

April 2016

Holy Rosary Review

Important

Dates:

April 1:

First Friday Mass

April 4:

Twin Day/Noon
Dismissal/Faculty
Meeting

April 11:

NO SCHOOL/
Faculty Retreat

April 12:

California Pizza
Kitchen Fundraiser

April 14:

7th Grade Visitation
Day

April 15:

Holocaust Survivor
Visits 6-8 Grades/
Knights of Columbus
Raffle Tickets Due

April 30:

Parents' Night Out

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Friends,

We have spent the last forty days praying, repenting, and sacrificing to better prepare ourselves for Jesus's ultimate sacrifice. In doing so, hopefully we spent an equal amount of time looking for Him- in nature, in our families, in our classmates and friends. Over the last two decades I have become very aware of "looking for Christ", but as I reflect at this moment, I realize that more often than not, I have looked for and seen him in the face of suffering, disease, and loss. It is so easy to look into the eyes of an ALS patient and see the face of God in that suffering, but we also need to look for Him in the joyful expressions of new babies, the spellbound look of love in new couples entering matrimony, and the quiet wrinkled expressions of lifetime soul-mates.

Perhaps it is just the Lenten season that had me looking for Christ in the suffering. Yesterday, I was fortunate enough to join our Ministry Council on a trip to the Sisters of Charity in Norristown, where we prepared and fed about fifty homeless men and women. I began, like I always do for some reason, looking into the faces of the suffering and seeing Christ, but midway through, after praying the rosary and listening to the gospel, one of the guests reflected on the gospel for everyone, and put everything in prospective again. This homeless man said that the gospel spoke of HOPE and without it, we are nothing. This man exuded a joyfulness that we (who have so much) sometimes have difficulty finding in our daily lives.

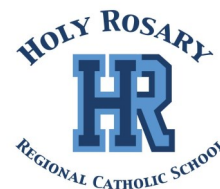
Today when I returned to school, I found the face of God in the four year olds whose favorite interaction with me is, "Huggy Time" when they flock around me and hold on tight. I found the face of God in the children practicing music for First Friday Mass and the excited faces of a first grader hoping to win a trip to the magician show. I found God looking out my window and marveling at His plan for nature, where everywhere I look I see more green, yellow, and pink. And in all, I found joy!

In whom do you see the face of God?

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

One Faith, One Family, One School





Did You Know...

Mrs. Luthy—Religion: Grades 6-8 Religion: Cross curricular connections are being made in religion as each class reads and discusses selected books for each grade. Grade 6 is reading *The Staircase* by Ann Rinaldi, Grade 7 is reading *Awakening* by Claudia Cangilla McAdam, and Grade 8 is reading *Be the Change* by Zach Hunter.

Grade 8 has been holding fundraisers for their yearly activities. They have had several successful bake sales. We seem to have a few future entrepreneurs in our midst! This talented class presented the Living Stations in church during Holy Week. Once again, a wonderful performance was presented with reverence in anticipation of our Lord's Resurrection!

Mrs. Higgins—Honors Math: The 7th Grade Honors Math class, along with a few 8th Graders, tested their problem solving skills at "Escape the Room". The trip was funded by a grant received by math department. Super fun!

Mrs. Keith—Resource Room: The Words of the Week (WOW words) for **April** are listed below. Ask your children to tell you about the words and try to use them at home as much as possible.

Lower School WOW words: (4/4) fiction, (4/11) nonfiction, (4/18) persuade, (4/25) opinion,

Upper School WOW words: (4/4) apprehensive, (4/11) aptitude, (4/18) adversary, (4/25) commotion

Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Donna Koneski received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from St. Joseph's University. She has been teaching in the Archdiocese for 33 years. Mrs. Koneski is the mother of 4 and grandmother of 4. She likes teaching kindergarten and first grade and babysitting her grandchildren. During the summer Mrs. Koneski is known as Miss Donna and you will find her at the Plymouth Community Center. She has been the director of the mini-people camp for over 15 years.



This is Ms. Kelly's Carroll's 5th year teaching first grade. She received her undergraduate degree in early childhood education at West Chester University and masters in special education at St. Joseph's University. Kelly is very excited about this school year and looking forward to getting to know her students more! She will be very busy this year planning her wedding for June 2016.

