

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

### *To pray and ponder*

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***February Focus – Sorrowful Mysteries***

***February Virtue of the Month – Faithfulness***

As we move into February, we turn our attention to the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary, especially during the Lenten season beginning on Ash Wednesday, (February 14). The virtue for February is faithfulness, a virtue which finds itself as true in celebrating Valentine's Day as it is in reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary. Just as couples are faithful to one another in their commitment of love, Jesus is faithful to the will of the Father through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Faithfulness may sometimes be regarded as an idea relegated to a chosen few persons because it is perceived as too difficult to live. Yet, it is faithfulness that is sung throughout the Old Testament psalms, lauded in the letters of St. Paul in the New Testament, and commended in the lives of the saints. It is faithfulness that is celebrated in the vows of marriage, religious life, and priesthood. It is faithfulness which our history and our experience draw us to seek.

This week, let us pause and ponder the ways in which faithfulness manifests itself in our lives and give thanks to God for these blessed relationships.

### *Calendar Events*

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/teacher conferences 4:00-7:00pm-Please contact your child's homeroom teacher to schedule.

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/teacher conferences 1:00-4:00pm-Please contact your child's homeroom teacher to schedule.

There **will be** aftercare until 5:30pm!

Middle School Social-Parish Center-7:00-9:00pm, \*Please call the school office if you would like to chaperone.

**Thursday, February, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Basketball Award Ceremony 8:20 am in Parish Center

Second Grade Wax Museum after Awards in Parish Center

Spelling Bee 1:30 pm in the Parish Center

## ***From the Principal***

**Aftercare**-Will be available on Friday, February 9th for those currently enrolled.

**Volunteer Hours**-If you would like to earn 2 parent involvement hours, come join us for the middle school game night to chaperone. Call the school office to let us know you are coming. Thanks!

**Pre-K 3 year old program**-We are excited to announce that we will begin a new Pre-K for program for three year olds in 2018/2019. Students must be 3 before September 1· 2018.

**Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program**- The Diocese of Wilmington has begun to accept applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year. In order to be considered for assistance, families **must be registered** for the coming school year. You can access the parent letter from the Diocese and the application information from this e-folder. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Fruitland Falcons LAX**- [click here](#) for flyer

## ***Home and School Association***

### **Pizza & Family Game Night**

The HSA would like to send out a Big Thank you to those who came out to help us at our Pizza & Family Game Night. Everyone had a great time and we couldn't have done it without your support.

### **Wall of Giving**

The newest fundraiser for the HSA is our Wall of Giving. The Wall of Giving is an easy way for every family to help support the school. All you have to do is come in to the school office, pick an envelope and donate the amount designated on that envelope...from \$1 - \$100. All the proceeds raised during this fundraiser will go directly to the funding of the transportation for our class field trips this coming spring. As an incentive, we have hidden 20 prizes amongst the envelopes....prizes like movie tickets, scrip gift cards, auction tickets, volunteer hours or even penguin cash (which can be used on lunch accounts, after care, spirit wear or scrip purchases.) So please let us know which envelope you'd like to claim! 😊

### **Auction Help Needed**

Our school auction is only 9 ½ weeks away. The committee is working very hard to prepare for a fabulous night but we need your help! If you're interested in being on one of the auction committees or just being a busy bee worker, please let us know. You can email our Auction chair, Brynne Moore at [brynnemoore@gmail.com](mailto:brynnemoore@gmail.com)

### **HSA Open Meeting**

Please consider attending our 2nd HSA Open Meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at 6 PM in the Parish Center. This is an opportunity for our school families to share with the HSA Executive Board opportunities for improvement, new ideas, and ask questions about how the HSA serves our students and school. Please RSVP by using the following link or visit our SFDS HSA Penguin Pride facebook page to sign up.

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## ***AFTERCARE***

1. There **WILL BE** aftercare on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-5:30 pm.

2. **You should be paying for aftercare at the end of each week that your child attends.** Families who find themselves more than two weeks behind in payments will no longer be able to use this service and may lose their place to someone on the waiting list.

3. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

## **LENT**

**The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> which is Ash Wednesday.** Please join us for Mass at 8:30 in the church. We will participate in Stations of the Cross each Friday in the church at 2:40 pm.

## **Parish Community Partnership**

### **Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> Key Chain Sunday, Blessing of New Drivers.** St. Francis de Sales at 10:30 a.m. and Holy Redeemer at 9:30 a.m.

**February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** to set up for the Shrove dinner.

**February 13<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.** – Youth Fundraiser. Come to help at 4 p.m. Dinner is from 5-7 p.m. We need help the night before to set up. Enter our Pancake Flipping contest!

**February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Heaven's Kitchen.** Meet in the Parish Center Kitchen. Help cook a meal for Joseph House to serve the homeless. Email Liza to bring a food item.

**February 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Gathering from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Bring a friend, \$3 for pizza and enjoy games brought to you by our Lock-In Crew. Theme: Series on Faith vs. Doubt.

**Carriage House Ministry**-The carriage house is looking for volunteers to help sort and sell clothes especially on Mondays and Fridays. If you are interested contact the Parish Office.

**Loving Life Committee Lenten Crib Project**- [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer