

Saint Peter School News March, 2025

Dear Parents,

We will soon be in the holy season of Lent and continue to try to draw closer to Jesus who is our constant source of hope. Jesus wants us to stay close to him and He empowers us with the inner strength and hope we all need to reach the joy of Easter. We all try during this season to take part in special devotional practices. In school we will take part in weekly Stations of the Cross for grades 3 through 8. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continues to inspire us in his Holy Year of Hope message: "The Jubilee is for people and for the Earth a new beginning; it is a time when everything must be rethought within the dream of God. And we know that the word "conversion" indicates a *change of direction*. Everything can be seen, at last, from another perspective, and so our steps also go towards new goals. This is how hope, which never disappoints, arises. The Bible tells of this in many ways. And for us too, the experience of faith has been stimulated by encounters with people who have been able to change in life and have, so to speak, entered into God's dreams. For even though there is much evil in the world, we can distinguish who is different: their greatness, which often coincides with littleness, wins us over. In the Gospels, the figure of Mary Magdalene stands out above all others for this. Jesus healed her with mercy, and she changed: sisters and brothers, mercy changes, mercy changes the heart, and for Mary Magdalene, mercy brought her into God's dreams and gave new purpose to her journey. The Gospel of John tells of her encounter with the Risen Jesus in a way that makes us think. It is repeated several times that Mary *turned around*. The Evangelist chooses his words well! In tears, Mary looks first inside the tomb, then she turns around: the Risen one is not on the side of death, but on the side of life. He can be mistaken for one of the people we encounter every day. Then, when she hears her name spoken, the Gospel says that again Mary turns around. And this is how her hope grows: now she sees the tomb, but not like before. She can dry her tears, because she has heard her own name: only the Master pronounces it in this way. The old world still seems to be there, but it is no more. When we feel that the Holy Spirit is acting in our heart, and we feel that the Lord is calling us by name, do we know how to distinguish the voice of the Master? Dear brothers and sisters, from Mary Magdalene, whom tradition calls "the apostle of the apostles", we learn hope. One enters the new world by *converting more than once*. Our journey is a constant invitation to change perspective. The Risen One takes us into His world, step by step, on the condition that we do not claim to know everything already. Let us ask ourselves today: do I know how to *turn around* to see things differently, with a different outlook? Do I have the desire for conversion? An overconfident ego that is too proud prevents us from recognizing the Risen Jesus. Even when we weep and despair, we turn our back on Him. Instead of looking into the darkness of the past, into the emptiness of a tomb, from Mary Magdalene we learn to turn towards life. There our Master awaits us. There our name is spoken. For in real life there is a place for us, always and everywhere. There is a place

for you, for me, for everyone. No one can take it, because it has always been meant for us. It is bad, as they say in the common parlance, it is bad to leave an empty seat: "This place is for me; if I don't go...". Everyone can say: I have a place, I am a mission! Think

about this: what is my place? What is the mission that the Lord gives us? May this thought help us to take a courageous attitude in life."

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this holy season of Lent we celebrate and accompany our 2nd grade students as well as other students and CCD students who will receive this sacrament for the first time on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30pm in church.



Sacramental Meeting--First Communion

There will be a parent meeting for the parents of children who will receive First Communion in May on Thurs., March 27 at 6:30pm in Church.



Kitchen Kapers Competition

We congratulate our students who shared their culinary talents with our school community and then moved on to the Berks County Competition*:

Malachi Brooks (6)* Amir Juarez (7)*
Diangelys Garcia (6) Ethan Colon (8)*
Jotxiel Caraballo (7) Armany Julbe (8)*
Nyleah Connor (7)* Valery Mendez (8)*
Adalis De La Cruz (7) Olivia Rodriguez (8)*



Read Across America

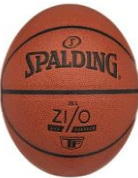
We will participate in the Read Across America celebration on Thursday, February 28. Many people from various walks of life will be visiting school to read a book to the different classes in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2.



CYO Varsity Basketball

We are so very proud of the excellent season our CYO Basketball Team has experienced. We are so very proud of:

Erik Fonseca (8)
Lejend Spradley (6) Jiovani Peña (8)
Mason Barreto (7) Alvin Sanchez (8)
Nelson Carmona (8) Gianni Sanchez (8)
Ethan Colon (8) Joel Vilorio (8)



CYO Cheerleading

We are so proud of our faithful cheerleaders who faithfully supported our players:

Scarlett Bueno (6) Wozniaki Barreau (7)
Cameron Merritt (6) Adalis De La Cruz (7)
Naleigha Merritt (6) Alanna Peralta (7)
Edlyannie Ortiz (6) Lisbeth Perez (7)
Naiyaliz Rodriguez (6) Isis Rosado (7)
Abigail Tejada (6) Mia Rubio (7)



Mother/ Son Dance

Please join us for this fun event on Friday, March 14 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Social Hall. There will be great music, fun games, delicious food, and dancing



Saint Peter School Book Fair

We will enjoy this wonderful event during the week of March 24. Our librarian Mrs. Vida will be sending out information.

