



The Atonement Academy  
CATHOLIC + CLASSICAL

PreK3 through Grade 12

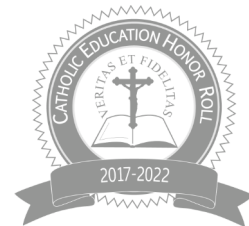
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# Crusader Times

March 27, 2019

## Penny Wars Benefit Our Sister-School in the Holy Land



—from a previous letter written by the pastor at  
St. Joseph's parish, Fr. Firas Aridah:

*It's amazing how pennies add up! Over the last six years alone, The Atonement Academy's annual "Penny War" has contributed more than \$30,000! See more information on p. 3.*

I want to thank you for your presence in our life in Jifna and in the whole Palestine...I want to thank you for your support to maintain our presence in the Holy Land, I with you will give the living stones the hope to remain in the Holy Land and to testify their faith, and we want to give them another vision for the best future with the best education even we have the war or not humiliation, and some time our dignity is injured. Please keep us in your daily prayers, so we can remain faithful to our mission in Jerusalem and in the Holy Land.

## We Observe Lent...

Our DAILY DEEDS for the rest of this week:

Wed: Tell someone that you appreciate them.

Thurs: Replace 15 min. of technology/TV with 15 min. of prayer.

Fri: Kneel down after Mass and thank Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_.

PLUS—

Penny Wars through April 12.

Friday Stations of the Cross at 2:15 (and again at 7 pm)

## NOTA BENE / NOTE WELL

- THE BIG GIVE is community-wide tomorrow! Every dollar helps increase our levels of support and make us eligible for additional funding! See p. 2
- MORNING CARLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help is needed from 6:30-7:30 am. Contact Mr. Zuberbueler at 210-695-22944, ext. 148.
- FISH FRY SUPPER: The Knights of Columbus supper every Lenten Friday. See p. 5
- BOOSTER CLUB BBQ PLATE DINNER this Saturday! From 10:00 am-5:00 pm in-between the Gymnasium and new school building. There will be parking in the Atonement Faculty and Staff lot. The main parking lot may be packed due to a volleyball tournament. Be patient and kind! See p. 6



**Help Us Raise Funds To:**

- Upgrade Computer Lab
- Expand the library's Science & Technology collection
- Provide Tuition Assistance
- Celebrate The Atonement Academy's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

<https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-atonement-academy>

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## The Big Give is March 28<sup>th</sup>

### **It's TOMORROW: Midnight to Midnight**

THE BIG GIVE is an annual community-wide challenge to raise funds as well as awareness of organizations like The Atonement Academy! We rely on tuition as well as donations from parents, extended family, friends, and parishioners throughout the year. In addition, participation in THE BIG GIVE greatly increases our exposure in the community and helps us earn grants from corporations and foundations when they see the great work we do!

**LOG IN AND GIVE BIG!**

## Virtue of the Month for March: MERCY

This month of March we have celebrated the virtue of *mercy* here at The Atonement Academy.

As we journey into the heart of Lent, let us reflect on the meaning of the Lord's mercy in our own lives. The Passion and Death of The Lord Jesus Christ is the central event of God's mercy poured out for mankind, freely given and made possible completely through God's grace.

The Christian faith offers the message that the Lord is merciful, and therefore, so must we be merciful to others. The second great commandment "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt 22:39) is The Lord's call for us to be merciful. When we are merciful and show compassion we grow as disciples who are in better touch with the sufferings of others.

To practice the virtue of mercy is to be compassionate to others and it also helps us to forgive others as Our Lord teaches us to forgive. Mercy's enemy is our own pride and lack of humility.

*"Then Peter came up and said to him, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'"*  
Matthew 18:21-22 RSVCE

*"Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?"*

--Saint Vincent de Paul

*When lacking the desire to be merciful, it is good to frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we receive Our Lord's mercy, thereby opening ourselves to become more merciful.*

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."*

--Pope Saint John Paul II

—Mr. James Growdon  
Head of School

## Pennies, Pennies, Pennies...but Where Does My Donation Go?

Our annual Lenten donation drive, "Penny War," has always been a fun way for students to raise money.

