

OLP Parent Newsletter

"KINDNESS IN ACTION"

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



MRS. JESSICA SIMON & the PARENTS ASSOCIATION

As I reflect on the tremendous success of our Reverse Raffle, it's impossible not to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our dedicated Parent Association President, Jessica Simon, and our Parents Association. Jessica's tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to organizing our school's biggest fundraiser of the year have been extraordinary. From securing sponsors and coordinating volunteers to managing the event logistics, Jessica demonstrated exceptional leadership, organizational skills, and a

passion for our school community that inspired us all.

On behalf of All Our Lady of Peace School's parents, students, faculty, and staff, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Jessica and the Parents Association for their outstanding dedication and countless service hours.

Please join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to Jessica and the Parents Association for their exceptional contributions to our school and for being a shining example of what it means to be a dedicated community member.

Thank you for your Monetary Donations!

*The Bain Family
Jennifer Dorsey
Steven Moyan*

Thank you for your help!

<i>Tracey LaBarbera</i>	<i>Andrea Wong</i>
<i>Brigid Barkley</i>	<i>Kevin Canty</i>
<i>Liz Striga</i>	<i>Kathleen Hawkins</i>
<i>Rampersad Family</i>	<i>Doreen Grace</i>
<i>Dimino Family</i>	
<i>Anthony and Tommy @ Craft</i>	

THANK YOU!

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude on behalf of Our Lady of Peace School for your overwhelming support during our recent Reverse Raffle fundraiser. Your generosity and enthusiasm played an instrumental role in making this event a resounding success. It was truly heartwarming to witness the unity and dedication displayed by each member of our community throughout the fundraising process. Whether through purchasing raffle tickets, spreading the word, or volunteering your time and resources, your contributions made a significant impact on the success of our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you for your invaluable support. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community standing behind us every step of the way. May God continue to shower his blessings upon each and every one of you.



*Thank
you!*



Lent 2024

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH

PALM SUNDAY 24

"Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out, 'Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Mk 11:9

Place palm branches in a place where they will remind you to give praise to Jesus Christ each day this week.

MON 25

"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" Lk 1:38

Today is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Offer a Hail Mary together and look to Mary as a model of faith.

TUE 26

"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Jn 13:21

Reflect today on those times when you have betrayed Jesus by turning away from his call to love and forgive others. Ask for his help in being faithful disciples.

WED 27

"For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not." Ps 69:34

Lend your ear to someone who is poor in spirit today. Show your care and concern by listening with love and attentiveness.

HOLY THURSDAY 28

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist." Jn 13:5

Perform an act of service today for someone in your home or neighborhood. Do so with a generous and loving heart.

GOOD FRIDAY 29

"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit." Jn 19:30

Place a crucifix or cross in the place where your family gathers for prayer. Take turns holding it and offering a prayer for all of those who are suffering today.

HOLY SATURDAY 30

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." Rom 6:8

Offer a prayer for all of those who will find new life in Christ as they are baptized at the Easter Vigil tonight.

EASTER SUNDAY 31

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Jn 20:9

While our Lenten journey has come to an end, the Easter season has just begun! Look ahead to the next seven weeks and how you will continue to reflect and rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection.

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TRANSPORTATION/BUS DEADLINE- APRIL 1, 2024



- The deadline to ensure your child receives bussing to school, including High School for the 2024-2025 school year is MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024.
- Please contact the Transportation Department of your HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT prior to April 1st.

8TH GRADE EASTER SQUISHMALLOW RAFFLE!

