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We have entered March during the Lenten season, and we will conclude this month on Easter Sunday, March 31st. This time of year can feel chilly and bleak, but we are Easter people, and we know that the warmth and beauty of new life awaits us in the Resurrection of the Lord! I encourage you and your families to strip away the things that are keeping you from receiving the fullness of God's love and mercy. I hope your students are coloring in their Lenten crosses and/or are completing activities on the Lenten calendar. The three pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, and as Father Bernard mentioned on Sunday, we all could use some CPR (Conversion, Purification, and Renewal). I am really enjoying our Lenten Trivia Challenges at RE on Wednesdays between the boys and the girls. It is fun to see them eager to "win," learn, and help each other:)



Thank you for your ALMSGIVING...you donated
\$16.04 for St. Vincent de Paul last month!

RE March Clothing Drive



CONGRATULATIONS

Mass Question December Winners

PreK—3rd Grade: Jack Jenkins

4th—8th Grade: Helen Crispino

Keep up the great work! It is so encouraging to see the participation each week. Thank you for helping your children learn more about the Word of God:)



As we continue our focus on the Works of Mercy, let us join together to "Clothe the naked." All through March, you may donate new and/or gently used clothing for all ages by placing them in the donation bin outside my office in the Parish Hall. All donations will be taken to the Clothing Barn, the sister organization to Community Cupboard in Elizabethtown.

Sacrament of the Month: RECONCILIATION

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against Him, and are, at the same time reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins. CCC 1422. This sacrament gives us a new heart and calls us to conversion that we may fully receive God's mercy poured out on us. It is a pure gift that we may receive often. **This month, go to Confession, memorize an Act of Contrition, read Luke 15: 11-32, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, or pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Words to ponder...

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." St. Thomas More





Join our Team & Help our Families...

...by obtaining your Diocesan Clearances. For *most* people, this involves 3-4 components: Criminal Background Check, Child Abuse Clearance, Mandatory Training Video through University of Pittsburgh, and a signed Disclosure form. All of these are **FREE** of charge when you are applying as a volunteer. All of this can be accessed through the Diocesan website, and we are also available to help through our office. If you already have clearances through your work, it may be as easy as setting up an account at the Diocese with a simple transfer of your records. While many feel this is too much to ask, all of us would agree that ensuring the safety of **ALL** of our children is important and worth the effort. We would **LOVE** to have you on our RE Team as a co-catechist, aide, or substitute! Contact cre@stpeteretown.org if you have questions.

RE Stations of the Cross

We will once again “walk” the Stations of the Cross at RE. The 7/8th classes will be on Sunday, March 24th, and PreK4 through 6th classes will be on Wednesday, March 27th.

PARENTS ARE INVITED!



Prayer of St Patrick

CHRIST BE WITH ME, CHRIST WITHIN ME,
CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME,
CHRIST BESIDE ME, CHRIST TO WIN ME,
CHRIST TO COMFORT ME AND RESTORE ME.
CHRIST BENEATH ME, CHRIST ABOVE ME,
CHRIST IN QUIET, CHRIST IN DANGER,
CHRIST IN HEARTS OF ALL THAT LOVE ME,
CHRIST IN MOUTH OF FRIEND
OR STRANGER

Your Opinion Matters!

One way I can tell that I like what I am doing is when I am eagerly planning ahead... That being said, I am already thinking about next year and ways to make **RE at Saint Peter even better**. Please keep a lookout in next month or so for a Google Survey. As always though, please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions to me anytime throughout the year:)



✓ IMPORTANT

As the weather warms up and kids begin running around again, please adhere to our “No Drive Through” policy on Wednesday night drop off and pick up times. Your children’s safety comes first. Thanks!



Upcoming RE Dates



- 3/3/24 “Snacking with the Saints” 5:30PM (7 & 8th)
- 3/6/24 RE Reconciliation (3rd—6th)
- 3/24/24 7th/8th Stations of the Cross
- 3/24/24 Last RE Class for 7th Grade
- 3/27/24 RE Stations of the Cross—Parents Welcome
- 3/29/24 Youth Living Stations 8PM
- 3/31/24 NO 7/8 RE—Easter Sunday

VBS

Saint Peter’s Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, July 14th through Thursday, July 18th from 6 to 8PM each evening. More details will be coming soon!

