



# St. Rose of Lima School

2021-2022 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office

March 7, 2022

Dear School Families:

## ***“Merry Lent”***

Lent is a time to refocus and clear our minds and hearts. As we travel through the forty days of lent let us look at it as an opportunity to be open to Jesus Christ in our lives. As we walk through Christmas you will hear people say “Merry Christmas” to be open to the joy and grace of the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus became the Incarnate Son of God into the world to make a change to make a difference in the soul of every human being.

I would ask you to have a “Merry Lent” to allow Jesus Christ to enter your mind and heart to make a difference in the world.

To be an ambassador of Christ to others. It is said that the only gospel that people sometimes see in the actions that we do. St. Francis said, “preach the gospel always and sometimes use words.”

As we do during Christmas we decorate the Christmas trees with lights, ornaments and place wrap gifts under the tree for the celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. I would like us all to take that image and have a “Merry Lent.” Not to use Lent and as a time of dome (some terrible fate) and gloom (appearing depressing or frightening) but to infuse and illumined the light of Christ into our inner lives. That the fruits of the Holy Spirit are empowering us and engaging us in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



During lent we focus on **prayer**, fasting and almsgiving. Just as we decorate the Christmas Tree with lights, let us **use the light of prayer to illuminate us with the Holy Spirit**. May people see the glow and radiance of your spirituality in the actions and deeds that you do. May your prayer life engage your heart and mind to prepare you for a full relationship with Jesus Christ. The light of the Holy Spirit is given to us by the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.



When you **fast** (to give up something for lent) make it something that you turn away from that is a reminder of the importance of putting Christ first in your life. Just like a **special ornament** that hangs on the Christmas Tree it brings us to a place in which we can contemplate that moves our inner being.

Fasting should be something that is not seen as punishment or chore. It should spark you to engage the Holy Spirit deeper into your life. Taking time away from your cell phone and sitting quietly in silence to think of our spiritual relationship.

Taking time to really practice actively listening to others and not just going through the motions. To physically engage your spirituality by taking a walk for 15 to 20 minutes instead of watching the television or sitting at your computer.

To give **alms** to others should be as we give Christmas presents that are meaningful and purposeful to the individual in need of that gift. As we take time to shop and wrap these special gifts, may we wrap our almsgiving with kindness, love and respect.



Mother Teresa said that “we cannot do no great things, only small things with great love.” A smile, hug and being present to others is a wonderful gift for a person in a time of need. To say please, thank you and I am sorry with compassion and respect.

God who sees all and understands our motivations and desires. Will enlighten you to give gifts of the heart and soul and it will show others the presence of Christ in your lives.



The Christmas’s Tree has strong significance in the season of Christmas it becomes the focal point of the holiday season inside the homes of people.

Let us use the wood of the crucifix to keep us focused on the great love that God gave us that he gave his only Son that we may have eternal life. **John 3:15-17**

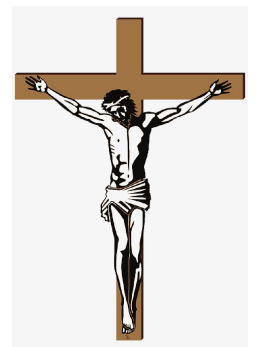
**15** that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

**16** *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him....

Have a “Merry Lent”  
God Bless you and your families.

*-Deacon Joe*





## Lenten Offerings

The Parishes and Pastors of our Deanery are offering the following programs during Lent to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

[Please click here for a list of these worthwhile events.](#)

## Congratulations to our February Students of the Month!

February's Virtue was Loyalty. Please [click here to learn](#) about why these students were chosen for this honor. **March's Virtue is: Obedience.** If you would like a printable page about Obedience to hang at home to reinforce this month's virtue, [please click here](#).

**students  
OF THE  
MONTH**

Role Models in the virtue of:  
**LOYALTY**

*Congratulations!*

**February 2022 Students of the Month**

Kindergarten: **Callie McKeown**

5th Grade: **Noah Watson**

1st Grade: **Juliet Gibbons**

6th Grade: **Katie Healey**

2nd Grade: **George Gionis**

7th Grade: **Derek DeCastro**

3rd Grade: **Ella Migaletti**

8th Grade: **Siena Accardi**

4th Grade: **Olivia Taibi**

Specials: **Estella Zuidema (7A)**



## St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

Students may wear St. Patrick's Day shirts or colors with jeans, leggings or sweatpants. Closed back shoes are required. Students may opt to wear their gym uniform.

## Lifetouch Spring Pictures: March 18, 2022

Lifetouch Studios will be here on March 18 to take Spring pictures. [A paper order form is available here](#).. Please note that students are permitted to wear spring outfits for pictures. [Please click here for information about ordering online](#).



