

# The Sentinel

December 4, 2019

## Principal's Message

Next Thursday we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the church. Immediately following the liturgy, the students will gather around the Statue of Mary in the courtyard where they will learn more about the feast day and pray one Decade of the Rosary.

*Students are cordially invited to bring single roses to school on Thursday, December 12 to be presented to the Statue of Our Lady by class representatives.*

After the ceremony, the students will process to the Parish Activities Center where they will enjoy authentic Mexican treats and the music of the parish Guadalupe Choir. We look forward to this joyful celebration of Our Lady and hope that many of you will be able to join us for this beautiful tradition.

Thanks to the very generous response of families in our community who participated in the Thanksgiving Luncheon, we received \$1,200.00 to benefit the St. Lucy Project as part of *Catholic Schools Care about Catholic Charities Week*. Thank you for your continued kindness and support of this important ministry that benefits the poor in our region!

*With God All Things Are Possible!*

### A Prayer for Advent ~ Week I

All-powerful God,  
increase our strength of will for doing good  
that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming  
and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven,  
where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### #JustOneYes (JOY)

During this Advent, all families are encouraged to follow in the footsteps of Mary of Nazareth, a simple girl whose "yes" to God changed the world. Commit to daily Rosary, daily Mass, your favorite prayer, an extra holy hour a week, to volunteer at your parish or anything that brings you closer to Christ.

Register your #JustOneYes at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/JustOneYes](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/JustOneYes). receive daily meditations during Advent and Christmas.

#JustOneYes to God could change you, your family, your community. Like Mary's "yes" to God, it can change the world!

### **All Saints Christmas Pageant**

The students of Grades K, 1, 4, 5 & 6 will participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, The Living Crèche. Please note the following information:

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Students report to the narthex of the church by 6:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to report by 6:25 p.m.)

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

*Students in Grades K, 1, 4, and 5 are asked to wear their school uniforms. Some students in Grade 6 will be in costume.*

### **Open House for 2020-2021 School Year**

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, January 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation and introduction at 9:00 a.m., tours of the facility will be provided. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, administrative assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

### **Virtues in Practice**

Virtue for the Month of December: Generosity

Definition: Giving without counting the cost

Saints of the Month: St. Nicholas (PreK-2), St. Mary Magdalene (3-5), St. Maximilian Kolbe (6-8)

### **Cafeteria Volunteers Needed**

The cafeteria is in need of volunteers to assist in serving milk & ice cream and providing serving line supervision. A regular weekly commitment is ideal however any other level of commitment is welcome! Please check help counter for volunteer opportunities or contact Carol Rice [ckrice@verizon.net](mailto:ckrice@verizon.net) for additional information. <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e9a4d205>

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **Annual Fund 2019-2020**

During our 2019-2020 **Empowering the Next Generation** campaign, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on the difference that All Saints makes in your child's life and to show your support through Gifts of Prayer, Gifts of Involvement & Gifts of Financial Participation.

All proceeds from this year's campaign will focus on expanding **innovations in learning** in the following areas.

- Studio space in the library to produce a student-run morning newscast and special video projects. Goal = \$5,000
- Next-Gen ACTIV Panels to replace ACTIV Boards Goal = \$10,000

Your gift – *no matter the size* – **will benefit your child** now and into the future as we invest in these state-of-the-art resources for our students.

In advance, thank you for your continued generous support of All Saints!

**Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service – Tomorrow, December 5 (7:00 p.m.)**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 5 and join us for an *Evening with Saint Nicholas*. This has become a beautiful tradition here at All Saints and a wonderful way to start off our Advent season. The evening will begin with an Advent Prayer Service and traditional Advent carols in the church at 7:00 p.m. The “Procession of Shoes” will be led by Saint Nicholas himself. Then join us in the Parish Activities Center for cookies and cocoa where Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos (please bring our own camera). We ask that you bring a donation of a pair of new shoes in honor of Saint Nicholas. All donations will go to House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes.**)

Questions please contact Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at [sarah.roccograndi@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.roccograndi@gmail.com)

**Manassas Christmas Parade (December 7)**

All Saints Catholic School will again participate in *the Annual Manassas Christmas Parade!* For more details about the event, including a permission slip for participation, please see the link below. Parents are asked to forward permission slips to the office by tomorrow, December 5.

[Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2019](#)

**“Baskets of Joy” to Benefit the Children of the Saint Gabriel Mission (December 13)**

The National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a “Baskets of Joy” outreach project to benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission. Families interested in participating may donate any of the following items: toys, games, stuffed animals, books, coloring books, crayons, candy, etc. Donations should be given to your child’s teacher no later than December 13. Students from the NJHS will then sort and deliver the items to the Saint Gabriel Mission. Through the generosity of our school families, we will bring joy to the less fortunate children in our community.

**Bethany Food Pantry Collection (December 17)**

The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur on Tuesday, December 17. Our

theme for the December collection is “*Holiday Desserts*”. Students are invited to donate apples, oranges, flour, sugar, oil, cake mixes, cookie mixes and icing. Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival. In advance, thank you for your generous support of this parish outreach to the local Manassas community.

### **Applications for 2020-2021**

Applications for new students for academic year 2020-2021 are now available. Again this year, All Saints Catholic School is offering an *Early Acceptance* deadline of **Friday, December 6** for new families looking to secure their spot in our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for the upcoming year. For planning purposes, current families wishing to enroll a **new** child in our program are encouraged to also apply by this deadline.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight may request an application via email at the following address: [schooloffice@allsaintsva.org](mailto:schooloffice@allsaintsva.org). As requests are received, applications will be sent home to families with the youngest child currently enrolled in our school.

### **FACTS Tuition Assistance Application 2020-2021**

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid is now available online. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

- [2020-2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program Overview](#)
- [2020-2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program Overview Espanol](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#)

High School Deadline – January 10, 2020  
Elementary School Deadline – March 18, 2020

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, Administrative Assistant, at 703-393-1490 or [jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org](mailto:jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org).

## **Upcoming Events**

*Thursday, December 5*

- Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

*Friday, December 6*

- School Mass – St. Nicholas (8:30 a.m.)
- Spelling Bee (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Early Acceptance Deadline – New Pre-K & K Applicants

*Saturday, December 7*

- Manassas Christmas Parade

*Monday, December 9*

- Advent Wreath Prayer Service (8:15 a.m.)

*Tuesday, December 10*

- Trimester I Report Cards Sent Home
- PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens
- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

*Wednesday, December 11*

- Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

*Thursday, December 12*

- School Mass & Reception – Our Lady of Guadalupe (8:30 a.m.)

*Friday, December 13*

- Spirit Wear Day (Free!)
- Deadline for Donations: “Baskets of Joy”
- PTO Sponsored Pottery Painting Event (Gym/6:00-8:00 p.m.)

*Monday, December 16*

- Advent Wreath Prayer Service (8:15 a.m.)

*Tuesday, December 17*

- Food Pantry Collection – “Holiday Desserts”
- Advent Parish Penance Service (6:30 p.m.)

*Thursday, December 19*

- Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant and Reception (10:00 a.m.)
- Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to Christmas Holiday
- Christmas Pageant (Dress Rehearsal at 1:45 p.m. & Evening Performance at 7:00 p.m.)

*Friday, December 20*

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Schola Christmas Concert (10:00 a.m.)
- Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

*Monday, December 23*

- Christmas Holiday Begins

*Monday, January 6*

- Classes Resume

*Tuesday, January 7*

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

*Thursday, January 9*

- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

*Friday, January 10*

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- FACTS Grant & Aid Application Deadline for High Schools

### **Newsletter Links**

- [Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2019](#)
- [RE-REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#)
- [Pilgrim Virgin Statue Sign-Up](#)
- [Help Counter](#)
- [Online Application for Diocesan Background Check Application](#)
- [VIRTUS](#) – use this link to sign up for VIRTUS training sessions