



PIE MEMO (*Partners in Education*)

A Note from Sister Rayleen

*"I believe in the God of Easter Day
Who beats us to obstacles in our lives
And empties the dark tomb for us;
Who appears in surprising ways
When we least expect it;
Walking with us
On our detours."
- Rev. Andreas Wagner*

Happy Easter!!

For me, this Easter was heralded by a wonderful Easter vigil at Mercy Center in CT. Although the yearly celebratory liturgy of story-telling that culminates with the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection is often a great way to begin the Easter season, this year's celebration had special meaning for me. The vigil's hope-filled joy was accentuated with the added dimensions of being in a Mercy retreat center and praying with a group comprised of a good number of Sisters of Mercy that I hadn't seen in at least two years. The Holy Triduum, especially the Easter prayers and reflections, lingered with me as I walked through the first week of Easter toward the month of May. Interestingly, I have found myself reflecting on my journey back to Mercymount with its multiple detours. I recognize God beating me to the obstacles, appearing in surprising ways, and walking with me on the detours. Although these past two years have also been filled with obstacles and detours, I now see how they have also been blessed with God's surprises and presence. What an amazing grace!

As we continue to celebrate this Easter season, my prayer for all in our Mercymount community is that we may receive the grace to recognize "the God of Easter Day" in each moment; and that we may be relieved to know and celebrate God "arriving" before us, awaiting to lavish us with surprises.

Sr. Rayleen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sr. Rayleen', written in a cursive style.

Advancement Update

Annual Fund

Please consider supporting the Annual Fund! All proceeds raised go directly to support all areas of an excellent education, from financial aid to cleaning and health protocols for keeping our students and staff safe, to Project Based Learning and STREAM programs that keep us engaged and learning. We welcome your gift in any amount and are grateful for your generosity. If you work for a company that matched charitable gifts, you may be able to double or triple your donation by submitting a matching gift form (usually available through your HR office or on your employee website). You may make a gift online through our website here: <https://www.mercymount.org/giving/annual-fund>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lisa Pare via email at: lpare@mercymount.org or by phone at 401-333-5919 ext.19

Golf Tournament

Plans are under way for our annual golf tournament to be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Pawtucket Country Club, so save the date! If you'd like to join the planning committee, please contact Kristen Mallinson at kristenmallinson@gmail.com.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - May 5

On Thursday, May 5th, parents will host a fun and delicious catered luncheon to honor Mercymount's wonderful teachers and staff. What will this year's theme be? Many thanks to coordinators Colleen DiPetrillo and Lisa Iannetta, along with the many volunteers it takes to make this a special day for us! **There will be no hot lunch served on this day. Children will need to bring bagged lunches that are Peanut-Free.**

Nurse Appreciation Day - May 6

"Nurses may not be angels, but they are the next best thing." We are blessed to have two wonderful and caring individuals taking such amazing care of our students and staff. Thank you, Nurse Gina and Nurse Kellie!

Happy Mother's Day - May 8

The joy of motherhood knows no words.....it is a secret held in a mother's heart.... **Happy Mother's Day** to all the Moms and women in our lives who are or have been "mother" to us!

Mass to Celebrate the Feast of the Ascension - May 26

All are welcome to join students and staff on Thursday, May 26th for Mass to celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension**. Mass will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Bids for Kids Auction - May 14

A HUGE thank you to all our Sponsors! We have so many returning sponsors that continue to support us every year, as well as many new sponsors - THANK YOU! Thank you to all of our families that have donated to the auction. There is still time to purchase your tickets. Get them now at: <https://mercymountejoinme.org/rsvp2022>. This year's auction will take place at enVision Hotel and Conference Center in Mansfield, MA. It's going to be a great night celebrating our favorite school. You won't want to miss it! Get your tickets now!

May Procession and Crowning of Mary - May 11

All parents are invited to join us Wednesday, May 11 for our annual **May Procession and Crowning of Mary** . Children in Grades 2 and 3 who have received or will be receiving their First Communion this Spring may wear their special clothing to lead the procession to the statue of the Blessed Mother (remember to *Bring Flowers of the Fairest* for Mary!) The rain date will be May 17th.

