



May 4, 2020

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Good morning!

Trust you and your family are in good health. It was a beautiful weekend. They say, April showers bring May flowers. Hopefully April's rain and raw weather is behind us and the warmer sunshine of May has arrived to help lift our spirits.

Let us begin this day in prayer.

MORNING PRAYER

This is National Teacher Appreciation Week ... a time to recognize and reflect upon the contribution teachers make to education and society. I am truly grateful for the dedication and passion our faculty bring to St. Paul Catholic High School every day. Their commitment, both in-person and online to the education and well-being of our students and their families is inspiring. We **PRAY** in thanksgiving for each of them and the gifts they share with us.

We **PRAY** for the doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals, many of them our parents, relatives, and alumni who serve as the front line of defense and put their own life in harm's way to care for those afflicted by this deadly disease. We **PRAY** for emergency and military personnel, scientists searching for a cure, truck drivers and grocery store workers who keep the food supply chain going. There are many other everyday ordinary people doing extraordinary works of mercy and kindness, all of them unsung heroes. We **PRAY** for you, your families and your personal intentions in the silence of your heart.

The month of May in the Catholic Church is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis recently asked Catholics to make a special effort this May to pray the rosary. This morning we pray a new prayer Pope Francis has offered to Our Lady in the midst of this global health crisis. He stated, "To the pandemic of the virus we want to respond with the universality of prayer, compassion and tenderness. Let's stay united."

*O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.*

*"Protectress of the Roman People",
you know your needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.*

Fr. Hector, Sr. Marie Benedict, Sr. Mary Mercy and the boys' lacrosse team will lead the rosary for this week's **Chapel Prayer Service** on Thursday (5/7) from 8:15 – 8:30 am. **(new time)** This is an opportunity for building community, praying together, and growing in our faith. Faculty, students and parents wishing to participate can respond to the weekly Zoom invitation.



Bishop Loverde, former ordinary of the Diocese of Arlington and former auxiliary bishop in our own Archdiocese of Hartford recently “visited” Senior religion classes. Here’s a sampling of student comments following their classroom conversations:

- Thank you for sharing, and showing us an example of the Lord’s strong call to a vocation.
- Thank you for helping us understand that God has a plan for each of us.
- It was unbelievable to be able to hear from a successor to the Apostles in our class, and your wisdom in discerning your vocation is a great aid to us in our journey.
- I thought it was interesting how he told us about his pectoral cross.

- I thought it was very cool that he met Saint John Paul II and enjoyed talking about him.
- I found it interesting that he wanted to be a part of the religious life after seeing one of his family members become a priest.
- I found the information that Bishop Loverde shared about finding our vocation to be very inspiring.
- I thought it was very interesting about his insight and outlook on the currently worldwide situation.
- I was very thankful that he was able to speak to us about discernment and how he followed his path to God.
- One thing that really resonated with me was when you talked about how your parents set the example of really living the faith and it in turn made me think about the great example my parents have set for me.
- I appreciated his taste in pizza
- He was very humorous and I enjoyed listening to his journey into the faith!
- I thought it was interesting how he said he traveled one hour by train each day to get to his high school.
- I appreciated how he shared a spiritual message after we read the gospel and also how he participated in adding intentions before prayer.
- I just want to say thank you for his heartwarming words, thoughtful advice, and prayers.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Online **AP Exams** have been rescheduled for May 11 -22, 2020. See attached link for pertinent information. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

GUIDANCE

- **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020:** Although most colleges have pushed out their deposit deadlines, many Seniors made their choice by **College Decision Day**, traditionally on May 1. A preliminary listing of those colleges that the Class of 2020 will attend in the Fall of 2020 include:

American International College, Assumption College, Bentley University, Boston College, Canisius College, Catholic University of America, College of the Holy Cross, College of William & Mary, Central Connecticut State University, Curry College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Emmanuel College, Fairfield University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Fordham University, Franciscan University Steubenville, Hofstra University, Howard University, Industrial Management & Training Institute, King's College, Liberty University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Middlesex Community College, Pasco-Hernando State College, Post University, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Rhode Island College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roanoke College, Roger Williams University, Saint Anselm College, Salve Regina University, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Springfield College, Stonehill College, Syracuse University, Temple University, University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of New England, University of New Hampshire, University of New Haven, University of Rhode Island,

University of Southern California, University in South Korea, University of St. Joseph, University of Tampa, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wesleyan University, Western New England University, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Just a reminder there is a mandatory form for seniors to fill out to let your school counselor know of your final college decision. <https://forms.gle/NtdxUxUx3S5agqvL6>

- If seniors need transcripts for scholarship applications, please email Mrs. Kilbourne at lkilbourne@spchs.com.