- \$1.00 Each
- 6 for \$5.00
- Drawing will be held on Tuesday, March 26th
- [SQUISHMALLOW RAFFLE FORM](#)



TOMORROW'S HOPE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- The 2024-2025 Tomorrow's Hope Foundation/FACTS scholarship online application is **available online**.
- Here is the direct link to the application, <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/4KYQC/landing-page>
- The suggested deadline to complete the application is **April 30th**.
- In the current academic year, funding ran out very quickly, so it is very important that **YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**
- [2024-2025 Scholarship Application Information](#)
- [2024-2025 Scholarship Application Checklist](#)

For the month of **MARCH KINDERGARTEN & 8TH GRADE** are asked to donate food to the Parish Social Ministries Food Pantry. Items that are needed:

- Ketchup
- Peanut Butter
- Grape Jelly
- Pasta
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Instant Coffee
- Pancake Mix
- Apple Sauce
- Coffee
- Tea
- Tuna
- Oatmeal
- Boxed Milk
- Syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Bags of Rice
- Cookies/Snacks
- Fruit/Pudding Cups



SAVE THE DATE!

- OLP's Annual Princess Ball will be held on Friday, May 17th

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Palm Sunday



Place the palm branch you brought home from church on your family table or classroom prayer space. Offer a prayer with your family or class, asking God to guide your journey through Holy Week.

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MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

- Bagels \$2.00
 - **EARLY BAND FOR ALL ADVANCED MEMBERS AT 7:30AM**
 - Band
 - [BAND SCHEDULE](#)
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TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

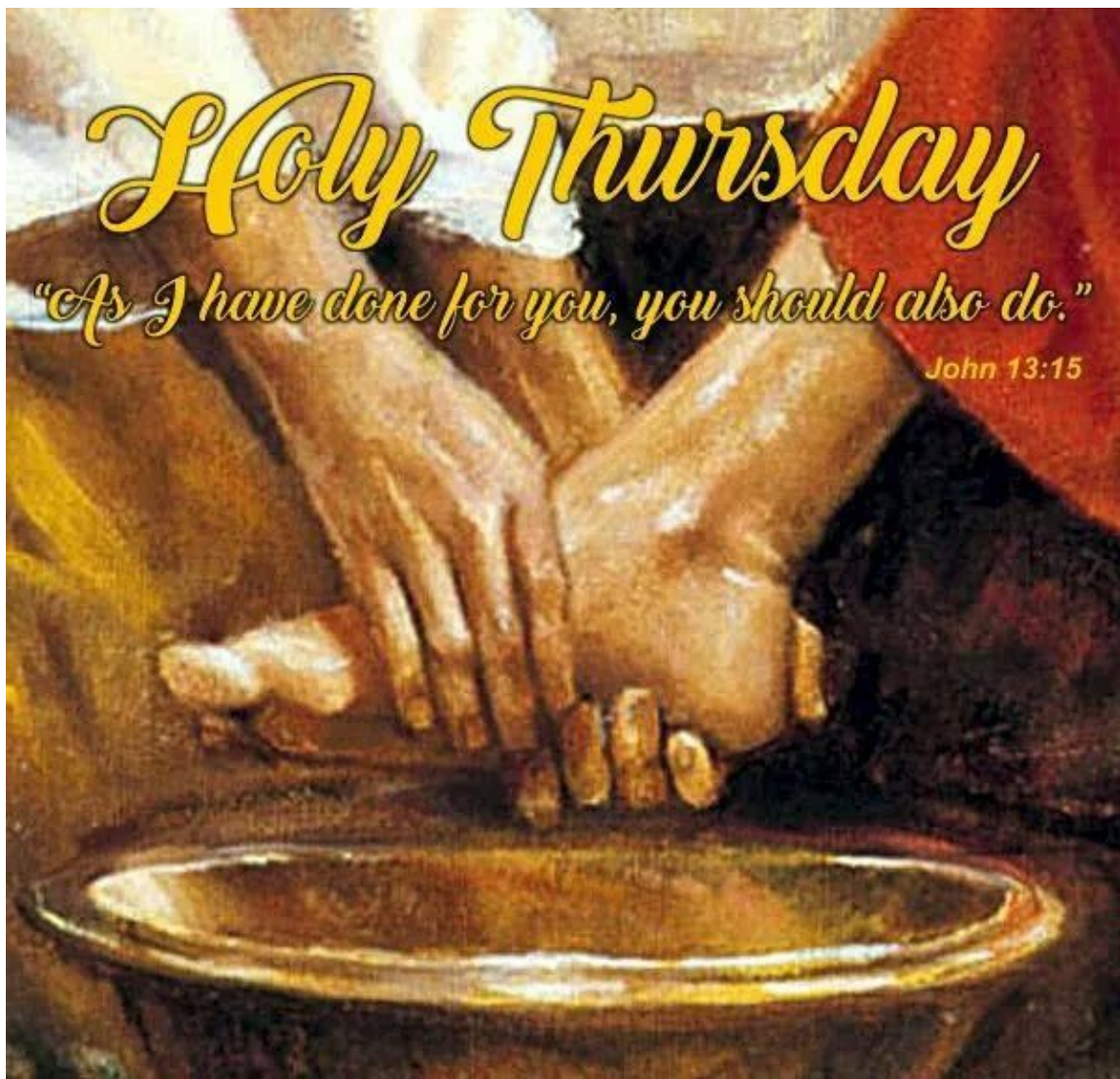
- Brown Bag It
 - NJHS Paper work due to Ms. Von
 - Easter Squishmallow Drawing
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

