

March Newsletter

The Pride of Saint Jerome

A Mouse's Story

A mouse looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. What food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house." The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mouse trap in the house." I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse, "sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow. She said, "Like wow, Mr. Mouse. A mouse trap! I am in grave danger. Duh?"

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mouse trap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well. She died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk. In the book of Genesis, Cain said, "Am I my Brother's keeper? We must all have a keen eye out for one another and be willing to make that extra care and encouragement to each other.

As we continue our Lenten journey, plan on growing closer to the Lord through prayer, sacrifice and good deeds.

The church urges all Catholics to voluntarily choose acts of penance on all days of Lent.

The minimal obligations are:

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday – days of fast and abstinence

Fridays in Lent – days of abstinence (No Meat)

Fasting – all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59

Abstinence – all Catholics over 14 years old.

Student of the Month

The characteristic trait for February is hope. Congratulations to the following students:

Rm. 7	Sophia Marsico
Rm. 2	Dennis Benussi
Rm. 5	Peter Veitz
Rm. 3	Samantha Cerruti
Rm. 15	Megan Grogan
Rm. 10	Blasé Kramer
Rm. 14	Klaudia Wojnarska
Rm. 13	Luke Douglas
Rm. 30	Emma Drab
Rm. 27	Daniel Klenicki
Rm. 32	Emma Parkinson Meghan Stewart
Rm. 29	Brynn O'Donnell
Rm. 28	Brendan Kendra
Rm. 20	Nicholas Cruz
Rm. 19	Emily Harmon
Rm. 23	Ava Pospiech
Rm. 17	Kyle Chiaccio

Catholic Schools Week - Academic Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who won the Academic Tournament:

1 st Grade	Chase Jerdan Gavin Lithgow
2 nd Grade	Colin Schultz Alesia Prifti
3 rd Grade	Hailey Bradley
4 th Grade	Brynn Crooks Michael Cancelliere
5 th Grade	Liam Warburton Nicholas Schafer
6 th Grade	Todd Douglas Brayden McLaughlin
7 th Grade	Hanna Custren Jennifer Bauerle
8 th Grade	Julia Wilbekaitis Shane Turpin

Re-Registration

The re-registration packets went home in January, please send in your payment with the St. Jerome Tuition contract to the Main Office, Attn:

Mrs. Bacanskas. The registration fee is \$75.00 for one child and \$120.00 for two or more children, if registered by April 28th. The lunch monitor, computer & art fee will be collected online by SMART Tuition.

The deadline to re-register is April 28, 2017.

After this deadline, the registration fee will be \$100.00 for one child and \$150.00 for two or more children.

If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Saint Jerome School next year, please send a note to the main office. We need to approximate our enrollment for next year to plan number of classrooms, books, etc...

Uniform Policy

Please review the uniform policy in the Student Handbook. Sneakers may only be worn with the gym uniform.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available through the Children's Scholarship Fund and Smart Aid/BLOCS. The deadline for applying for assistance for the 2017-2108 school year is fast approaching. You may apply online for Children's Scholarship at www.csphiladelphia.org. The deadline for Smart/Aid/ BLOCS is March 31st. The Smart Aid/ BLOCS application is available at www.smartaidforparents.com.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to the parents, students and parishioners who came and supported our school. The proceeds raised will be used to purchase new books and supplies for our school library. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Book Fair. Your time was deeply appreciated.

Hoop It Up

Hoop It Up will be on Sunday, March 26th. More information to follow.