



Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 23, 2018



This Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, the first day of Holy Week. On this day we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. People laid down their cloaks and waved palm branches to greet their Messiah, their Prince of Peace. Later in the week we celebrate **Holy Thursday**, the commemoration of the Last Supper. Here we were given the Eucharist and once again taught the significance of service during the washing of the feet. **Good Friday** is the day we remember the passion and death of our Lord. On **Holy Saturday** evening we celebrate the **Easter Vigil**. This is also the evening when catechumens are baptized and welcomed into the Catholic Church. **Easter** is the greatest feast of the year. Jesus suffered, died, and was resurrected! His resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Let us remind each other that we are "Easter People!"

Science Fair... Our 2018 Science Fair was a great success! Thank you to Ms. Moore, Mr. Matthews, Sr. Maria, and Ms. Lawler for their hard work. Many thanks are also extended to our many judges for their participation. Students should be proud of their learning and projects. I encourage you to visit our website and Facebook page to see some of these awesome projects. Winners will be announced before Easter Break.

Penance Service... Grades 3-8 will participate in a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 27 beginning at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to join us and/ or attend the parish's penance service on Wednesday, March 28 (7:00 PM).

Spring to CUA... Catholic University invites you to a free, fun event on Sunday, March 25, Noon-2:00 PM. There will be games, food, an egg hunt, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! See the flyer for more details or call (202) 319-5575.

Candy Sale... Our "World's Best Chocolate Everything" sale is over. Candy orders received by Monday, March 26th will be delivered by March 27. The school will receive 50% of each sale. The Home & School Association appreciates your support.

Kindness Challenge Week... Our 2018 "Kindness Challenge Week" is April 16-19. Virtus-certified parents, guardians, and grandparents are needed to volunteer with kindness stations on Tuesday April 17th and/or Wednesday, April 18th (8:15-10:30 AM). We also need people to come to be part of the kindness tunnel on Thursday, April 19th at 2:00 PM. Contact Ms. Steele if interested, judybstele@live.com.

Career Day

Together, we are partnering to educate your child and to teach the values and skills necessary for their success and ultimate happiness. The future belongs to our children. These young boys and girls will one day be leaders in the workforce, church, and government. Career Day is an opportunity to expose them to a variety of careers. They may know something about a handful of careers and very little of others. Your help is needed to make our annual Career Day a success. Please help us recruit artists, engineers, chefs, doctors, entrepreneurs, lawyers, dentists, and individuals from other exciting careers. Help us make this a great day! Career Day is on Tuesday, April 24th beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding at 11:00 AM.



Growing Gardeners... Save the date—April 14th! The Brookland Home & Garden Club is hosting its second school/ family event this Saturday, April 14th (1:00-4:00 PM). St. Anthony students and other neighborhood families are welcome to participate. The event will include painting pots, learning about soil, and planting seeds. In addition, there will be an optional presentation on solar energy and ways to make your home more eco-friendly. It is also a great opportunity to get to know other school families and to meet new friends. The event will be held in the cafeteria. Please join us!

Register online today! The TADS set up code is **A8EIM-2SN**. Families must re-register immediately to guarantee your child's 2018-2019 placement as we have begun offering enrollment to new students and your child's seat may be forfeited.

Summer Program... Our six-week Summer Program (June 25-August 3) is now enrolling rising Pre-K, kindergarten, first, and second graders. The program begins at 8:30 AM and concludes at 3:30 PM. Before and aftercare are available. Only ten spots are available. See our website for more details.

Looking Ahead... St. Anthony has a 12:30 PM dismissal and no aftercare on Thursday, March 29 (Holy Thursday) and is closed on March 30 (Good Friday) until Monday, April 9.

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive needs your help more now than ever. Being out of school for two days has significantly affected our progress. To reach our goal, each student is encouraged to donate ten items. All proceeds benefit our parish's St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Please be generous according to your means. Lastly, please join us at 10:00 AM on Holy Thursday as we present our gift to the altar for a blessing. All are welcome.



Have a good weekend.

Michael Thomasian
Principal

Proudly celebrating our 95th year!