- 11:30am Dismissal
 - 9:00am Mass for Lent- Gym Uniforms are acceptable
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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

- HOLY THURSDAY



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

- GOOD FRIDAY



SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

- EASTER SUNDAY



MORNING ARRIVAL

- All parents should drop off their children on Nieman Avenue.
- The students will proceed to their section in the schoolyard.
- Faculty members will be outside to assist the children in getting out of the cars.
- After your child is out of the car, please continue down Nieman Avenue.
- **DO NOT** make U-Turns or three-point turns after you drop your child off.
- If crossing the street, please use the Crossing Guard on the corner of Neiman Ave. & Merrick Road.
- Parents will be permitted in the schoolyard the first week of school only.

DROP OFF SAFETY

- Please do not leave your car; the faculty will assist the children.
- Do not make a U-Turn after you drop off your child.
- If your child is on the opposite side of the street, they **MUST** cross at the corner with the Crossing Guard

- Merrick Road is used for bus student drop-off only.
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INCLEMENT WEATHER DROP- OFF

- When there is inclement weather, please pull into the schoolyard via the entrance closest to Merrick Road.
 - Faculty members will be outside to assist the children in getting out of the cars.
 - Exit the parking via the exit closest to the Early Childhood Center.
 - You **MUST** make a right turn and proceed down Nieman Avenue.
 - Children will enter the school through the CYO doors and sit with their class in the gym
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DISMISSAL

- The children taking the bus will be dismissed at 2:35pm.
 - Students attending aftercare will be brought to the main lobby at 2:35pm
 - The remaining students will be dismissed at 2:40pm
 - **Kindergarten-2nd grade** will dismiss through the Merrick Road doors.
 - **3rd & 4th grade** will dismiss out the "recess" door from the gym
 - **5th-8th grade** will dismiss out the Rectory door.
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LUNCH

- "Hot Lunch" will be offered for K-8
 - Monday- Alternating- Bagels/Hotdogs
 - Tuesday-Thursday- Brown Bag It- Gourmet Catering
 - To activate an existing account, login at <https://brownbagit.catering/> enter your username and password, and then check your email for a link to activate.
 - To register for a new account, go to <https://brownbagit.catering/register>
 - Friday- Pizza
 - If you want to order milk for your child (Nursery, Pre-K & K-8) to have with their lunch, the forms will be given out during the first week of school.
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COVID GUIDANCE

- All students or staff members who report testing positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days with the date of symptom onset OR positive test (whichever is earlier) being day 0.
- **After returning after day 5, students and staff are required to wear a mask** (to prevent others in the building from getting sick) for days 6-10.
- If the student or staff member submits two negative COVID-19 tests 48 hours apart they will be exempt from the mask mandate.

DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

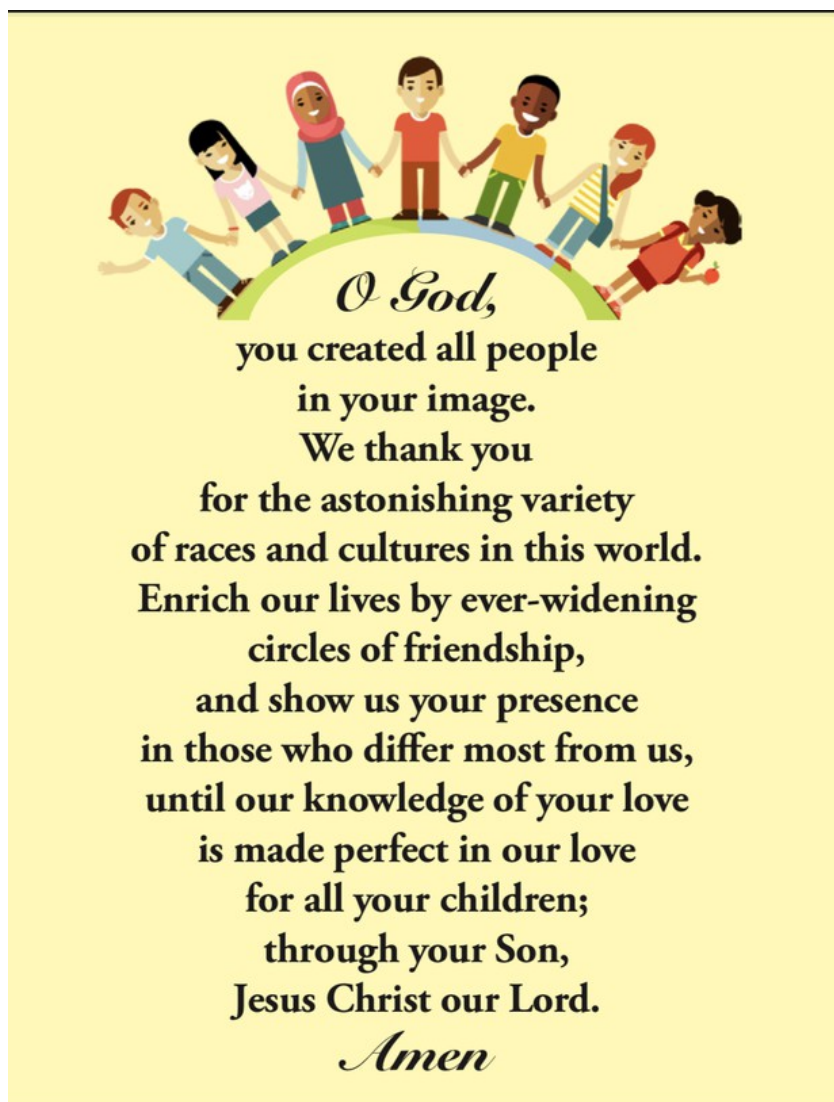
At Our Lady of Peace School, the work of diversity, equality, and inclusion is the responsibility of the pastor, administration, faculty, staff, students, their families, and our entire school and parish family. We recognize that Our Lady of Peace School exists in an ever-changing world and that our understanding of and support for diversity, equality, and inclusion must grow and evolve. We will not tolerate anything less. We all have a role in ensuring every child at Our Lady of Peace School continues to feel known, valued, and loved.

Our daily morning prayers will include our "Diversity and Equality Prayer."

At Our Lady of Peace School, we will continue to live by our Mission.

"Rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, we at Our Lady of Peace School are called to educate the whole child in the spirit of service and compassion. We strive as a community, coupled with God's love, to inspire each child to grow spiritually and academically in a diverse and increasingly challenging world."

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."





Mission Statement

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