



*Love of Learning  
Faith in God  
Service for Others*



*May 2017*

### **MAY ~ THE MONTH OF OUR LADY**

In this month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, each class will have a special time to crown Mary's statue on the grounds of our school. This is also a good time for all of us to renew our devotion to Mary in the recitation of her Rosary. Let us ask her special intercession for lasting peace in our hearts and throughout the world. Many of our school families have very special intentions, so let's be sure to pray for one another not only during this special month but throughout the year.



### **SPECIAL THANKS**

To Kate May, Amanda Wood and all of our wonderful parents who worked on all of the many facets of our 80's Rewind Auction

To Shannon Woodward and her crew for turning our Hall into a beautiful 80's setting

Special thanks to Danny Moore, Trav Daniel and Tony Santos for their expertise in setting up the Rubi Cube centerpiece for the Auction

To Courtney Billings and Kate Mays for the Spirit Day activities for the students

To all of you for your generous contributions of nonperishable foods for the needy in our area

To Laura Kallen for our Auction logo and the many means of communicating regarding the Gala

To all of you who came out to support this great evening

To you who give of your time to the many volunteer opportunities that make our school a very special place

To those of you who take the time to spread the good news about our school

To you who are willing to take on leadership roles in the many events that take place here at Little Flower

To our teachers who give their very best so that LF can boast of its fine Catholic academic program

To each of you for your ongoing support and cooperation with our school

### **FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE**

Parents of First Communicants are reminded of practices on Wednesday afternoon, May 3rd, and Thursday afternoon, May 4th, from 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM.

## First Thursday Talks

All are welcome for Monsignor Vaghi's series of talks

The next talk is entitled:  
Life in Christ -- Life with His Mother

Please join us at 7 am on Thursday, May 4th  
in the Rectory Meeting Room



### FIRST FRIDAY

Students in Kindergarten – Grade 8 will gather for Mass at 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 5th . Please join with us if you are able to do so. Your presence is always greatly appreciated. This will also be the day that the Fathers' Club hosts its annual cookout for the students. How blessed we are to have such supportive and involved parents.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Please join with us in extending prayerful congratulations to our Second Grade children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass on Saturday, May 6, 2017. This is a wonderful day of great blessings for their families and our entire parish community!

### WELCOME MASS AND MAY PROCESSION

At the 9:00 am Mass on May 7th, we will welcome all of the First Communicants of the parish and have the annual May Procession in honor of Our Lady.

All children attending this Mass are asked to bring flowers from home to place at the statue of the Blessed Mother. This is a beautiful way to honor Our Lady. Please join with us.

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*May 14th*



*May this day hold  
countless blessings  
for you.*

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## SPRING CONCERT

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar, Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm.



### SPRING CONCERT

All of our students from Pre K to Grade 8 are preparing to truly entertain you. The Concert will begin at **7:00 PM** on that evening in the Church.

#### Dress Code:

The dress code for both boys and girls is “**Dress Up**”.

**Girls** may wear dresses or skirts, dress slacks and blouses, stockings or socks, dress shoes no flip flops.

**Boys** may wear dress pants, shirt, tie, socks, dress shoes. Suit jacket is optional.

**Arrival time:** Students are asked to be in their assigned places in the Church by 6:40 pm at the very latest.

#### Dismissal after the Concert:

We ask that parents remain for the entire concert.

After the closing, please go to where your child is seated in the Church and pick them up. This will assure that they are safe in the parking lot and that they don't get lost in the crowd.

If your family is attending the Ice Cream Social, please walk together with your children. Safety is a priority – please do not send children unattended down the hill while car traffic is exiting.

**Should any parent videotape the evening, the school would be most grateful to procure a copy for our files.**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** will take place in the Hall immediately following the Concert. An order form is online for your convenience. We ask you to preorder, please.

**MYSTERY TRIP** Each year Monsignor Vaghi treats the eighth grade to a very special Mystery Trip in honor of their upcoming graduation. Please pray for good weather on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## UNIFORM EXCHANGE BLOWOUT! \$2 for each item

**TUESDAY May 16** - 1:00 pm-3:00pm

**WEDNESDAY May 17** - 9:00 am during PK/Kindergarten Welcome

**THURSDAY May 18** - 8:00 am-3:00pm and during the HSA Meeting at 7:00PM

**FRIDAY May 17** - 9:00 am-3:00pm



Items will be set up in the Parish Hall so please come by and see if there are things you need for next year.

**NOTE:** We are looking to DECREASE, not INCREASE our stock as we have no summer storage for uniform items this year. The **ONLY** items we ask that you drop off are Junior High winter vests, jumpers or skirts, sweatshirts or PK red polo shirts.

## **SUPREME COURT TRIP**

Thanks to Chief Justice John Roberts, our seventh graders will have a very special tour of the Supreme Court on May 16th. How fortunate we are that he extends this special privilege to our students each year.

## **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

Members will meet on Tuesday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in the Faculty Room of the School.

