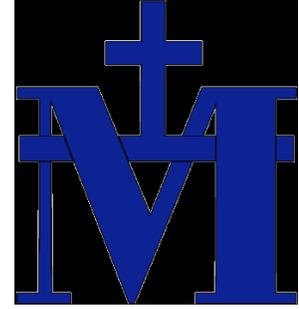


Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

To pray and ponder

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April Focus – Glorious Mysteries

April Virtue of the Month – Justice

The first Glorious Mystery – the Resurrection – is found in all four Gospels. It is the pinnacle of our Christian life wherein we are assured of our salvation because of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. While the Gospel accounts of this event offer us many opportunities for reflection, a Scripture verse that is a point of pause for me is found in the Gospel of St. Mark. There, the question is asked by the holy women on their way to the tomb, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb (Mark 16:3)?” Of course, no one needed to remove the stone for them for Jesus had risen! In my life there are stones that prevent me from drawing close to the Lord and to others. Sometimes I think these stones are too large, too difficult, too stubborn, or too many to remove and I become discouraged. If I could only remember that I do not need to remove the stones by myself. Just as the Lord’s resurrection removed the stone separating him from the holy women coming to the tomb, the same can happen for me. The risen Jesus can remove the stones blocking my way to him and to others. I need only trust in him. This week let us think about the stones keeping us from Jesus or others. In prayer, let us ask the Lord to roll back these stones.

Calendar Events

Thursday, April 19

4:00 pm Girls and Boys Lacrosse home vs. Warriors Lax Club

Friday, April 20

STEM fair-grades 6-8 (Projects will be available for viewing in **church hall** after all masses.)

Hit the Books Night at Shorebirds (Students have been given tickets.)

Monday, April 23

4:00 pm Girls and Boys Lacrosse home vs. Salisbury School

Tuesday, April 24

LEGO Club after school

Thursday, April 26

4:15 pm Girls and Boys Lacrosse away vs. The Country School

Friday, April 27

NUT day-wear blue to support Life Crisis Center

Friday, May 11

HSA Family Night in the Parish Center

Saturday, May 12

8:30 am Penguin Run [Click for Flyer](#)

Boy Scout Chicken BBQ

Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, May 31

8th grade play, "Music Ma'am" at SU

Saturday, June 2

7:00-9:30 7th and 8th grade Dance at Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, June 5th

5:30pm Sports Banquet in Parish Center (grades 5-8)

Wednesday, June 6th

Third grade International Day

6:30 pm Band and Choir Concert

Friday, June 8

Field Day-noon dismissal

Saturday, June 9

11:00 am 8th grade confirmation Mass

Sunday, June 10

2:00 pm 8th grade graduation Mass-awards ceremony

From the Principal

Life Crisis- Each year we partner with this great organization to end abuse of children. Students will enjoy a blue NUT day on Friday, April 27th as we harvest the pinwheels that we planted last week. Don't forget to bring in \$5 for your own pinwheel to place in your yard to bring awareness to family abuse in our community.

ACRE assessment- Today our 5th and 8th graders participated in the ACRE assessment, the Assessment of Children's Religious Education. This is an important tool to measure our progress toward achieving the standards set forth by the catechism of the Catholic church.

Benchmark Standardized Testing-This week students have been preparing to take an online standardized test that will replace the Terra Nova Assessments. We are excited about the opportunities Renaissance's Star assessments will bring. These assessments will help to support our longstanding commitment to academic excellence. The research-proven Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and Star Math assessments quickly provide comprehensive insight into student performance, and provide teachers with the tools they need to bridge assessment and instruction. Each student receives a tailor-made test that adapts to the student's current

performance level, regardless if that performance level is at, above, or below grade level. Question difficulty increases after a correct answer and decreases after an incorrect answer. This reduces testing frustration and allows the test to accurately pinpoint what each student knows and can do. Next week students will take the reading assessment and the math section will be taken the following week. Unlike Terra Novas this test takes less than one hour for each sub test to complete so there is less disruption of regular instructional time. Look for more details next week. [Click Here](#) for letter from Dr. Lou DeAngelo, Superintendent of Schools.

