

April 2017

# Holy Rosary Review

## Important

### Dates:

**April 3:**  
Confession Grades  
2-5

**April 4:**  
Confession Grades  
6-8

**April :**  
Grades 6-8 Trip to  
Mutter Museum

**April 11:**  
Living Stations 7pm

**April 12:**  
Easter Egg Hunt/  
Living Stations/  
Noon Dismissal

**April 13-17:**  
Easter Break

**April 18:**  
Classes Resume

**April 25:**  
2nd Grade to Dr,  
Seuss/

Spring Pictures

**April 28:**  
Progress Reports

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## From the Principal's Desk

April 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We just changed our sign outside to say, "Everyone needs a Simon; whose cross are you helping to carry?"

Some days I am completely overwhelmed by the number of people among us who are need of our help and God's mercy. Our school's goal this Lent was to be more kind, but perhaps that is not enough. Perhaps a more proactive approach to kindness and mercy will really place us in the shadow of Christ as He begins his final journey for us.

Are there people in your life who need your help and are not getting it? Are there children in your life who need more guidance to help them be better Christians and better people in general? Are you praying every day for the sick among our community? Do you read the weekly memo and say aloud the names at the top and offer a prayer of gratitude that you are not among them, and a prayer for God's Grace to strengthen them during their trials and tribulations? Do you try to walk in the shoes of your neighbor or enemy to better understand why they act as they do? Are you feeding the homeless, clothing the poor, and/or giving shelter (or protection, even in the broadest sense) to those who are victims of abuse, intolerance, and petty accusations?

We have just entered the last week before Holy Week, so our Lenten time is quickly passing, but the most difficult week of Christ's life is approaching. There are many who share in His suffering. Let's all commit ourselves to easing the pain of those around us for the remainder of this Lenten journey and perhaps it will become our new habit.

Whose Simon will you be?

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

*One Faith, One Family, One School*





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## Did You Know...

### **Mrs. Koneski/Mrs.Pickering- Kindergarten:**

The Kindergarten has been busy learning about the season of Lent. They understand the importance of Jesus' death and how much He loves them. They know they should be doing good deeds during Lent and they shared with their classmates what they are doing. They love learning about the stations and look forward to watching the 8th Grade performance of the Living Stations. They wish everyone a Happy Easter.

### **Mrs. Gilman-First Grade:**

First Grade continues their study of Lent and Holy Week. We have been preparing for the Resurrection by doing good deeds, sacrificing and saying extra prayers. Our Lenten journey is marked by our many footprints, leading to the Resurrection, on our hallway wall. When it gets closer to Holy Week, we will re-enact Palm Sunday by processing down the hallways with Jesus on a donkey(stick horse); with the crowd waving palms; praising the Lord and laying down cloaks.

We are learning to write "How To's ". We started with "How to Make a Snowman". Our unit will culminate with "How to Blow a Bubble"-complete with real bubble gum chewing and bubble blowing (don't tell Mrs. Hoban!); writing the "How To"; graphing how many of us can blow a bubble and creating a self portrait with a blown up pink balloon shooting out of our mouths.

Be sure to visit our work in the first floor hallway!!

### **Ms. Prieto 2nd Grade:**

Second grade has been studying and celebrating the works of Dr. Seuss. We are going to see Seussical the Musical at Archbishop Carroll in April.

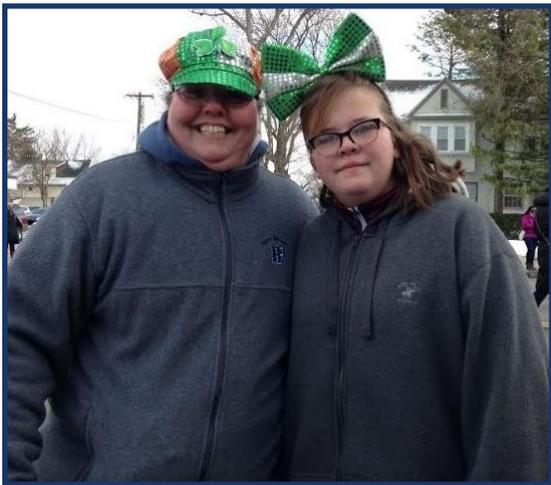
### **Ms. Elizalde 6-8 ELA:**

Grades 6-8 will be visiting the Mutter Museum.

Also, Grade 7 will start a mock trial program with The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement. The trial will be based on the kidnapping in "The Call of the Wild."

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## Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade



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### BoxTops For Education Coordinator Needed!

