

The Sentinel - March 31, 2021

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 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, the students, faculty and staff will participate in our annual Holy Thursday Prayer Service that will take place via Zoom. A link to the online meeting follows below.

Time: Apr 1, 2021 11:00 AM

[Holy Thursday Prayer Service - Zoom Invite](#)

Meeting ID: 872 1898 6718

Passcode: 944297

Following the prayer service, the students will view a recorded presentation of the Stations of the Cross, produced by our 7th & 8th grade students under the direction of Mr. Tessier and Miss McPhilamy. Although we are unable to gather to witness the annual Passion Play, we are hopeful that this online presentation will provide a time of reflection for our school community as we prepare for the sacred days ahead.

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

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Task Force Updates (Transition Planning – April 12)

As we continue to prepare for the transition to four days of in-person instruction per week for grades 3-8 beginning on April 12, we are pleased to provide the following updates.

- Lunch – Students will continue to eat in their classrooms and, as weather allows, will be encouraged to enjoy lunch outside in our beautiful courtyard or the area near the Rosary Garden.
- Restroom Access – With the physical distancing standard reduced to three feet, we will be increasing restroom access from two to three individuals at a time.
- Afternoon Dismissal – We will continue our current practice of releasing students from the building as their carpool numbers are posted and loading vehicles in the designated areas. In order to accommodate an increase in the number of cars, we will be making a couple of adjustments to the parking plan. Details will be forwarded to parents via a separate email tomorrow.

- School Mass – For the remainder of the year and as the parish schedule allows, students will attend Mass twice per month with the A/B classes rotating on a weekly basis.

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of April: Obedience

Definition: Saying “yes” to the loving will of God and those He has set over us.

Saints: Our Lady (PK-2), St Juan Diego (3-5), St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (6-8)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Message from the Nurse – Travel Guidelines for Easter

- In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction takes place, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.
- Keep these items on hand when venturing out: a face mask, tissues, and hand sanitizer.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public settings. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you. It’s important to do this everywhere — both indoors and outdoors.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

For those who are traveling, here is the most recent information and recommendations from the CDC and VDOH.

[VDOT Top Things to Know When Traveling](#)

[CDC Travel Guidance during COVID](#)

After International Air Travel during COVID-19:

You may have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels. You may feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can be contagious without symptoms and spread the virus to others. You and your travel companions (including children) pose a risk to your family, friends, and community for 14 days after you travel.

Recommendations for Returning from Travel:

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.

- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

CRS Rice Bowl Collection

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 no later than tomorrow, Thursday, April 1. 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.

Open House – April 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, April 21 via Zoom beginning at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490 or nweaver@allsaintsva.org.

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12

Into its 17th summer hosted by our local Catholic Churches, [instructors for these camps combine their professional arts backgrounds and faith to create a marvelous experience in July](#) for high school teens, middle school, and elementary youth. **Broadway Spotlight** and **Drama Bootcamp** include presenters from the *Kennedy Center*, *Off-Broadway*, *Ringling Brothers*, and a *VA Teacher of the Year*. **Art Camps** are taught by *Diocesan Catholic School Art Teachers with award winning backgrounds*.

Young people from various experience levels are welcome. Camps are designed to both be fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts. This month and through April, **all camps are \$20 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt**. Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

Upper Room Theatre Ministry presents Spring Cabaret

Now in its 20th anniversary season, Upper Room Theatre Ministry's (URTM) jam-packed annual Cabaret kicks off its new season and features something for everyone with three performances: **Friday, April 30 at 7:30pm, Saturday, May 1 at 3:00pm, and Saturday, May 1 at**

7:30pm.

In celebration of being named BroadwayWorld's "Community Theatre of the Decade" for the entire DC region, the show opens with a Broadway music revue featuring stars from URTM's last 10 years of shows. Next up is the Fools! interactive comedy improv troupe with hilarious hijinks that YOU get to influence. Finally, you'll experience a one-act play on its way to regional competition. You're guaranteed a memorable, fun evening perfect for the whole family!

More information and online ticket sales can be found on the URTM website at upperroomtheatreministry.org/

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 1

- Holy Thursday Prayer Service (Zoom/11:00 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal

Friday, April 2

- Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 5

- Easter Holiday Begins

Monday, April 12

- Classes Resume
- Change to Summer Uniforms
- In-Person Instruction – 4 Days Per Week for Grades 3-8 Begins

Thursday, April 15

- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 20

- ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5 & 8)
- PTO General Assembly Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 21

- ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5 & 8)
- Open House (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 22

- 8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 23

- Parish Festival Prep Day – Cancelled
- eLearning Day

Wednesday, April 28

- Title I Parent Workshop (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 30

- Trimester III Interim Reports
- Kindergarten Screening

Monday, May 3

- Scantron Testing Begins (Through May 21)

Tuesday, May 4

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

Friday, May 7

- Kindergarten Screening