

November 2014

Holy Rosary Review

Important Dates:

November 5th:
4th Grade Community Meeting

November 8th:
Lads and Ladies at Philadelphia Rock Gym

November 10:
No School/Teacher In-Service

November 13:
Market Day Orders Due/
8th Grade Universal Visitation Day/

HASA Friendly's Fund-raiser

November 14:
Noon Dismissal

November 18:
5th Grade Community Meeting

November 20:
Market Day Order Pickup

November 26:
8th Grade Retreat/
Noon Dismissal/
First Trimester Ends

November 27th:
Happy Thanksgiving
No School

November 28:
Thanksgiving Break/
No School

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Last week in mass I learned for the first time that the Jews, who were given the Ten Commandments, then added some 613 laws, each of which were determined to have equal importance; none more than another. So imagine how they must have felt when Jesus was asked in front of them, "What is **the** most important law?" In their minds, there could be no correct answer. Yet, Jesus responded with two, "Love one another as I have loved you" and "Do unto each other as you would have done unto you".

Perhaps Christ also knew that these two laws would be the most difficult for all of us and that is why he brought them to the forefront. Every day we face challenges and opportunities which test our commitment to the two most important laws of Christianity, loving each other and treating each other with kindness. It seems like it should be so simple, and yet time and again we all see how easy it is to forget about another's feelings when we act. I was blessed, as I often am when in a crisis mode, to have the Holy Spirit send someone to help, to guide, to support me. Last week, that help came in the form of a book entitled, "Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline".

The book's author challenges the reader to rethink the way we view and react to harmful behavior. Rather than to attack the person who has done harm, we should be guiding them back to the virtues which are at the core of our faith, and building unity in the process. We at Holy Rosary began this journey last week by celebrating Unity Day with our students; they were so excited with plans they developed on ways the school family could unite. But really unity has to start with us, the adults. To truly build unity, we must put a stop to gossip, negative humor, sarcasm, negative talk, and negative actions. And this must start at the top, with me.

Please join me in an alternative behavior which focuses on speaking kindly to and about others; encouraging all; using humor appropriately, paying genuine compliments (as many as you can, every day), and considering the needs of others, always. Every parent, teacher, and administrator knows that we need to model behavior every day, but what we often forget is that we model behavior every day, even that which we would not be proud of.

As we enter into the month of Thanksgiving, please know just how grateful I am for all of you and your blessed cherubs. I will pray every day that we model Christ in all we do; I would be most grateful if you would do the same for me.

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

One Faith, One Family, One School





Did You Know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering - Kindergarten:

The kindergarten has been very busy learning about the season of Fall. They love comparing the different size leaves and their colors. They learned about the importance of our firefighters, Christopher Columbus discovering America, and how much God "Our Creator" loves them. They ended October with an awesome Halloween Party hosted by the parents of KA and KB. A great time was had by all!

*Read
highlights
from our
teachers
each month!*

8th Grade: The 8th Grade Retreat is scheduled for November 26th in the church.

This is a day for the 8th Grade students to reflect on their connection with God and the changes they are encountering as they prepare for high school.

Mrs. Luthy Middle School Religion:

Grades six and seven are preparing for Confirmation in addition to their regular curriculum. Grade six created family trees, and grade seven is working on Corporal Works of Mercy Projects. Eighth grade has been working on a video project, which will be used in class as a three minute retreat. All classes have begun their service hours which are new this year to Holy Rosary.

Mrs. Gilman Physical Education:

The children in Kindergarten, first and second grades will be treated to a Karate Demonstration by DeStolfo's Gym during the week of November 18th. The children will be instructed on a variety of techniques. Always a fun activity!

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

Father McCreedy, St. Paul's Parish, Norristown

Like the multi-colored Fall foliage, the month of November brings a plethora of spirituality into our Catholic lives.

Starting on the very first day, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. On this day we joyfully commemorate the resurrection of our loved ones, our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in faith. Recalled all year long, the most noted saints in heaven are celebrated on their feast days. But, on All Saints Day we give praise and thanks to God for the whole throng of the redeemed. It is the feast day of our mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, family members and friends. It is a day to praise God for His goodness and mercy—a day of hope that we too shall follow and live forever.

On November 2nd, the Universal Church remembers with special prayers the faithful detained in Purgatory. They shall rise. Unselfishly, we pray for them, that their time be hastened. Scripture has it that “It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead ... that they might be freed from their sins” (2 Maccabees 12:45).

Taken together, November 1st and 2nd may be viewed as the Church’s “Memorial Day”.

Traditionally, November is the month dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Did you know that special graces may be obtained by visiting a cemetery anytime during the month of November? It is a pilgrimage, the merits of which can be applied to the Holy Souls. Also, as is tradition, many parishes offer the faithful opportunities to have their deceased loved ones remembered in daily Mass. Some parishes invite us to recall their names on special envelopes which are placed on the altar for the month, other parishes invite the faithful to inscribe their names in a special book placed near the sanctuary in the church.