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Hello Box Top clippers! There is an opening for a new Box Top Coordinator! I am retiring after 5 fun years. It's a very rewarding position so please consider it. There is more information about coordinators on BTFE.com. Please check it out! I am also willing to answer any questions you may have. Contact **Luisa Kelly** at [Aidankl@msn.com](mailto:Aidankl@msn.com)

Thank you everyone for all your submissions all these years that earned money for Holy Rosary! The focus is to keep this going so please consider volunteering your time.

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## Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

### Fr. McCreehy—Pastor St. Paul's Parish

As the glorious season of Easter approaches, our holy inclination should be to reflect on that joyful day Christ rose from the dead. There's much more to reflect upon than the most obvious "Christ Is Risen." Our faith doesn't only revolve around what happened on Easter morning. That day of the Lord's Resurrection had an afternoon and evening to it. The whole day was sanctified by actions of the Risen Lord. And His actions that Sunday have set in motion the Church's response to the Resurrection.

On the afternoon of his Resurrection, Christ appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). This is a monumental moment in the unfolding of Christianity. Not recognizing Him and dismayed that their hopes in Jesus of Nazareth had been dashed on Friday, Jesus quotes the Scriptures and explains them. After this, the disciples invite Him to stay and dine with them. He does; and, upon "breaking bread with them," He repeats what He said at the Last Supper. In other words, He gives them His Body and Blood. Immediately they recognize Him in what had been the bread and wine. Although He then disappears, their hearts are filled with joy because they sense Him even more present to them, "within" themselves, than they did when he was sitting across from them at the table. They run back to the upper room where the Apostles were gathered and proclaim the Good News. Does any of this sound familiar?

What Christ was actually doing was celebrating what we have come to know as "the Mass." Note how He proclaims the Scriptures (our readings at Mass), and then explains (the homily), after which the disciples invite to stay with them (our presentation of the bread and wine, during which we bring forth what is necessary for Him "to stay with us"). Then follows the narrative of Last Supper and the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood. This whole scenario concludes with the disciples leaving in joy to proclaim their experience of the Risen Lord (our final blessing and sending-forth). On that Easter Sunday, Our Lord repeated the Last Supper, with the heightened enlightenment that His precious Body and Blood was the communication of an intimate share in His resurrection. Stop and think! Jesus Himself celebrated His own day of resurrection with the Mass! Should we wonder how special and necessary the Mass is in our lives? By his actions our Saviour Himself is telling us how we are to commemorate the mysteries of His life-giving death and resurrection. The Mass is an essential element of true Christianity. But the wonders of that first Easter didn't end with the "Road to Emmaus." There's more.

That Easter evening, Christ appears to the Apostles gathered still in that upper room. The first words of their Lord were "Peace be with You... whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them..." (John 20:19-23). What Jesus was saying is something unbelievably loving. He is literally saying He knows his people will diminish or even destroy the benefits of His redemptive death and resurrection by sinning again (even after all His suffering and death for them). But He loves us so much that He initiates a way for us to recapture this essential share in His redemptive death and resurrection. He establishes what we now know as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the ultimate expression of His desire not to lose any of those for whom He willingly suffered, died and rose again. This sacrament is the tender and powerful expressive of His love and patience for us, as unworthy as we might be. It is proof that He'll never give up on us. Lovingly and constantly He offers us re-intimacy with the graces of His redemptive death and resurrection. "Going to confession, as we refer it, is truly and deeply an Easter sacrament.

Gloriously, let us revel in our blessed experiences of Easter morning, noon and evening all year long: Our holy Mass, our Eucharist, and our Sacrament of Reconciliation. These constitute us being an Easter people. Alleluia!

## April Lunch Menu

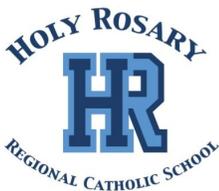
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Pizza Day w/Fruit	Hot Dog/Sweet Corn/Milk	Steak sandwich/Sun Chips	Chick-fil-a lunch 1	Tuna or Cheese Hoagie/Apple Slices	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Pizza/cookies	Burgers/Tater Tots/Milk	Noon Dismissal	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Easter Monday	Hot Dog/ Veggie Straws	Meatball Sub	Chick-fil-a lunch 2	Bacon,egg and Cheese on a Bagel/Apple Sauce/Milk	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Pizza/Gogurt/Milk	Burgers/Chips or Fruit	Mini Pasta in Red Sauce	Chicken Patty Sandwich/Pasta Salad/Milk	Tomato Pie/Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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## 2015/2016 Home & School Association Board Members



### Executive Board

- President – Beth Fish
- Vice President – Anthony Garcia
- Treasurer - Lisa Salamone
- Recording Secretary - Athena Lahatto
- Corresponding Secretary - Nicole Coey

### Committees

- Fundraising -  
Kim Taglieber & Sharon Rupprecht
- Beautification-Nicole Marino
- Hospitality– Katie Leahy
- Lead Homeroom Parent -Melissa Dollarton
- Marketing – Amy Porter

