

March 2017

Holy Rosary Review

Important

Dates:

March 1:

Ash Wednesday

March 3:

First Friday Mass/
Ladies' Bingo

March 10:

End of 2nd Trimester/
Dress Down Day for
the Arts

March 11:

Enchanted Evening

March 13:

Third Trimester Be-
gins

March 15:

Terra Nova InView
Grades 3-7

March 16/17:

No School

March 20-24:

Terra Nova Testing

March 24:

Stations of the Cross
1:30pm Grades 5-8

March 27:

Terra Nova Makeup

March 31:

Stations of the Cross
1:30pm Grades K-4

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From the Principal's Desk

March 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Lent, everyone! Lent is such a special time because for many of us we commit to less extravagance, less food, less drink, and for the Holy Rosary community this year, less meanness. When we eliminate some of the things that distract us we are better able to be open to God speaking to us. Do you listen for Him? God is constantly communicating with us, putting people/opportunities we need in our path, but we don't always recognize these blessings. We must be watchful and listen.

I read a book recently which spoke of synchronicity, events or signs that may be misinterpreted as coincidences, but which are really these blessings from God. For many people, they look for three signs before recognizing that God is trying to tell them something. Do you see that you would never hear Him if you aren't attentive to people and events that surround you?

For me, three is the magic number which has led to a community giving up being mean this Lent. Imagine how much energy will be redirected to more positive actions, if every time we were inclined to be mean-speaking ill-will of someone, causing another pain, thinking bad thoughts- instead, we acted positively. It is my hope that with everyone on board, after 40 days, we will have abolished any negative thoughts and actions from our culture. Can you help us do this?

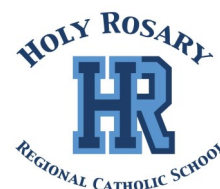
Will you remind your children every morning and every night that we gave up being mean, and maybe in doing so, we will give it up ourselves? Let's give it a try!

"Let's build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live. A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace, love of Christ shall end division. All are welcome to this place" (Haugen, 1950).

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

One Faith, One Family, One School





Did You Know...

Mrs. Gilman-First Grade:

During the first few days of March in first grade, we will learn about Lent. We will discuss how Lent is a time to Grow and Change in Love. Each of us will keep track of our sacrifices, extra prayers and good works by coloring our church windows and making footprints along a path toward The Risen Lord. We will also make our own Way of the Cross booklets.

March 2 is the birthday of Dr. Seuss. We have already made giant "Thing 1's" and wrote about what we would do if he came to our house. They look great on the wall of the first grade hallway!

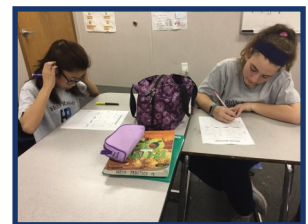
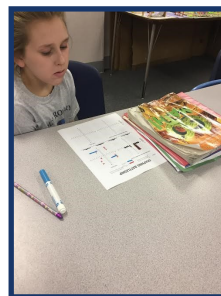
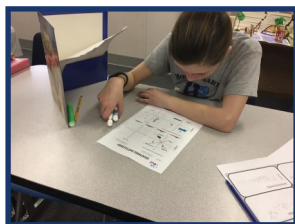
Pope John Paul High School is coming to read and complete a craft with us for Seuss's birthday. Finally, our 7th grade prayer partners are arranging a Scavenger Hunt for us that is related to Seuss.

We became guardians to 4 Hermit Crabs last month. All are now under the sand and they are "molting". We can't wait for them to come back up and change their shells.

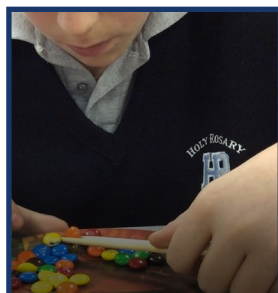
We are so busy in first grade!!!!

Mrs. Higgins-Honors Math:

5th Grade played Battleship as a way to practice using coordinate grids.



