



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS MARCH, 2019



Dear Elementary Faith Formation Families,

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and brings with it the promise of Spring. During Lent we are called to leave winter attitudes behind and change ourselves to become better people. The season of Lent is the Church's sacred springtime. It is a time for preparing our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter.

EFF CATECHIST MORNING OF REFLECTION

“Distractions, Disruptions, & the Divine”

Facilitated by Cathy Johnson

Saturday, March 9, 9:00am - Noon

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. Check EFF folders; students will be bringing participation forms home soon.

SACRAMENT UPDATE

FINAL 1ST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD PREP EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 1PM AND AGAIN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4 AT 6PM.

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, 11:00AM MASS.

OUR 1ST EUCHARIST FAMILIES ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.



SPECIAL EFF LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

EFF families are asked to support the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center. The Center provides food to folks in need in the Cramer Hill section of Camden. The following non-perishable food items most needed are:

- #1 – Boxes of Cereal (cereals are needed more than any other food)**
- #2 – Peanut Butter & Jelly**
- #3 – Canned tuna fish or chicken**
- #4 – Gallon size zip lock baggies**

We will be collecting during the weeks of Lent. The collection will conclude on April 17.



LENTEN OUTREACH/OPERATION RICE BOWL

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

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

COL is offering a series of Soup Suppers throughout the weeks of Lent. Suppers are from 6-7pm in St. Mary's Room (Room A) of the Parish Center. The series will include brief videos, guest speakers, and faith sharing on a variety of topics. Dates are: Thursday, March 14, Monday, March 25, Thursday, April 4, Tuesday, April 9. See the Bulletin or parish website for information and to register.

ALL PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Well known author Cathy Coffey will lead us in a retreat experience on Saturday, March 30 from 8:30am – 2:30pm. See the parish website for details and registration info.

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

Christ Our Light Elementary Faith Formation and Resurrection Catholic School invite you to a fun morning of breakfast, crafts, games, and Easter egg hunting! Information and forms will be emailed to all families of children in grades Pre-K through 4th grade. Stay tuned for more information!



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL BASKET BONANZA

Saturday, March 2, 6-11pm

\$35.00 per person

For info and tickets contact Kate Nasto GRLEGRL333@hotmail.com

PARISH SPRING FLING - MAY 11th

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.

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. *To Mars and Beyond VBS invites Voyagers on a space travel adventure to explore where God's power can take them! Along the journey, Voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God!* 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.

COL PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE & 1ST RECONCILIATION

The COL Lenten Penance service with 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 7pm. Children preparing for 1st Eucharist who did not go to confession for the first time in December will celebrate 1st Reconciliation at this time.

EFF CALENDAR UPDATE

Mar. 2 – Saturday – RCS Basket Bonanza – 6-11pm
Mar. 4 – Monday – Gr. 5 D Church Tour
Mar. 4 – Monday – Gr. 2 Mardi Gras with Grandparent ministry
Mar. 5 – Tuesday – Gr. 2 Mardi Gras with Grandparent ministry
Mar. 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY – see parish website for mass / ashes times
Mar. 8 – Friday, 7pm – Parish Stations of the Cross
Mar. 11. – Monday – Gr. 5E Church Tour
Mar. 11 – Monday – Gr. 4 Parent Visitation – Commandments activity
Mar. 12 – Tuesday – Gr. 4 Parent Visitation – Commandments activity
Mar. 14 – Thursday 6pm – Lenten Soup Supper
Mar. 15 – Friday, 7pm – Parish Stations of the Cross
Mar. 17 – Sunday – 11am Mass – Rite of Welcome for those preparing to celebrate sacraments
Mar. 18 – Monday – Gr. 5C Church Tour
Mar. 22 – Friday, 7pm – Parish Stations of the Cross
Mar. 25 – Monday, 6pm – Lenten Soup Supper
Mar. 28 – Thursday, 7pm – Parish Lenten Penance Service & 1st Reconciliation
Mar. 29 – Friday, 7pm – Parish Stations of the Cross
Mar. 30 – Saturday, 8:30am – 2:30pm --- Parish Lenten Retreat
Mar. 31 – Sunday, 1pm – 1st Eucharist preparation event III
Apr. 4 – Thursday, 6pm – 1st Eucharist preparation event III

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!

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.



