



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear SMS Families –

As we begin the month of October, I want to make you aware of a few things happening in our parish and school community:

VIRTUE OF MONTH – Self Control: During the month of October, our students will be learning about the virtue of Self-Control. It is our goal to teach our students to govern their impulses by exercising self-control. We all have the tendency or inclination to respond spontaneously to certain things, but when exercising self-control, we take time to think about our words and actions.

ROSARY: During October we honor our Blessed Mother and pray a decade of the Rosary each morning. I have attached the mysteries of the Rosary if you would like to pray them with your family at home. We remember that “the family that prays together stays together.” I will be giving Rosaries to all students this coming week. We do have extra if you would like one. Throughout this month, the students will be learning how to cultivate devotion to Mary.

RELIGION BOOKS FOR PARENTS: For parents to know more about the Catholic Faith and what your students are learning, we do have parent guidebook available for purchase in the office (\$10). Please see Mrs. Ouellette in the office.

HOLY MASS: It was great to see so many of you at the opening school Mass. I want to encourage you to continue to bring your children to Holy Mass each Sunday – It is the center of our lives as Catholics and the source of strength that we need to live the lives the Lord is calling us to live. As a reminder, we do have a youth choir that sings at the 9:30am Mass each Sunday for students in Second Grade or older. Also a reminder, all students in grades 1 and 2 who will be receiving their First Holy Communion here should be signing in at Mass each Sunday.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: Our middle school youth group started up this past weekend for students in grades 5-7pm. Our next event will be on October 20th. Please see the details for future events in the weekly bulletin. Youth group is a great way for our children to become involved in parish events and build relationships with their friends. Youth Group for 8th Graders will have its next event on Friday October 6th at 7pm in the parish hall.

God Bless you all!
Fr. Jay

Joyful Mystery of the Rosary

- I. The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary
- II. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- III. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
- IV. The Presentation of our Lord
- V. Finding Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary

- I. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
- II. The Scourging at the Pillar
- III. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns
- IV. Jesus Carried the Cross
- V. The Crucifixion of our Lord

Luminous Mystery of the Rosary

- I. The Baptism in the Jordan
- II. The Wedding at Cana
- III. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- IV. The Transfiguration
- V. The Institution of the Eucharist

Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

- I. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- II. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven
- III. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- IV. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- V. Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Each Mystery of the Rosary is a decade. For each decade, we pray: 1 OUR FATHER, 10 HAIL MARYS and 1 GLORY BE.