

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 25, 2017

### To Pray and Ponder

#### To Jesus Through Mary

#### October Focus-Joyful Mysteries

#### October Virtue-Obedience

With just a little more than two months to Christmas, items appropriate to the season are already available, even at reduced costs! Among the Christmas decorations one will find a plethora of Nativity sets, ranging from beautiful Lladro (\$2299.00) to vintage plastic (less than \$10.95). Yet none of these pristine Nativity scenes can accurately picture the Third Joyful Mystery – the Birth of Jesus.

It's very difficult to imagine what it must have been like for Mary and Joseph to welcome the Savior of the world into the smelly, dirty stable surrounded by animals. Yet, that's where Jesus was born – in a simple, poor environment that few of us could envision and probably none of us will encounter. Here, as Pope Francis would say, on the "periphery" is where our God comes.

As we meditate on the Third Joyful Mystery this week, let us look around in our own community for those on the periphery whom we cannot envision to be like and those whom we avoid encountering. Go to them. There, we too, will find God.

### Catholic Identity

**Priesthood Sunday (October 29)** – For Roman Catholics, priesthood is central. The Roman Catholic priesthood is unique, unlike any other, because it is embodied and made real in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. All the men who are priests in the Catholic Church are priests in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. In and through the priesthood of Jesus Christ, Roman Catholic priests act in this world as pastoral leaders who draw people into the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. There, all that is human, even death, is transformed. The lives of Catholics are touched and changed by God through the lives and actions of priests.

As Saint Pope John Paul II said: "Without the priest, there is simply no Catholic Church."

Robert J. Silva  
*America*, October, 2003

#### Let Us Pray...

...for **elected officials**, that throughout their service, they may respect the dignity of each person

...for **priests** in the Diocese of Wilmington and an **increase in vocations to the priesthood**

... for the **family** of Mrs. Kathleen Hall

## Calendar Information

### **Wednesday, 10/25**

3:30 Golf vs. Most Blessed Sacrament-home, Green Hill

### **Thursday, 10/26**

Full day of school!

4:00 Soccer vs. St. Michaels-home

4:00-7:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences

### **Friday, 10/27**

NO SCHOOL!

8:00am-at least 1:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

### **Monday, 10/30**

3:30 Golf vs. The Country School-home, Green Hill

4:00 Soccer vs. Most Blessed Sacrament-away

### **Tuesday, 10/31**

10:00am Hallow-giving Parade to Anchorage Nursing Home

### **Wednesday, 11/1**

Second grade Saints Procession at All Saints Mass

### **Thursday, 11/2**

Fall Sports Awards Assembly during morning meeting in Parish Center

## From the Principal

**INTERIMS:** Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> marked the mid-point of the first Trimester. There is an opportunity to conference with your child's teacher to discuss progress thus far on Thursday and Friday of this week. They will likely have prescriptive suggestions for you to continue to support your student's academic success for the second half of the Trimester. Remember that you can view grades and comments from teachers in Power School anytime. A paper report will not be issued for interims. However, some teachers may provide a written report at their discretion.

**Re-enrollment:** We have begun to accept applications for Pre-K for the 2018-2019 school year. If you will have a sibling that you plan to enroll, please contact Sarah Passarell for information at [spassarell@sfdscs.org](mailto:spassarell@sfdscs.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have a **full** day of school tomorrow and no school on Friday!

## UNIFORM SWAP

### **Uniform Swap**

The next uniform swap dates are scheduled for this Friday, October the 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 pm and on Sunday, October the 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00 pm. This is purchase new items event only, not an exchange event. Don't forget to use those swap certificates.

Only maroon tights/socks/leggings will be allowed for the girls.

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## **Home and School Association**

### **Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for this Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm. There is still time for families or classes to sign up to decorate a trunk. If you would like to enter your trunk, please let Will Braxton know by emailing him at [William\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:William_braxton@comcast.net)

We will also have a small snack stand open during the event with some soft drinks, bottled water and some salty snacks for purchase. We know the kids get hungry & thirsty during the event...it's such hard work collecting candy. 😊

### **Guest Bartending**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Guest Bartending event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-9:30 pm at Hoppers. All proceeds from this event will go directly to our school's Athletic program costs. Please invite all your friends and family for this fun event. If you are interested in being a guest bartender during the event, please email Will at [William\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:William_braxton@comcast.net)

### **Spirit Night**

Our next school Spirit Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at The Greene Turtle. Flyers will be going home soon.

### **HSA DUES**

If you haven't paid your dues yet for the year, please send in your check to the school. The dues are set at \$15/child this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. Please make all checks payable to SFDS HSA. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all of our school events.

## **AFTERCARE**

1. Turn in Emergency Cards and/or your Health Inventory forms if you haven't done so.
2. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of the month. (No invoices are sent.)
3. November 15<sup>th</sup> is a half day of school. There will be aftercare. Make sure you bring a lunch including a drink. (No sodas)

## **SCRIP**

Don't forget to buy SCRIP gift cards. All profits go to the school! See Kris Reilly on most Fridays in the pick-up line. (Details in this week's church bulletin)

## **Barnes and Noble Fundraiser**

Saturday, November 25 starting at 10:00 AM

12 to 20% earnings in-store and online for week following the 25th, which includes Cyber Monday sales on the 27th

Scheduled Presentations Directed by Mrs. Birch :

11:00 Grades 4 and 5. (Socktober Challenge Book Character Projects)

12:00 Grade 7. (Readers of "The Raven")

1:00 Any Grade Volunteers. (Poem Readers)

Sales at Barnes and Noble Cafe for our patrons, also earns money for Library books.

Welcoming Table needs volunteers for 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, and 1:00pm. See Becky Birch.

\$40 Cheesecake orders from The Cheesecake Factory will be available soon and you will pay the day of the Book Fair. Have 14 slices and can be frozen up to a year. Various yummys like Peppermint, Pumpkin, Godiva Chocolate, Snickerdoodles, and Plain may be on the order form.

**SAVE THE DATE** and SPREAD THE WORD!

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## ***Parish Community Partnership***

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS** - Students in grade 7-12

Director Liza Alvarado [lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org](mailto:lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org)

Download our free registration here.

[http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual\\_Consent\\_and\\_Release.pdf](http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual_Consent_and_Release.pdf)

**Carriage House News**-You can find a large assortment of Halloween Costumes for purchase in the Carriage House. Stop by on Saturday mornings to check them out.

**Autism Support Group**-November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Mercy House at 7:00pm

**ASP/Cub Scout Annual Yard Sale**-Parish Center, November 11<sup>th</sup>