

**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 4, 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

**"Shamrock Tea" Corned Beef Dinner Saturday, March 7, 4 -7 p.m.** (hot dogs and chips for the kids!)

Since we had no school last Monday, our special Lenten prayers began this week. As in the past our prayers center around the Baptismal signs and symbols. This week as part of our weekly Lenten prayer, we remembered that "God is Love" with each receiving a small paper heart with those words. In addition, we were reminded that God call each of us by name, using a special name tag. As the Lenten season continues, we will continue the use of the signs and symbols used in the sacrament of Baptism.

The month of March is quite filled with activities, beginning this Saturday with the Shamrock Tea. We are in need of volunteers for this event to keep our 8th grade servers on track, to work at the dessert table, to donate finger desserts and Irish soda bread. This is a long-time tradition at St. Joseph School. In lieu of a single chair for the event, some of us have stepped up to make it happen. We thank you for your generosity in donating your time, desserts, and Irish soda bread.

Our Spirit Week "Penny Wars" raised over \$1300 for our school playground renovation. Thank you and congratulations to our 8th Grade class for sponsoring this week of fun activities. We also want to congratulate the kindergarten for earning the most money!

**Catholic Foundation Scholarship Applications are due tomorrow! Many of you received financial assistance from the fund last year. Please do not forget to apply this year at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid). If you did not apply last year, you must apply this year or no additional financial assistance can be given. If you have questions, please call the office at (860)442-1720.**

**Important Dates:**

- **March 6** First Friday Mass at 9 a.m. and 12:30 dismissal. Grade 7 Play at 11:00 a.m.
- **March 7** Shamrock Tea...all are welcome. **Volunteers needed.**
- **March 8** Daylight Savings...Spring 1 hour forward.
- **March 10** Grinder Day...order for your children. 100 % proceeds go to the playground fund.
- **March 12** Bake Sale at lunch by Grades 7 & 8 for the New London Community Meal Center dinner cooked by the students.
- **March 13** Dress Down Day (\$3 per students) for the New London Community Meal Center expenses.

- **March 15** New London St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- **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.
- **Grades 7 & 8** cooking for the New London Community Meal Center.
- **March 20** Report Cards, Pizza Day. Order for your children.
- **March 24** Chicken and Fries Day. Order for your children.
- **March 25** Home-School Association Meeting at 6 p.m.
- **March 26** Open House for prospective parents at 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- **March 27** Grade 8 Play

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

Marianne Cote, Principal