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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday, May 12, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to personally call each one of you and say these things so that you know how important it is to me that you hear them, but in the interest of time I send you this letter with my heartfelt apology and ask for your understanding.

At times, a pastor's job has less to do about evangelization and church matters and more to do with business matters. I am sure you can all relate to the many hats you wear in your day-to-day lives. Recently, it has been one of those times where the "business" side of the Church has kept us from physically having the celebration of the Mass. I could never have imagined that the installation of the new items for the Church would have taken so long. Even in anticipating the worse case scenario, I didn't expect to have to continue to postpone the school mass, and I never wanted to keep you, the students and families, from the Celebration of the Eucharist even once much less over the last number of weeks.

With each passing day that I heard news that we were getting closer, I held on to the hope that we would have Mass as scheduled and yet...as many of you have experienced...plans do not always work out as you had hoped.

I could bore you with details about how hard we have worked in hopes of getting the Sanctuary safe and ready for our Wednesday masses, but the truth is what you already know; we haven't succeeded. Please accept my apology for this obstruction. If I could have avoided it I would have, and in hindsight I would have done many things differently with you in mind. I am sorry.

As terrible as the delay has been, I have also been reminded of how strong and faithful our community is. You have inspired me when other things have worn me down. The joy and excitement for the progress, the anticipation for the celebration of the Mass, and the patience of you students and parents alike have affirmed what makes our community so strong and faithful. Thank you for sharing that with me! It has sustained me when I needed it most.

Please accept my sincerest apology for the delay that has kept us from celebrating mass together. I too have missed it and look forward with great joy to celebrating Baccalaureate mass with the 8th graders and our end of the year mass very soon!

Thank you for showing me once again the faith and patience of a loving community. I am humbled.

In Christ,

Fr. Pete

School Notes

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Important Dates

Monday, May 15

Graduation Pictures

3:00 P.M.

Mass & Commencement

5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 16

1st Grade Retreat

Wednesday, May 17

New Family Mass and Reception
8:30 A.M

Internet Safety



As part of our continued efforts to ensure a Safe Environment for our children, we would like to share a resource with parents addressing Internet Safety. This material was provided to us by the Diocese of Phoenix. We hope it is helpful to our families as we work together to raise Responsible Christian Leaders.

[Please click here for information.](#)

Blessings,

Mary

Faith in Action



We are extending the water drive for St. Vincent de Paul through Monday morning. Please don't forget to pick-up a case of bottled water this weekend.

Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Christ!

Spirit of Service

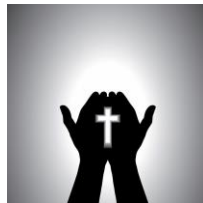


Saint Vincent de Paul – Pizza Making Night

Friday May 19, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Join our Saint John families as they prepare over a 150 pizzas to serve to guests in the family dining room! Please see the sign up for details. Recommended age is 13 with an adult.

Ways of Worship



Please pray for our first graders as they are on Retreat next week. May they grow in God's love and understanding his works in their lives.

Nurse Notes



May is Food Allergy Awareness Month in Arizona!

Many of our students have known food allergies and many students experience their 1st food allergy reaction at school.

Symptoms include hives, rash, flushed skin, tingling or itching of mouth/face, swelling of lips/face, vomiting, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat.

According to the CDC:

-8 Foods cause the majority of food allergy reactions: Milk, Egg, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Soy, Shellfish, Wheat.

-5.9 Million Children (1 in 13) have food allergies in the U.S.

-2-3 Children in every classroom as an average

-Every 3 minutes a food allergy reaction sends a child to the ER

-Every 6 minutes the reaction is life-threatening and can cause death in a matter of minutes if not given life-saving epinephrine

Thank you for all you do as parents to help provide a safe environment in our classrooms with students with food allergies that nurtures the whole child...every child.

Joan Sirven, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

SCRIP



Graduation season is here!

Think of your favorite Grad with a gift card from SCRIP. We have over 60 cards to choose from, from Target, to Bed, Bath & Beyond, to Visa.

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 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](#)



Saint Bernadette
Roman Catholic Parish



We are having a party!
Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome

Join us as we give thanks to our God for the abundant blessings he has given to us. We give thanks to him in a special way for our faith that sustains, our community that builds us up and the opportunity that is present at this special time to bring others to know and love Christ more fully.

