

THURSDAY PACKET



SHARE THE JOY OF THE ROSARY!!!

October is a month we celebrate the Rosary!

Mother/Daughter Brunch Sunday, October 21st

Wishing everyone an enjoyable time!



WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.



Open House



St. Rocco School's Fall Open House
"Discovery Today's Catholic Schools"
Family Mass will be held at 10:00am
Sunday, November 4th 11:00am-1:00pm



Tours available Monday through Friday 10:00 AM ~ 1:30 PM

Please call the school Office to schedule an appointment.

Please join us and tell your friends and family.

Meet the teachers, walk the school and enjoy refreshments!

Word of mouth is our best advertising.

We hope to see everyone there!

A Note from the Principal... St. Rocco School prides itself on the "Spirit of Giving Back" to those in need both in our school and in community settings. We are certain that you, as parents, instill this virtue of generosity of oneself. Children have a natural desire to be helpful and responsible. There are key ingredients for student success. The desire to be helpful and responsible may lessen, as your child grows older. To nurture these traits:

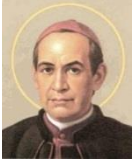
- ❖ Talk with child about why it is important to help others.
- ❖ Discuss with your child how they can contribute to your household. Tailor their responsibilities to things they like to do, but avoid calling them "chores". Involve them in making up a schedule with deadlines. Tell them how much you appreciate their help.
- ❖ Model how to be a contributing member of the community. Vote in elections.
- ❖ Donate blood. Recycle.
- ❖ Research community service opportunities where your child can participate. Try to connect them to their interest.
- ❖ Decide together what charities to support through volunteer work or donations.
- ❖ Praise your child when they take on new responsibilities and help others.



Tomorrow, St. Rocco School students will attend a Mass dedicated to St. Anthony Maria Gianelli. He is the founder of Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden, the same order to which our St. Rocco Sisters belong. All are welcome!

*Many Blessing,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

St. Anthony M. Gianelli



To honor St. Anthony Gianelli, we will celebrate a very special Mass on Friday, October 19th. Many of you may be asking yourselves, "But who is this Saint?" He is the son of very poor parents who had nothing in the way of this world's goods to offer him, but they gave him a priceless spiritual heritage.

It was only through the generosity of the family's landlord that Anthony was able to enter the seminary and study for the priesthood. He was ordained priest when he was only 23 year old.

In 1826 he was named Archpriest of St. John's Church in Chiavari, North Italy. Soon he realized that the needs of this town were many and that he needed dependable help to meet them. Thus on January 12, 1829, he organized a Religious group of 12 women willing to dedicate themselves completely to the glory of God and the good of the people.

Gianelli entrusted this group of Sisters to the Blessed Mother and gave them the name of Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden taken from the nearby Basilica of Our Lady of the Garden. The Sisters were founded to meet the needs of the citizens of Chiavari, but their zeal and desire to reach out to others soon led them to spread themselves throughout Italy and to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

From that far 1829, the Sisters have never failed to carry on Gianelli's work by teaching, nursing, doing pastoral and social work and reaching out to others, especially the poor, in evangelical vigilant charity. Today we find them carrying on the mission entrusted to them in Italy, Spain, Holy Land, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, India, Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa, Papua New Guinea, and in the United States. These are the Sisters who are serving the needs of St. Rocco School/Parish by teaching, doing pastoral work and reaching out to others whenever they can.

STUCO Wreath sale! ~ A flyer is included in your child's packet. Please see for all the details.

Delivery will be during the week of November 19th. Cost \$15.00 each (20" outside diameter)

All proceeds to benefit the St. Rocco Student Council.



SAVE AROUND Books – **Some books were not returned**, please send in your payment of \$25.00 as soon as possible! Thank You!!!



Halloween Volunteers Needed ~ Students in Grades PK3 – Grade 5 at St. Rocco School will be treated to a Halloween Event in school on Friday, October 26th. Any parent wishing to volunteer may do so by contacting Mrs. Scotti at 474-0940 and/or Mrs. Healey at 864-4832. Please be sure you are BCI and Safe Environment cleared.



Sports News ~ Congratulations to the Girls & Boys Cross Country Teams for a very successful season. The Boy's Team finished the season as Co-champions in their division. Many thanks to their coaches: Mrs. Mooradian and Mr. Austin along with the many parent volunteers who helped throughout the season. Great job!