Over the past six years alone, our students and staff have raised more than \$30,000 for our sister school in the Palestinian village of Jifna, north of Jerusalem in the Holy Land.

Our donations have helped repair the school, install heating and cooling, and purchase much-needed books and school supplies. Thank you — and keep the pennies coming!

*Matthew 25:40*

*"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"*

### PSIA Results will be in the next Crusader Times!

The Awards Ceremony later today will feature our winners, and we will document the competitions in the April 3rd issue. (HINT: We represented our school very well!)

THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers and coaches: **Mrs. Zuberbueler** for taking on this project because she knows how important it is! Also: Dr. Lamascus, Mrs. Navarette, Mr. Ranzau, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Adian, Mrs. Czech, Miss Wright, Mrs. Pasket, Mr. Mataya, Miss Donohue, Mrs. Growdon, Mrs. Wiessing, Mr. White, Miss Gray, Mr. Markovetz, Mrs. Mefrige, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Joiner and Mr. Zuberbueler.

YOU ARE LOVED!

### Pray the Rosary with Us!

*All are invited to pray the rosary together for The Atonement Academy each Monday morning! If you can join us, meet us after drop off in the main Church! The rosary starts at 7:45. If you cannot be there, pray on your own with us wherever you are!*  
<https://signup.com/go/RPNNMGz> and let us know you are praying with us.

# ATONEMENT ATHLETICS



March 14: These four Atonement track athletes (US & MS) ran in the Alamo City Mile Track meet held at Trinity University: Luke Sanchez, Isabella Cervantes, Antonella Gaya, and Kathleen Morrow.

From Mr. Dakotah Vidal, Interim Athletic Director:

This is a reminder about the various sports we have going on throughout our Athletic Department. We have open gyms and clinics for Volleyball. Beginning in May we will have Spring Volleyball and Spring Football. Here are the details.

Volleyball Clinic: 3rd-6th graders (FREE) (no need to register)

April 13th- 11:30 am-1:30 pm

May 11th- 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Volleyball Open Gym: 7th-12th graders (\$5)- Pay the same day (no need to register)

April 13th- 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

SPRING VOLLEYBALL: April 29th-May 16th Monday-Thursday 4:00-6:00 pm (FREE) 8th-12th grades

Spring Football: May 6th-May 23rd Monday-Thursday 4:00-6:00 pm (\$40) 8th-12th grades

- The reason for the charge on Football, we will be competing in a league for Spring Football that will have us competing in 6 on 6 flag football games to prepare for the upcoming season.

Registration is now open on the [Atonementsports.org](http://Atonementsports.org) page under the "Spring Training 2019" tab. The last day to register will be April 28th, 2019 at noon. Spring Training is only



ABOVE AND BELOW: Second Grade Basketball players with their coaches at the SACAL Tournament.



open to Student-athletes who are enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year, and or student-athletes who will be enrolling. The reason for Spring training to prepare our athletes for the upcoming Fall season in TAPPS.

Strength and conditioning is being offered every Saturday from 8:00-10:00 am (FREE). Take advantage of free training from our Director of Strength and Conditioning.

Lastly, S cheer has started back up from 3:00-4:45 pm in the Gym until May every Monday and Wednesday. MS/US cheer is also in the gym from 5-7:00 pm every Monday and Wednesday. Cheer tryouts will be the week of May 6-9th from 5:00-6:30 pm. *This will be for the 2019-2020 academic school year.*

GO CRUSADERS!

