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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday April 5, 2019

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

A couple of weeks ago I took my wife to see Garth Brooks as a birthday present. I'm not a country music fan, so I was not as thrilled by this as my wife expected I should be for the evening. Having heard Garth around the house during 20 years of marriage, I knew just about every song of the night, but one stood out to me more than

it ever had before. He performed a song called "Unanswered Prayers". It tells the story of a man who realizes that even though he asked God for things early on that he wanted, God provided him with what he needed. The chorus says, "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers". When asked about it, Garth Brooks said the song, "...was the realization that God provides what is the best for you, and the best you could ever do in your lifetime."

I got to "reflecting" this week (old person word for self-pity) with some people in the office about my years in education and how the world has changed in that time. One thing I've realized is that God has been answering my prayers in a very different way than I expected. I've spent my entire career in Catholic education (my own education included in that) and learned above all, the dignity of the human person is the most important thing we teach in Catholic schools. Finding the face of Christ in everyone and receiving Him in the Eucharist is how we will ALWAYS provide a different education than any place else.

One of the exercises I do in my own life each day is to reflect back on the day and remember where I have seen the face of Christ and how I could have received Him better in each instance. As I spend time reflecting over 20 years of Catholic education I am always shocked at where I most remember seeing Christ's face most clearly in others; a smile on a playground, tears in the nurses office, joy for a 100% on a test, disappointment over a 20%, shame as I bailed a student out of jail, anger from a parent lashing out in desperation, fear from a teacher who had to call Child Protective Services, relief from an elderly person as they had their hand held by a student singing to

them. Christ's face is always there and my prayers for each of those people were answered, but not always as I asked for them.

Some Friday's, finding inspiration for these letters is difficult, but when I look back on my journey I am always thrilled by what I find. It made me think of another Garth Brooks song from that night called "The Dance". The chorus says, "Our lives are better left to chance I could have missed the pain, but I'd of had to miss the dance."

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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[Lost & Found](#)



We have a LOT of sweatshirts that have found their way to our lost and found cart. Please help us find their homes! Your children can check the cart at any time, or make your way onto campus to help us clear that cart. Anything left by Easter Break will be removed

permanently by staff. Thank you!

Poetry Month



With April being National Poetry Month, we have been having so much fun in the library this week celebrating poetry! We have read, written and laughed at a lot of silly poems! We will continue with our fun activities throughout the month. Don't forget to stop in the library and get a leaf for our "Poet-Tree" so you may be eligible for a gift card drawing at our Spring book fair!

FAIR Application



The Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) online scholarship application through FAIR for tuition scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. Any student seeking financial aid and/or scholarship assistance must complete this application. **The application deadline**

is April 15, 2019 (including all tax documentation required). Please remember to upload your tax documents to FAIR as soon as you have completed the online application.

Applications must be completed online at:

www.fairapp.com

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

Parents will be notified by letter from CEA by June 30, 2019 if a scholarship is received.

[Amazon Smile](#)



Did you know that anytime you shop on Amazon a portion of your purchase (0.5%) could be donated back to St. John XXIII? Just shop www.smile.amazon.com every time you shop and St. John receives money back from Amazon. EASY!

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How can I learn more about AmazonSmile? Please see complete AmazonSmile [program details](#).

[Back to the 80s](#)



REGISTRATION is open for the Spring Community Event on Saturday, April 27th from 7-10 p.m. We are so very thankful to our event sponsors for making this event FREE to attend!

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Annual Appeal



There is still time to make a donation to this year's "20 Years of Blessings" Annual Appeal. We would love for our community to have at least 50% participation, and we are SO close! Make an easy donation through your FACTS account by clicking [HERE](#).

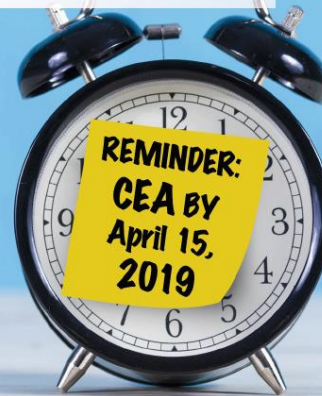
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[Ways of Worship](#)



Stations of the Cross

Friday April 12th in the Courtyard.

11:30 in the Courtyard followed by announcements

Please join us for this live presentation as seen through the eyes of our Blessed Mother Mary. Everyone is invited and all are welcome.

Kinder Retreat

Friday April 26th

Volunteers needed

Be on the lookout for Save the Date and Sign up Genius link which will be sent out on Tuesday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m.

[Scrip](#)



Easter Break is almost here. Are you traveling, don't want to spend time in the kitchen? We have gift cards for numerous great

restaurants including Fox restaurants, Cheesecake Factory, Chili's and many more.

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](#)



You are invited to join us for the Men's Lenten Retreat.

Into the Breach – A Personal Challenge to Catholic Men!

Who:	Men of St. Bernadette Parish and St. John XXIII school community
Theme:	Into the Breach! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who are we as Catholic men?• What are we called to do?
When:	Saturday April 6, 2019 - 7:30am to 12:00 noon
Where:	St. Bernadette Catholic Church 16245 N. 60th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85254
What:	Here's what the morning will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Mass at 7:30 am• A Man-size breakfast by FAT FREDDY'S- COME HUNGRY!• An examination of Jesus and His Passion as the standard men should strive for.• Encouragement to identify the personal breaches in our own lives.• Develop a personal holiness plan to fill them.• Identify the breaches in the culture, the Church, the parish, and our own families.• Target a specific shortage or need that each man is uniquely qualified to fill.• Develop an action plan to fill the breach.• Develop a personal mission statement.• Become part of a small men's group that meets regularly at the parish level.• Raffles for MAN-PRIZES!
Cost:	FREE: Event is sponsored by St Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council. A FREE WILL OFFERING will be accepted.
How to sign up?	Please RSVP by April 1 st – No fooling Brian@TrueManship.com so we can plan for food and seating capacity. EMAIL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVE AN EXTRA TICKET IN MAN-PRIZE RAFFLES!
Questions:	Brian Weber. Send Emails to Brian@TrueManship.com

Keynote Speakers:

Fr. Don Kline



Deacon Peter Auriemma



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