

The Sentinel Newsletter

March 2, 2022

Principal's Message

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

Each of the students has received a cardboard rice bowl into which they can place their donations during Lent. All of the funds will benefit CRS Rice Bowl which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion, or nationality.

While the act of sacrificial giving is an important part of our Lenten tradition, the experience takes on even greater meaning when our students understand the plight of those less fortunate and recognize the difference that they can make to alleviate suffering. So that the children may develop this appreciation of the needs of those around the world, each week of Lent the teachers will lead discussions and lessons using the materials made available by Catholic Relief Services. It is our hope that these conversations will inspire sacrificial giving among our students as they place their contributions into their Rice Bowls. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to convert the contributions from their children into a check to be submitted to All Saints after which our school will forward all of the funds to the diocese.

Here are some strategies that you may wish to consider in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the online *Stories of Hope* and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes for simple meals can be found on the CRS website.

For more information, including spiritual reflections, short video presentations on the topic of Lent, and even virtual Stations of the Cross, please see the link below.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Again this year, we will introduce our students to the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, another devotion of our Church. With this in mind, we will pray the modified prayer found below at the close of the day in place of the *Hail Mary* on Fridays during Lent.

Helpful resources and the history of the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be found at the following link.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

Lord, I thank you, for your merciful love and your faithfulness

Divine Mercy Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Virtues in Practice

Virtue of the Month: Respect

Definition: Recognizing the dignity of all people.

Saints: St. Jeanne Jugan (Gr. PK-2), St. Damien of Molokai (Gr. 3-5), St. John Paul II (Gr. 6-8)

St. Patrick Coloring Contest

Recently students in kindergarten through 4th grade participated in the St. Patrick Coloring Contest sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We congratulate the following two students from All Saints who were selected as winners among the many participating from schools in our diocese.

Kateri H. (2nd Place – Second Grade)

Rose T. (3rd Place – Third Grade)

Important Reminders

PTO General Assembly Meeting (March 8 @ 7:00 p.m.)

The next PTO General Assembly Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We look forward to providing an update regarding the DFE Self-Study process and highlights from the related parent survey.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89024953926?pwd=dGt4OFV5RWs3RXBzSEhuZkF1ck9lQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 2495 3926

Passcode: 822084

Open House – March 15 (7:00 p.m.)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. 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. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2022-2023

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

Tuition Assistance

Elementary Schools- March 16, 2022

- 2021 tax returns and W-2s are required for verification by FACTS

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

Spirit Event:

Stop by Fosters Grille in Old Town Manassas on Monday March 14th from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM to support the PTO.

DINING FOR DOLLARS

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 3

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 7

Lenten Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 8

PTO General Assembly Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 9

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 10

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

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

Friday, March 11

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Teacher Report Card Prep)

End of Trimester II

Uniform Exchange (11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 14

Diocesan Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day

Deadline: Running with the Saints 5K Art Contest

Tuesday, March 15

Spirit Wear Day

Open House (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 17

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 18

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, March 19

Running with the Saints 5K (8:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Monday, March 21

Lenten Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Bread of Life Food Drive Kick-Off Event (2:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 23

Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 24

Diocesan 8th Grade Vocations Mass with the Bishop (All Saints)

Friday, March 25

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

5th Grade Wax Museum (PAC/1:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 28

Bread of Life Food Drive Begins

Thursday, March 31

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, April 1

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Race for Education Kick-Off Assembly (2:30 p.m.)