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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday September 14, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Yesterday marked the one year anniversary of the passing of Fr. Pete Rossa, our pastor for almost a decade at St. Bernadette and St. John XXIII. Those of you that knew Fr. Pete, knew how much he loved the kids and the community and wanted nothing but the best for everyone. His vision for this parish and school were unparalleled and

his generosity was legendary. Although it's nearly impossible to not feel devastated by his loss, we must try to find solace in the promise of everlasting life that Fr. Pete now enjoys.

With the anniversary of his passing this week, we often found ourselves as a staff remembering the shared stories of Fr. Pete and the joy with which he served us and our Lord. If you never heard it, Fr. Pete had one of the most infectious, out-loud laughs you'll ever in your life hear. His love for the Red Sox and Rams was paralleled only by his joy in giving me a hard time about the Yankees and his cravings for French Silk pie from Village Inn. He was always overjoyed when he saw the little ones on campus and was never more proud than when he spoke to so many of our students over the years who asked him about their own discernment of religious life. He loved sharing his photography exploits almost as much as he loved talking about new tech or movies. He was a dedicated son and nephew, taking his aunt to Bed Bath and Beyond on almost every day he had off and being there for his dad whenever he was needed. To say we miss him will always be an understatement!

Please continue to keep Fr. Pete and his family in your prayers. May eternal rest be granted to him and may God's eternal light shine upon him.

**God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal**

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Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 17

VPO Meeting

8:15 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 20

1st grade retreat

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Fall Athletic Pictures

Thursday, Sept. 27

Moms retreat

The VIG Gives Back



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!**

[Mother/Son Outing](#)



How about a date night with your best guys? Please join us at CrackerJax on Friday, September 28th for a fun, all-inclusive, activity filled evening! [Click on THIS FLYER](#) for all the details.

Grab a big group and join us! Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 25th by filling out this [Mother/Son Outing](#) on-line registration form. The cost is \$25 per person and your FACTS account will be charged for the event.

Any questions? Please contact Kristen at kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org

[20 Years of St. John XXIII](#)



Did you know that we are celebrating our 20th year of existence THIS YEAR? How exciting! We would love to hear from past (and current) students and families. Send us your favorite memories, photos, stories or well wishes so we can share them with our community. We'd love your help to reach out to friends and families who are past members of St. John and ask them to contribute as well! (*We don't necessarily have current emails and addresses of all alums, so your help with this would be greatly appreciated.*) #20YearsTogether #GoPride

Send emails to: kbutler@saintjohnxxiii.org Subject Heading: 20 Years

[V.P.O Meeting](#)



What is this V.P.O. acronym you've been seeing? It stands for Volunteer Parent Organization - parents like you who help run our community events. We are having our first and only meeting of the semester THIS Monday, Sept. 17th at 8:15 in the Parish Hall (rooms 5 & 6). Please join us to hear from all of our committee chairs on upcoming events and how

YOUR help makes an event run smoothly. TRULY, many hands make light work - if you are an "ideas" person, a "small project at home" person, a "workhorse" person, or a "get people to the event" person - WE NEED YOU!

Bring your little ones, grab some friends, and join us for coffee, light refreshments, fellowship and the opportunity to "do good." See you Monday!

Ways of Worship



Mom's Morning with "Momniopotent"

Thursday September 27th 8:00 to 11:00

Parish Center

We have a super nice group of women who meet to talk about our vocations as mothers, wives and friends. We are working women, we are stay at home moms...your time is precious and valuable and so are you! We begin with attending 8:30 Mass. Our topic will be BALANCE

We hope you can take a little time out to join us and do a little "re-charge". I think you will be glad you did! Please click on the links if you are interested and to find out more about "Momnipotent"

Non-school age children are welcome!

Blessings,

Patti Jasinski

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG-cHdZHqL4&t=34s>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4daaa92ca7ff2-moms2>

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.fmssc.org/Register/group/ReservationConfirmation.aspx?sid=197670&gid=1490767&num=100&event=0#.W2YYFaRICEe>

2nd Grade Faith IN Action



Care Kit Drive

2nd Grade would like to thank our entire Saint John community for all of your generous donations this past week. With your help, we are able to assist Saint Matthews school and help them to keep their kids just a little healthier this school year! You are all such a gift and we thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!

God Bless!

SCRIP



We have AJ's/Bashas reloadable gift cards. Purchase a reloadable AJ's/Bashas gift card for \$10 from the SCRIP table. AJ's/Bashas stores will donate 6% of what you spend on your grocery purchases to St. John XXIII Catholic School. Simply reload your card at the cashier/customer service prior to making your purchases. This is also a great card to give to relatives and friends that shop at Bashas/AJ's.

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

[Running Club](#)



**Parents, running club is breaking records. Our attendance (52) and distance reached by each runner is amazing to see! The kids represented our nation's colors and military well. Thank you for investing in our kids!
GO PRIDE!!!**

Dates to remember:

September 18th: Bandanna Day

September 20th: Favorite Sports Team Day

November 17th: IRONKIDS FUN RUN. Go to Activekids.com and register \$20.

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[Parish Corner](#)

Atrium Sessions Resume



We are looking forward to resuming Atrium sessions on 9/24/18 and we are pleased to welcome Catie Weasler to the Religious Education team. It's going to be a great year and we look forward to seeing you very soon.



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