

St. Joseph School
25 Squire Street
New London, Connecticut 06320

"This is a holy place where we discover each other in God's love."

April 29, 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Congratulations and many blessings to our young people who received their First Holy Communion this past Sunday. Their halos are glowing brightly each day!

Once again, we thank those who were responsible for our participation in the Pawcatuck River Duck Race. Mrs. Williamson was among the winners with a gift certificate from the Pizza Place in Westerly (Thank you Cacciatore Family).

Our playground fund continues to grow with earnings from the Duck Race and the Bingo held last Friday night. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen, all who attended and all who purchased Ducks! Approximately \$6,500 was raised for our playground through Bingo Night and \$1,800 for the Duck Race.

Congratulations to our 6th grade for their wonderful presentation of Pinocchio!

Our Basket Social takes place on **May 2nd**. Anyone wishing to donate a family basket may also do so. Classroom donations are due and needed! I remind you that all money earned benefits your child in some way. This could be through the playground, field trips, Catholic Schools Week and Games Day lunches, and many additional ways throughout the year. Tuition only pays for the day to day running of the school, not the extras provided to the children.

On **May 6th** at 6 p.m. at Clark Lane Middle School, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will honor Mrs. Andriks as the regional History Teacher of the Year and Exelia Fraser in Grade 8 for her excellence in American History. We congratulate them both on their accomplishments!

I remind those who have incoming Kindergarten students that you must call the office for an appointment for screening for readiness. Please share this information with friends or relatives. We also have space available at other levels.

Your children should have begun their Books for our Young Author's Program. These are due on **May 7th**. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home before vacation.

Our prayers continue to be with everyone in this Easter Season! Alleluia!!

Important Dates:

- **May 2nd** - Basket Social
- **May 6th** - DAR 6 p.m. Clark Lane School—Honorees—Mrs. Andriks for DAR Regional Teacher of the Year, Exelia Fraser for American History.
- **May 7th** - Grade 8 Class Picture, 9:30 a.m.
- **May 8th** - Muffins with Moms, 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.
- **May 14th** - Ascension Thursday, 9:00 a.m. Mass
- **May 15th** - Grade 1 Play, 1:00 p.m.
- **May 16th** - Steak Night at the Birdseye
- **May 20th** - Grade 5 Trip, Grade 8 Retreat
- **May 21st** - Grade 3 Field Trip
- **May 22nd** - Grade 1 Grandparents, Grade 6-7 Trip NESS, 12:30 dismissal. Faculty Professional Development.
- **May 29th** - Kindergarten play, 1:00 p.m.
- **June 2nd** - Games Day
- **June 4th** - Book Presentation “Water Safety Dog”, Grades K-5
- **June 5th** - Awards Day 10 a.m., 12:30 dismissal (No First Friday Mass)
- **June 6th** - Graduation at 4 p.m. Mass (Grade 7 responsible for reception)
- **June 8th** - Grade 2 Luau, 12:30 dismissal
- **June 9th** - Last Day, 9:00 a.m. Mass, 10:30 dismissal. Faculty Meeting following dismissal.

Marianne Cote, Principal