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ST. MARY SCHOOL

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DATE: MARCH 30, 2017  
TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
FROM: MS. LEPORE  
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

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The link is up to purchase tickets for the Wizard of Oz! <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-marys-school-13167983136>

**There is a Wizard of Oz Committee Meeting tonight at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. (This is a working meeting)**

Re-Registration forms are past due. Please return these to the office as soon as possible as we need to plan for next year (ordering books, supplies and chrome books). Our plan is to order chrome books for all students in Grades 5-8. The school will purchase them and the students will be able to keep them until they graduate in Grade 8. The only thing parents will be responsible for is the insurance on them (More information will be coming).

Next Thursday is a 1:00 dismissal. Aftercare will be available.

Yearbook order forms are due.

Please send in Big 50 tickets and money as you receive it.

Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for the afterschool activity - One to One Sports (Grades K – 4).

There is a meeting here next Thursday evening at 6:00 PM for the Parent Federation Group. Parents and school liaisons have been invited. Mrs. Clark is on the board and is trying to get parents to attend this meeting to meet Representative Bob Lancia who is submitting legislation to increase the CAP on the Corporate Tax Credit Program from \$1.5 to \$5 million dollars. If this bill passes, the diocese will be able to distribute many more tax credit financial aid awards for tuition assistance. When the bill is heard in committee we will need a strong showing from our families to promote its passage. (More on that later). Please consider coming out for a short time on Thursday night. Thank you!

We have extended the deadline for the Wicked Tulip Farm (April 27) until next Friday!

Our next school Mass is Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 AM. Please join us if you can.

**Attached to the memo are the following flyers:**

April Calendar

Volleyball Home Games

Grow in Faith

Wicked Tulip Farm

Holy Cannoli Night

Parent Volunteers for the Wizard of Oz

Crew for the Wizard of Oz

Big 50 Raffle to request extra tickets

Casino Night to purchase tickets

Grades 3-8 are attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays at **1:00**, please join us if you can. (Weather Permitting)

**St. Mary's School lives the Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love through our kind thoughts and deeds.**

# St. Mary's School

# April 2017

| Sun                                       | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                                       |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
|   | 27  | 28   | 29  | 31<br>Spring Photo<br>Wizard of Oz<br>Committee Meeting<br>6:00                 | 31<br>Stations of the Cross<br>1:00 PM Grade 5<br>Model Making Club<br>2:30 - 4                                | 1   |
| 2   | 3<br>School Board<br>Meeting 6-8<br>Holy Cannoli Night<br>6:30-7:30 | 4<br>First Penance<br>Grade 2<br>Vocations Talk<br>Grades 6-8 9:00 | 5<br>Holocaust Movie<br>Grade 8<br>Whale – Grade 1<br>Faculty Meeting | 6<br>1:00 Dismissal<br><br>Parent Federation<br>Meeting in<br>Cafeteria 6:00 PM | 7<br>Grade 8 to Ronald<br>McDonald House<br>Stations of the Cross<br>1:00 PM Grade 4<br>Student Council 2:30-4 | 8   |
| 9<br>Happy Palm<br>Sunday                 | 10  | 11   | 12<br>School Mass 9:00<br>AM  | 13<br>Holy Thursday   | 14<br>No School<br>Good Friday   | 15  |
| 16<br>Happy Easter                        | 17<br>Spring Vacation   | 18<br>Spring Vacation  | 19<br>Spring Vacation   | 20<br>Spring Vacation   | 21<br>Spring Vacation  | 22<br>Spring Vacation                     |
| 23<br>Spring Vacation                     | 24<br>Big 50 Drawing  | 25<br>Dress Rehearsal<br>for Wizard of Oz                          | 26<br>Dress Rehearsal<br>for Wizard of Oz                             | 27<br>Wicked Tulip Farm<br>5:00 PM  | 28<br>School Performance<br>Wizard of Oz<br>Model Making Club<br>2:30 - 4                                      | 29<br>Wizard of Oz<br>6:00<br>Performance |
| 30<br>Wizard of Oz<br>2:00<br>Performance | 1   | 2  | 3<br>Principal's Meeting<br>8-1                                       | 4<br>Rain Date for<br>Wicked Tulip Farm   | 5<br><b>Fundraising<br/>Balances Due</b><br>Model Making Club<br>2:30 - 4                                      | 6<br>First Holy<br>Communion<br>12:00 PM  |

