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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday August 31, 2018**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

This has been a difficult week for our community. We have been working with the Diocese on the issues that have unfolded since their inception and have made them aware of all of our concerns. We are cooperating with the investigations and the Diocese has ensured me that more information will be provided to everyone once the investigations are complete.

Fr. Scott's resignation, and sadly some of the 'parking lot talk' and social media rumors that are circulating are taking their toll on the way many in our community feel in coming to our campus. No one should ever feel afraid to come to the school nor should there ever be an "uneasy" feeling about the place you leave your most precious gift each morning. I can certainly assure you that the safety of our campus and the safety of our children remains, as always, of primary importance. Many of you know that I am speaking both as the school principal and as a father, as my two children attend our school. I would not have my children here, nor would I continue to serve in my position if I did not believe that the environment is as safe as it could be.

I understand that the situation this past week is upsetting and that everyone would like "more information" from both the Diocese and the school. I also understand that it is difficult to be patient in these situations when we want answers. You are, as always, welcome to reach out to the Diocese during this time if you wish to express your concerns, or to stop by and chat with me. We will continue to have our teachers work with the kids to ensure that they feel safe and cared for during this period of change for them.

The events from this past week provide an opportunity to highlight the importance of our yearly safe-environment training. If we see something, or we are worried about the safety of a student, we MUST say something, no matter how menial it may seem at the time. As a faculty, we will continue to advocate for the students entrusted to our care regardless of the situation. We sincerely ask that each of our parents serve as the voice for your children so that they are heard if there is a concern. As Fr. Kline stated so aptly on Wednesday at Mass, "We love the kids and we are praying for them every day".

Thanks again for your understanding and your patience. "God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good. St. John XXIII, pray for us!"

God Bless,  
Preston Colao  
Principal

## School Notes

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### Important Dates

**Monday, Sept. 3**

**School Closed - Labor Day**

**Sept. 4 - 7**

**Care Kit Drive**

**Wednesday, Sept. 5**

**Rosary 8:00 Cry room**

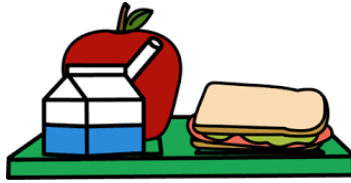
**Mass 8:30**

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

**Rosary 8:00 Cry room**

**Mass 8:30**

[Kings Catering](#)



**Please be sure to order lunches for September. Orders will close midnight Saturday, September 1st.**

**In addition, please review your child's class information and make changes if necessary. Some are using last years classrooms...**

**Thank you!**

**THANK YOU!**



**We had a wonderful turnout at Yogurtini yesterday, and already heard that St. John will receive \$277 from your yogurt purchases! Way to go!**

**We appreciate the support from our community.**

**The VIG Gives Back**

THE VIG  
— McDOWELL MOUNTAIN —

**The VIG at McDowell Mountain is generously partnering with local schools during the month of September. Anytime you visit, let your server know you are with St. John XXIII and a portion of your meal will be donated back to our school. The ENTIRE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!**

[Check out their flyer for more details.](#) **Maybe plan a night out with some moms, or an outing with the kids to enjoy their great patio... just some ideas to take advantage of this great promotion!**

## Ring Found



**If you have lost a ring here at school, please stop by the office and describe the lost ring to Liz or Bonnie. Hopefully we will be able to return the ring to its owner.**

## Help Needed



**Do you have 30 minutes to give once a week? Then we would love your help! We have a wonderful group of parents who keep our families safe and traffic moving every morning as Crossing Guards. But we still are in need of a couple more people to fill in as subs or take a morning spot on a rotating basis. Seeing the smiling faces of students every morning and waving at this wonderful community as they drive through will fill your "good mood" tank... so please consider volunteering! Contact Sharon C. at [scereska@duffygroup.com](mailto:scereska@duffygroup.com) for more info.**

## **Ways of Worship**



**EVERYONE is invited...ALL are welcome!**

**We will be continuing our Rosary EVERY Wednesday at 8:00am in the cry room of the Church. Please join our Ways of Worship Team as we gather to pray for the needs of others, eachother and those closest to our**

**hearts! Please bring your little ones as it is so special for them to see you praying and to pray with you! Never prayed the Rosary?...then this is a GREAT place to start and learn! This powerful prayer will change your prayer life! Please join us!**

**Interested in joining the Ways of Worship Team?**

**Contact Patti Jasinski at [pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org](mailto:pjasinski@popejohnxxiii.org)**