As November progresses, we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Observed on the last Sunday of the Church liturgical year (this year on November 23rd), this solemnity invites us to proclaim our loyalty and fidelity to Christ and His Cross. Any monarch or head of state can take another’s life. But the king who can give life merits to be called “King of Kings”. This is Christ the Lord. He mercifully dispenses love, forgiveness and life from the Cross. The Cross is His throne, from which he reigns over us. Eucharistic Prayer II proclaims “We offer you Lord the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you”. May our lives be a manifestation of our sacrifice to Christ our King on the Cross from Whom we lovingly receive His precious Body and Blood offered there.

Often unnoticed in November is a beautiful reminder of Our Lady’s love for us. November 27th is the day on which Mary gave us her Miraculous Medal. That was in 1830, to St. Catherine Laboure, at 140 Rue du Bac, Paris, France. It was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but became known as Miraculous because many miracles and graces were attributed to wearing it. This medal probably is the most common adornment worn by Catholic people throughout the world. Perhaps now would be a good time to purchase one for yourselves or your children. The gift-giving season is approaching!

As we all know, the month seems to come to head on the fourth Thursday of the month, Thanksgiving Day. Before you begin the bustle of preparation for your traditional celebration of this day of thanks, why not go to Mass for the most profound expression of Thanksgiving? Grateful to God for all His blessings, we ask ourselves how to thank Him. And our hearts remember His words: Do THIS in memory of Me”. In gratitude, then join in the Mass on Thanksgiving morning. Come together as we should—as God’s Family—to celebrate at the Lord’s Table, the way all families celebrate this day. Sometimes, without realizing it, we might take for granted the many blessings that God has bestowed on our nation. Acknowledging God’s goodness to us on this day can only rain more of His mercy and blessing on our country.

Many blessings to all during this grace-filled month!

CYO News

Bob Koneski Memorial CYO Golf Outing Committee

The Bob Koneski Memorial CYO Golf Outing Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who supported us in any way. We appreciate anyone who gave a donation, was a sponsor, golfed, attended the beef and beer, or bought chances. It was a beautiful day and we hope everyone had a great time. We appreciate your generosity. Thanks to all of you we raised \$9000.00 to support the CYO. We hope to see all of you again next year. Thank you!

Holy Rosary Visits The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

On Friday, October 24th, the entire student body of Holy Rosary visited The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Thank you to our Pastors for sponsoring the trip and to Mrs. Dunsmore for her special effort organizing the events. It was a wonderful day as the the students, faculty, staff, Pastors and guests walked and recited the Rosary and celebrated with a beautiful Mass.



Box Tops for Education

A great big thank you to all BOX TOP supporters. There are thousands of Box tops collected so far. We appreciate all the enthusiasm. The children are a huge part of our success. They showed so much excitement when Mrs. Box Tops made an appearance to explain the value of every Box Top. Our goal for this year is to more than double last years submissions. We believe we have what it takes to accomplish that goal.



Box Tops have 2 deadlines a year for submissions. One in the fall and one in the spring. Please continue to clip all year long.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Luisa Kelly**, Box Top Coordinator at Aidankl@msn.com. Luisa is here to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a HUGE success this year. Happy Clipping!

Save Your Can Tabs!

Please save your can tabs! Holy Rosary participates in the can tab program for The Ronald McDonald House.

Saving them in a large plastic container (pretzels, etc) would be perfect. Please do not send them in during the year, as we do not have the storage room; Please HOLD your can tabs until June.

Market Day

Order delicious pre-cooked meals and earn back 5% of your total yearly purchases over \$200 as a rebate at the end of the year, while helping our school in the process.

November orders need to be submitted by Thursday, November 13th and pickup will be held on Thursday, November 20th between 6:30 and 7:00pm.

Questions about Market Day, please contact **Jennifer Petruccelli** at jenniferpetruccelli@comcast.net or **Eileen Heflin** at heflin618@comcast.net.



HASA News

Community Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who have already attended their children's class community meetings. There are two more meetings taking place in November:

4th Grade on Wednesday, November 5th

5th Grade on Tuesday, November 18th

These meetings will begin at 7pm and are a great way to find out more about what is going on in class. Please plan on attending and feel free to bring any questions you may have for the teachers! Thank you.

Save the Date!

Lads and Ladies - Saturday, November 8th from 6pm to 8pm

A fun evening of Rock Climbing, Light Refreshments and Raffles for the boys and that special adult lady in their life! The event will be held at the Philadelphia Rock Gym, 3500 Scotts Lane B3, Philadelphia, PA 19129. Early discount price of \$15 per person available until November 6th. Regular ticket price of \$25.00 per person begins on November 7th. (Ticket price is per person regardless if you climb or not.) Take advantage of the huge discount and register now! For any questions please email hrrfundraising@yahoo.com

You can register online by using the following link:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e99fjidq5f369772&llr=nxgquweab&showPage=true>

Want more time for climbing – please print and complete the PRG waiver ahead of time and present it at the Event Check-in Desk. <https://www.smartwaiver.com/w/52011274b9bb6>

November 13th - Eat Dinner with your School Family Night at Friendly's

Craft Show – Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th

Craft Show - Save The Date!