St. Mary's  
Volleyball Home Games

| Date   | Day  | Time    | Visiting Team    | vs | Home Team     | Coverage       |
|--------|------|---------|------------------|----|---------------|----------------|
| 3-Apr  | Mon  | 6:00 PM | St Rocco         |    | St Mary White |                |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | St Peter         |    | St Mary Blue  | Val Lisi       |
| 5-Apr  | Wed  | 6:00 PM | St Paul          |    | St Mary White | Vanessa Sclama |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | St Paul          |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
| 10-Apr | Mon  | 6:00 PM | St Rose of Lima  |    | St Mary White | Kristen Nunes  |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | St Rose of Lima  |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
| 1-May  | Mon  | 6:00 PM | St Mary White    |    | St Mary Blue  | Tamra Wilson   |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | St Rose of Lima  |    | St Paul       |                |
|        |      | 8:00 PM | St Rose of Lima  |    | St Rocco      |                |
| 2-May  | Tues | 6:00 PM | St Rocco         |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | St Peter         |    | St Mary White |                |
| 5-May  | Fri  | 6:00 PM | Msgr Clarke      |    | St Mary White |                |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | Msgr Clarke      |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
| 8-May  | Mon  | 6:00 PM | Fr Doyle - White |    | St Mary White |                |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | Fr Doyle - Red   |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
| 9-May  | Tues | 6:00 PM | St Philip        |    | St Mary White | Mr. Beaumier   |
|        |      | 7:00 PM | St Philip        |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
| 10-May | Wed  | 7:00 PM | St Joseph - Blue |    | St Mary Blue  |                |
|        |      | 8:00 PM | St Joseph - Gold |    | St Mary White |                |

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

April 2017

St. Mary's Church, Cranston

Rev. William J. Ledoux, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Zita of Lucca

Born to poor, pious parents in

Monsagrati, Italy,

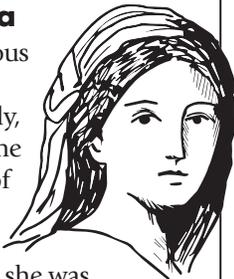
St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli

family when she was twelve. For her hard work, piety, and generosity, she was despised by her fellow servants and overburdened by her employers. Eventually, her love and humility won over her enemies, and she was given charge of all household affairs. Famous for helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.

### Heart to heart

There is nothing wrong with "pestering" God (Matthew 7:7), but think: if this was all we did with our loved ones, what quality of relationship would that be? Instead, God seeks a personal relationship with each of us—to converse with us heart-to-heart. Of course, tell him what's on your heart, but don't forget to listen to him, too.

*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you"*  
(James 4:8).



## Healthy habits for happy hearts

Human beings are creatures of habits – we love our comfortable routines. Healthy diet and exercise practices make our bodies strong. The same is true of spiritual habits. They can strengthen our souls. The key to living a happy life is to develop healthy habits of the heart.

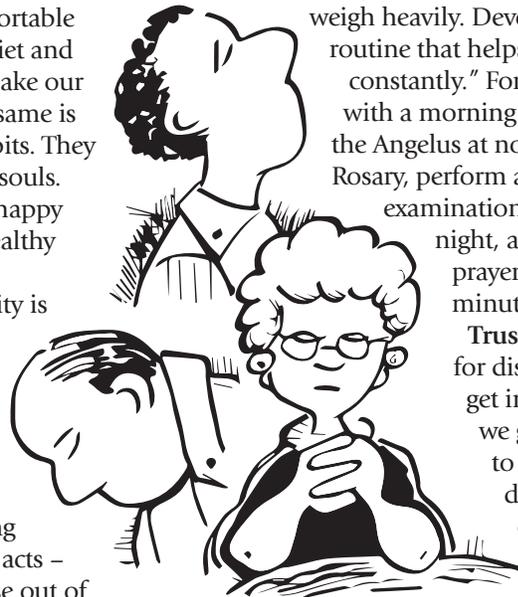
**Humility.** Humility is closely tied to gratitude and is the appropriate response to contemplating the greatness of God. Regularly meditating on God's immense acts – creating the universe out of nothing, sacrificing himself to save us – is a sure way to appreciate his love and generosity.