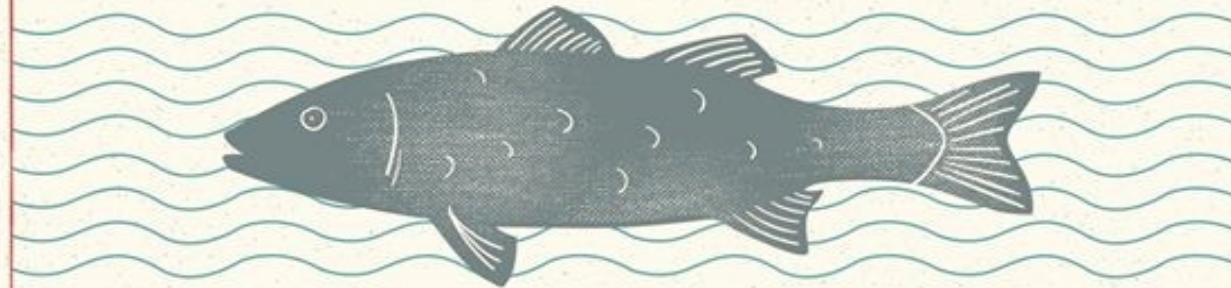


Fr. Paul of Graymoor Knights of Columbus Council 16730

# ***LENTEN FISH FRY***



*Fundraiser*



***March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
April 5th and 12th***

COD - COLESLAW - SWEET CORN ON THE COB  
GRILLED CHEESE PLATE WITH FRIES

*benefitting*  
***Our Lady of the Atonement***



# **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Booster Club BBQ Plate Sale**

**Saturday, March 30th, 2019**

**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Crusader Gym Entrance

**Chicken, Sausage, Beans and Potato Salad**

**\$8.00 per plate**

**Roasted Corn and Sausage Wraps**

**\$2.00 each**

**Dine in or take out**

**Drinks and Desserts also available for additional purchase  
Special thanks to:**



**Hammer Strength**

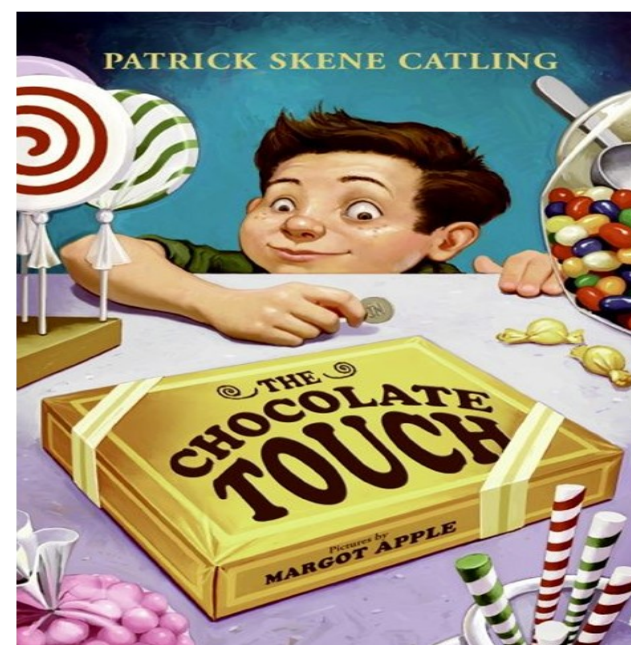


# 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Book Club

May 3rd

3:15 – 5:00pm

RSVP in the library



## The Chocolate Touch

By Patrick Skene Catling

AR Quiz # 256 BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 2.0

Instead of gold, everything John Midas touched turned to precious chocolate.



## Who is invited?

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students

*Current R.L. no higher than 4.9  
please*



**Read book prior to meeting**



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1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students  
May 3th afterschool from 3:15 – 5:00 pm.

Current R.L. no  
higher than a  
4.9 please

I give permission for my child to attend the library book club

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Cell Ph (we will text if possible with any changes or delays)

We have a limited amount of copies of this book. This book can be ordered at amazon.com for as little as \$6.