Getting your child's picture taken on Spring Picture day is optional. If they are not getting their picture taken, they should come to school in their regular uniform.

## Scholarship Information & Tuition Assistance

**We have extended the deadline for Tuition Assistance applications to March 15, 2022** for current families. Please note that if you would like to be considered eligible for the Joann Hoke Scholarship, or one of the Batavick Family Scholarships, you must apply for tuition assistance through FACTs.



- **Welsh Scholarship:** Please [click here for application information](#). **Due: March 22, 2022**
- **NEW High School Scholarship!**  
**The McCaffrey Family High School Scholarship.** This scholarship is sponsored by John and Peggy McCaffrey and will be awarded to two 8th graders at the 8th grade graduation ceremony. [Please click here for details](#). Application and essay due to the main office by **May 2, 2022**.
- **Joann Hoke Scholarship (open to students entering grade 5)** Please [click here for application](#). **Due: April 30, 2022**
- **Batavick Family Scholarships:**(Open to Students Entering Grades 1-8). The Batavick Family has generously started a \$100,000 scholarship fund in memory of their parents, Frank and Agnes Batavick. In the 2022-2023 school year, the Scholarship fund will be providing up to \$25,000 in tuition assistance to families in need. [Please click here to read more about the Batavick Family Scholarship Fund](#). **There is no need to submit an application for the Batavick Family Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded as part of the tuition assistance program.**



## **REMINDER: Bus Transportation Reimbursement Form**

Families who live in a busing district and live 2 or more miles from St. Rose of Lima School must complete [this \(B6T\) Transportation Form](#) for the 2022-23 school year in order to receive a bus transportation reimbursement. Please complete the form and send it in to the school main office by **Wednesday,**

**March 9, 2022.** You need to complete a separate form for each child. Please put 9/6/2022 for date school opens and 6/20/2023 for date school closes. If you need a hard copy sent home, please email: [sthomas@strosenj.com](mailto:sthomas@strosenj.com) to request one.



## **Note from the School Nurse**

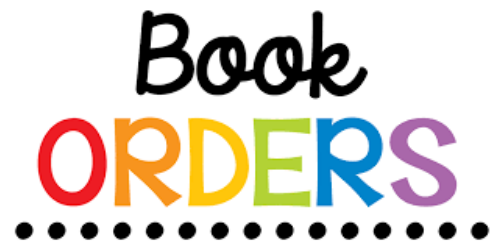
Important Notice From the Nurse to Parents of 5th-8th Graders:

Scoliosis screening will begin in the next few weeks. It will definitely be done on 5th & 7th Graders, and we will attempt to check the 6th and 8th Graders too since they were not checked last year. I have permission from all parents, However if you do NOT want your child to be screened you must send in a note or email to that effect.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. - *SRNurses*

## **Scholastic Book Orders**

Spring order forms will be distributed this week. Please send in your orders by **Wednesday, March 17th.** If you would like to order online make sure you use class code **H746Z** at the [Scholastic website](#).



## **National Junior Society**

Thank you to all those who donated to our Pretzel for a Purpose collection for St Jude's Children's Hospital. We were able to raise close to \$400. The next Pretzel for a Purpose will be March 25th.

## Extra Care Statements

The February statements were sent home last week and payments are due. Weekly AfterCare forms ([available here](#)) should be sent to homeroom teachers.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Crowell at [pcrowell@strosenj.com](mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com) or 546-6166 x311



## Yearbooks - On Sale Now!

It's time to order your 2021-22 yearbook! Please make \$28.00 checks payable to: St. Rose of Lima School.

[OR order your yearbook online by clicking here!](#)



There's nothing else like your school yearbook. Get your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends today and hang on to it for years to come!



## Track Team News

The Track Team Page is up and running on the school website. To access the track page please go to [www.stroseoflimaschoolnj.com](http://www.stroseoflimaschoolnj.com) and then go to Student Life → Athletics → Track and Field 2022.

You can access the page directly [by clicking here](#).

## Bingo Nights - BAG BINGO!

**March 26, 2022**

**Forms Due: March 11**

Coed Designer Bag Bingo - March 26, 2022 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

**NOT YOUR AVERAGE BINGO!  
COED and BYOB!**

\$40 ticket cost includes dinner from Bistro Di Marino, Bingo Card for 10 Bingo Games, plus a ticket for door prizes. There will be door prizes, a separate basket & handbag raffle, a 50/50 and more!

This event is open to the public. Please register soon as this event tends to fill up quickly and tickets will not be sold at the door! Registration is due by March 11.

Please [see this page for a registration flyer](#) with more information.



