

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

DECEMBER 13, 2017

To pray and ponder

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December Focus – Luminous Mysteries

December Virtue of the Month – Joy

Sometimes it's easy to forget the humanity of Jesus. He was like us in all things, but sin. Therefore, he knew how to enjoy himself, particularly at a wedding! The second Luminous Mystery reveals the humanity of Jesus. There he was, having a good time, and a social disaster was imminent – the depletion of the wine. Mary enters the scene, as described in the Gospel of St. John, and with a quick directive to the servers, “Do whatever He tells you (John 2:5),” the disaster is averted. Jesus performs the miracle of changing water into wine and amazes the servers, the only ones who knew what was originally in the six stone water jars. Mary's advice to the servers is short and simple to remember, “Do whatever He tells you.” In our lives, following this guidance will also result in miracles. We may not always be conscious of them or recognize them immediately, but they will occur. Our faith history has proven that relying on Jesus, great things have happened to many people who have preceded us. This second week in Advent, let us pause to recall where we may need a change and ponder the ways we can, if we but “Do whatever He tells you.”

“During Advent we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness.” Pope Francis

Calendar Events

Wednesday, 12/13

4:00 pm Girls Basketball home vs. Salisbury School

5:00 pm Boys Basketball home vs. Salisbury School

Thursday, 12/14

6:30 School Christmas Pageant in Parish Center (performers from grades Prek-3 arrive at 6:00 pm)

Friday, 12/15

10:30 am Choir Caroling at Anchorage Nursing Home

Friday, 12/22

8:15 am Advent Prayer Service followed by the Academic Awards ceremony

11:00 am set up for Masses in Parish Center

Dismissal at **NOON- no aftercare** Christmas break begins!

Tuesday, 1/2

Back to School

From the Principal

Christmas Pageant –Our wonderful Pre-K through 3rd grade students will present our annual school Christmas pageant in the Parish Center at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. Students who are performing should arrive no earlier than 6:00pm.

Re-enrollment: We are so excited that more than 60% of current families have taken advantage of the reduced registration fee in the month of November! We appreciate your commitment and faith in Catholic Schools. Please be reminded that **after January 1st the re-registration fee will increase** from \$50 per student to \$75 and we will be enrolling new families.

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program- The Diocese of Wilmington has begun to accept applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year. In order to be considered for assistance, families must be registered for the coming school year. We will be sending this information in hard copy form this week with youngest student in each family. You can also access the parent letter from the Diocese and the application information from this e-folder. [CLICK HERE](#)

*I want to thank the H.S.A. board and Heather Hillaert and her team of volunteers for the huge effort they put in to prepare for the Santa Social. I know the decision to cancel when the weather forecast was calling for a foot of snow was difficult. There are so many facets to consider for this fundraiser including notifying the vendors in time.

Home and School Association

Santa Social

We apologize that the Santa Social was cancelled this year due to the impending winter storm. With the busyness of the holiday approaching, we will be unable to reschedule it for this Christmas season. We are looking into the possibility of having a pancake breakfast later this winter. If you are interested in chairing this potential event, please let the HSA know.

CURRENT HSA HOURS

As you work on your volunteer hours for the current year, please feel free to turn them in monthly. Will Braxton is coordinating the volunteer hours this year and is updating the spreadsheets each month. As you work to complete your 30 hours, you can email him at Will_braxton@comcast.net

PAST HSA HOURS/DUES

The HSA board is in the process of generating bills for last year's volunteer hours. If you completed your hours for the 2016-2017 year but failed to submit them, please let us know so we can update our records. Per your tuition contract, each family is required to complete 30 volunteer hours or pay a fee of \$10/hour of volunteer time not completed.

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 our school events.

AFTERCARE

1. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of each month. (No invoices are sent.)
2. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

The Performing Arts

Christmas Pageant –Our wonderful Pre-K through 3rd grade students will present our annual school Christmas pageant in the church at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. Students who are performing please arrive by 6:00pm.

Choir-Our wonderful choir will travel to Anchorage Nursing Home to perform Christmas carols for residents.

Music Man-Eighth graders have begun rehearsing for their annual play! They will be taking a field trip to SU on Monday, 12/18 to visit the performance space in the Black Box Theater.

Parish Community Partnership

Parish- Did you know that the Parish has a new mobile app? [Click here](#) for instructions to down load to your mobile device.

Joseph House Ministries- the Joseph House is still in need of food such as canned turkeys, hams and other non-perishables. Donations will be picked up in the church on December 17th.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS-(grades7-12)

December 15th Next Deadline OC Rally, Jan. 5th - 7th – \$100 Includes Hotel. Fantastic Music and Speakers!

December 16th Youth Christmas party Grinch style/Ugly socks, shirts, anything! 6:30 p.m. Elephant gift exchange. Make sure your item is in good shape!

Appalachia Service Project Students –Schedule your volunteer hours! Contact Joe or Casey Flanagan at jflanagan771@gmail.com.