

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

### To Pray and Ponder

#### To Jesus Through Mary

*November Focus – Joyful Mysteries*

*November Virtue of the Month – Humility*

The fourth Joyful Mystery reminds us that forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph brought their son to the Temple in fulfillment of the dictate of the Mosaic Law: “every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.” On the day of our Baptism, we were presented in the Temple, our parish Church, and there we were dedicated to God and claimed for Christ Jesus as the cross was traced on our forehead, water flowed over our head, and we were anointed with Sacred Chrism, a sign of our royal dignity as a Christian.

Each time we enter a church, God’s visible temple on earth, our custom is to bless ourselves with Holy Water. This symbolic “temple act” recalls our Baptism and is a recommitment our Baptismal promises and to our Christian vocation.

Cardinal Donald Weurl

*Meditations on the Rosary*

This week as we enter our church and bless ourselves with holy water, let us remember that we are consecrated disciples.

#### **Let Us Pray**

- + for the repose of the soul of **Jason Pratt**, an eighth grade student at Immaculate Conception School
- + for an increase in **vocations** to the priesthood and religious life
- + for **veterans** who have served in protecting and defending our nation

### Calendar Events

#### **Thursday, 11/9**

3:30pm Make up soccer game vs. MBS-away

#### **Friday, 11/10**

8:30 a.m. Veterans Day Prayer Service in the church

9:30 visit from Catholic Schools Office, Carol Ripken, Assistant Superintendent

**Saturday, 11/11**

7:00 a.m.-noon, ASP and Cub Scout Annual Yard Sale-Parish Center

**Wednesday, 11/15**

Noon dismissal due to Faculty Professional Development

6:30p.m. Branding and Mission focus group meeting in the parish center conference room

**Thursday, 11/16**

5:00-7:00p.m. **OPEN HOUSE**, refer a new family!

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Green Turtle Spirit Fundraiser

***From the Principal***

**Veterans Day Prayer Service**-We will once again honor our local veterans during a prayer service in the church on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please invite special veterans in your life to join us as we honor them.

**Re-enrollment:** You will soon receive an email soon with a letter and tuition contract for the 2018/2019 school year. The Finance Council has approved the tuition for next year with a modest 3% increase. We are ready to accept tuition contracts now as part of our efforts to increase and sustain our enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please read these documents carefully and be sure to contact Sarah Passarell for more information at [spassarell@sfdscs.org](mailto:spassarell@sfdscs.org). After January, 2018 we will accept new students for classes that have not been filled.

**SWAC**

The Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council – SWAC, has supported St. Francis school with a \$1000.00 arts grant and 4 band instruments, as well as SFdS school art teacher, Dennis McLeod, is on the SWAC Board of Directors.

The Crystal Gayle concert is an arts fundraiser that could enable SWAC to consider assisting St. Francis school again. The arts are an academic engine; creating higher test scores and strong character in children. Please consider purchasing tickets, for when you support the arts, you support yourselves; THANK YOU!

Your St. Francis Friend and Cantor,

Therese Hamilton, Executive Director, SWAC State President, County Arts Agencies of MD

**“CELEBRATING FABULOUSLY 50, SWAC’s THANKSGIVING FOR THE ARTS – A CRYSTAL GALA!”**

**COUNTRY LEGEND, SUPERSTAR, CRYSTAL GAYLE, IN CONCERT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 HOLLOWAY HALL AUDITORIUM, SALISBURY UNIVERSITY, 7:00PM, LIMITED SEATING!**

**SWAC IS COUNTING ON YOU TO CATCH THE VISION; COME HAVE A GREAT TIME, FOR A GREAT CAUSE!**

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## Home and School Association

### Santa Social

The HSA's annual Christmas fundraiser ([click here for the flyer](#)) is about a month away! Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, kids crafts, and of course photos with Santa. We'll also have vendor tables so you can wrap up your holiday shopping, along with our ever-popular kids shopping area – where kids can shop for their family members all on their own!

