



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Building the leaders of tomorrow upon the foundation of Christ

Sunday, August 13, 2017

“Have regard for your covenant; for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence. Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the souls of your poor for ever. Arise, O God, plead your cause; remember how the impious scoff at you all the day! Do not forget the clamor of your foes, the uproar of your adversaries which goes up continually!”

Ps 74 (73):20, 19, 22, 23

Dear Saint Peter Catholic School Community,

“The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at a heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb...It can be said that the rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution Lumen Gentium, a chapter that discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church” (Saint John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae)

I am back and here for good! Susan and I arrived here around 3:00 PM yesterday. **It is so good to be home!**

This week marks our final preparations for our true *raison d'être* – hallways full of students! To that end we are having our **Faculty & Staff Retreat** this Friday at Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Washington. Please note that the **school office will be closed all day** as we focus our efforts on preparing ourselves spiritually for this academic year. Our own **Rev. Ian Van Heusen** will lead this vital day of growth in our shared vocation and reflection in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please pray for us on this retreat and always!

Many members of the parish staff are joining us for the retreat. It is important for all of us to remember that the parish and school really are one entity; and **the school is a ministry of the parish**. We will seek out many additional ways to bring the parish/school community together as a whole. We will also look for ways to build unity with Pope Saint John Paul II Catholic High School.

THIS WEEK:

"BUT IMMEDIATELY HE SPOKE TO THEM SAYING, 'TAKE HEART, IT IS I; HAVE NO FEAR.'" MT 14:27

Here is an article on the readings from today, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, from the *National Catholic Register* entitled, ["What Real Power Looks Like"](#) by Tom Hoopes.

- ❖ **MONDAY, AUGUST 14 (MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR)**
- ❖ **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 (SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)**
 - **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Masses at 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:00 PM at Saint Peter Catholic Church
- ❖ Wednesday, August 16 (Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time)
- ❖ Thursday, August 17 (Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time)
- ❖ Friday, August 18 (Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time)
 - **SCHOOL CLOSED:** Faculty & Staff Retreat, Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Washington, 8:45 AM – 2:45 PM
- ❖ Saturday, August 19 (Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time)
- ❖ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 (TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)**
 - New Family Orientation, Cafeteria, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

May God bless you richly always. **GO WILDCATS!**

Yours in Christ,

Doug Jones

Principal

DISCIPLES FIRST; EXCELLENCE ALWAYS!

"Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat."

Ps 147 (146):12, 14