**Prayer.** Happy Catholics use prayer to connect to God and gain distance from

worldly preoccupations that can weigh heavily. Develop a prayer routine that helps you "pray constantly." For example, start with a morning offering, recite the Angelus at noon, pray a daily Rosary, perform a brief examination of conscience at night, and sit in silent prayer for at least 15 minutes.

**Trust.** No one asks for discomfort but we get into trouble when we go out of our way to avoid it. In so doing, we can put ourselves before God and others. Healthy

Catholics know that there is no avoiding suffering and it can even be meaningful. Trusting that God loves us dearly and will use our suffering for good makes the suffering easier to bear.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe in the "Real Presence"?

We believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist because we have it on divine authority. Referring to the Eucharist, Jesus told his disciples, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). Jesus makes this



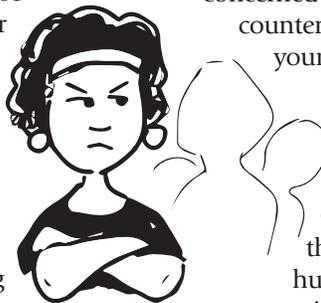
promise to us every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, Jesus becomes really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

## Take an antidote for a deadly sin

Some sins are considered especially deadly because they lead to other sins. Fortunately, the “Capital” or “Deadly” sins such as envy, pride and lust have antidotes. For example,

**Envy** is wanting what someone else has. Heavy doses of gratitude will help. Our peace is restored when we remember that all good gifts come from God and are glad for others’ good fortune and grateful for our own.

**Pride** is seeking attention and honor that belong to God. Pride makes us focused on ourselves,



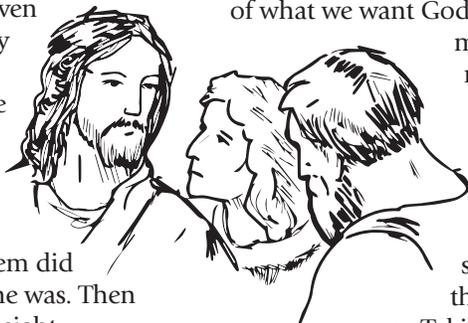
concerned about how we appear to others. Humility is a counter. Purposely draw attention to others, rather than yourself. Praise and thank God daily for your gifts.

**Lust** is focusing on sexual self-gratification rather than glorifying God. Sexuality is a gift from God and not inherently impure. Lust, however, is misuse of that gift, straying from God’s intentions for us. Love, willing the good of the other, is at the heart of what it means to be human. Love for God and each other is the antidote.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight

Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture. The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when he broke bread with them did they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.



Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see him for who he was. They expected a

warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren’t we like that, too? Don’t we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we miss who he really is?

Christ’s presence in our lives isn’t revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a

prayer. Taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ’s presence everywhere.

### Q & A Why are there religious orders?

Historically, religious orders were founded in response to a need within the Church. Each order receives a special



grace from the Holy Spirit, called a charism, which helps to build up the Church. For example, the charism of the Sisters of Life is to

protect human life in all its stages.

There are two “kinds” of religious orders: contemplative and active. Members of contemplative orders live apart from the world in closed-off communities. They devote themselves entirely to prayer. Members of the active orders do their work in the world, though there is often a contemplative element to their life as well.

Religious life is “a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection...characterized by the profession of...[vows]” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). All religious orders have the mission to spread the Gospel by how they live. They vow to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience so they can dedicate their lives, hearts, and minds completely to God’s service.

