



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS April, 2019



Dear Elementary Faith Formation Families,

We continue to journey through the season of Lent and anticipate the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EFF students in 3rd & 4th grade comprise the cast for our annual Living Stations of the Cross. The Monday and Tuesday classes of grade 1-4 will pray the Stations on April 8 & 9.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, CRAMER HILL, CAMDEN

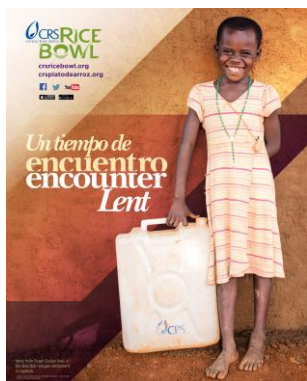
Thanks to the EFF families who generously supported the cereal and canned tuna / chicken requests for the Neighborhood Center. Your goodness goes a long way!! We will continue to collect during the weeks of Lent. The collection will conclude on April 17.

SACRAMENT UPDATE

FINAL 1ST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD PREP EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY APRIL 4TH AT 6:00P.M.

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT WILL CELEBRATE 1ST EUCHARIST ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 4:30PM MASS, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 11AM MASS,
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 4:30PM MASS, SUNDAY, MAY 12, 11AM MASS.**

OUR 1ST EUCHARIST FAMILIES ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.



LENTEN OUTREACH/OPERATION RICE BOWL

As a community, Christ Our Light is participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. All students have brought Operation Rice Bowl boxes home. Donations can be returned either at Mass on Palm Sunday, April 14 or during class the week of April 15, 16, 17.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

COL is offering a series of Soup Suppers throughout the weeks of Lent. Suppers are from 6-7pm in Room A of the Parish Center. The series will include brief videos, guest speakers, and faith sharing on a variety of topics.

Remaining dates are: Thursday, April 4 & Tuesday, April 9. See the Bulletin or parish website for information and to register.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY & EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Resurrection Catholic School invites you to a fun morning of breakfast, crafts, games, and Easter egg hunting! Information and forms were emailed to all families of children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade.



PARISH SOCIAL & SPRING FLING MAY 11

All are welcome to the COL parish social! Adults, children, old & young, families, couples, singles – everyone! Look for more details in the parish bulletin and E Newsletter.

5th & 6th GRADE YEAR END ASSESSMENT

5th & 6th grade EFF students will take the year end assessment on Monday, April 29 and Wednesday, May 1. Home School students will be tested on Monday, April 29. Classes will review lessons from the second half of the year the week prior to the test, April 15 & 17. Review materials will be mailed to Home School students.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Is summer really right around the corner? Here's a sneak peek and information for this summer's VBS.

VBS will run from July 15 – 19, 9:00a.m. – noon. TO MARS AND BEYOND is this year's theme. Kids will discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They will learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible and that God is always with them, too. Kids will be inspired to give glory to God, who is far beyond all that we could ask or imagine! VBS is open to children who will be 4 years old by June 30, 2019 through entering 5th grade in September, 2019. Check future parish bulletins and the COL website for registration info and volunteer opportunities.



LOOKING TOWARD SEPTEMBER

Elementary Faith Formation registration forms for the 2019 – 2020 academic year will be mailed to families whose children currently attend our parish faith formation classes. Families new to Christ Our Light Elementary Faith Formation can access registration materials as of April 22 from the parish website: www.christourlight.net. Download the forms, complete them, and return to the Office of Elementary Faith Formation with the appropriate fee for your family. OR for a \$3.00 processing fee children can be registered electronically. See the parish website for information and instructions. Questions? Contact Ginny Grogan: grogan@christourlight.net or call 856-667-2440 x347.

EFF CALENDAR UPDATE

Apr. 4 – Thursday, 6:00 pm – First Eucharist preparation session

Apr. 4 – Thursday, 6:00pm – Parish Soup Supper

Apr. 6 – Saturday – Breakfast w/ Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

Apr. 7 – Sunday – LAST PRE-K EFF CLASS

Apr. 8 – Monday, 4:45pm – Living Stations of the Cross – Parents are invited to attend

Apr. 9 – Tuesday, 5:00pm – Living Stations of the Cross – Parents are invited to attend
Apr. 9 – Tuesday, 6:00pm – Parish Soup Supper
Apr. 14 – PALM SUNDAY
Apr. 18 – 7:30pm – Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper & foot washing
Apr. 19 – 3pm – Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
Apr. 20 – 8pm – Easter Vigil
Apr. 21 – EASTER – CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA!
Apr. 22, 23, 24 – EASTER BREAK – NO EFF CLASSES
Apr. 29, 30, May 1 – FINAL EFF CLASSES FOR THE YEAR!

Mary lou lymper and I wish you a continued Lenten season of transformation and grace. We are journeying through an austere, yet exciting time of the Church calendar AND ANTICIPATING EASTER JOY!

Last but not least enjoy a safe & relaxing summer!!

Be healthy, BE HAPPY, BE BLESSED,

Ginny Grogan

director, Elementary Faith Formation



A Lenten Prayer
Jesus, open my heart this Lent
so that I might see more clearly
the obstacles that keep me from you.
Give me the courage to change
in those areas of my life that need change.
May I be a true witness
of how to pray, fast, and share with others –
this Lent and always. Amen.