## Golf Outing

**May 2, 2022**

The Annual St. Rose of Lima Golf Outing will be held on May 2, 2022 this year. [Please click here for a golf outing flyer and to register for the event.](#) For more information about registration, volunteering, or sponsorship, contact Josh Haas at [joshua.c.haas@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.c.haas@gmail.com)

## Laps for Learning

**May 20, 2022**

It's that time of year again already! Students will be writing letters to friends and family members in school on March 28. [Please click here for more information about Laps for Learning and how to submit your sponsor lists!](#) **Sponsor lists are due by March 21.**



## 100 year Spirit Apparel

We still have some apparel left from our 100th year anniversary. These items are available on a first come, first served basis. [Please click here for a list of items that are available.](#) If Interested, please contact Jackie Valvardi at [100yearsofsrc@strosenj.com](mailto:100yearsofsrc@strosenj.com) or text her at 856.207.9274 Venmo payment is available: @Michael-Valvardi



**PTA NEWS: Lego Sets  
Easter/Spring Sale!  
New PRICE! \$35**

The PTA has surplus “lego” sets left over from past events. The sets have been reduced to \$35 each as a quick Easter sale! If you are interested in purchasing a “lego” set please email [lcoulter9@comcast.net](mailto:lcoulter9@comcast.net) to reserve a set. Checks made payable to St. Rose of Lima PTA) can be sent into school marked Lego Payment.

## St. Rose of Lima Parish Youth Ministry

St. Rose of Lima Parish has an active youth ministry group that offers activities for students and parishioners. [Please click here to see some upcoming youth ministry events.](#)

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

### Diocese of Camden's Annual FaithFULL Food Drive

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

In Southern New Jersey, 1 in 6 people are food insecure. (1 in 5 are children) and 20,000 seniors must choose between food and medications. Help us combat hunger! Food can be dropped off on March 27, 2022 at any Catholic Church in the Diocese of Camden. [Please click here for a flyer.](#)



A flyer for the iRace4Vocations event. At the top, three runners are shown in vertical panels. Below them is a cross logo with the words "PRAYING" and "RUNNING" on either side. The main text reads "iRace4Vocations" followed by "OUTDOOR MASS | 5K RUN | 1 MILE WALK | FAMILY PICNIC". The date is "03 APRIL 2022" and it is "PRESENTED BY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS". The location is "COOPER RIVER PARK" with the address "JACK CURTIS STADIUM | 6300 NORTH PARK DRIVE | PENNSAUKEN". Logos for the Diocese of Camden, Our Lady of Peace Parish, and Greentree Community Food Bank are included. At the bottom, logos for "CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION" and "HOLY FAMILY" are shown. A footer says "REGISTER FOR FREE: CAMDENPRIEST.ORG".

### iRace 4 Vocations

**Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Cooper River Park**

iRace4Vocations is an annual event by the Diocese of Camden Office of Vocations that welcomes people of all ages to run in our 5K or walk in our 1 Mile courses both praying for and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Sullivan and ends with food and family entertainment.

[Please click here for more information about this fun and free event!](#)



**Important Upcoming Dates** Dates are subject to change and we will keep you updated if changes occur. [Please click here for full academic calendar.](#)

Date	Event
March 9	1. <a href="#">B6T Transportation Forms Due</a>
March 11	1. <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher in-service day 2. Bingo Nights <a href="#">Registration forms due.</a>
March 15	<b>Deadline Extended:</b> <a href="#">Tuition Assistance Application</a> Deadline.
March 17	1. St. Patrick's Day Dress Down 2. Scholastic Book Orders Due
March 18	Lifetouch Spring Pictures: <a href="#">See paper order form Here.</a> (Students do NOT have to wear uniforms for these pictures.) Please <a href="#">click here for information about ordering online.</a>
March 21	Sponsor lists due for <a href="#">Laps for Learning.</a>
March 22	Welsh <a href="#">Scholarship Applications</a> Due
March 25	Falcon Friday
March 26	Bingo Nights <a href="#">Bag Bingo!</a> Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
March 27	<a href="#">FaithFULL Food Drive</a> Drop-Off Date
<b>SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES!</b>	
April 1	<b>Half Day:</b> 8:30 Mass - Faculty Meeting
April 3	1. Second Hand Rose Sale 2. <a href="#">iRace for Vocations</a>
April 13	<b>Half Day.</b>
April 14 -22	Easter Recess. School resumes on <b>April 25, 2022</b>
April 30	<a href="#">Joann Hoke Memorial Scholarship</a> (for 5th graders) due
May 2	1. St. Rose of Lima's Annual <a href="#">Golf Outing</a> 2. McCaffrey Family High School <a href="#">Scholarship Applications</a> Due
May 20	Laps for Learning
May 21	Father/Daughter Dance

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**Haddon Heights Youth Athletics**  
**Softball Clinic (Ages 5 & 6)**



Sign-ups are open until **March 18th!**  
[Click here for more details!](#)