

Wednesday e-Folder

February 21, 2018

February Theme — Care for the Poor & Vulnerable

In honor of St. Peter Damien's feast day, we continue to travel along our Lenten Journey and offer the following *Prayer for a New Evangelization*:

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture. Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News. Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others. Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions. In moments of hesitation, remind me: If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel? If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed? If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim? God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever...Amen.

St. Peter Damien once wrote to a bishop, "let your lips continually ruminate something from the scriptures." Think about how you spread the truth of the Gospel through your words and deeds. In what way do you think the Lord would ask you to live differently?

http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/february-21.cfm

Quote of the Week:

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."

Nelson Mandela





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Things You Need to KNOW:

No Community Meeting on Thursday

Although we typically hold Community Meeting on Thursdays, due to the gym floor being cleaned, we will not have access to the Activity Center on 2/22. Therefore, please drop your child off in front of the school tomorrow.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

As a reminder, the Book Fair will be held in the Activity Center conference room and will begin this Sunday, February 25th (after the Sunday masses). And during the coming week, students will visit the Book Fair during their regular library time. Dates and times listed below

Sunday, February 25th 10:00am—2:00pm Monday, February 26th 8:00am—2:30pm Tuesday, February 27th 8:00am—2:30pm Wednesday, February 28th 8:00am—12:00pm

Weekly Stations of the Cross Prayer Service (4th—8th Grades)

Each Friday during Lent, students in grades 4th—8th will walk the journey of Christ with our weekly Stations of the Cross prayer service. The 7th grade will lead this first scheduled prayer service. Please note that the younger grade students will be take part in a classroom version of the weekly Stations walk. Please know that parents and other guests are invited to join us in the church for this weekly prayer service event.

St. Agnes Science Night!

The first ever "Science Night" comes to St. Agnes next Friday, March 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Activity Center. The UMBC Chemistry Department is generously serving as table presenters for what is certain to be a fun-filled and awe-inspiring event which will excite our students about the wonderful world that exists in Science. Also, all attending students are asked to please bring an empty and clean disposable plastic water bottle (with the lid) to the event. Don't be surprised if your child comes home with a container full of "lava"! Please click HERE for an informational flyer.

St. Agnes Boys Basketball Tournament

The 9th Annual Invitational Tournament will be held in the Activity Center from 2/22 to 2/25. Come and show your support to the best C.Y.O. basketball team in the Baltimore area! Please click <u>HERE</u> for a schedule of games.

Chromebook Parent Meeting (4th-8th Grade)

In preparation for the next stage of our Technology initiative, we will be hosting a 4th-8th grade parent meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:00pm. The goal of this meeting is to discuss the responsibilities and Acceptable Use Agreement that will accompany our new Chromebook technology. Thank you in advance for your attendance at this important meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Agnes School and St. Agnes Parish are hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th for children 10 and under. Sign-in starts at 9am with the hunt starting promptly at 9:30. Click <u>HERE</u> for an informational flyer. Online registration is encouraged; please register <u>HERE</u>.

Things You Are Asked to DO:

H.S.A. Notes—Volunteer Opportunities

- <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u>: Volunteers are needed on Sunday, February 25 Wednesday, February 28 to help students purchase books. All proceeds of the Book Fair go directly towards the purchase of new books for the library. Please sign-up <u>HERE</u>.
- <u>St. Patrick's Day Parade</u>: Families are asked to represent St. Agnes School at the *St. Patrick's Day Parade* on Sunday, March 11. Please RSVP to Katie Wilder at kwilder@stagnesschool.net.
- <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>: The St. Agnes Parish and School Community will host an <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> on Saturday, March 24. Volunteers are needed to donate filled eggs (24 eggs = 1 Hour, up to 3 hours max per family). Filled eggs (containing candy or small trinkets) are due by Friday, March 9. Volunteers are also needed to hide the eggs and help during the event. Please sign-up <u>HERE</u>.

Re-Enrollment and Tuition Assistance Reminder

As a reminder, all signed tuition contracts and the \$250 enrollment deposit are due by next Wednesday, February 28th to secure your child's spot for the coming year. Beginning on March 1st, we will begin accepting applications for new families.

Please also be reminded that February 28th is also the deadline to apply for <u>FACTS Tuition Assistance</u>. No financial aid applications will be accepted after this date. Don't delay, apply today!

Family Fitness February

As a reminder, we only have three more family fitness events left in February: 2/21, 2/26 and 2/28. So please consider joining us in the St. Agnes Gym from 3:15pm to 3:45pm to walk laps and complete activity stations. As another reminder, all students must be accompanied by an adult family member. Please register HERE for each session you plan to attend.

Lenten Service Project

St. Agnes will be packing meals on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00am to 1:00pm to benefit **Catholic Relief Services**' *Helping Hands Program* which delivers meals to church-run centers in West Africa. You may donate online: http://helpinghands.crs.org/events/st-agnes-st-william-2018/ and/or volunteer for the event by signing-up via our parish website: www.saintsaw.org.

"Feed the Hungry" Fridays

Each Friday during Lent, we are collecting canned goods/non-perishable food items for the Catonsville Emergency Assistance agency. At this point, the CEA urgently needs: Pancake Mixes, Pancake Syrup, Muffin Mixes, Pasta Sides, Peanut Butter, Potato Sides, Mashed Potatoes, Rice Sides, Cake Mixes, Brownie Mixes, Frosting, Peanut Butter, Canned Chicken Soup, Canned Meats (Spam, corned beef, ham, salmon), Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Canned Corn, Canned Stew or Chili, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Paste. Items may be brought into the school office. Thank you for your support!

Pre-K 3 "Meet & Greet"

Following the Easter Egg Hunt, St. Agnes School is hosting a PreK-3 Meet and Greet event in which prospective families can come explore the classroom, meet our teachers, and meet new friends. This event will be held from 10-12 on Saturday, March 24. Feel free to pass this FLYER along to anyone who may be looking for PreK-3 in the fall. Participants are asked to register HERE.

Mark Your Calendar

February 25-February 28: Scholastic Book Fair

February 21: 6th Grade Service Experience for Westside Shelter

February 28: Enrollment Deadline for Current Families

February 28: FACTS Financial Aid Application Deadline

March 2: 8th Grade Service Experience at MBK

March 2: St. Agnes Science Night

March 5: NO SCHOOL: Faculty Professional Development Day

March 7: Chromebook Parent Meeting: 4th-8th Grades

March 13: 7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa

March 15: "Luck O' The Irish" Green-Themed N.U.T. Day

March 17: "Helping Hands" Lenten Service Project

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