\*Feel free to review this movie and or book on commonsensemedia.com

(Please return to the school library)

# Crusader Campus Life



1. Third graders Gabe, Hank, Marcos, and Nathan playing baseball for various teams with Northside Little League are visited by their teacher, Mrs. Brenda Garza and Fr. Phillips.
2. LS girls dance a conga line before going in for carline!
3. Mrs. Weems and her class at The SA Botanical Center.
4. Identifying plants and flowers.
5. Clowning on a giant picnic table at the Center.
6. Mrs. Kennedy's class at the Center.
7. Even second grade boys enjoy quiet reflection!
8. Examining a huge pinecone.



# HONORS CHOIR GOES TO CARNEGIE HALL!



Our Honors Choir and their teachers and parent chaperones descended upon the Big Apple last week, performing at the renowned Carnegie Hall and visiting as many landmarks as they could squeeze in! The Express News ran a feature about

the Honors Choir trip last Saturday, and rumor has it that KENS 5 will have a story on Saturday morning! We will let you know as we hear more about it!

THANK YOU to all who prayed for their safety and success as well as to all who supported the choristers' fundraising efforts to make this trip possible!





## Get Well Soon, Father Lewis!

Father Lewis underwent a surgical procedure last Friday, March 22. He is at home resting, and he appreciates all the prayers, meals, and moral support generously given to him and his wife, Vickey during this time.



Mrs. Maria Teresa Navarrete sent in the photo below, adding: “ Last Friday I asked my students to work on a drawing of a flower with the intention of having a Collage of flowers to cheer up Fr. Lewis at the hospital.

They did a wonderful job. Father received their love and good wishes through their drawings and was so pleased with the gift.

## THANK YOU



We appreciate our contributors of photos and/ or stories.

They include: Kat Prock, Maria Teresa Navarrete, Celena Sanchez, Dakota Vidal, Audrey Lenahan, Kristie Weems, Maria Kennedy, Deborah Wendtland, Amy Nieto, Amy Zuberbueler, Patrick Zuberbueler, Yolanda Joiner, DeVon Mata Thomson, James Growdon, and Jenny Halpin.

We appreciate your contributions to the Crusader Times!

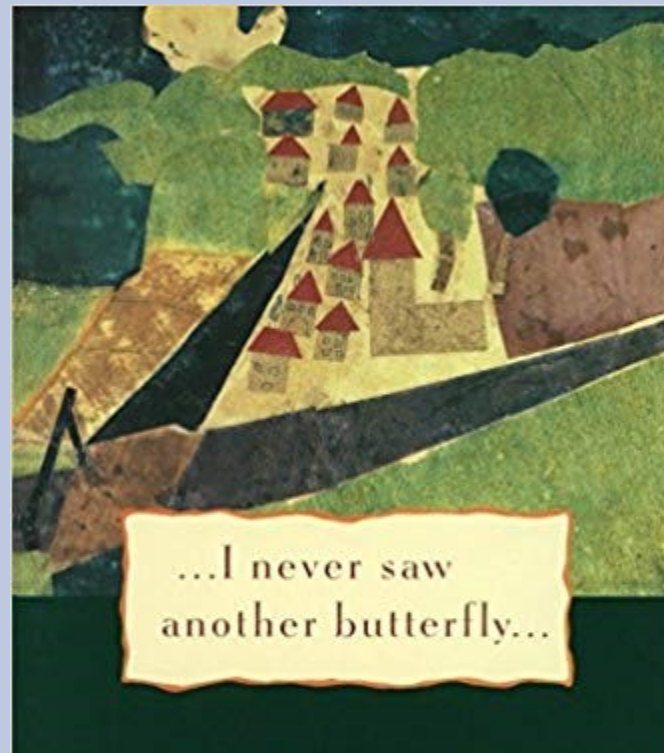
## Our Librarian Recommends: Curse of The Shadow Dragon

