

Feb. 24, 2017



Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how God loves us with a tender care more than that of a mother. That is pretty amazing, isn't it? It is hard to imagine anyone loving us more than our mothers! This Gospel is very comforting and creates a valuable lesson for all of us. A God who loves us far more than we can imagine, should help us all realize that God takes care of us. He tells us not to worry, yet it seems that is what takes up a majority of our life. We all have stress, and it is

hard to let go and not worry. We need to practice the saying "to let go and let God" take care of us. As we have heard in the previous Gospels, if we are peacemakers and put God first, everything else will turn out ok. We are asked this week to look at the birds of the sky and the flowers of the field. God our Father takes care of them and so He will take care of us. Can any of us add a single moment to our life by worrying? We are His children and we need to trust Him. As we prepare for the Lenten season ahead, let us reflect on how much God loves us and will take care of us if we place our lives in His care.

The calendar for March is included in this week's envelope. There are many reminders of all that is happening, so you can be aware and plan ahead. The end of the trimester was extended by two days due to the two missed snow days. Please remember to take a look at your child's progress to date on educonnect so there won't be any surprises.



**Lent begins on Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup>.** We have included the rice bowl with information which is customary at this time each year. We know that prayer, fasting and alms-giving are the three Lenten disciplines we use to train our hearts in love. We ask that you make this a "home" activity to give to the less fortunate. We will remind you when they are due at the end of the Lenten season. In school, we will be using the beautiful song "The Eyes and Hands of Christ" as a way of reflecting on what we are called to do as Christians.

Reaching out to others we will become the light of Christ by what we do. The student Council and classes will be working on activities where the children will reach out to others through various activities.

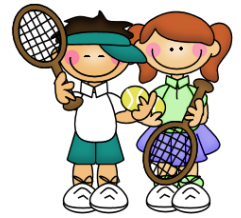


We will have the **Lenten Ash Wednesday service at 8:30 in school.** All parents who wish to receive ashes are welcome to attend. Lent is a time for all of us to come closer to Christ. It is wonderful when the children witness their parents strengthening their commitment to Christ along with them. It is important that we understand the connection of home, school and church. We want the school to be the place where we work with the families in a closer understanding of our church and its traditions.

**Stations:** I want to point out that the Stations of the Cross, which is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church, will be held at various churches throughout the Deanery this year. We are hosting the first one on Friday March 3, at 7:00pm. After that, the stations will be held at a different church each Friday so I have listed them on the calendar, for those who wish to attend.



**Tennis** begins this Monday, Feb.27<sup>th</sup>. Both Tennis and TaeKwonDo are posted on the calendar for reminders. Please do not come into the school to pick up the children. I ask that the parents stay in their cars and come to the door for pick up when it is time. The office closes at three, and there is not always someone there to answer the doorbell.

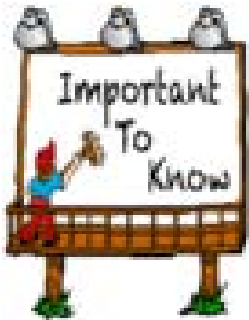


Mark  
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**VIRTUS:** Once again we have two available times for the Virtus training here in our Parish. Anyone who currently has not had the training and wants to volunteer in any capacity at the school needs to take this training. You can call the church office to register ahead, or simply sign in that evening. Call 203.488.1607 to sign up.

Our Family Mass this month has been changed to the second week of March. Join us for the 11:00am Family Mass on March 12<sup>th</sup>. This week Sunday Feb.27, at the 11:00am, a reminder that all the winners of the “Keep Christ in Christmas” contest, will receive their awards. We ask the winning students to be present at this Mass if possible.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



The weather has really been cooperating for the children to go out and play. **I need to remind all who pick up the students in the car line, not to enter the playground area at the end of the day until 2:00pm.**

A final reminder to anyone who can help with “coffee and” after the 7:00 and 9:00 am Masses on March 5<sup>th</sup>. I missed typing that in on the calendar. If you can help, we are serving up samples of the butterbraids on this Sunday to help Parishioners get a taste of this great fundraiser! Please call Deb Panela @ 203.415.2668, if you can help for an hour or two on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

As I write this blue letter, I am thinking of tonight’s Silent Auction. I know it is going to be a wonderful evening! I congratulate the Co-chairs of the Committee, Mrs. Liz Alden and Mrs. Liz Anaclerio for the tremendous work on behalf of the children here at the school. The entire group of men and women who contributed so much time and effort into this event were amazing! The room parents created beautiful class gifts. The creativity has added a special touch in the presentation. Who else can we credit but the Lord Himself for the beautiful weather which I prayed would work on our behalf? **Romans 8:28** “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.”

God bless you.

Sr. Annette

**REMINDER: MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION @\$300.00. AFTER THIS DATE, THE FEE IS \$500.00. Go to our website to apply for Financial Aid.**