

The Sentinel

March 28, 2018

Principal's Message

This week our Church celebrates the greatest mystery of our faith ~ the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. As a school community, we prepare for our journey into the three holiest days of the year, the Triduum, through prayer and tradition.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning, the students and faculty will gather in the church for our annual *Holy Thursday Prayer Service*. After listening to Scripture readings and reflecting on the example of Jesus, each of the children will participate in the "hand-washing" ceremony that has become a long-standing tradition in our school.

Following the prayer service, the students will gather in the Parish Activities Center at 10:45 a.m. for the 7th grade portrayal of the *Passion Play*. Through music and dramatic presentation, middle school students will prayerfully re-enact Christ's passion and death. As the students depart the space in silence following the presentation, the tone will be set for their continued reflection and prayer over the course of the coming days.

All parents are cordially invited to join us in prayer and to witness these beautiful school traditions.

On behalf of the faculty & staff, I wish all of you a blessed celebration of Easter and an enjoyable holiday with your family.

Running with the Saints 5K – Thank You for your Support!

On Saturday we hosted our largest ever 5K event with a total of 500 runners participating! It was wonderful to see so many school families, past and present, as well as individuals from the surrounding community so generously supporting the cause and rallying to honor Michael Munsell and his family.

We were delighted to welcome Vice Mayor Sheryl Bass, U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Comstock & Council Member Marc Aveni, who joined us to show their support for

Michael and our school community.

Such a large-scale event would not have been possible without a strong team of volunteers. We wish to thank our Race Co-Chairs, Mrs. Joan Coleman and Mrs. Sue Haggerty, and the following parents who served on the committee: Mrs. Kate Cooney, Mrs. Jeanine Fehrman, Mrs. Tasha Nelson, Mr. Joe Ortiz, Mrs. Chrissie Vazquez, Mrs. Caeli Volk, Mrs. Cathy Munsell, and Mrs. Rebecca Webb. Through their efforts, they ensured a well-organized and safe event for the many who participated. Thank you, as well, to the many volunteers who donated items and to those who helped throughout the race weekend. We also want to extend a word of appreciation to Mr. Raf Perez who managed the sound and served as our DJ and to Mrs. Amy Godeaux who sang the *National Anthem* during our opening ceremony. We thank Mrs. Myra Hayde of our Maintenance Team for leading the pack on her scooter and, of course, Fr. Noah for his support and participation. From start to finish, it was a great celebration of the goodness and strength of our community and an occasion that the Munsells will long remember.

Thank you to our Running with the Saints 5K Sponsors!

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Kindergarten Openings for 2018-2019

A select number of openings are still available in the Kindergarten Program for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a great opportunity for families in our community who may be hoping to send their child to All Saints but have heard that openings are limited due to high demand. Please invite families who may be interested in the Kindergarten program to contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio at [\(703\) 393-1490](tel:7033931490) or jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org for more information.

Remember, current parents who refer families into our program may earn up to \$400.00 in tuition credit per year through our New Student Referral Program!

Advanced Band – Superior Ratings at Festival!

Congratulations to the members of the All Saints Advanced Band for their stellar performance at the Arlington Diocese Band Festival on Saturday. The band was awarded two *Superior* ratings from the judges and was assessed as an outstanding band in the diocese. These ratings mark the 40th time that our band has been awarded the highest rating at the festival. Both the beginner and the advanced bands are now getting ready for another exciting performance at a competition to be held at Busch Gardens in May.

Congratulations, All Saints Band, and thank you, Mr. Ward, for inspiring our students to excellence!

13th Annual Race for Education

Volunteers have been meeting Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to process Race for Education donations. We will need many hands in April to process donations that come in over the Easter break. If you are in need of earning shares, please consider signing up to help.

Any amount of time you can help is appreciated! Check this link for volunteer times: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e99d6da9>

As of yesterday our Race deposit total is: **\$3,181.00**.

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Saint John Paul the Great will be offering numerous summer sports and enrichment camps for rising 4th - 12th graders. Camps include:

- Girls Cheerleading
- Boys Lacrosse
- Boys Football
- Art
- Intro to Computers
- Camp Quintessential - a leadership camp

For more information on all our camp offerings (as well as a link for registration) please visit our website at <http://www.jpthegreat.org/2018/03/2018-summer-camps-announced>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CRS Rice Bowl – Contributions due Today!

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office. Please be sure to include a reference to “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds received will be totaled and forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Students who have contributed to the project are reminded to bring their rice bowls to school tomorrow. They will be invited to place their empty boxes on tables arranged in the shape of a cross as they process into church for our Holy Thursday Prayer Service, a gesture symbolizing their sacrificial giving during the Lenten season.

NJHS Easter Food Collection

In conjunction with the Lenten Rice Bowl initiative, All Saints Catholic School families are invited to participate in a food drive to assist the Bethany Food Pantry in providing an Easter meal for less fortunate families in our community.

Grade levels are invited to donate items as listed below on Thursday morning. The students of the National Junior Honor Society will then package the meals so that they may be distributed by the food pantry staff on Good Friday.

Grade 8	1 Can of Vegetables (Carrots, Corn, Mixed)
Grade 7	1 Can of Fruit
Grade 6	1 Box of Side Dish Potatoes
Grade 5	1 Canned Ham
Grade 4	1 Can of Pie Filling
Grade 3	1 Box of Pie Crust Mix
Grade 2	1 Can of Fruit
Grade 1	1 Can of Vegetables (Carrots, Corn, Mixed)
Kindergarten	1 Can of Sweet Potatoes
Pre-K	2 Boxes of Biscuit or Corn Muffin Mix

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

This year Junior Achievement will be held from May – June, 2018 for grades K-7. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to teach the class sessions! You must be VIRTUS certified to volunteer. Please look for an informational letter which will be going home later in the week. If you have previously volunteered and know that you would like to volunteer again, please contact Mary Ann Rackowski, the JA Site Coordinator for ASCS at maryann.rackowski@gmail.com.

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers 1 week day camps called Camp Broadway, Drama Bootcamp, Arts & Crafts Fun Camp, and Art Explorer Camp this July at All Saints in Manassas and the Church of the Nativity in Burke. Older Teens will enjoy advanced level training in Acting, Dance, Music, and Art while younger kids will be introduced to wonderful new activities through drama and art. Students are split by age group and placed in small classes to maximize instruction. All teachers are masters of their subject and are strong Catholics. This is truly a unique opportunity. See www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to learn more!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 29th

- Holy Thursday
- NJHS Easter Food Collection
- Prayer Service (Church/9:30 a.m.)
- 7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal

Friday, March 30th

- Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 2nd

- Holiday – Easter Week

Monday, April 9th

- Classes Resume
- Transition to Summer Uniforms

Tuesday, April 10th

- PTO Executive Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 11th

- Little Medical School – Final Class & Graduation

Thursday, April 12th

- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 13th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- End of 3rd Quarter

Saturday, April 14th

- Diocesan Science Fair

Wednesday, April 18th

- Gold Medal Readers Celebration (1:15 p.m.)
- Alumni Committee Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 20th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- *Race for Education* Prize Cards Distributed

Newsletter Links

- Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps – www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com
- [HelpCounter Volunteer Log-In](#) (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities)
- [Uniform Closet Request Form](#)
- [UNIFORM CLOSET GUIDELINE-Updated Jan. 2018](#)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)