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ST. MARY SCHOOL

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DATE: MARCH 14, 2019  
TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
FROM: MS. LEPORE  
RE: WEEKLY MEMO

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There have been some students upset by the recent Momo incidents happening on YouTube. A few students came into school sharing stories of Momo on this topic. Because of these conversations and students who showed concern we spoke to some of the classes to address the issue. We explained to all students if they see anything scary on a video they are watching to talk to their parents or a responsible adult that is with them immediately. We also let them know, they can talk to us at any time. We asked students not to share stories that are scary with their friends and encouraged students to talk to their parents, an adult at home or staff at St Mary School. We were very general in our discussion to not give details or cause further alarm.

Report Cards will come home next Thursday. We have decided to use S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory) for our Specials from Kindergarten to Grade 5 as the students only have these classes once a week. Our plan is to redo our report card next year to reflect these changes. Grades 6-8 will remain the same. Please call me if you have any questions.

The Father/Daughter Dance is tonight from 6:30 – 9:30. We have been granted a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence of meat from Bishop Tobin for tonight's meal.

If your child is going to participate in the play this year – Aladdin – please send the attached form in by Friday, March 22 as we need to order costumes!

Grade 8 Graduation Fee of \$200 is due as soon as possible.

Yearbook orders are due. Last year we sold out and had to turn students away. Please get your order form in.

Congratulations to Devin Abeid (Grade 8) who won First Place in the RI State Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest: *What Makes You Proud of America*. Devin received a scholarship check and a Certificate of Participation at an Award Dinner on Sunday, March 10. St. Mary's School will also receive a Plaque of Participation.

Congratulations to Aidan Paplauskas (Grade 5) who will compete in the State Geography Bee on Friday, March 29.

**The Readers' Choice Awards from the Providence Journal - please visit [providencejournal.gatehousecontests.com](http://providencejournal.gatehousecontests.com) and vote for us – both in Childcare/Preschool category and Private School category! We were nominated in both areas!**

**Please return the re-registration forms as soon as possible as we need to begin to plan for next year.**

The link for our fundraiser Funny for Funds <https://www.funny4funds.com/events/st-mary-school-comedy-night-fundraiser/335>.

You may purchase tickets and sponsorships. You will receive 50% back for your fundraising with any sponsorship you bring in.

Next Tuesday is an Out of Uniform to celebrate St Patrick's Day & St Joseph's Day. Students may dress in Green and White or Red, White and Green.

Beginning Friday March 22, we will go over for Stations of the Cross at 1:30 instead of 1:00. Please join us if you can.

Students in Grades 3-8 will go over for Confessions during the week of March 25.

**Attached to this memo:**

Family Fun Night – Wednesday, March 20

Funny for Funds flyer

Mother/Son Event – Harlem Globetrotters – Saturday, April 6

Growing in Faith

Cranston School Department April Vacation flyer

Volleyball Clinic (Grades 4 & 5)

Registration form for the younger students to participate in our production of Aladdin.



**PLEASE JOIN**  
**US!**



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
**BUTTERFLIES**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**\$5 per family**



**This is a PTG sponsored family event with**  
**crafts, games, raffles & fun.**

**RSVP**

**PLEASE RETURN WITH \$5 BY TUESDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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



ST. MARY SCHOOL  
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND



# COMEDY FUNDRAISER

*Featuring New England's Best Comedians  
to benefit*

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

Saturday, March 30, 2019

St. Mary Parish Center

85 Chester Ave | Cranston, RI 02920

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Doors open at 6:00pm | Show starts at 7:00pm

**APPETIZERS AND LITE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
RAFFLES, 50/50 DRAWING, SILENT/LIVE AUCTIONS  
18+ ADULTS ONLY PLEASE, PG 13 RATED SHOW**

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Tickets \$25.00

For tickets, to donate, or sponsor, please visit  
[www.funny4funds.com/events](http://www.funny4funds.com/events)

For more information, please contact

Nancy Nasser  
(401) 944-4107

# St. Mary's Mother - Son School Event



## HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

# SATURDAY APRIL 6 AT 7:00PM

### Dunkin' Donuts Center

**TICKETS ONLY \$24.50**

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS**

To purchase tickets please fill out this form and return with a check payable to the 'Dunkin Donuts Center' to the main office by March 15th. For any questions please contact Beth Berardis at [bethanyberardis@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyberardis@gmail.com).