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

Msgr. Sangermano—Pastor of Holy Saviour Parish

The \$35.00 Option

A fine priest I know makes the following comment when he encounters the increasingly common experience of a driver who turns without having used a turn signal: “I guess he chose to not get the \$35.00 option (of a turn signal system)!” Many of us may have also encountered this reality. The comment is witty and the reality is shared, but beneath the surface it is not a trivial matter.

I would suggest that this seemingly inconsequential fact is a glaring symptom of another shared reality of our current society: incredible selfishness. Why would I even bother to use a turn signal when it really has nothing to do with what I want and what I am about to do? I am going to make a turn. Why do I need to let anyone else know? If my worldview is centered upon me, my desires and my needs, why would I be thinking of anyone else? Basic courtesy, which is consideration for another, is thrown out the window at the same time.

The frightening and, indeed tragic, corollary of this seemingly inconsequential refusal to use a turn signal is that this mentality colors all the other aspects of a person’s life. Is it any wonder that we see all around us an attitude that everyone and everything around me basically exists for me and for my service? From this flows the concept of “entitlement,” very often claiming a right to what one either does not deserve or has not worked for.

How different the message of Lent and Easter! The entire message of both Old and New Testaments is the necessary cooperation of an individual in the work of his or her own salvation. It is also a “merit system,” whereby one’s deeds and words contribute either to eternal salvation or eternal damnation. There is no place for “entitlement” here, therefore no place for selfishness. Having dwelt upon the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ in a special way during Lent, we are reminded that, as the Scriptures tell us, “He emptied Himself, taking on the form of slave.” Over and over again, Our Lord impresses upon us the fact that it is not “all about us.” No one can sincerely look at a crucifix and maintain a selfish attitude towards life. No one can be conscious of his or her own dignity as one created by God and redeemed by Christ and continue to act in a surly manner towards others and seek only his own comfort and pleasure

May I suggest that, as a reminder of these thoughts, you may reflect upon them the next time you experience someone's non-use of a turn signal? I assure you, it will be soon!

School News

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry Council is volunteered at a soup kitchen in Norristown run by the Missionaries of Charity on March 29, 2016. Thank you to our Ministry students who represented Holy Rosary!

Paige Gibbons
Theresa Cleary
Maya Garcia
Alejia Barrera-Cruz
Dennis Trowbridge
Joey Petko

Rylie Cox
Adam Cross
Shannon Archbold
Heather Malarkey
Shannon Bunn
Corinne Archbold

Juliana Valerio
Gabby Carras
Deanna Corino
Maria Manno
Michael Martinelli
Rachel Bates



7th Grade Honors Math trip to “Escape the Room”

Thanks to a grant received by the math department, 7th Grade Honors Math along with a few 8th graders took a field trip to Escape the Room in Philadelphia to test their teamwork and problem solving skills.



Box Tops for Education

Happy Spring Box Top clippers!

I hope you are continuing to clip and save all your Box Tops. Please ask friends and family because every single Box Top counts. Make sure you keep a handy little bag in your kitchen so you can easily store them.

Thank you for all you do!

Happy clipping!

What is ShopRite for My School?

ShopRite For My School is a program ShopRite has developed with the goal of contributing up to \$1 million of much needed funds to local schools. These funds will be delivered via eBoxTops™ offers throughout the school year (8/2/15–7/31/16).

How It Works

PLEASE take a minute to register. It is so simple. Using the following link, enter your name, email address, the school name and your PricePlus # from your card.

<https://shopriteformyschool.com/>

Make purchases*. When you buy the specified number of participating General Mills, Reynolds or Hefty Box Tops for Education products during a bonus offer promotional period and swipe your registered Price Plus® club card, eBoxTops are credited to your school, and you will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes for even more eBoxTops that could help your school surpass its earning goal for the year!

*No purchase necessary to enter sweepstakes (since a purchase is required for the 25 eBoxTops).

Spotlight on....

Congratulations to **Steven Gambone**, one of our 8th graders, who has received a scholarship to

Archbishop John Carroll High School for his athletic acumen! Well done, Steve!

Reading Olympics

Congratulations to our Junior Reading Olympics students who earned the red ribbon in competition on March 15 at Wissahickon High School! Our students represented Holy Rosary in a positive way and made us proud!

