



# PRIDE

*Obedientia Et Pax*

**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in this beautiful and holy season of Lent!

I hope that you are growing deeper in your faith as we actively prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord. Pope Francis said, "**Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.**" My hope and prayer is that we all are doing just that and that this Lenten season brings us closer to God

and to one another.

We have a special Lenten event March 26-29<sup>th</sup> and it's my hope that each of you will attend.

At the end of the month, we will welcome Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers to St. Bernadette for our parish mission: *You Were Made for Greatness*. Deacon Harold is known throughout the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" and is a spirited evangelist, bestselling author, gifted speaker, husband, and father. He is anxious to visit with us to help us shake off our lethargy and make the most of our Lenten journey to the cross.

Attached is the schedule of events (<http://www.saintbernadette.com/sb-content/uploads/2017/03/flyer.pdf>) and a short video of Deacon Harold. (<https://vimeo.com/208415353>) I think you will agree that attending the mission and hearing Deacon Harold are great opportunities for everyone. All are invited and welcome to attend. We are offering refreshments, childcare, and good fellowship. We are especially excited for Deacon Harold to spend time with the students at the school mass and during a special presentation for those in grades 5-8<sup>th</sup> on Monday from 9am to 10am. He will speak about the Eucharist and its impact on our lives. Please visit the parish website [www.saintbernadette.com/mission](http://www.saintbernadette.com/mission) or call 480-905-0221 to RSVP.

I have one more request: In addition to joining us, please consider inviting someone else who may not otherwise be aware of the talks or who might not feel comfortable attending. I truly believe we are all called to bring others to know and to rejoice in God's love for each of us and I think this mission will be a special time for our community.

Know of my prayers for you and your precious children who bring such

meaning, purpose and joy into my life and that of the faculty and staffs. They are a blessing and we cherish them.

I truly hope to see you during the Mission. Please make the Parish Mission a priority and join us when you can!

In Christ,

Rev. Peter A. Rossa

## School Notes

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### Important Dates

**Saturday, March 25**

**Lasting Legacies Auction**

March 27-April 7

**Poetry Contest**

March 30 & 31

**School Play**

**6:00 p.m. Gym**

[KINDERGARTEN!!!](#)



Applications for the 2017-2018 school year can be found on the website [www.saintjohnxxiii.org](http://www.saintjohnxxiii.org) or by stopping by the office.

## Knights of Columbus Basketball



On Saturday, March 18th, Paige Ketcham (4B) and Royce Edwards (7) will be competing in the State Level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition at Notre Dame Prep High School. Paige and Royce each won their age group divisions at the council level in January and the district level in February. Good luck to both of you and way to represent Saint John XXIII!

## Calling All Middle School Artists



The St. John XXIII Art Department is extending an invitation for you to share your artistic talent in the upcoming May Art Walk. Every student will have the opportunity to proudly share their favorite, professionally framed art piece on May 5th. Oh, please tell your parents there is no obligation to purchase the framed artwork. Please see Mrs. Bucci or Mrs. Miller for official details!!

## [CEA Scholarship Applications](#)



Catholic Education Arizona Scholarship Applications for the 2017-18 school year are now open. Deadline for applications is April 18. Parents/legal guardians need to go to [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com) to apply.

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

## [Faith IN Action](#)



3rd Grade Toiletry Drive

If you missed the chance to donate to our 3rd Grade toiletry drive for Shoebox

Ministries, we will continue to accept toiletries on Monday! A huge thank you to all who have donated and prayed for the homeless population of our valley. May they always be treated with dignity and respect and that we all see the face of Jesus in everyone we encounter.

## Ways of Worship



### Rosary

Please join our volunteer Ways of Worship parents to pray the Rosary EVERY Wednesday at 8:00 in the cry room of the Church. Everyone is invited, ALL are welcome. Please bring your little ones with you as well! God loves the prayers of our sweet children!

### 3rd Grade Spiritual Retreat

Wednesday March 22nd

Please keep 3rd grade in your prayers next Wednesday as they attend their Lenten Retreat. "Remembering our Roots". May they all grow in the the love of our Saviour and always remember WHO"S they are:~)!

