

The Sentinel

December 11, 2019

Principal's Message

Last Thursday a number of families gathered for an *Evening with St. Nicholas*, an Advent prayer service followed by a reception in the Parish Activities Center. Through music, readings and prayer, the children had an opportunity to learn more about the life and legacy of St. Nicholas, culminating in their presentation of 56 pairs of shoes at the foot of the altar. All of the shoes collected during the event, plus those collected following the event totaled 70 pairs of shoes which have been donated to House of Mercy to benefit the needy in our local community. Thank you to those who participated in this event and who through their generosity have helped to brighten the lives of those less fortunate.

Thank you, Mrs. Roccograndi, for once again organizing this beautiful event for our school community. I also wish to thank the members of the Schola who led the music under the direction of Miss McPhilamy as well as the volunteer parents who assisted with the many details behind the scenes. Festive and prayerful, it was an event that captured the spirit of Advent.

On Saturday some of our students and parents participated with our school float in the *Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade*. I want to thank Mrs. Stephanie Filippone and her family for coordinating the construction of the float and the many details that led to such a wonderful experience for those who participated. It was great to see our students proudly riding the float and providing witness to the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior.

Tomorrow 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 tomorrow 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 bread 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.

With God All Things Are Possible!

A Prayer for Advent – Week II

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who 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. and 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. 6th 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Inclement Weather Policy

During the onset of a storm and/or predicted inclement weather, All Saints Catholic School will continue to follow the decisions of Prince William County Public Schools regarding schedule changes.

In the days following the weather event, All Saints Catholic School will make an independent decision. Similarly, the school will also make an independent decision when only severely cold temperatures impact the schedule for Prince William County Public Schools.

All decisions regarding schedule changes, both on those occasions when we follow the county as well as when we make an independent decision, will be announced to the community via SchoolMessenger.

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!

“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.

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.

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.

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 for additional information. <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e9a4d205>

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 12

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

Friday, December 13

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

Monday, December 16

- Advent Wreath Prayer Service (8:15 a.m.)
- 2nd Grade Christmas Around the World (FKH/12:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 17

- Food Pantry Collection – “Holiday Desserts”
- Parish Advent 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.)
- Rise & Read Celebration (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 10

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

Monday, January 13

- Scantron Testing Begins (Through January 31)
- Geography Bee (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 15

- Deadline: Re-Registration Fees for 2020-2021

Thursday, January 16

- PTO Helping Hands (PAC/5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 17

- School Mass – St. Anthony, Abbot (8:30 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- Past Due: [RE-REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#) (Elementary School Deadline: 3-18-20)
- [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