This year, 6 of our teachers volunteered in some capacity, in order that our teams might participate.

We are fortunate to have expanded our library with many donated books to our library. The Reading Olympics committee switched out about 25 books, so we needed to find a way for our students to obtain them. *Special thanks* to the following families for allowing us to have the books to make us successful: **Henrick Family, Salamone/Trowbridge Family, Dragone Family, Soto Family, Kenny/Frias Family, Paluba Family, Barbosa Family**. Your donations helped us tremendously!

HASA News

Knights of Columbus Vacation Home Raffle

Holy Rosary has been very fortunate to work side by side with the Knights of Columbus and is very grateful for their generosity to our school.

Every year, the KOC run a vacation home raffle. Holy Rosary will be partnering with them to sell these raffle tickets and in return we will earn 50% of the proceeds, plus the seller of the winning ticket will earn \$100.00.

Three (3) tickets will be coming home to each family to either purchase or sell. Raffle Ticket prices are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00. This year's prize is a 4 night/5 day trip to your choice of Atlantic City, the Poconos, Myrtle Beach or Williamsburg. The winner will have a full year to redeem (June 2016-June 2017) and depending on location the home will sleep 4 to 8.

Please return the sold stubs and payment to the office no later than April 15th. Checks should be made payable to: Knights of Columbus Council #10605.

If you need more tickets to sell, please contact the HASA team at hasa@holyroaryregional.com to receive more tickets.

If you are unable to sell your tickets, kindly return your unsold tickets to the office by April 15th.

California Pizza Kitchen Night – Tuesday, April 12th

Have dinner on Tuesday, April 12th with your HR Family at California Pizza Kitchen and Holy Rosary will earn a portion of the proceeds.

Parent's Night Out – Saturday, April 30th

Book your babysitters and plan to join us on Saturday, April 30th for a Parent's Night Out. More details coming next week!

April Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	"D" 4	"E" 5 Walnut St. Theatre presents Lit to Life for Grades 6-8	"A" 6 Dance Workshop	"B" 7 Clubs #3	April Fools Day 1 "C" First Friday Mass 10:30	2
10	No School 11 Faculty Retreat	"C" 12 Lit to Life 6-8 Calif Pizza Kitchen Dinner out??	"D" 13 Dance Workshop	"E" 14 Grade 7 Visitation Day Clubs #4	"A" 15 Holocaust Survivor visits Grades 6-8	16
17	"B" 18	"C" 19 Lit to Life 6-8	"D" 20 Dance Workshop	"E" 21 Clubs #5	"A" 22 Grades 4-5 to Phila Library for Orchestra Demo	23
24	"B" 25	"C" 26 Lit to Life 6-8	"D" 27 Dance Workshop	"E" 28	"A" 29	30

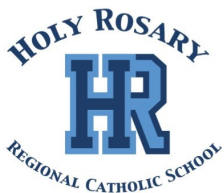
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April Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					<u>Grilled Cheese/Gogurt/Milk</u>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<u>Pizza/Carrot sticks w/dip/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Rice Krispy Treat or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Pasta w/Sauce</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 1</u>	<u>Noon Dismissal</u>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<u>NO SCHOOL TODAY!!!</u>	<u>Burger Day/Tater Tots</u>	<u>Beef Taco(2)/Bagged apple slices/Milk</u>	<u>Steak Sandwich Day</u>	<u>French Toast Sticks</u>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<u>Pizza/cookies</u>	<u>Hot Dog Day</u>	<u>Italian Hoagie/Chips/Milk</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 2</u>	<u>Tomato Pie/Vanilla Ice Cream Cup</u>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<u>Pizza Day w/Salad</u>	<u>Burger/Sweet Corn/Milk</u>	<u>Mac & Cheese/Fresh Fruit</u>	<u>Chicken Patty Sandwich/Pasta Salad/Milk</u>	<u>Bacon,egg and cheese on a Bagel</u>	

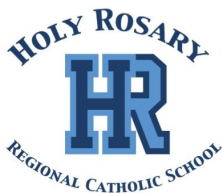
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Tuition Assistance Opportunities for Holy Rosary Families



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 , 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 \$19,000 in BLOCS funding during the 2015-2016 school year.

BLOCS applications for the 2016-2017 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 \$10,000 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 2015-2016 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 2016-2017 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.