## **PRE KINDERGARTEN WELCOME**

On Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will host the parents and children who will make up the Pre-Kindergarten Class for the new school year. Families will receive more details about the day by email. If you have a child entering this class next September please be sure to attend.

## **KINDERGARTEN SCREENING**

The fall Kindergarten class will gather on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for an initial readiness screening. Children should arrive to the front door at 8:30 am and will be dismissed at the front door at 11:00 am. During this time they will have the opportunity to meet all of their classmates and spend time in their new classroom. Families will receive more details about the day by email.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRE K, KDG AND GRADE 1**

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will not have class on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> as their teachers will be working with the rising Kindergarteners. Pre K students (next year's Kindergarten class) will attend their readiness screening that morning.

## **ATTENTION – PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-8**

All other students (Grades 2-8) will have a 12:15 pm dismissal as this is a day that was already announced for a faculty meeting.

## **HOME SCHOOL MEETING**

Be sure to come out for our End of the Year Social. We have lots of good news to share with you and this is a great opportunity to thank our teachers and the offices of the Home and School Association for a great year.

**Thursday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm**

## **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Great way to celebrate the end of the year! Watch for details from the Fathers' Club.

## **BAND CONCERT**

All are cordially invited to attend our Band's annual Spring Concert. This will take place on Wednesday evening, May 24th, at 7:00 pm at Little Flower Hall.

## **FIELD DAY**

Our annual Field Day celebration will take place on Thursday, May 25th. All students in Grades 1–7 will participate in the fun and activities. Our Eighth Grade students will run the events under the direction of Mrs. Linda Ross, our Physical Education Teacher.

This is always a great day for the students. Please pray that the sun shines on our events! In case of rain, the schedule will be cut way back and very limited activities will take place in the gym and the hall.

Students will be dismissed at 12:15 PM following the final events in the gym.

**PLEASE NOTE** *Our students in Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten will have their own special **Relay Day** on Friday, June 2nd, from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM. This event will be tailored to their skills and should prove to be very enjoyable for them. As always, parents of children in these grades are more than welcome to attend.*

## **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND – PASTOR’S HOLIDAY**

Back in January, Monsignor promised the students a holiday if we didn’t have any more snow days. Well, Friday, May 26, will be a holiday so that you can enjoy the Memorial Day weekend. School will not be in session on Friday and of course Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy!

**EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION TRIP** Our eighth graders will celebrate the end of their school year and the upcoming Graduation by having a fun filled trip to Six Flags. Let’s pray for a sunny and safe day for them on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST HOT LUNCH** It’s hard to believe but Thursday, June 1st, will be the last Hot Lunch for this school year. How grateful we are to Erin Carroll, Jenny Nader and the host of parent volunteers who make our Tuesdays and Thursdays so special. We, every student, parent and faculty member, send our thanks to each of you for making our Hot Lunches so enjoyable.

**MANY THANKS** Thank you for shopping at Giant, Safeway and Target and for designating Little Flower as the recipient of your bonus points.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** Special thanks to Tricia Kolesar for coordinating this program for us. We ask you to keep saving Boxtops throughout the summer for our projects. We will be having contests sponsored by the Student Council when we return to school in the fall.

**TARGET STORES** Thanks to our parents who shop at Target. If you shop at Target, please be sure to designate LFS as your school of choice. They give cash awards to schools based on a percentage of what customers spend there. Every bit helps.

## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Our school has always been blessed with a generous volunteer corps of parents who lend their time and talent to the many programs that support the life of our school. This is the time of the year when we appeal to you and invite you to once again sign on as an interested and involved LFS parent for the new school year. Your generosity in the past has always been greatly appreciated by all of us for you enrich our school community. Our children and teachers benefit from your involvement.

Please sign on and you will be in the company of the best parents in Bethesda! There is something for everyone to do. The Volunteer Form will be posted on the website. We will send out an email when the site is up and ready. Please take the time to sign up so that planning can be finalized for the new school year. Remember we aim for 100% participation.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN POLICY**

By now all of our parents should know that all school volunteers are required to attend the Archdiocesan Workshop, “Protecting God’s Children,” and go through the electronic finger printing process provided by the Archdiocese. Please be aware that only these parents may be involved in school programs where children are present.

This is not a policy just for Little Flower. It is mandated by the Archdiocese for all schools and programs where children are present and we are making certain that we are in compliance with what is being asked.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Join in the fun after the Spring Concert for an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm - Parish Hall  
\$5 per person (All children must be accompanied by an adult)

**\*\*\* ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY \*\*\***

See the form on the website. It is a busy evening and we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

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**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 2016 \$25 PER FAMILY**  
See the form on the website.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

June 1	Graduation – 4:00 pm – Little Flower Church
June 9	Step Up Day for Grades K-7
June 9	Closing Liturgy – 10:30 AM
June 12	Happy Fathers' Day

**School opens September 5, 2017**