

March

2023



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This year, the month of March finds us half way through the first week of the Christian season of Lent. As in various religions, the Christian tradition sets aside time to re-focus or reclaim one's commitment to God and one's journey in faith. Each year, I find it important to have a simple daily practice or daily reflection that fosters my ability to re-center ever more deeply in God and deepen my commitment to God's Word. This year, I find myself spending a little time with the mystics through a book entitled What the Mystics Know by Richard Rohr. Although the book itself is not the main content of my prayer and reflection, the seven essential "pathways" found in it are overall themes that are found in the writings of the mystics (of many religious traditions) and will be the foundation for my daily reflection. This week's "pathway" is *God is found in imperfection*. As I ponder this statement, I cannot help but reflect on two Ash Wednesday experiences. The first was a long time ago when I was in Tijuana, Mexico volunteering at a house for migrants and the line to receive ashes went outside of the church and down the road at least 1/8 of a mile. The second was just this past Ash Wednesday at a parish church and the church was fuller than I had seen it since before Covid. I ponder why it is that so many believers resonate with Ash Wednesday. Is it because we identify with a need for God and being closer to God? Is it because we recognize at very deep part of our being that God meets us in our imperfection? For me, I know both to be true. It seems to me that Jesus and the Gospel also challenge me to meet God in the imperfections in all I encounter. Now I ponder, how can I help our students find God in imperfection, their own and that of those around them?

May the month of March and this holy season find each one of us being met by and meeting God in imperfection.

Blessings of Mercy & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Ryan", located at the bottom left of the page.

St. Patrick's Day Magnet Sale This Week: Grades 4-8 only

The National Junior Honor Society will be selling magnets for St. Patrick's Day. Grades 4-8 can purchase the magnets to place on their lockers or desks. The magnets are \$3 each. Please see the attached flyers to order your magnets.

Footloose Friday March 3rd

On Friday March, 3rd students may wear socks and shoes of their choice.

Father/Daughter Dance Registration Due

Please send in your Father/Daughter Dance Registrations by March 10th. Registration flyer is attached. Questions or concerns can be sent to: shellyallard@yahoo.com or velacebridal@gmail.com

No School Kindergarten Only - March 10

Friday March 10th Mercymount will be conducting Kindergarten screenings for incoming '23-24 Kindergartners. There will be no school for our current Kindergarten classes.

Time to Spring Ahead! - March 12

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th. Yes, we do lose an hour's sleep, but it's a sure sign that Spring is right around the corner....so it's worth it!

No School: Professional Day/Distance Learning - March 13

Monday March 13th will be a Professional/Distance Learning Day.

Sr. Danielle Gagnon, RSM, will be leading our faculty in a day of prayer and reflection. Please remember us in your prayers.

Father/Daughter Dance - March 25th

This year's Father/Daughter Dance will take place March 25th, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Envision Hotel in Mansfield, MA. Registrations will be accepted until March 10th. Please see the attached invitation and registration form.

Pot of Gold Volunteers Needed!

March is "madness time" and the Mercymount Pot of Gold Basketball Tournament is kicking off on Monday, February 27th. In order to make the event a success, the sports committee is asking for your help in scoring the games. Each game requires two individuals at the scorer's table, one to work the scorebook and one to operate the clock. If you've never scored a basketball game before this is your opportunity to learn. If you have older children that are looking for service hours, this a great opportunity for them to volunteer. Do not miss out on your chance to be involved in one of the most spirited events at the school. Register now at SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EA9A92AAAF94-potofgold1>

Thank You!!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those that have been volunteering their help for lunch and recess coverage. This has been a tremendous help. We can't thank you enough!

Tax ID

It's tax time! Please note that Mercymount's Federal ID number is 05-029-8738.

Annual Bids for Kids - Save the Date! May 6, 2023

This year's Bid for Kids Auction will be held at Bally's Twin River in Lincoln, RI. Formal invitations will be arriving in your mailbox soon!

The calendar raffle was a huge success!! Thanks to all that participated! No uniform slips will be going home today, Wednesday, March 1st -please be on the lookout for them and email melissaquinn8@hotmail.com by Friday, if you didn't receive them. Winners will be announced daily on Facebook and weekly by email. Good Luck!!