Mrs. Wendtland recommends the second book in the Dragon Tale Series by our own Atonement Academy student who writes under the pen name Winter Solarius. Please come by the school library and check out her second book! Please be sure to offer your support by submitting a book review on Amazon via the link posted here. [A Dragon Tale](https://www.amazon.com/Dragon-Tale-Curse-Shadow/dp/1798665794/ref=sr_1_1?key-words=9781798665794&qid=1553609582&s=books&sr=1-1)

(Link: [https://www.amazon.com/Dragon-Tale-Curse-Shadow/dp/1798665794/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?key-words=9781798665794&qid=1553609582&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Dragon-Tale-Curse-Shadow/dp/1798665794/ref=sr_1_1?key-words=9781798665794&qid=1553609582&s=books&sr=1-1))



Book One: A Dragon Tale: Hurricane Warning  
Book Two: A Dragon Tale: Curse of The Shadow Dragon

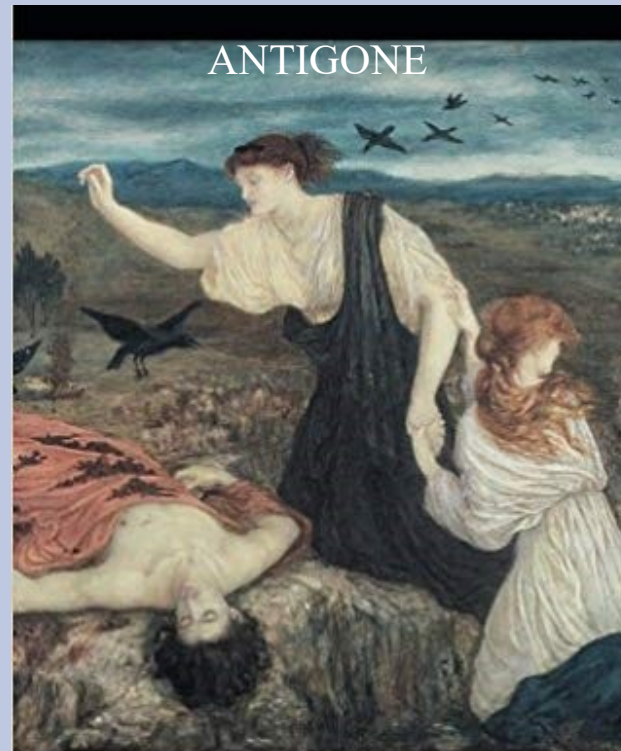


Two productions are underway: *Antigone* by Sophocles and *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti.

The students will perform April 13 at 7 pm and April 14 at 2 pm in St. Anthony Hall. Tickets are \$10 each and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Tickets will be available at the door and after the 9 am and 11 am Masses the next two weekends

## COMING SOON TO THE STAGE IN ST.ANTHONY HALL...



## REFERRAL PROGRAM HELPS YOU AND HELPS OUR SCHOOL!



As an incentive to boost enrollment at The Atonement Academy, any current Academy family referring a new family to the Academy will receive \$100 for each new enrolled student.

The following conditions apply:

- The referred family must be new to the Academy. That is, the family has never before enrolled a student here.
  - Please ask the referred family to identify you as the referring family to Mrs. Yolanda Joiner, Director of Admissions.
  - The referral reward will be paid only after the referred family has enrolled the student and paid the registration fee.
- The referral reward will be paid as a credit to your FACTS account (2019-2020) school year. The business office will not issue checks.

This is a wonderful way to help the Academy and be generously rewarded at the same time! Please share with others the many reasons why The Atonement Academy is such a special place. As Academy families, you are the best marketing representatives we have!

# Library Lunch & Learn!

Are you interested in a career in  
Information Technology (IT)?

**MS/HS students only!**

## How to begin

Coding  
Software  
Hardware  
Research and  
Development  
Salaries  
Summer programs



Date: April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12:20 – 1:30pm  
Place: St. John Paul II  
Library

w/ Gabriel Alejo  
IT Systems Engineer

\* Bring your bag lunch to enjoy in the library