Earth Dome Day - May 20

On Friday May 20 Mercymount is excited to host *The Earth Dome*. This interactive presentation will allow our students to learn firsthand about our planet's geography, as well as other environmental issues. The Earth Dome is a gigantic inflatable earth balloon standing 19-feet high and 22-feet in diameter, made of 24 huge panels silkscreened with photographs shot from satellites of the surface of the world on cloud free day. This promises to be an exciting day of fun and learning for all

Memorial Day - May 30

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of our country, particularly those who died in battle. As we enjoy the day off and celebrate the unofficial start of summer, take a moment to pause, thank and pray for those who died protecting our freedom. May we never take their sacrifices for granted. *As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.* (John F. Kennedy)

Middle School Exams

Grade 8: Students in Grade 8 will take their exams on Wednesday, June 1st through Friday, June 3rd. 8th graders will be given two options for the afternoon on these days: Early release at 11:30 for "distance learning" at home for studying purposes or stay at school in the Library for studying purposes for the remainder of the school day.

Grades 6 and 7: Students in Grades 6 and 7 will take their exams on Tuesday, June 7th through June 9th. 6th and 7th graders will be given two options for the afternoon on these days: Early release at 11:30 for "distance learning" at home for studying purposes or stay at school in the Library for studying purposes for the remainder of the school day.

Please note that 8th graders will have early release on June 7th through June 9th at 11:30 am and no school on Friday, June 10th.



On May 21st, there will be a private fitting, for Mercymount students only, at the Donnelly's location in Cranston. You will be able to view your uniform, ask questions, try on clothing and place orders. Visit their facility at 50 Sharpe Dr. in Cranston between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 5/21/22.



Summer Camps

Here is a listing of this years Summer Camps. The individual camp flyers are attached. Please Registration forms can be sent in to the office. If you do not see the form you are looking for please ask Mrs. Ready for further details.

June 13-17	Not Your Average Holiday Camp	Grades K-3
June 13-17	Old Fashion Summer Camp	Grades 4-8
June 20-24	Good Vibes Camp	Grades 3-5
June 20-24	Archery Camp (limit 12)	Grades 3-8
June 27-July 1	Japanese Language & Culture Camp	Grades 4-8
June 27-July 1	Summer Fun Camp (limit 16)	Grades PreK-1
July 11-15	Friendship Camp	Grades K-3
July 18-22	Spanish Camp: Session 1	Grades 4-5
July 25-29	Chess Camp	Grades 6-8
Aug 1- 5	Spanish Camp: Session 2	Grades 6-8
Aug 8-12	Middle School Orientation And Study Skills	Grades 6-8



Frank Luca will be offering his Summer Camps at Mercymount this summer. Please see the attached flyer for the dates/times.

Teacher Wish List

Our school is blessed to have what we **need** to educate our students. However, our resources cannot always incorporate what we **wish** for to enhance the educational experience for your children. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ready at jready@mercymount.org

PK-D Miss Carito: Playdoh, bubbles, plastic spoons/forks, colored markers, fun stickers, paper towels

PK-C Ms. Dias: Paper Towels, Disinfecting Wipes, Disinfecting Spray, Post-it Notes

1-6 Mrs. Corio: Bookshelf (donation can be split between multiple families) <https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/classroom-furniture/storageunits/classic-birch-help-yourself-bookstand/p/JJ836/#>

3-3 Mrs. Demirgioglu: Model Magic, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, Eco Brites 27136 Too Cool Tri-Fold Poster Board, 28 x 40, White/White, 12/Cartron

3-4 Miss Bruno: The Magic Finger by Ronald Dahl, Gimp string, Friendship string, 5 Foam Poster boards

5-15 Mrs. Roberto: Model Magic

6-18 Mr. Cotnoir: Popsicle Sticks

Art: Water Color Paper 9x12

Music: Yamaha keyboards or piano/organ benches. If you have either that are not being used and are in need of a home, please contact him at: pgordan-seifert@mercymount.org.

Looking Ahead to June...

- Middle School Finals - June 1 - 9
 - Graduation 6:00 pm - June 10
 - Last Day of School- June 10
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*"No matter how small the gift,
God gives the increase."*

Venerable Catherine McAuley