**We'd love to have YOU as part of the team!**

## [Spirit of Service](#)



**Feed My Starving Children SJXXIII Community Packing event  
Wednesday November 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 (We have early release  
this day for Thanksgiving weekend)  
SJXXIII has once again reserved 121 spots for this event – it fills every  
year so sign up soon!  
Everyone ages 3 and up are welcome!  
FMSC exists because of volunteers just like you who generously give  
their time and energy to feed starving children in desperate need around  
the world. YOU are an essential part of FMSC.**

<https://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/group/ReservationConfirmation.aspx?sid=197670&gid=1490767&num=100&event=0#.W2YYFaRICEe>

## 2nd Grade Faith IN Action



### **Care Kit Supply Drive September 4-7**

**Our 2nd Graders will be hosting a "Care Kit Drive" September 4-7th to help out the students at Saint Matthews School in Phoenix. Traditionally, this has always been a school supply drive to help them fill in the gaps for their students with need. This year is different. They are in need of hygiene items that we take for granted that will help to keep their students and teachers healthy this school year. Donation items such as Kleenex, Clorox wipes or hand sanitizer will be much appreciated. Also, any items you would find in the nurses at school are also needed. Our 2nd graders will be curbside to help take your donations from September 4-7.**

**Thank you in advance and God Bless,**

**2nd Grade**



## St John XXIII Running Club



Parents,

**St. John Running Club continues to grow. Thank you for investing in our children.**

**Dates to Remember:**

**September 4th:Crazy Sock**

**September 6th:Superhero**

**\*\*\*(Students may arrive dressed up to Running club and afterwards will dress into uniforms)**

**November 17th: IRONKIDS,IRONMAN TEMPE. Parents, register your child today on Active.com for the IRONKIDS Fun Run. Cost is \$20.**

**Directions:**

Go to [Active.com](https://www.active.com)

**Search: IRONKIDS Arizona fun run Click Register**

**Coach D**

## Enrichment Classes



**Online Registration NOW Open for ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!**

Register Now for SESSION **ONE**! Our **First** session of the school year.

**Session ONE starts the week of AUG. 27 and runs until NOV 16!**

Many classes have a maximum amount of students,  
so please register as soon as possible.

Description of all classes on the website....

To register, go to our school website: [www.saintjohnxxiii.org](http://www.saintjohnxxiii.org), go to PARENTS  
tab,

Click on Extended Day, then drop down to

+Enrichment Class Offerings

Click on --->Online Enrichment/Extended Day form

The following are the Enrichment Class Offerings for Session **ONE**:

**MONDAYS:** Chess Emporium /

NEW! ASL(American Sign Language) Beginner class

**TUESDAYS:** Tennis / Drama

**WEDNESDAYS:** Bricks4Kidz / Young Rembrandts

**THURSDAYS:** i9 Sports

NEW! ASL Club Intermediate class (American Sign Language)

HSPT Tutoring (gr. 7-8)