Event Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Growing in FAITH™

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

March 2019

St. Mary's Church, Cranston

Rev. William J. Ledoux, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Matilda

From early on, St. Matilda was known for her beauty, holiness and intelligence. She was happily married to Henry the Fowler and had five children. Beloved by her subjects, she was known for donating generously to the poor. When Henry died, Matilda's sons, Otto and Henry the Quarrelsome, fought over the crown. After a failed rebellion, Henry died and Matilda left to live in a convent. Upon her death, she donated everything she owned, including her burial shroud.



### Opportunities for holiness

It often seems that everyday life can't allow for a deep connection with God. When we are at work, or play, or at rest, we can do all things in a holy way. Each hour brings its chances for patience, kindness, unselfishness, and other virtues.

*"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"*

(Hebrews 4:16).



## The new you

Lent is our chance to leave our old ways behind and adopt a new way of life. When Easter comes, what will the new you be like?

**Be a more positive thinker.** This is the keystone habit that will help you form the other important habits. Squash negative thinking and trust that God will work with you to accomplish goals you set that are in harmony with his will.

**Focus on what's important.** First, identify what is most important to you – family, friends, faith, and so on. Then eliminate everything else. Not only will you be free to focus on what is most important, this habit will spill over into other areas of your life, such

as tasks, projects, and communication.

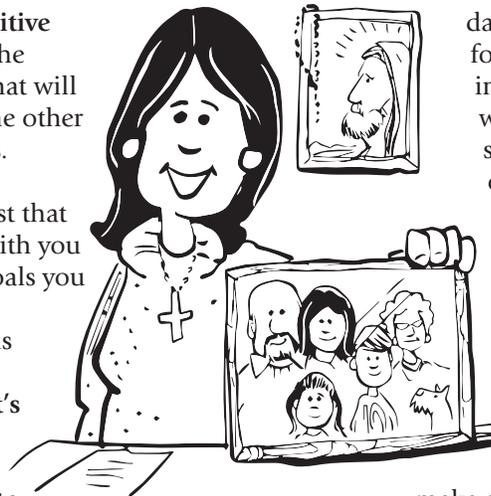
**Find a powerful prayer routine.** The best prayer routines are the ones we

follow every day. A firm, daily routine helps you focus on what's important, not just what comes up. Make sure to concentrate on Scripture and add time to listen, too.

**Add kindness.**

Kindness is genuinely caring for others, wanting the best for them, and taking action to demonstrate that caring. Each day,

make a decision to add an act of kindness to your day. Let someone go ahead of you in line, give a sincere compliment to a stranger, praise a coworker's effort, greet a passerby.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics bow at the names of Jesus and Mary?

Bowing is a sign of honor given to royalty and to others of high status. Jesus is the Son of God and our king. Therefore, Mary, his mother, is the Mother of God and our queen. "A bow of the head is made when the three



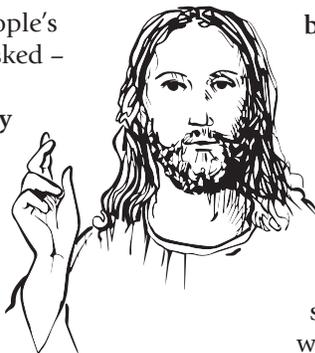
Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, #275a).

# Jesus always gives more than we ask

During his time on Earth, Jesus exceeded people's expectations. He always gave more than was asked – but exactly what was needed.

A paralyzed man sought a cure for his body but Jesus cured his soul (Mark 2:1-12). A man's friends brought him to Jesus to heal his body, but Jesus forgave his sins. As God, Jesus has the power to heal. As man, he identifies with our deepest needs and gives us what is required to overcome them.

A widow needed strength to bury her son



but Jesus gave him life (Luke 7:11-17). God's love for us is bigger than we can imagine and moves him to shower us with miracles.

Invited to attend a wedding, he elevated the marriage to a Sacrament (John 2:1-12). At his Mother's request, Jesus blessed a new marriage by replenishing their empty wine stocks with better refreshment than they could have imagined. When we ask for her help, she makes sure her Son gives us what we need and more than we can imagine.

## from Scripture

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Jesus promises we can always return home.**

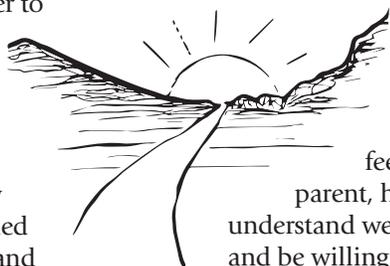
In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't

get half the amount of celebrating for his work—and he was the "good one!"

Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any

parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.



## Q & A What is saintly advice for Confession?

It can be tempting to approach Confession like it's just another (unpleasant) obligation. In fact, Confession is more than "checking items off the list." It's an encounter with God's mercy. Try these timely tips from the saints to make the most of Confession:



**St. John Bosco – Be regular and consistent:** "Go to confession once a month, and not oftener than once a week, unless your confessor advises it." Also, "Once we have chosen a confessor, we must go to him steadily [or else] he cannot advise us."

**St. Francis de Sales – Be intentional:** "However small the sins you confess may be, always have sincere sorrow for them together with a firm resolution to correct them in the future." Also, "Don't be satisfied with confessing [only] your venial sins...accuse yourself of the motive that led you to commit them."

**St. Faustina Kowalska – Don't limit God's mercy:** "Each one can become a great saint, so great is the power of God's grace. It remains only for us not to oppose God's action."

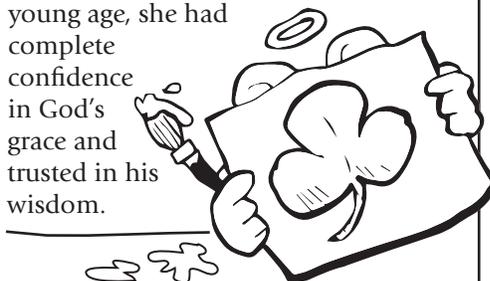
## Feasts & Celebrations

**March 6 – Ash Wednesday.** The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting—eating one simple meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

**March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440).** Although she preferred a life of service, Frances' wealthy parents required that she marry. With a sister-in-law, Vannoza, Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving

the poor. Frances honored her husband, cared for her children until their deaths, and served the poor and sick. She even converted her house into a hospital.

**March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century).** The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.



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# April Vacation Camp XL, 2019

The 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – 3:00pm

Open to All Cranston Students!

Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Held at

Hugh B. Bain Middle School

Breakfast, Lunch, Snack &  
Thursday Field Trip Included!



**A week of camp for just \$100!**

Only \$80 for students receiving free/reduced lunch

Register At:

[www.cranstonafterschool.com](http://www.cranstonafterschool.com)

**Daily Camp Schedule:**

8:00: Breakfast

8:30: Play 60

9:30: Snack Break

9:45: Hands On Activity

11:30: Lunch

12:00: Recess

12:30: Read to Achieve

1:05: Number Ninjas

1:40: Hands On Activity

2:40: Reflection/Clean-up

3:00: Dismissal



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# Volleyball Clinic

## Grades 4 & 5



PLAYER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ or Female \_\_\_\_\_

Uniform size:

Youth S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_

XL \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

Volleyball Registration Fees 1<sup>st</sup> – Child - \$50.00

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.**

The students will also have games against other teams in addition to the clinic!

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to Spring ~ (as we shovel a foot of snow!)...

Outside it may still feel like winter, it's spring in our school!

Our Pre-K through Grade 3 students have been working hard on their songs for our exciting show ~ ALADDIN, JR.

We certainly hope you and your son/daughter can be an exciting part of our show...

- Our Aladdin show will take place on Saturday, April 27th (4:00P.M.) and Sunday, April 28th (2:00P.M.)
- Ticket prices are \$15.00 per person ~ children under 5 will be free admission.
- We will be supplying wonderful costumes for all children performing in our show. There will be a \$20.00 costume fee per child.
- In the participation slip below, we are asking that you supply the correct size.
- All Pre-K through Grade 3 students are asked to attend 3 practices with the theater groups. The dates are...
  1. Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (2:30 – 3:30P.M.)
  2. Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (2:30 – 3:30P.M.)
  3. Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (2:30 – 3:30P.M.)~ (More info to come on these practices) ~

We kindly ask to please return the slip below along with the \$20.00 costume fee no later than Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our young children are a wonderful part of our show ~ we hope you can make every attempt to commit to both performances.

Thank you so very much ~ and we can't wait to see you at the show!

My son/daughter can \_\_\_\_\_  
cannot \_\_\_\_\_

attend our ALADDIN, JR. show on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please check the correct size for your son/daughter:

Small \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Large \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_