HOLY ROSARY

Craft Show



SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th 9-4
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7th 8-2

Still accepting Donations To keep costs at the minimum, we rely on the generosity of our school families and local businesses for donations including:

- **Gift Cards** (grocery store Script Cards, VISA Gift Cards)
- **Raffle Items** (currently looking for Getaway weekend packages, Apple Items, Tickets for Sporting Events, \$25 Restaurant Gift Cards)
- **BEVERAGE DONATION** In the past we have asked families to donate a 12 pack of water or soda per child. This year we would like to extend the option of bringing in a beverage or donating \$5.00. Please drop beverages in the front office or send \$5.00 in an envelope with your child labeled Craft Show beverage donation
- **SODA/WATER:**
 - 16oz **WATER** bottles: fifth, eighth grade
 - 12pk **COKE**: kindergarten, second grade
 - 12pk **SPRITE**: third grade
 - 12pk **DIET COKE**: first grade, fourth grade
 - 12pk **ROOT BEER**: seventh, sixth grade

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Please Solicit Sponsors The largest opportunity to set record proceeds for this year's Show. Sponsorship levels include \$100, \$250, \$450 and \$1,000. Sponsor Form available on the HR Website under "Craft Show"

DEADLINE FOR ADS IS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th

- Browse the art of over 200 **Amazing Crafters!**
- Find original **Christmas Gifts** for Family & Friends!
 - Enjoy a delicious **Breakfast and Lunch!**
 - Indulge in home made **Baked Goods!**
 - Try your luck winning great **Raffle prizes!**

Questions: Sue Frustillo sfrustillo@yahoo.com
 Karen Conte holyrosarycraftshow@gmail.com Robin Hubler rhubler1@verizon.net

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 **Lisa Moran** in the school office, lmoran@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 2015-2016 school year the adjusted gross income for a family with one dependent must be \$90,000 or less. For each additional dependent, the adjusted gross income threshold increases \$15,000. 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 \$30,000 in BLOCS funding during the 2014-2015 school year.

BLOCS applications for the 2015-2016 school year will be available in the fall at www.blocs.org.

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. 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 \$11,400 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 2015-2016 guidelines are not yet available. To qualify for the 2014-2015 school year, a family of four's adjusted gross income had to be less than \$43,568; the qualifying amount was increased by \$7,437 for each additional family member.

If Holy Rosary receives a grant from the Kremer Foundation for the 2015-2016 school year, Holy Rosary will notify families of the application process in the spring. All applications will be submitted to Holy Rosary.

Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) provides scholarships to qualifying families who live in Philadelphia to fund tuition at a private school of the family's choosing. PLEASE NOTE: Families must reside in Philadelphia to qualify; students may attend a CSF-approved school outside the Philadelphia city limits. Income eligibility requirements will be available on the CSF website www.csphiladelphia.org when they become available.

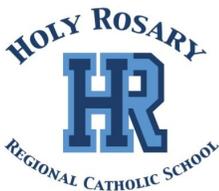
Applications will be available on the website in mid-November and are due no later than March 1. Scholarships are awarded by random lottery. Recipients are notified by mid-March.

November 2014 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
	<u>Pizza/Vanilla ice cream or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog Day</u>	<u>Mac & Cheese/Jello or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 1</u>	<u>Waffles/Bagged apple slices/Milk</u>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<u>Teachers In-Service</u>	<u>Cheeseburger/Tater Tots/Milk</u>	<u>Chicken Patty Sandwich</u>	<u>Italian Hoagie/Assorted bagged snacks or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Noon Dismissal</u>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<u>Pizza/Fruit cup/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Carrot sticks w/dip/Milk</u>	<u>Meatball Sandwich</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 2</u>	<u>Grilled Cheese/Goqurt/Milk</u>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<u>Pizza/Rice Krispy Treat or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Cheeseburger/Veggie Straws/Milk</u>	<u>Noon Dismissal</u>	<u>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL TODAY!!!</u>	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

2014/2015 Home & School Association Board Members



Executive Board

- President – Bernard Saxon
- Vice President – Rachel Yoka
- Recording Secretary – Karen Conte
- Corresponding Secretary – Beth Fish

Committees

- Beautification-Amy Fruncillo
- Community Service - Judy Coughlin
- Fundraising – Jennifer Petrucci
- Grant Writing – Jacki Jay
- Hospitality– Christine Powel
- Lead Homeroom Parent – Kristin Rippert
- Marketing – Colleen Giamo
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