

March 10, 2017



Dear Parents,

This Sunday we will come to the Second Sunday of Lent. We will change our clocks to “Spring ahead” and the time seems to be flying by. The second trimester is completed and we distribute report cards on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Things are changing every day and this Sunday’s Gospel speaks of the great change the disciples saw at the **Transfiguration**. This glimpse of glory provided a moment of clarity for the disciples. He transfigured before them, His face shone like the sun and His clothes were white as light. Peter said to Jesus “Lord, it is good that we are here.” They wanted to remain there, but He reminded them they could not stay but needed to go back into the world without fear. Such wonderful experiences are rare gifts but also give us the peace to inspire us to go on! Let us pray that when we have moments that give us a glimpse of the divine, when faced with decisions to leave the familiar behind and head into something new, let us not be stunned and flee in fear. Let us pray that we can go forth from the mountaintop, let go and open our hearts so the transformation will begin.



**WE PRAY:** Two of our school families have experienced the loss of family members. Mr. Oscar Barreiros, the grandfather of Mrs. Melody Ramos, entered into eternal life on Feb. 7, 2017 in N.J. Also, the Torres family has had the death of their grandmother, Mrs. Nell Kinney. Mrs. Kinney died on March 7, 2017. The Kinney family has had a very long standing legacy here at St. Mary Church and School. She was the director of the school lunch program for over 10 years. Nell was a past Silent Auction honoree in 2004 and her daughter, Cathy in 2009. The family is very active in all parish functions. The youngest great-grandchild Cameron, will be entering Pre-k 3 in the Fall. Mrs. Dorota Xeller, is also part of this family, and we extend our condolences to all the children and family members in our school experiencing the losses in both families. The Funeral Mass for Mr. Barreiros (12:00 noon) and Mrs. Kinney (10:00 am) are both on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at St. Mary Church. We send a promise of our prayers to both families.



**AUCTION:** Several items remained after the Auction and they are up for bid from anyone who did not attend and might be interested in placing a bid. One really beautiful framed piece was the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade picture made with hearts drawn by the children. The person who bid on the rest of the package (not a school parent), returned the frame to us because they thought one of the school families might want it more. Each heart is signed in the back by the child who drew it. The frame is in school and you are welcome to come and see it. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested in bidding on it. \*Please see the enclosed flyer from Liz Anaclerio with some great bargains that did not go at the Auction but are still up for bid!



**SERVICE HOURS:** We are still in need of help in school for anyone looking to get service hours. In the AM we are looking for someone to watch the morning drop off from 7:30 to 8:00. If anyone could give one day a week (needed Monday) I will apply it to service hour credits if needed. Don't forget we are offering VIRTUS training to anyone who might need it. Check the March calendar for dates and times.

**PARISH LAST SUPPER:** All responses are now due by Monday March 13, 2017 at the Parish office. We have sent in the names of the families who have returned their forms to the school office. Any family who still wants to attend should now respond with our Parish app or call the Parish office on Monday. Please refer to the notice that went home last week.





Save the Date: **BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY:**

**APRIL 2, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.** To help with the breakfast and fulfill service hours, contact Karen Modesto at (517) 285-2791. See enclosed flyer.



**LOST AND FOUND:** Last call for lost clothing left behind in our lost and found box. All will be donated to charity if not claimed. Please see the list in this week's envelope.

**REGISTRATION:** Just reminding everyone that applications for Financial Aid are still available. We will be accepting them for present families first. After April, financial Aid will also be available to new incoming families.



Don't forget to change the clocks one hour ahead! Join us Sunday at 11:00am for Family Mass.

Have a great weekend!

Sr. Annette