First off we will meet in the lawn for a great big community picture commemorating our St. Bernadette Family. After the photo relax in the cool Parish Center as we enjoy a Bring Your Own Dinner. We will supply lemonade, water and some sweet stuff for dessert...(all you need to do is bring dinner for your family). We will have a few special remarks and blessing of the Community before we head back to the lawn for the internment of the time capsule (*which will hold a digital copy of the photograph just taken*). This is going to be the perfect chance to visit with one another and rejoice in the past, present and future of our Parish.
Please join us...it won't be the same without you.

PS What should we put in the time capsule? We want to hear from EVERYONE - young and old! Share your ideas by emailing churchdedication@saintbernadette.com. We will let you know what we hear and what the final contents will be!

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31



Wanna be an Altar Server?

St. Bernadette Altar Server Training Scheduled for June 3rd, August 19th

Foundation training for new Altar Servers is scheduled on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:15—1:30 pm. For those who cannot make the date in June, a second training session is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th, with the same times of 9:15—1:30 pm. The training covers the basics of the liturgy, the role of the Altar Server in the Mass, and includes Safe Environment Training as required by the Diocese of Phoenix. After completion of Foundation training, the new Altar Servers receive more on-the-job training during a three-month shadow program.

St. Bernadette has one of the largest and most successful Altar Server programs in the Diocese, with nearly 120 children serving at parish and school masses.

Children wishing to become Altar Servers must meet the following criteria:

- Be in 3rd grade or higher

- Have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Their family must be registered at St. Bernadette; OR, the child must be a student at St. John XXIII School

Anyone interested in attending either of the trainings must register by contacting Penny Cunningham at 480/905-4429 or via email at: volunteers@saintbernadette.com



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SUMMER CLASSES AT ST. BERNADETTE

Please consider joining one of our upcoming classes. We'd love to have you!

Contact us to enroll and for book ordering information.

THE BIBLE & THE VIRGIN MARY by Matthew Leonard

Thursday Evenings beginning June 1. 12 Sessions 6:30-8:00 PM

Contact: Dawn Morano 480-435-4959

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE by Jeff Cavins

Tuesday Mornings beginning July 11. 8 Sessions 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Contact: Susan Cefalu 602-350-9107

ACTS by Jeff Cavins

Wednesday Mornings beginning August 16. 20 Sessions 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Contact: Carla Kruk 602-881-7727

EPHESIANS by Jeff Cavins

Tuesday Mornings beginning September 12. 8 Sessions 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Contact: Susan Cefalu 602-350-9107

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School



June 5th - June 9th

9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$55/per child before May 1st

\$70 after May 1st

To volunteer for VBS [click here](#)

To register for VBS [click here](#)

Attention 5th Graders -7th Graders you are invited to Preview the New EDGE

Program before next year. Includes Open Gym, Games, Food, Friends and

Jesus!

Come join on us Tuesday or Wednesday.



EDGE Preview: Session "Unfinished!"

Preview the program before you sign up!

- Tuesday, May 2nd (6:30pm—8:20pm)
- Wednesday, May 3rd (6:00pm—7:30pm)

Open to 5th—7th Grade!



To RSVP email jstafford@saintbernadette.com or
<http://www.saintbernadette.com/edge-prview/>



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Edge Summer Camp // 3 Churches – 1 Camp

San Francisco de Asis (Flagstaff) | St. Bernadette | St. Timothy (Mesa)

June 8-11, 2017 // Tonto Rim Christian Camp (Payson)

June 8th – Sunday, June 11th:

To Register:

<http://www.saintbernadette.com/edge-camp/>

\$325/ per student

Open to incoming 6th – 8th Graders 2017-2018

Canoeing/ Paint Ball/ Scooters

Online Registration:

Attention 8th Graders:

Time to sign up for Steubenville West:

“Steubenville is a great opportunity for teens to share their faith with other young teens without having peer pressure requiring them to act a certain way, no one is judging them. They can be crazy in an innocent way. This is a safe-zone. As a result, this allows them to step out of their comfort zone and experience Christ in a way that will surprise them. Hearing your son's first words when returning home be, “I can't wait for next year!”. What more can you ask for.

Attending Steubenville has been a growing experience for Kaleo when it comes to Adoration and was one of his memorable experiences. Kaleo has also grown in his faith by attending the past 2 years. He is excited to be a life teen leader. He wants to continue to grow in his faith journey and I believe his experience at Steubenville played a part in that.”

--Parent of 10th grader at Brophy College Prep.

For More information or to register go to: <http://www.saintbernadette.com/steubenville-west/>



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