

**Saint Joseph School**  
**25 Squire Street**  
**New London, Connecticut 06320**

*“This is a holy place where we discover each other in God’s love.”*

November 5, 2025

I wish to remind all parents that if you are planning to volunteer in any way with the children this year, you must be **approved by the Office for Safe Environments**. This means completing the training online and submitting the necessary paperwork. Many of you have done this already. **The Diocesan requirements must be completed by November 15, 2025** to qualify for any activities in the current school year through June 2026. I remind those who completed the training three or more years ago that you must now complete the online **refresher training to remain qualified**.

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

During the month of November, we remember all who have died. Some we know are already enjoying the company of God, the Saints, and our loved ones (also saints) in heaven. Others who have passed are awaiting to be in the presence of God. We pray that the Saints pray for us and we in turn pray for all the souls awaiting the joys of God’s kingdom.

**Reminders: The St. Joseph School Spirit-Wear Store through *Ink Fathers* is ongoing. Just access the link and shop.** Christmas is coming! **Thursday Masses** begin at 8:45 a.m. As soon as the children have arrived, the doors are secured. Also, the students in Grades K-5 require a morning snack. It is the parents’ responsibility to provide this, as well as lunch at the appropriate time. Grades 6-8 eat lunch at 11:30 a.m., grades 3-5 at 11:50 a.m. and grades K-2 at 12:10 p.m. Thank you for your help. **Our next casual day** will be November 14th. This will once again support **those who are experiencing food insecurity** and make use of the **food pantry at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in New London. Dine-In or Take-out tonight at Mr. G’s 4-8 p.m. for our playground.**

Thank you for supporting the pie fundraiser, sponsored by the Home and School Association (of which you are all members) and chaired by Alex Nocito. **Pie delivery** is for November, the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your help in raising money for our playground (planning in process) and field trip funds. The total amount raised through this fundraiser is yet to be determined.

Currently, Ms. Lawton is chairing a St. Joseph School Blanket sale. They make great Christmas gifts, but we need to order soon to receive before Christmas. Order forms will go out this week. The profit is 50%. This will help with expenses for our basketball teams, among other things.

The Christmas Wreath Sale is happening again this year. For those who are not aware, **Home and School fundraising** is ongoing and serves many purposes. The school has ongoing expenses to provide additional things for our students and families that cannot be provided for in the regular school budget. **These include major projects such as the playground renewal and field trip assistance; as well as, Catholic Schools' Week and Games Day activities, gifts for special occasions, and extras for the classrooms, First Communion and Graduation.** A more detailed report will be forthcoming in January.

**While the New London Superintendent and Board of Education have agreed to provide us with a part time nurse's position, they seem to think that children become ill or injured only from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We continue to ask you to contact the office of New London's Superintendent, the Members of the Board of Education, the City Council members and Mayor Passero in any way possible to share your displeasure with this situation. These entities need to meet their legal and moral obligations to the children and families of St. Joseph School. Over 70% of our families reside in New London. We are confident that our persistence and perseverance will ultimately be successful.**

Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

God's Blessings to All,

Marianne Cote, Principal