**FRIDAYS:** Crazy Cool Science

~~~For description of classes, please visit our website.

\*\* Flyers available in the school office.

## HSPT TUTORING

Offered at

SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Jason Catanese

Jason Catanese has a BA from Northwestern University and a MEd from Arizona State University.



Jason Catanese has been tutoring our 8th grade students for the HSPT exam on our

SJXXIII school campus for 2 years! Previously, Jason has worked with seventh & eighth grade students from across the valley, helping them to prepare for the HSPT exam, interview, and essays for Catholic High Schools in Phoenix, with many of his former students gaining admission to and ultimately attending Brophy College Preparatory. Jason worked as the HSPT teacher at Brophy for the past three summers, helping more students to work towards their goals to being admitted to a Catholic High School.

8-10 instructional sessions that would be 2-3 hours in length on

**Thursday, 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Practice Test Days, 3:15 - 6:15 p.m.  
On our school campus, starting**

**September 13th and ending in January.**

Also included are testing sessions that would consist of students taking HSPT practice tests to simulate a real testing environment to get students ready for testing day.

The fee for the class is \$561.00. \*maximum 24 students.

Please register as soon as possible as this is on a first come, first serve basis and a maximum of 24 students.

ENROLL ONLINE at: [www.saintjohnxxiii.org](http://www.saintjohnxxiii.org)

Go to **Parents Tab**. Drop down to EXTENDED DAY.

+Enrichment Class Offerings

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SCRIP



**We wanted to take a moment to say Thank You for your continued support of the Scrip program. Over the years the money the school has earned from the Scrip program has helped to pay for iPads, sun shades, and the cafeteria tables, just to name a few things.**

**Last week we sent home a SCRIP order form. If you do not already use SCRIP please consider. It does not cost you any more than what you were going to spend. You can pay for the order using cash, check, or we can put the charge through your FACTS account.**

**We have gift cards from over 60 stores; from groceries, to clothing to entertainment. So, help support our school by purchasing 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:**

**Tuesday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

**[Safe environment](#)**



**ALL volunteers MUST complete the training yearly BEFORE they can be allowed on campus for various events and as a volunteer. The school is required to verify completion of this training prior to approving volunteer/event visit requests.**

**Please register for a class on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix website – Safe Environment Training (SET) page.**

**[Click here](#) to be directed to the Safe Environment Website. Simply click on the “Register for a Class” link on the homepage and find the class, time, and location that meets your needs.**

**A copy of the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Minors is available for viewing in the front office.**

### **Face to Face Interview**

**As part of the Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment compliance process, you will need to have a Face to Face Interview with our school’s Safe Environment Coordinator Mary Hepsen or designee following your 2 hour foundation training, Keeping the Promise Alive. Interviews will be held on most Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:15am, 8:45am, and 9:15am from September to December. Please see Sign Up Genius link below for scheduling an appointment. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.**

**[Face to Face Interview sign-up HERE](#)**

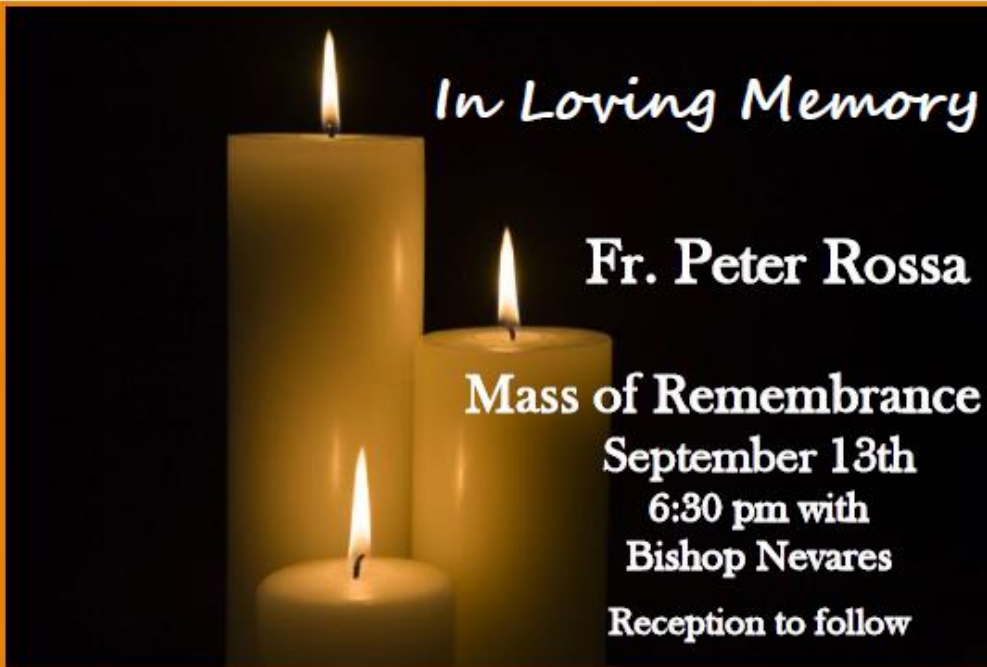
**LOCATION: School Office**

### **Please Note:**

**Face to Face Interviews will only be held AFTER a participant completes**

the 2 hour foundation class, *Keeping the Promise Alive*.

## Parish Corner



*In Loving Memory*

**Fr. Peter Rossa**

**Mass of Remembrance**  
**September 13th**  
**6:30 pm with**  
**Bishop Nevares**  
**Reception to follow**

**Please join us as we remember Fr. Peter Rossa**

Peter Anthony Rossa III was born on October 23, 1964 in Bath, Maine. As a priest in the Diocese of Phoenix for 14 years, Fr. Rossa served at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale, St. Timothy in Mesa, and then the remainder of his years shepherding some 1,350 families at St. Bernadette in Scottsdale and at the parish school St. John XXIII. While at St. Bernadette, Fr. Rossa created the Adoration Chapel, oversaw the construction of a gym at St. John XXIII school and a beautiful new permanent church building.

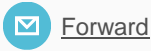
If you would like to serve at this Mass as a liturgical minister, please contact Penny at 480/905-4429; or by email at: [pcunningham@saintbernadette.com](mailto:pcunningham@saintbernadette.com).



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