art Contest

I just want to congratulate everyone who participated in this year's CYO Art Contest. Everything looked *Spectacular*. We had entries in a whole bunch of different categories including drawing, painting, photography, sculpting, and sketching. Ribbons and prizes were handed out by the judge Mrs. Doyle and the works were displayed at the Christmas Craft Fair on both nights. No matter what I think this year was a great big success!

By: Teresita Liebel

Animal Column: Turkey

The turkey bird is native to North America. We see the turkey in our local parks and forests. It is mostly seen during Thanksgiving. The most common turkey is the Wild Turkey. During the 1700s Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our nation's bird. Instead of having turkey on thanksgiving we would be having Eagle, and instead of having the Philadelphia Eagles, we would have the Philadelphia Turkeys. The turkey can be found all over the U.S. and North America. The Wild Turkey's scientific name is *M.gallopavo*. The wild turkey is on the least concern list for extinction. The turkey is magnificent bird and we should hope that it stays on the least concern list for as long as we live.

By: Gabe Dwyer



7th and 8th Grade Girls "A" Team Gives It a Shot

On November 23rd, the 7th and 8th grade Saint Luke's girls "A" basketball team had a Thanksgiving Tournament game at Saint Basil Academy against Saint Cecilia's. Saint Luke's was ready to try their hardest in their first game. When Saint Luke's took one look at Saint Cecilia's, they knew this game was going to be tough. Saint Cecilia's was one of the tallest teams they had ever seen.

Starting off the game, Saint Luke's was having a very tough time. The other team, because of their massive height, was getting all of the rebounds. It seemed like all of Cecilia's shots were going in. Luke's was having a lot of trouble against Cecilia's defense, and also having a lot of trouble getting shots in.

With the help of Cate Hughes, Devon Monihan, Emily McCauley, Jamie Stepp, Claire Salazar, Angela LaMaina, Kathleen Doyle, Maureen Regan, Eileen Dugan, Anna Fiorella, Brenda Harbison, and Nicole Motz, Luke's had a couple of nice shots.

At the end of a very long, aggressive game, the game ended with a heart-breaking score. Saint Cecilia's had the win. At the end of the game they announced the players of the game, one from each team. From Saint Luke's, it was Claire Salazar. Good luck with the season girls!

By: Claire Salazar

Turkey Day Poem

Turkey Day, Turkey Day,
The day to stuff your face,
With turkey and stuffing,
Potatoes and gravy,
And lots of cranberry sauce.
You gather with relatives,
Watch football a lot,
Smell turkey cooking,
In that big round pot,
When dessert comes,
The whole table is crammed,
With pies and whipped toppings,
Along other sweet treats,
And when you're done,
You can't see your feet!
Turkey Day, Turkey Day,
The day to stuff your face,
But more importantly,
To make love grow,
So hatred is at barely a trace.

By: Christine McIntyre

The Origin of Thanksgiving

Everyone has heard of the well-known stories of Thanksgiving in which the pilgrims and Native Americans shared a feast of pumpkin pie and turkey that they called "Thanksgiving" and celebrated it ever since. However, that is not really what happened. Although there was a feast and natives were invited, the feast actually lasted three days and was just a celebration, not really a holiday. In reality, 102 pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. The first winter that they spent there was extremely hard, and 46 pilgrims died. By the next fall, however, the pilgrims were well prepared. They had a great harvest and decided to celebrate with a feast, lasting three days. The menu of this feast is generally mistaken. In fact, there were no pumpkin pies, pastries, breads, butter, cranberry sauce, potatoes, or milk. The feast actually consisted foods such as fish, berries, lobster, dried fruit, clams, and plums. The feast was not repeated for another hundred years. It was not announced an actual holiday until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. In 1941, Congress finally declared Thanksgiving a national holiday every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

By: Scott Stieritz