As you begin to decorate for Christmas, please consider rehoming some of your old Christmas décor, costume jewelry, books, and other small treasures to the kids shopping area. We are also seeking donations of tissue paper, bows, gift tags and bags, and tape. These items can be dropped off at the school up until Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you're interested in securing a vendor table (only \$30/table) or have questions about the event, please contact Heather Hillaert at [hillaert14@gmail.com](mailto:hillaert14@gmail.com)

### Spirit Night

Join us for our next spirit night on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** at The Greene Turtle. Please make plans for a fun night with our school families and be sure to share the attached flyer with your friends and neighbors. [Click here for the flyer](#). Don't forget to purchase a Green Turtle SCRIP gift card so we can double dip! Thank you for supporting your school's HSA!

### Seeking Nominations for HSA Treasurer

The HSA is sad to announce that our current treasurer, Tiffany Nash, will be moving out of the state in the coming weeks with her family. As such, we are seeking nominations for a new treasurer. This is an essential position for our HSA and requires the candidate to meet the following:

- 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

The selected candidate will begin transitioning before the end of 2017 and will assume all treasurer responsibilities on January 1, 2018. The term of this position expires on June 30, 2019 (18 month commitment). The HSA is accepting nominations until **Friday, November 17, 2017** and an election will be held if more than one qualified candidate comes forward. To be considered, please email a bio/summary of your experience as it relates to the necessary qualifications to Marta Hayes-Trice at [MartaLHayes@hotmail.com](mailto:MartaLHayes@hotmail.com) The H.S.A. Board appreciates your consideration in serving our school in such a critical role.

### Uniform Swap

Our uniform swap is a volunteer program that our HSA offers to our school families. This program is in jeopardy of being able to continue. We are currently looking for someone to step up and become the new chair of this area, effective immediately. We will help this individual(s) with the training and transitioning needed to make it as smooth and simple as possible. Without a chair, we may not be able to continue with this great resource for our school families. Please consider helping your school out by taking on this responsibility and don't forget that this will go towards your 30 required hours of volunteer time for the year. If you are interested, please email us at [HSA@sfdscs.org](mailto:HSA@sfdscs.org)

### 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. Turn in Emergency Cards and/or your Health Inventory forms if you haven't done so.
2. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of the month. (No invoices are sent.)
3. November 15<sup>th</sup> is a half day of school. There **will be** aftercare from noon-5:30. Make sure you bring a lunch including a drink. (No sodas)
4. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

## SCRIP

Don't forget to buy SCRIP gift cards. All profits go to the school! See Kris Reilly on most Fridays in the pick-up line. (Details in this week's church bulletin) Get your Green Turtle gift card for the Spirit Night!

## Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

Saturday, November 25 starting at 10:00 AM

12 to 20% earnings in-store and online for week following the 25th, which includes Cyber Monday sales on the 27th  
BE SURE TO **BUY SCRIP CARDS** FOR BARNES AND NOBLE FOR THIS SO WE CAN **DOUBLE DIP!!**

Scheduled Presentations Directed by Mrs. Birch :

- 11:00 Grades 4 and 5. (Socktober Challenge Book Character Projects)
- 12:00 Grade 7. (Readers of "The Raven")
- 1:00 Any Grade Volunteers. (Poem Readers)

Sales at Barnes and Noble Cafe for our patrons, also earns money for Library books.

Welcoming Table needs volunteers for 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, and 1:00pm. See Becky Birch.

\$40 Cheesecake orders from The Cheesecake Factory will be available soon and you will pay the day of the Book Fair. Have 14 slices and can be frozen up to a year. Various yummys like Peppermint, Pumpkin, Godiva Chocolate, Snickerdoodles, and Plain may be on the order form.

**SAVE THE DATE** and SPREAD THE WORD!

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## Parish Community Partnership

**Joseph House** -The Joseph House is again reaching out to parishioners for donations of frozen turkeys, chickens, non-perishable grocery items and paper goods. The Joseph House truck will be in the parking lot of St. Francis de Sales Church on November 19<sup>th</sup> to accept these donations. Non-perishable items may also be placed in the bins located in the back of the church.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS** - *Confirmation* meeting after 5:30 Mass on November 11<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

Director Liza Alvarado [lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org](mailto:lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org) Download our free registration here.

[http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual\\_Consent\\_and\\_Release.pdf](http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual_Consent_and_Release.pdf)

**Autism Support Group**-November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Mercy House at 7:00pm

**ASP/Cub Scout Annual Yard Sale**-Parish Center, 7am-noon, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Family Movie Night!** At Holy Redeemer at 7:00 p.m.-A Dolphin's Tale