ATHLETICS

- The **Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Dinner** (minimum 90 GPA and three varsity letters) from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School and St. Paul Catholic High School originally scheduled for Thursday, April 23 was cancelled. St Paul honorees are: Romi Bagdasarian, Kailyn Bielecki, Sammi Bray, Alexis Carabetta, Grace Carabetta, Andrew Cawley, Joseph Crowley, Michael Dolce, Cassandra Dubitsky, Michael Ferraro, Sophia Gerst, Serena Hansen, Madelyn Hooks, Jillian Kiazim, William Lyder, Caleigh McDougall, Christopher Millerick, Natalie Millerick, Greta Panke, Tucker Raymond, Ethan Rembish, Jeremy Rinaldi, Emma Schatz, Walker Sharp, Joshua Silva, Juliet Watson and Nina Zwolinski. Students will receive their certificate and shirt at a date TBA.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Seniors who recently committed to continuing their athletic interest at the college level: Kailyn Bielecki – cross country at Springfield College, Michael Dolce - golf at Wesleyan University, Olivia Genovese – volleyball at University of New England, Janessa Gonzalez – basketball at Bentley University, Olivia Heslin – basketball at University of St. Joseph, Luke Hines - soccer at Emmanuel College; Josh Cofrancesco - baseball at ECSU, David Harrold – lacrosse at ECSU, Samantha Kulman - ice hockey at King’s College, RJ Murphy – football at Western New England University, Ryan Parent – baseball at ECSU, Christina Pisani – lacrosse at Rhode Island College, Aidan Reilly – cross country at Springfield College, Ethan Rembish – baseball at Fairleigh Dickinson, Katrina Roy – softball at University of St. Joseph, Olivia Stump – lacrosse at University of St. Joseph, Julian Thayer – baseball at University of Rhode Island, Jade Udoh - basketball at ECSU and Noah Waters – basketball at American International College.
- Girls’ tennis players who haven’t picked-up their packaged uniform gear that was previously ordered may do so by having their parents come to the main office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday this week between 9:00 am – noon.
- The CIAC has been communicating with the NCAA eligibility center to understand how initial student-athlete eligibility may be impacted by COVID-19. See link. <http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/NCAAInitialEligibilityCOVID-19Update.pdf>
- CIAC Sports on Twitter: **CT celebs including St. Paul’s Byron Jones ‘10 offer congratulations to CT Scholar-Athletes** <https://mobile.twitter.com/ciacsports/status/1256996253352820737>. Congratulations again to Natalie Millerick and Jeremy Rinaldi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANK YOU!** The **St. Paul Care Drive** initiated by Brendan Foley '22 and his family was very successful. Care packages were delivered to Bristol Hospital, UCONN Health Center, MidState Medical Center, and St. Mary's Hospital. Today, the last package will be delivered to Countryside Manor, Bristol. The healthcare workers were very appreciative!
- **House advisories** will meet tomorrow Tuesday (5/5) from 8:30 – 8:50 am. You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation from your advisor later today.
- **THANK YOU** to members of student government and faculty who participated in the **Future Falcons: Soar to the Nest** Zoom sessions last Friday night in helping welcome our incoming Freshman class.
- Student Government has scheduled two Zoom afterschool activities for this week. If interested in participating, be on the lookout for a Zoom invitation from Mrs. Kendrick.
 - **Cake Decorating Demonstration** Zoom on Tuesday (5/5) from 3:00 – 3:30 pm
 - **Movie Night** Zoom – Aladdin with Will Smith on Friday (5/8) starting at 6:30 pm.
- This Wednesday (5/5) will be the fifth in our **Perspectives from the "Classroom"** series featuring a distance learning reflective piece from one of our faculty members. This week, we will feature Mr. Joseph Longmore.
- Friday (5/8) will be **Superhero Dress Down Day**. Let's honor all the real-life heroes out there helping others.
- **Happy Birthday** wishes this week go to: Erin Downes, Junyoung Hung, Cody Jones, Jayla Maia, Connor Matthews, Anthony Ricciuti, Christian Schuler, Nicolas Schuler, and Mrs. Zillich.

FR. HECTOR'S FINAL BLESSING

In the Gospel of St John appointed for this weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus tells the crowd that He Himself is the Good Shepherd. He himself is the gate, through which all men and women can enter a relationship with the Father. Jesus tells us that He will lay down His life for His sheep.

"Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:11).

We are also the sheep the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd has come to gather. We entered the sheepfold through the waters of Baptism. Are we listening for His Voice?

Let us pray for one another. Let us believe the words and the promise of Jesus Christ. Even during this current crisis, He is at work, healing, delivering and setting people free from death. The Father hears our

prayers as we turn to Him, in the name of His Son and Our Savior. He sends forth the Holy Spirit to heal, inspire and give us hope in this time of despair.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Almighty and ever-living God,
give us new strength
from the courage of Christ our shepherd,
and lead us to join the saints in heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen*

*+ May Almighty God bless us,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Have a blessed week everybody!



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We Miss You

We expect that Governor Lamont will announce this week Connecticut's elementary and secondary school plans beyond May 20. Undoubtedly, this has been challenging times made more difficult by the uncertainty for the future. Regardless of the decision, be assured that the Archdiocese of Hartford and St. Paul will appropriately honor our Class of 2020 and strive to make the end of this school year memorable for everyone. Once we know the outcome, we will discuss, finalize and communicate our plans. Thank you, in advance, for your continued patience, understanding, trust and support as we move forward together. ***St. Paul, pray for us!***

Take care of yourself and pray for each other. **Keep shining ... keep soaring!** Seniors lead us to A Period.

Stay safe ... be well.

Mr. Dupont '72

President/Chief Administrator