7th grade earned a reward day for good behavior last month. As their reward, they chose to try to break a Guinness World Record. The record we picked was "How many M&Ms can you eat with chopsticks in three minutes?" These are some pictures of the students attempting to break the record. Eight students broke the current record of 25. The application process takes weeks, so this was not an official record-breaking attempt, but when they respond, we will have our winners try for the real record!!





Did You Know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs Pickering-Kindergarten:

The month of February kept the kindergarten very busy. In Religion they were learning about Jesus and how He is their brother, their teacher and how much He loves them. Their 100th day of school happened to be on Valentine's day so they decided to have two parties. In the morning they had to find 100 Hershey Kisses that were hidden in their classrooms and then write 100 words they found in their room. They also had fun telling about their 100th day project. In the afternoon, they exchanged valentines with their friends and filled the bags they made. They enjoyed the food they had at their party and ended the day with a Valentine Movie. A great day was had by all!

Ms. Elizalde-ELA:

7th grade and their 1st grade prayer partners are having a Dr. Seuss scavenger hunt, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday/National Read Across America Day. They will read in groups and then do a scavenger hunt based on the books.

Ms. Morrow-STEM:

The STEM students built a 6 foot ferris wheel out of K'Nex. There were four project managers who supervised the construction. They were our four eighth graders: **Kevin Mahady, Joseph Petko, Michael Saldutti, and Miguel Zarzoso.**

Box Tops for Education

The 2nd place winner is Christian Gudnitz with

373 BoxTops.

Thank you to each and everyone of you. Holy Rosary will receive a check for **\$1,400!** This amount includes submissions received prior to the contest dates and many other anonymous donors. Please know that any expired Box Tops received do not get included as submissions.

Please continue clipping!

Any questions, please contact **Luisa Kelly** at Aidank1@msn.com

HASA Happenings

Girls Enchanted Evening – Saturday, March 11th, 7pm

All girls are invited to bring an adult male who has made an impact in their life to an evening of dancing, cupcake decorating, raffles, and more. Crazy Tie Contest and Dance Contest are on the agenda! \$20 per family. Price includes keepsake photo, light desserts and refreshments.

To RSVP, please either send in the RSVP slip with payment or click on the constant contact link below.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ecnyqvpq761dfc9d&llr=nxgquweab>

We are pleased to once again partner with Ambler Flower Shop in offering you the option of purchasing beautiful wristlet corsage and boutonniere combos for that extra special touch! \$25.00 for the boutonniere/wristlet combo set and any additional wristlets will be \$5.00 each. As a convenience, flowers will be delivered to the gym on the evening of the event. To order, please click on the below link or you may contact Ambler Flower Shop directly at 215-646-6500.

<http://www.amblerflowershop.com/store/p/448-Father-Daughter-Dance.aspx>

Finally, please consider assisting this event by donating needed items via the attached Sign Up Genius link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0C4FADAB29A31-girls2

Conshohocken St Patrick's Day Parade- Saturday, March 11th, 130pm

We are excited to inform you, Holy Rosary will be marching in the Conshohocken Saint Patrick's Day Parade! Families are encouraged to participate (students, siblings, parents, grandparents, etc.) The more the merrier! Students are requested to wear to their Holy Rosary gym uniforms and accessorize with green and St. Patrick's Day décor.

Parade begins at 2pm. We are asking everyone to meet promptly at 1:15pm at the "A" Field in Conshohocken (Corner of East 11th Ave) We hope you can join us in representing our awesome school.

*Strollers and Wagons are welcome however bikes and scooters are not permitted for safety purposes.