Dress Down Day ~ In honor and support of the Susan Henseler Foundation there was a Dress Down Day yesterday. Student dressed in pink and/or white and donated a total of \$135.00. All money raised was donated to the Susan Henseler Foundation which grants 2 scholarships to students at St. Rocco School each year. Any student entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade is eligible.



Uniform Swap ~ Saint Rocco School has an abundance of donated uniforms. Come on in and pick up an extra set, or plan ahead for that unexpected "growth spurt." Gently used uniforms will be available at **NO COST** from Monday, October 22nd -Thursday, October 25th, 7:00 AM - 5:00PM.



We are Stars, Watch us Shine!



Yes, the second graders are stars, and they are working very hard to grow and shine. They are moving forward with enthusiasm; learning new things and having fun at the same time. In Religion, they have learned that through Baptism, we became children of God. They had a lot of fun working on their baptismal/Special Celebration projects at home and acting out their baptism in school.

In Math, students learned addition and subtraction facts and place value. Now they are very excited to learn how to collect data and create a graph. The children will have an opportunity to survey various classes, gather information, record data, and create a particular graph.

In Reading, students are learning the various types of stories. They are learning to use grammar and punctuation correctly. Using the Empowers Writing Skills, they are trying to write their own stories. Now they are writing a creative story: *If I were a Pumpkin...*



In Social Studies, they learned about the Three Communities and their differences. We also learned all about the three branches of Government and their functions. Students took a virtual tour of the White House and they were amazed to see the Blue Room, the Red Room, and the Green Room! They felt that they were walking in the White House and delighted to “be there”!



Students had a lot of fun learning the life cycle of plants and animals. The class was able to go outside and observe various plants and their parts. They enjoyed a very engaging lesson on pumpkins. Yes, our days are very busy with learning and fun activities!

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**DRESS
DOWN
DRY**

MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for NOVEMBER ~ **Mondays only** for the cost of \$5.00. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name, grade, along with your **payment and required form (online) due by October 26th**. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on November 1st.



Arrival & Dismissal ~ Morning Arrival – Please be reminded that school doors open at **8:00AM**. Your child will be marked tardy after the 8:15AM bell. Daycare is available to students beginning at 7:15AM for those parents who need to send their child to school early.

Early Dismissal – Please send in a note with your child in the morning if he/she is going to be dismissed early. If for some reason dismissal plans change during the day, **contact the school office before 2:00pm**. For the **safety** and the least amount of disruption to the class, we would prefer not to have children dismissed after 2:15PM. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation. However, we do realize that emergencies and special circumstances occur; please don't hesitate to call the school office for assistance.

Thank you!

After School program

- One on One Basketball
- "The Afterschool Club"
- LEGO
- Calligraphy Art Enrichment

The following are yearly programs that students may join at any time!

Inquire in School Office for additional information.

- Dance Program (K-4), *Denise's Dance*, Meets on **Wednesdays in Church Hall.**
- Band ~ Any student in grades 3-8 may sign up for this afterschool program. Classes are held on **Thursday** afternoons.
- Friends of Jesus (K-8) Classes are on **Thursday** afternoons.



- Friday, October 19th Special Liturgy - St. Antonio Maria Gianelli Mass 8:45 AM
- Sunday, October 21st Mother/Daughter Brunch 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Mon., Oct. 22nd –Thurs., Oct. 25th Uniform Swap ~ Café Rocco.
- Thursday, October 25th Grade 8 Parent Meeting ~ Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Friday, October 26th In-school Halloween Celebration Grs. PK3 – Gr. 5 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Thursday, November 1st Winter Dress Uniform Begins
- Thursday, November 1st All Saints Mass Presentation from Grades K, 1 & 2.
Please join us for this special Mass.
- Friday, November 2nd Grades 5-8 Field Trip to BayView ~Peter Pan Production
- Sunday, November 4th Family Mass 10:00 AM
Open House - Discover Catholic Schools Week Begins
Art Showcase to follow.
- Monday, November 5th Picture Re-Take Day
- Friday, November 9th Grades 7 & 8 Catholic School Youth Conference
- Friday, November 9th Middle School Bowling Night ~ CW Lanes in Lincoln Mall Lincoln, RI

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 19th

Annual Christmas Pageant 6:30 PM- St. Rocco Church

Sat., March 9, 2019

St. Rocco School Annual Winter Gala

October Virtue of the Month

Perseverance

We want each of you to show the same diligence to the very end,
so that what you hope for may be fully realized. Hebrews 6:11

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~