

Dear Parents,

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent both individually and with our families, it is important for us to take time ...quiet time...to feel God's presence in our lives. During this second week of Lent, I share the following prayer with you.

*Loving God,
I hear your invitation, "Come back to me"
and I am filled with such a longing to return to you.
Show me the way to return.
Lead me this day in good works I do in your name
and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith.
I ask only to feel your love in my life today. Amen*

I pray that in the coming week, you each feels God's presence in your lives and in the people around you. I know that God's presence can be felt at St. Rocco School in so many ways each and every day.

This Week...

Our Eighth Grade students led Stations of the Cross and our Fourth Grade students had their first opportunity to hold the cross and candles during the morning Stations of the Cross. Both grades did a wonderful job.

Both of our basketball teams made the league play-offs and will represent St. Rocco's this weekend in those play-offs. The boys' 5th and 6th Grade team plays Saturday at 9:00am at Prout and our Middle School girls' team plays on Sunday at 2:00pm at Mt. St. Charles. Thank you to the coaches for all of their hard work and dedication. All are welcome to cheer the teams on.

This week during National Sisters' Week we celebrate Sr. Mary Antionette (in spirit), Sr. Donna and Sr. Daisy and all of their gifts that they share with the St. Rocco School and Parish communities. We are so blessed to have them with us. They truly are a daily gift to all of us!

Next Week...

As of Monday, March 14th, masks will be optional for both students and staff at St. Rocco School. Please see the attached guidelines for more information on our policies.

Keep an eye out for a flyer on becoming an altar server. Any student who has received their First Holy Communion and is currently in grades 3-6 is eligible to take part in the training. It has been a few years since the last training and we are excited to have new altar servers at our school.

As we turn the clocks forward this weekend, let's hope that the spring weather is not far behind. Have a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

"Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change & conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better."

Important Information

Re-registration appointments are still on-going. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the School Office at 401-944-2993 or office@stroccoschool.org

St. Rocco School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Please encourage family and friends to visit our school. "Word of mouth" is the best way to spread the good news about us. Don't forget about our REFERRAL PROGRAM! Please check the website for details. For more than 58 years, St. Rocco has had the distinction and reputation of educating the whole child; spiritually, educationally and socially. We are proud of our accomplishments and we continue to strive to greatness for our students!

Financial Aid -Applications for financial aid for the 2022-2023 school year have started. You can apply by going on to the FACTS management website. In addition, in order to receive parishioner rate for the 2022-2023 school year, you must have contributed \$250.00 to St. Rocco Church by **December 31, 2021** to receive parishioner rate

Stations of the Cross – Every Wednesday during Lent, starting on March 9th, we will attend church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Grades K–4 will attend at 9 a.m. and grades 5–8 will attend at 1:45 p.m. All are welcome.



Stop & Shop – Giftcards are always available in the Rectory Office during office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9-3 & Wed 9-2). The face value of your giftcard purchase goes towards your fundraiser fee.

Spirit Wear – Please call the office before sending in Spirit Wear orders due to limited items available.



The After School Club-Explore a variety of seasonal and holiday crafts, art projects, skits, science experiments and children's literature and poetry in a creative and 'fun' way. This club is for students in grades 1-3. The new session began on Tuesday, March 8th.

Friends of Jesus Prayer Group -The focus of this group is to continue the teaching of Jesus and to experience his unconditional love through prayer, fellowship, and activities. We invite you and your child to join this group and experience the power of prayer together.

Afterschool Dance Program – We are excited to announce that dance class with Mrs. Denise DiPippo began last week!



Bishop Hendricken High School – Open House on Saturday, March 19th from 12 to 3pm.

Ink Cartridge Recycling Program - Bring in 5 empty ink cartridges, and receive a Dress Down Pass to be used on ANY Monday! Please make sure that the ink cartridges are labeled with your child's name.

Safety News – For the safety of our students, families and faculty, please do not make any U turns in front of the school.

Operation Rice Bowls – Going home today are the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls. Your donations are truly appreciated by those who are less fortunate. Thank you for changing lives this Lenten Season. Please send donations in check form by Tuesday, April 12th.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications – Schools are encouraged to remind parents to complete their FACTS tuition aid applications as soon as possible. Diocesan tuition assistance funds cannot be placed for a student if the family's FACTS applications has **not** been completed. Families must complete a FACTS tuition application every year.



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Classroom News ~ Third Grade ~ Mrs. DonFrancesco



Third Grade has been working very hard throughout the year! In Religion we are learning about Lent and how to add more prayer in our daily lives during this season. We are continuing to learn how God's grace is so important as well as learning more in depth about the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

In Math we are learning Multiplication and Division. The students are getting very good at their tables as we practice every day. We will continue to use flash cards and games as we continue learning more tables and higher division skills.

In Science the students are learning about different ecosystems. They are also learning how animals adapt in different environments and seasons. We look forward to learning about the Earth and its resources.



In Social Studies the students have been learning about many different landforms. They are currently working on their landforms project and are doing a fantastic job! We look forward to learning about the regions in the U.S next.

In Reading we are finishing up our trade book, Winter According to Humphrey. The students will be completing a cereal box project and will be doing their oral presentation persuading us to buy their delicious cereal! We thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and will read another trade book after spring vacation.



Our next writing assignment will be fairy tales with a twist. We will be reading a few fairy tales that have been changed around from their classic version. The students are very excited and motivated to start their assignment. We will also begin Typing Tutor so they can type up these fairy tales. Lastly we are working on our Catholic values in and outside of the classroom. We are continuing our Second Step program by understanding

how to advocate for ourselves in different scenarios that may occur with classmates, both good and bad.

I have enjoyed watching each student learn and grow every day. They have each made progress in academics as well as maturity. I am excited about the many things to come during the rest of the year!



SAVE THE DATE

- Friday, March 11th Trimester Ends
- Tuesday, March 15th \$1 Dress Down Day (wear purple)
Proceeds to support Rice Bowl
- Thursday, March 17th Report Cards
- Thursday, March 24th Lifetouch Spring Picture Day
- Friday, March 25th PD Day/Independent Learning Day
- Friday, April 1st First Friday Mass 8:45am
- April 4 – 8th Week of the Young Child
- Tuesday, April 12th Return date for Rice Bowls
(checks only please)
- Wednesday, April 13th Living Stations/Grade4 at 1:15pm
- Thursday, April 14th 11:30 Dismissal
- Saturday, April 30th First Holy Communion
- Friday, May 20th May Crowning 8:45 am
- Monday, June 13th 8th Grade Graduation
- Wednesday, June 15th Last Day of School

Virtue of the Month – Caring



*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all the ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6*

CHRIST is the Reason for this school.

-in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts-

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