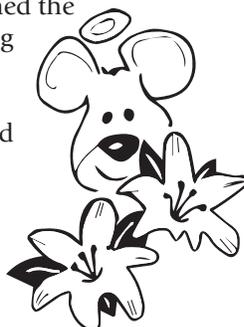
### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 1 – St. Hugh of Grenoble (1132).** St. Hugh was the bishop of Grenoble, France, and as bishop, he worked hard to reform his diocese of corruption. St. Hugh was also the friend and patron of St. Bruno, giving him the land where the Grand Chartreuse was built. With his help, St. Bruno founded the Carthusian order.

**April 9 – Palm Sunday.** The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday and recalls Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering,

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

**April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622).** In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith. He was martyred by an angry mob.

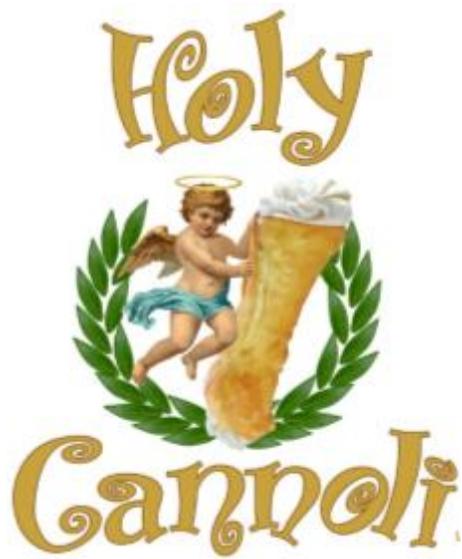


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**FAMILY  
FUN NIGHT**

**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
ITALIAN ARTISTS & CANNOLIS**

**MONDAY APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:30-7:30ish**

**ONLY \$5 PER FAMILY**

**RSVP**

**PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults \_\_\_\_\_ #Kids \_\_\_\_\_



## Parent Volunteer Form

### The Wizard of Oz

Please indicate below the dates and times you are available to help with our production of the Wizard of Oz and your preference of assignment.

Thank you!

Erin Clark [eclark@stmaryschoolri.org](mailto:eclark@stmaryschoolri.org)

Dress Rehearsal Tues April 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dress Rehearsal Wed April 26<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_

School Performance Fri April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday April 29, 2017 at 4:30 PM (performance is at 6:00)

Concessions\_\_\_\_\_      Box Office\_\_\_\_\_

Raffles \_\_\_\_\_      Green Rooms\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday April 30, 2017 at 12:30 (performance is at 2:00)

Concessions\_\_\_\_\_      Box Office \_\_\_\_\_

Raffles \_\_\_\_\_      Green Rooms \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much for your help! Please email me with any questions.



## Crew Needed!

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is in need of a stage crew from grades 5-8 to help with the school's production of The Wizard of Oz! Please fill out the form below and return it to Mrs. Clark by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The schedule of when you should come to practice is below. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Mrs. C.

April 4, 11, 13 from 2:30-4:00.

April 25, 26 \* \* \* Dress Rehearsals \* \* \* from 2:30-4:00

April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 (call time)-Performance is at 6:00pm

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 (call time)-Performance is at 2:00pm

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature/Emergency Contact #

# BIG 50 RAFFLE

Tickets will going out next week and the drawing will be April 28.

Please complete the form below to request tickets and they will be sent home with your child. Just a reminder the parent percentage is 90/10 to cover the printing cost.

As we get underway, if you notice that you cannot sell the amount of tickets you requested, please return them to the school as soon as possible so they can be redistributed.

Ticket money should be sent to the school as you sell the tickets or within a reasonable time. Please do not hold it and return all at once on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please forward money to the school either via check(s) or cash ~ no coins please!

If you would like tickets or need additional tickets please send your request to the school as soon as possible. This will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Thank you and GOOD LUCK!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



# Here's the Deal



It's a Casino night with lots to do,  
So save the date to party and bring your lucky Charm too.



**Adult Fundraising Event opened to all**

Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm  
East Providence Yacht Club  
**20.00 per ticket**  
Dinner, DJ, Games and raffles

Proceeds of this event will be awarded to Saint Mary's 2017-2018 School year for extra curricular activities and technology fund.

**Family name:**

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**# of tickets needed:**

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**Total enclosed:**

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Checks can be made payable to Saint Mary's school. Tickets will be sent home as requested with this form.