

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

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### To pray and ponder

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**February Focus – Sorrowful Mysteries**

**February Virtue of the Month – Faithfulness**

The Scourging at the Pillar is the second Sorrowful Mystery of the rosary. You will recall from Scripture that when Jesus was brought before him for judgment, Pontius Pilate found “no case against this man” (John 19:38). Because he could not convict him, Pilate remanded Jesus to a scourging. In this mystery of the rosary, we rightly focus our attention on the brutality endured by Jesus. However, for a brief moment, let us look at Pontius Pilate. Here was the Roman governor entrusted with a life or death decision. He admitted publically to the lack of evidence against Jesus. Yet, as a result of being cowardice in his convictions and relenting to the pressures of the crowd, he had the Son of God scourged and eventually crucified. One very weak decision led to an entire crucifixion. During this first week of Lent, let us pause and ponder the convictions we hold. Are we secure enough in our beliefs to withstand the pressures that surround us? What would we have done if we were in Pontius Pilate’s sandals?

### Calendar Events

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

NO SCHOOL Faculty and Staff Retreat

### From the Principal

**Student/Parent Handbook**-At Back to School Night families picked up a copy of this important document. If you were unable to attend BTS night, then we sent this home in a packet with the youngest child in each family. The handbook contains policies and procedures for our school. Each family is responsible for reading and following these policies. Teachers have reviewed much of it with their students. You will find helpful content such as uniform guidelines and emergency plan procedures. This document is considered an agreement with the school as a condition of your enrollment. If you should need another copy please contact Laurel DiPirro in the school office.

**NCEA newsletter**-This month’s edition has some interesting information about why families choose a Catholic

education when there are so many options out there. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program-** The deadline for the Diocese of Wilmington to accept applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year is almost here. **It is Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!** 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](#)

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

### **HSA Open Meeting Thank You**

The HSA Board is grateful for the many families who attended last night's Open Meeting. We had an informative discussion around safety and security at our school, and we appreciate the candid input from everyone.

### **Wall of Giving**

This newest super 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.

### **Boxtops Needed ASAP - 2/22!!!**

Please send in your Boxtops tomorrow (Thursday, Feb. 22) in a clear ziploc bag. This is a super easy way to help earn money for our school, and we are only \$300 away from meeting our school year goal of \$1000!

### **Auction Tickets BOGO**

We are starting the sale of the tickets for the HOTTEST event of the year! From now until the end of February (or until we sell out), we are offering Buy One ticket and Get One FREE to the Hollywood Nights Auction. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please use the link below to buy your tickets now....and hurry before they're gone!

<https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/hollywood>

### **Auction Help Needed**

Our school auction is only 8 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 sign up by using the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094aa8a929a2ff2-auction>

You can also visit our Facebook page to stay up to date on great auction items, sponsors and specials. Please use this link to check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/SFdSHollywoodNights/>

### **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.

## AFTERCARE

1. **Payment is expected 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. You can pay for aftercare on the parish website, [visitstfrancis.org](http://visitstfrancis.org)
2. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

## LENT

**Fasting**-As a community we observe the Catholic tradition of fasting on Fridays. This simply means that we will not serve any meat options or treats such as ice cream on Fridays until Easter break. Children under 14 and adults over 60 are technically exempt from this practice but are encouraged to participate as families see fit.

**Prayer**-We participate in Stations of the Cross along with the parish community each Friday in the church at 2:40 pm. All are welcome.

**Almsgiving**-Families are encouraged to give to Operation Rice Bowl or to bring in canned goods for the Joseph house Ministries on Wednesdays.

## Parish Community Partnership

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

**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.

**Appalachian Service Project:** There will be several Lenten dinners held in the Parish Center.

Fish Fry-February 23

Fish Fry- March 9

Crabcake-March 23.

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

**Carriage House Ministry:** The Carriage house Store is in need of volunteers! Please consider volunteering one morning a week! Please call 410-546-6221 in the mornings for more information.

9:00am-12noon Mondays and Fridays-merchandizers

9:00am-12noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays-sellers