## [2nd Grade Spiritual Retreat](#)

Tuesday March 28th

Our 2nd Grade is preparing for their upcoming retreat! "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus". Let us all pray for them as they hear the words and teachings of Christ and explore the meaning of the Stations of the Cross and all that our Lord did for us by dying on the cross so that we may have life!

## [Reconciliation](#)

We will be offering Reconciliation to all students grades 2-8 on March 20, 21 and 23. This will be incorporated into their school day. We are blessed to be able to do this and thankful for the help of Father Pete, Father Edward, Father Kline, Father Felt and Father George. Many thanks to all, you are such a gift to us!

## **Growing in Abundant Grace**

### [Annual Appeal](#)



Our goal is 100% participation. We are currently at 40% participation. Your help will make the difference and help us do even more wonderful things here

at Saint John XXIII Catholic School. No matter the amount, every gift counts.

Thank you for your continued support.



## CEA

### Catholic Education ARIZONA

#### **CEA TAX CREDIT.**

#### **Deadline is April 15, 2017!**

Before you sign off or push submit on those taxes...take a moment and be certain you are taking advantage of this incredible tax credit that benefits our school ...and you!

Visit <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/> or [WWW.CEAZ.ORG](http://WWW.CEAZ.ORG)

Designate SJXXIII 201

- Please know, that your Tax Credit contribution will make a difference in the lives of students in our SJXXIII Community.
- All funding raised through the tuition tax credit provides assistance to St. John XXIII families who qualify based on financial need.



- If funds are left over after need is met, it is shared with those who apply.
- So, please take part in the CEA Tax Credit Program and redirect your taxes to Saint John XXIII 201 and apply too!

## RUN WITH PRIDE



Our before school running club starts up for 4th Quarter on **Mon. 3/27th** . No sign-up required... All are welcome! We meet most Monday and Thursday mornings at the gate at 7:15 a.m., and run from 7:20-7:40. You can earn cool prizes and get in shape at the same time. Please bring an extra pair of shoes since the field can be wet!

Quarter 4 Schedule:

3/27, 3/30, 4/3, 4/6, 4/10, 4/24, 4/27, 5/1, 5/8, 5/11

Awards- May 19th

Any questions can be directed towards Michele Richardson or Joan Sirven.

Happy Running!

## Nurse Notes



### Jump Rope for Heart

Our students raised a total of \$4476 for the AHA during our Jump Rope for Heart event during PE classes in Feb! A big thank you to students and families for your generosity and support of heart health.

### **Jacob Nedell in 1C raised the most for our school = \$290!**

Students who raised the most in each class will choose a PE activity for their entire class!

K1 Declan Dombrowski, K2 Sean St. Hilaire, K3 Everett Pustejovsky, 1A Tyler Beggs, 1B Ben Tharalson and Tatum Mulder (tied), 1C Jacob Nedell, 2A Ben Brownsey, 2B Collin St. Hilaire, 2C Jackson Dombrowski, 3A Brendon Luke, 3B Liam Kelley, 4A Maggie Olsen, 4B Jackson Stack, 5A Steven Becker, 5B Haley Beggs, 6th Alyssa Isaac, 7th Declan Quinn, 8th Frankie and Sam Keffer (tied).

Student thank you gifts are being sent by the AHA and should arrive soon as well as a gift certificate for our PE department to buy equipment from US

Games.

Thank you!

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

## SCRIP



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

The weather is warming up so treat yourself to a cool snack. Stop by the SCRIP cart for your \$10 Dairy Queen and Cold Stone gift cards. It is fast and easy and supports our school.

Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!

For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge

Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org) with any questions.

### **Scrip Sales Hours:**

#### **Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

## [Parish Corner](#)



### **Parish Lenten Fish Fry**

Our Lenten Fish Fry's over the last two weeks have been extremely successful!

Last week, we sold out! Join us this week (and through April 7<sup>th</sup>) for food and fellowship from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Come for dinner and stay for the Healing Rosary and Stations of the Cross. The Healing Rosary begins at 6:30 pm on Friday evenings and Stations of the Cross begin at 7 pm.

St. Bernadette's offers Reconciliation during Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and on Saturdays at 3 pm.



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