

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

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

March 11, 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Our Lenten prayer this week centered on the waters of Baptism. We remembered that we are all God's children, and that Baptism is a sign of belonging to God.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time talent and treasure to the "Shamrock Tea" Corned Beef Dinner last Saturday. We were so blessed to have so many volunteers and diners. Hopefully we can continue attracting volunteers and participants in the future. We also wish to thank Father Mark and the Blarney Stones for providing the entertainment for the evening. A special thank you to our 8th grade servers! Great job everyone! Approximately, \$2400 was earned for our children.

Grinder Day was yesterday. I remind you that when you order a grinder for your child's **grinder lunch**, all proceeds are being donated by the PizzaPlace in Westerly (The Cacciatore Family) to our playground renovation. **The PizzaPlace is also hosting a dine in/out day for us on Sunday, March 22nd.**

**We are participating in the Pawcatuck River Duck Race. We have 500 ducks to sell. Information is listed on the flyer that was sent home and on our Facebook page. Take your chance before all our ducks are sold.**

Tomorrow, March 12th, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th graders will sponsor a bake sale for the students at lunch time. The proceeds will go to purchase the food they will cook on March 19th for the Community Meal Center. **In addition, a casual day will be held on March 13th for the same purpose. Dress down is \$3.**

There have been some questions recently regarding what constitutes being late for school. The bell rings at 8:30 a.m. When your children are not on school grounds at 8:30 a.m., in or outside, dependent on the weather, the child is considered to be late.

It seems that many of our parents are not referring to the school calendar when it comes to activities and early dismissals. The calendar is sent to you monthly and everyone has received the yearly calendar. The office is a very busy place, as I'm sure you know, and calendar questions can be answered by consulting the copy sent to you. Thank you for helping with this.

### Important Dates

- **March 12** - Bake Sale at lunch by Grades 7 and 8 for Community Meal Center dinner cooked by the students.
- **March 13** - Dress Down Day for the Community Meal Center expenses--\$3
- **March 15** - New London St. Patrick's Day Parade at 1 p.m.
- **March 16** -Professional Development Day (Diocesan) NO SCHOOL
- **March 17** - Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- **March 19** - St. Joseph Day (our patron Saint), Thursday Mass at 8:45 a.m. with 8th Grade Class Pins distributed, followed by Grades 7 and 8 cooking for the Community Meal Center
- **March 20** - Report Cards, Paid Pizza Day.
- **March 24** - Chicken and Fries Day. Paid lunch.
- **March 25** - Home-School Association Meeting at 6 p.m. Playground update.
- **March 26** - Open House for prospective parents at 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- **March 27** - Grade 8 Play at 1 p.m.

We continue to keep everyone in our prayers. May God bless everyone and keep us in his loving arms.

Marianne Cote, Principal