# April Calendar

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Parent Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Grade 8 Spaghetti Dinner
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> "B" Confessions Gr. 2-5, 1:30 Clubs Week 1	<b>4</b> "C" Confessions Gr. 6-8, 1:30	<b>5</b> "D"	<b>6</b> "E"	<b>7</b> "A" Grades 6-8 Mutter Museum Genuardi Essay due to Lisa	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> "B" Clubs #2	<b>11</b> "C" 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Family Court Living Stations 7 PM	<b>12</b> "D-Short" Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 Living Stations 10:30 Noon Dismissal	<b>13</b> No School	<b>14</b> No School	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Happy Easter!	<b>17</b> No School	<b>18</b> "D"	<b>19</b> "E"	<b>20</b> "A"	<b>21</b> "B"	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> "C" Clubs #3	<b>25</b> "D" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade to Dr. Seuss Spring Pictures	<b>26</b> "E"	<b>27</b> "A"	<b>28</b> "B" Progress Reports	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>					

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## Tuition Assistance Opportunities for Holy Rosary Families



There are several sources of tuition assistance available to Holy Rosary families. These opportunities are made possible through the generous support of various businesses and foundations. A number of these opportunities require interested families to go through an outside application process. Other opportunities become available because of direct donations to Holy Rosary from generous parishioners of affiliated parishes.

The available opportunities and related application processes are outlined below. In cases in which Holy Rosary decides who the recipients will be, Holy Rosary will only consider families that have completed the application process for all funding sources for which they would qualify. Any cases of extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

If you have individual questions on applying for financial assistance, contact **Beth Hallinan** in the school office, [bhallinan@holyroaryregional.com](mailto:bhallinan@holyroaryregional.com) , 610-825-0160.

### EITC & OSTC FUNDS

Much of the available tuition assistance is made possible through **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)** and **Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC)** business donations to non-profit organizations interested in promoting education. To be eligible for EITC or OSTC funding for the 2017-2018 school year the adjusted gross income for a family with one dependent must be \$91,620 or less. For each additional dependent, the adjusted gross income threshold increases \$15,270 per child. Below is a listing of the organizations that provide EITC & OSTC funding to Holy Rosary students and an explanation of how to apply for funding from each organization. Please note: all eligible families do not necessarily receive funding. Awards are dependent on the amount of scholarship money available each year.

**Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families afford Catholic education. Holy Rosary students received almost \$32,000.00 in BLOCS funding during the 2016-2017 school year.

Application is available by going to [www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com) school code is 12730. Deadline is March 31. Early applications are strongly suggested.

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## Tuition Assistance for Holy Rosary Families

**The Bridge Foundation** is an independent non-profit organization that provides scholarship opportunities to Pennsylvania low-income families. Families must apply directly to the Bridge Foundation between May 1st and June 30th each year. Applications are only accepted during this window. Applications are available online at [www.bridgeedu.org](http://www.bridgeedu.org). Families who receive Bridge funding must complete a 40-hour community service requirement.

**The Henkels Foundation** supports benevolent, religious, educational, charitable, scientific, and literary undertakings throughout the United States.

If funds become available through the Foundation, Holy Rosary determines how to distribute the funding. Only families that have completed the BLOCS application, and who meet the eligibility requirements for EITC funding, will be considered for available Henkels funds.

## Other Funding Sources

**The Kremer Foundation** provides Catholic elementary schools with tuition grants for children from financially challenged families. The Foundation's grants are given directly to the schools; school principals select which students receive the tuition assistance. Holy Rosary received \$10,250 from the Kremer Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year.

To qualify for assistance, a family's adjusted gross income cannot exceed the federal food program's maximum family income for reduced priced meals. The 2016-2017 guidelines are not yet available. To qualify for the 2017-2018 school year, a family of four's adjusted gross income had to be less than \$44,863 ; the qualifying amount was increased by \$7,696 for each additional family member.

If Holy Rosary receives a grant from the Kremer Foundation for the 2017-2018 school year, Holy Rosary will notify families of the application process in the spring. All applications will be submitted to Holy Rosary.

## THE APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018 IS NOW OPEN. HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- WHEN UPLOADING DOCUMENTS TO SMART AID, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND ANY OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD COMPROMISE YOUR IDENTITY IS BLACKED OUT
- YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED OR CONSIDERED UNTIL **AFTER** YOU SUBMIT YOUR 2016 TAXES. YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE CONTACTED BY SMART AID ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION AND/OR ABOUT MISSING DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION. MAKE SURE YOU LOG ON TO YOUR ACCOUNT ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR 2016 TAXES TO FINISH YOUR APPLICATION
- OUR SCHOOL CODE IS 12730