Kindly sign up via the link below if you plan to attend so we can anticipate the size of our group. Any question please contact **Amy Porter** at amy4646@aol.com

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fafa828a2f94-conshohocken>

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors
Monsignor Sangermano-Pastor, Holy Saviour Parish

LENT HAS ARRIVED!
Monsignor Sangermano, Holy Saviour

It is appropriate that we bear a very public witness of our Faith and our desire to do penance by “wearing” for a day, the blessed ashes imposed upon us on Ash Wednesday. The origin of the imposition of ashes on this day is the practice of public penance in the very early centuries of the Church. Those who were designated as public sinners (for example, those who had sacrificed to idols) would be sprinkled (or covered!) with ashes and then sent forth, not to return to the Church building for the entire period of their penance throughout Lent. The realization that we are all sinners in need of repentance brought about the practice of Ash Wednesday, when we are all marked with that sign of penance and good intentions.

Now that Lent has begun, we might continue this spirit in two ways: if we have a sin that we have “hidden,” not from God of course, but from ourselves, we should go to Confession as soon as possible to confess it. In that way, our Lent, and our Christian lives, will be based upon the truth and not on the fantasy that we and society create.

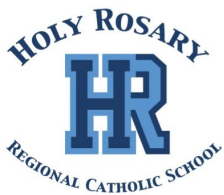
Secondly, what about our past sins that we have already confessed? Should they bother us? The answer is “no,” in that those sins have been forgiven and we should draw great peace from that. Saint Thomas Aquinas, however, reminds us of two purposes that our forgiven sins of the past should have for us: They should keep us humble, because we know what we are capable of and they should help us in being merciful and forgiving of the faults and sins of others.

God grant that we may all have this spirit so that we might have a fruitful Lent and, therefore, a Blessed Easter!

March Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
			Mac & Cheese/Fresh Fruit	Chick-fil-e lunch 1	Waffles	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Pizza Day w/Salad	Hot Dog/Gold Fish Crackers	Ham & Cheese/Kaiser Roll	Steak sandwich/Sun Chips	Egg & Cheese on a Plain Bagel	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Pizza/cookies	Burgers/Tater Tots/Milk	Italian Hoagie/Chips/Milk	NO SCHOOL TODAY!!!	NO SCHOOL TODAY!!!	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Pizza/orange slices/milk	Hot Dog/ Veggie Straws	Meatball Sub	Chick-fil-e lunch 2	Grilled Cheese/Jello	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Pizza Day w/veggies	Burgers/Chips or Fruit	Chicken Patty/Sweet corn	Beef Taco (2)/Ice Cream or Fruit/Milk	Tomato Pie/Rice Krispy Treat or Fruit/Milk	

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

March Calendar

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Holy Rosary Regional Catholic- Parents

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 "A" Ash Wednesday- Prayer Service 2:00PM. All are welcome! Gertrude Hawk Sale Cooking and Video Club #3	2 "B" PJP students come to read to K & 1 st grade	3 "C" First Friday Mass 10:00- All are welcome! Ladies Bingo	
5	6 "D" Lego/Puzzle, Board Games #3 Hockey Clubs #4	7 "E" Bowling Club #4	8 "A" Cooking and Video Clubs #4	9 "B" 	10 "C" End of 2 nd Trimester Dress Down for Arts- Young Audiences 10:00 Stations K-4 1:30	11 Enchanted Evening
12	13 "D" Third Trimester Begins Lego/Puzzle, Board Games #4 Hockey Clubs #5 (last)	14 "E" Bowling Club #5	15 "A" Terra Nova Inview (grades 3-7) Cooking and Video Club #5 AOH Can Collection-bring a can and you can dress down in Green	16 No School- Pastor Holiday	17 No School- Faculty PD	18
19 Pennies for Patients all week!	20 "B" Terra Nova Testing (3-7) Lego/Puzzle, Board Games, #5	21 "C" Terra Nova Testing (3-7) Report Card Distribution Bowling Club #6	22 "D" Terra Nova Testing (3-7)	23 "E" Terra Nova Testing (3-7)	24 "A" Terra Nova Testing (3-7) Station of the Cross- 5-8 1:30	25
26	27 "B" Terra Nova Testing Make-up 3-7	28 "C" 	29 "D" 	30 "E" 	31 "A" Stations of the Cross K-4 1:30	Notes:

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 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 school code is 12730. Deadline is March 31. Early applications are strongly suggested.

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 \$10,250 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