Penguin Run-Please [click here](#) for registration form.

Boy Scout Chicken BBQ- Saturday, May 12th, Cost is \$9.00 per meal - 1/2 roasted chicken, coleslaw, chips, bread roll, bottle of water Pre-ordering is highly recommended. Pick up time for the meals - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Vacation Bible School!-June 18-22, 9:00am-12:00. This fun activity is open to students ages 4-12. Contact Angie McLaughlin angie@dennissales.com for more information.

First Day of School for 2018-2019-Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Home and School Association

Auction-A huge thank you to our Auction Committee and volunteers for all of their hard work to make last night a success! We are so grateful to [Heather Johnston](#) for her vision on decorations, [Stacy Leone](#) for soliciting sponsors to back our event, [Rebecca Russian Thomas](#) for gathering donations for our silent auction, Suzanne DeVito for our Chinese auction, and last but not least, our chair, [Brynne Hayes Moore](#) for her leadership in handling so many details. This event required numerous volunteers to pull this evening together, and we appreciate their willingness to help us. Finally, thank you to our families for attending and supporting our school- this is our biggest fundraiser and your participation allows the HSA to do so much for our students! We hope a fun night was had by all!

Election of Officers: The HSA is now taking nominations for the 2018-2019 school year for the following positions:

Vice President: Here are the needed qualifications for the position:

- willing to help organize and attend HSA events,
- help represent our HSA with school and parish administration,
- and provide input on future HSA planning.

This position will be for a term of 2 years, with the 2nd year assuming the position of HSA president.

Treasurer: Here are the needed qualifications for the position:

- Experience with Quickbooks and preparing financial reports
- Understands and can articulate P&L statements, budgets and over financial positions
- Available for HSA meetings, executive board meetings, Parish finance council meetings and most HSA events
- Willingness to work with the school principal, Pastor & Parish Finance Manager on a regular basis

This position will be for a term of 2 years.

To submit nominations or learn more about this position, please contact Marta Trice at MartaLHayes@hotmail.com. Nominations are due by Friday, April 27th. If more than one candidate comes forward, the HSA will hold an election.

Penny Wars Gather your loose change, hunt for some under the couch cushions, or have your kids donate part of their allowance....the HSA is hosting a Penny War next week (April 23-27)! Each homeroom has a jug to collect money: pennies and dollar bills ADD points, while silver coins SUBTRACT from the classroom total. Send your kids in with a Ziploc bag full

of change to help their class and keep other classes from winning. This FUNdraiser makes cents! All funds raised will go towards our school's technology needs!

Read more about our Penny War-[click here](#)

Wall of Giving

This easy fundraiser is now in the school office - stop by to pick up an envelope for your contribution! There are more than a dozen prizes still tucked away on the board. All funds raised go directly to cover the buses for this year's field trips. Weather pending...look for us at pickup line on Fridays as well.

HSA Dues

If you haven't paid your dues yet for the year, please send in your check to the school. The dues are set at \$15/child this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. Please make all checks payable to SFDS HSA. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all our school events.

BOOST

BOOST -- or Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today -- provides state-funded scholarships for some students who are eligible for the Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program to attend eligible nonpublic schools. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first. In late March 2018, the BOOST Program was renewed for the 2018-2019 school year.

Applications for 2018-2019:

The electronic application for parents to complete is available from this web page:

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

The application deadline is May 21, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Those who received a BOOST Scholarship in 2017-2018 must submit an application to be considered for a 2018-2019 renewal award.

MSDE expects to send award notifications in July 2018. Payments are expected to be sent in December 2018.

If you have questions, please submit them to: boost.msde@maryland.gov

Parish Community Partnership

Parish App-Don't forget to download the Parish App to your mobile device and be sure to allow notifications. It's a great way to stay connected.