

November 10, 2016



Dear Parents,

This is an early edition of the Blue letter since we do not have school on Veteran's Day. Looking ahead at this Sunday's Gospel for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, we see our readings focusing more and more on the final judgement day. On this day the Lord will fully exercise justice. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, all address the second coming of the Lord, but each place their own interpretation on it. Luke describes the signs that will herald the last days. He describes the wicked being punished and the righteous rewarded. But Jesus goes on to warn His disciples about the suffering some will have to endure because of His name. He also goes on to tell them that fidelity and perseverance, because of His name, will prove to be their saving force! All will be richly rewarded for following His way. We who are faithful to His covenant have nothing to fear. That day will bring "the sun of justice with its healing rays". Let us try to live good lives and closely follow God's way. Like the disciple and evangelist Paul, for example, who was put in prison because of his beliefs. Although in prison, he wrote letters from prison to new Christian communities. He was not afraid of the challenge to share the Good News even with such difficulty. Today, being a disciple of Jesus means walking with him even when it seems difficult. Let us keep going forward with courage to being faithful and **faith-filled** disciples.

**NOVEMBER 11th:** Veteran's Day. We remember all those brave men and women who gave of their lives in World War 1. This Annual Observance was originally called Armistice Day and in 1954 Congress changed the name to Veteran's day. We give thanks for all our military who have served and currently serve, keeping our country safe and preserving our freedom. God bless them all.



**NOVEMBER 15th:** Looking ahead to next week, our Yankee Candle sales need to be returned if you are placing order forms with the school. The orders continue online if that is the way you are choosing to purchase. The sales need to be turned in on Nov.

15<sup>th</sup> so this weekend is the important time to complete your collection of orders.

**NOVEMBER 18th:** Friday, our presentation from Huga-Tuga for Pre-K to Grade 5 will take place in the gym from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Author and storyteller Joe Shandrowski will be visiting. As I have stated before, parents are welcome. If you cannot attend, please consider purchasing the book with the form that was sent home last week. Make checks payable to **Huga Tuga Creations**.



**NOVEMBER 19th:** Saturday night **BINGO**. Please save the date for a family evening, and plan to attend. Friends and neighbors are welcome to come! This is also a great time to invite people you know who might be interested in sending their children to the school. You are the best promoters of the family spirit and advanced learning here at St. Mary School. Look for your **complimentary** BINGO cards in next week's envelope.





**STOP AND SHOP:** Just a reminder that not many have signed up for this very easy fundraiser. Anyone who shops at Stop and Shop only needs to register our school code one time. Our school number is **06142**. Log on to

[stopandshop.com/aplus](http://stopandshop.com/aplus) to designate our school, or call the hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance. If you have any questions or need help with registration call Sajini Joby at 203.747.2080 (call/text)

**SCRIP CARDS:** Please think ahead for Christmas and special occasion gift giving and use our gift card program. This is another very easy way to support the school with very little work on your part. All you need to do is think ahead for that special occasion and buy the cards from us.



So please, keep supporting the school in all these small ways to help us receive a Big return!



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND REMINDERS

Lastly, I want to remind all families who have signed up to fundraise this year and not pay the \$600.00, that we have had several opportunities to volunteer and receive credits. Many families have NOT started to fulfill their hours and at the end of December we will be sending home statements for the first half of the year. Please look over the Home and School book handed out at the first meeting of the year. Look at all the ways you can help and do not wait until it is too late! We need help for the family Bingo. The Thanksgiving Parade is quickly approaching. All family names of those who signed up on the parent inventory forms have been given to Eve Ajamie, chairperson of that event. Please be generous when called upon to help. Also it is your responsibility to sign in when you volunteer and log your hours. We cannot give credit if we did not have your name on the list. Many of you volunteered for the Halloween party. Did you remember to log your hours? Please help us keep our records straight by filling out your hours if you have volunteered for any event up to this point.

Have a great long weekend.

Sr. Annette

