

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrate the birth of Mary. Our school, dedicated to the honor of her name, took time from our busy day, to pray and celebrate her life. Our school song is dedicated to Mary. The children are continuing their yearly education on the life of Mary through our school-wide Religion series from Loyola. That is the advantage of a Catholic school education! Along with the excellence of academic instruction, the children receive their faith instruction blended throughout the school day.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church. Jesus doesn't say that we won't have disagreements; in fact he acknowledges them. Prayer is an important part of handling conflict. Jesus promises that he will guide the decisions of those who pray to him. When we have problems with another person, we pray that God will help bring peace to the situation and that God will be with us as we work toward peace. As you reflect on your family life this week, think about how this Sunday's Gospel might help your family resolve conflicts. This Gospel provides an opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly while treating everyone with love and respect.

- *In this week's packet:*
- *Forms and payment are due: Pasta Night (see flyer) Magic Show for everyone!*
- *Flyer from Mrs. Fresco for Rainbows Program*
- *Info on the Parish RCIA program*
- *New for 2017-2018 Coding Club info. The club is open to Grades 5-8. (see flyer)*
- *Fife and drum informational flyers*

**REMINDERS:** *Upcoming Virtus Training sessions (please remember it is mandatory that if you are interested in helping at the school, you need to be Virtus trained.*



*Fife and Drum students who are going to be participating in the 9/11 memorial ceremony at the Branford Fire House, are asked to be dropped off at the Firehouse by 7:45am. I will bring them back to school by bus at 9:00am, but the parents need to bring them there. It would be helpful if they brought their bookbags to school first, but if that is not possible, we will deal with it.*

*Children's choir, Monday Sept 11, 5:30pm-6:30pm in St. Mary Church. Informational session and registration. Use door in the back of the church near the organ side. A parent needs to accompany the child for the first session. Registration forms and schedule of rehearsals will be distributed.*

*Friday Sept 15 2017 TaeKwoDo demonstratin in the gym t 10:0am. Parents are welcome to attend.*

*Have great weekend!  
God bless,*

*Sr. Annette*