

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

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

May 6, 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

At prayer on Monday, we celebrated May as the month of our Blessed Mother Mary by praying a decade of the rosary. This is so fitting that May is also the month of our earthly mothers. Please remember we will celebrate our mothers and grandmothers **on Friday morning from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. with "Muffins with Moms"!**

This week is also National Teacher and Nurses Appreciation Week. We thank the Home and School Association for the treat of bagels and fruit for everyone on Tuesday morning. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to show their appreciation to teachers and staff with sweets and treats for all they do for the children. Afterall, we are all teaching every minute of every day.

Our **Basket Social** was a wonderful success, thanks to all who volunteered, all who donated, and all who came to share the evening. \$3,333 was raised to add to our playground renovation.

Tonight, May 6th at 6 p.m. at Clark Lane Middle School, the DAR will honor Mrs. Andriks, as the Lucretia Shaw History Teacher of the Year, and Exelia Fraser in Grade 8 for her excellence in American History. We congratulate them both on their accomplishments. Mrs. Andriks' name will now be place in the regional and state competition for history teacher of the year.

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 Thursday, 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 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** – Thursday Mass at 8:45 a.m.; Grade 8 Class Picture at 9:30 a.m.
- **May 8th** - Muffins with Moms from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.

- **May 11th** – Warm weather uniform begins.
- **May 13th** – Grade 8 trip to NYC; Home and School meeting at 6:00 p.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 for Faculty Professional Development.
- **May 28th** – Paid Grinder Lunch. No orders will be taken after the due date.
- **May 29th** - Kindergarten play, 1:00 p.m.
- **June 2nd** - Games Day, Art Exhibit
- **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, Grade K Dad’s Day Luncheon, 12:30 dismissal
- **June 9th** - Last Day, 9:00 a.m. Mass, 10:30 dismissal. Faculty Meeting following dismissal.

Marianne Cote, Principal