Our next Bids for Kids Auction planning meeting is Tuesday, March 14th, at 8:30am in the teacher's room.

We are currently accepting donations of items for our silent and live items. Want to participate?

- Make a donation of items for packages or raffles, including our popular Gift Card Grab (gifts cards needed of at least \$25) or Wine Pull (bottles of wine for at least \$20)
- Donate through our Amazon Wish List and have the items delivered directly to school. Please indicate in the notes section or email us letting us know what you bought so that we can give you credit for your

purchase. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2S0ZYNQWN6URP?ref_=wl_share

- Become a Corporate Sponsor or Advertiser for the event. See attached forms.
- Attend the auction!

Any questions, please reach out to Melissa Quinn at melissaquinn8@hotmail.com, Jamie Sims at mr.mrs.sims@gmail.com or Melissa Titov at mac33317@gmail.com

Advancement Update

Annual Fund

Please consider donating to Mercymount's Annual Fund! All contributions go directly to support all areas of our Mission. From resources and programming to support our curriculum and high standards to maintaining a healthy and safe environment for our students and staff, your donation will serve our community. Keeping our students engaged and instilling a love of learning are of utmost importance - STREAM and Project Based Learning are among some of the ways our faculty strives to do so. In addition, our annual fund helps to provide some additional funding to support the financial aid we are able to provide. We welcome your gift in any amount, and are grateful for your generosity. If you work for a company that matches 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 Mrs. Simas via email at csimas@mercymount.org or by phone at 401-333-5919 x32

Sneak Peek at Summer Camps

Here is a sneak peek at Mercymount's Summer Camp offerings. Some registration flyers are attached and the others will be available soon.

Week of:	Camp Name	Instructors	Grades
June 14,15,16	Zoo Crew Mini Camp	Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Corio	K-3: registration attached
June 19-23	TBD	Mrs. Deslauriers and Ms. Gallagher	PreS/PreK
June 19-23	Archery Camp	Mr. Evans	4-8 registration attached
June 26-30	Pokemon Camp	Miss Katic	K-2 registration attached
June 26-30	TBD	Mrs. Delauriers and Ms. Gallagher	PreS/PreK
June 26-30	TBD	Mrs. Demirgioglu and Miss Bruno	3-5
July 3-7	Fun of Reading	Senor Larivee	TBD
July 10-14	Pokemon Camp	Miss Katic	1-5 registration attached
July 17-21	Spanish Camp	Senor Larivee	4+5
July 17-21	TBD	Mrs. Corio and Julie Lena	K-2
July 17-21	Middle School Study Skills	Barbara Paquette	6- 8
July 24-28	Chess Camp	Senor Larivee	4-8 registration attached
July 31-Aug 4	Spanish Camp	Senor Larivee	5-8 registration attached

Teacher Snacks

Below is the link to our Amazon Snack Wish List created especially for our Teachers & Staff to show them how much we appreciate them! The list was compiled of all their favorite snacks & drinks!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YKSSGNOHUE9B?ref_=wl_share

Orders will be shipped directly to the school (select Mercymount as shipping address) to help refill our Celebration Station located in the Teachers' Lounge throughout the year! For those who prefer to drop off directly to the school, please see Mrs. Simas or Mrs. Ready.

For any questions, please contact Colleen DiPetrillo at Colleen.DiPetrillo77@gmail.com.



Looking Forward... Making Plans

April 6th - Holy Thursday/Early Dismissal (11:30) - No Aftercare

June 5th - 7th - Grade 8 Final Exams/Grades 8 Early Dismissal

June 7th - 9th - Middle School Final Exams/Grades 6 & 7 Early Dismissal

Save the Date!

- Good Friday/No School - April 7
- Spring Vacation - April 7 - 16
- Gallery Night - April 26
- Mother/Son Event - April 30
- Teacher Appreciation Day - May 3
- May Crowning - May 9
- 8th Grade Graduation - June 9



“Mercy is more than charity....it receives pardons again and again”

Venerable Catherine McAuley