

## PTA AUCTION

Please join us for the 23<sup>rd</sup> PTA Auction virtually on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Jump on your iPad, iPhone, Android, Mac Book, Laptop, PC, Chromebook... whatever you choose, and bid on the amazing items we have had donated from our local and out of town businesses, parents, grandparents, and former alumni. The auction is Blessed Sacrament's biggest fundraiser of the year. We are so excited to have it back this year, even if virtually. Over the past 22 years we have raised funds for renovating our Library, Gymnasium, updating our technology as well as continuing improvements to our physical plant. If you have any questions, please contact the main office. Thank you for your continued support.

## SPRING UNIFORM

Students may begin wearing **dress shorts** and Blessed Sacrament red polo shirts that is part of our spring uniform option **beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students may also begin wearing our Blessed Sacrament gym shorts to gym class with their sneakers on gym days. Please refer to the Uniform Policy of the Parent & Student Handbook if you have any questions.

## REPORT CARDS

All students in grades K through 6 will receive their report cards on **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to sign the signature card and return it in the envelope. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the report cards, please feel free to contact your child's teacher for a conference.



## MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

This month's service project is dedicated to Paige's Butterfly Run. We will have \$1.00 TAG DAYS every Friday, beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>, and wear our PAJAMAS. It will be a



All money collected will be donated to Paige's Butterfly Run.

## **THEIR MISSION STATEMENT**

Raising funds with integrity to benefit current and future pediatric cancer patients and their families in Central New York through the sponsorship of pediatric oncology research and patient programs at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse.

## WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

### **Changes in the Church During Holy Week:**

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, noticeable changes take place in the way churches are decorated. Many churches statues and cross are covered in purple or black cloth, or simply remove the decor. Holy water is removed from the church and Holy Saturday and church bells remain silent until the Gloria at Easter Vigil.

**Palm Sunday:** Recalls Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem with a procession. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey to the praise of the townspeople who laid palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

**Holy Thursday:** Commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine. In the morning, bishops typically gather with priests from their diocese for the Chrism Mass. During the Chrism Mass they bless holy oils. The washing of the feet takes place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

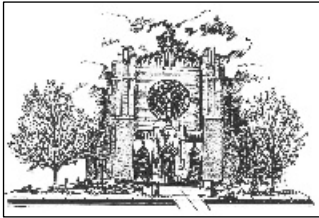
**Good Friday:** Is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It covers Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. The events of Good Friday are commemorated in the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step devotion, traditionally prayed during Lent and especially on Good Friday. Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church. Traditionally, there is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. Communion comes from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Church bells are silent. Altars are left bare. The solemn, muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.

**Holy Saturday:** Remembers the day which Jesus spent in the grave resting. The Easter Vigil takes place at the end of the day at 8:00 P.M. because the new liturgical day begins at sunset. The vigil begins at sunset on Holy Saturday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled, and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary of the church and used throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all that Christ is our life and light. Also, during the mass the water of the baptismal font is solemnly blessed and any catechumens and candidates for full communion are initiated into the church.





To everyone who donated to Hillside Children's Center. We were able to give many items requested by the center as well as a \$185.00 check for our TAG DAY. All donations were made in Regan Shetsky's name. We spread JOY and KINDNESS every day, not just in March but ALL YEAR LONG here at BSS. What a difference we all can make every day in our community. We are so humbled and thankful by your continued generosity.



**SHARE THE WEALTH**

Share the Wealth Raffle tickets are still available. You may purchase your tickets online at: [blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org](http://blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org). **Remember only 750 tickets will be sold!** Top prize is \$10,000...2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (2) \$2,500...3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (5) \$1,000...4<sup>th</sup> Prize (10) \$75 (Dinner Attendees Only). The drawing will take place on Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Fling dinner. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory at 315-437-3394.



**EAGLE EXTRAS**

- 🦅 **FISH FRY CONTINUES-** Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. Take-Out ONLY. To pre-order, please call 315-380-4946 or 315-420-9322 or 315-399-2770 between 4pm – 6:30pm
- 🦅 **\$1.00 TAG DAY-** Every Friday in April, beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>. Wear your PJS for this month's service project.
- 🦅 **APRIL ANTICS-** Registration closes on April 4<sup>th</sup>. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 🦅 **LENTEN RICE BOWLS-** should be returned to the main office by Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 🦅 **SPRING BREAK-** School will be closed April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup> and will resume on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 🦅 **NYS MATH TESTING-** Will begin on April 26<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-6.

**EAGLE WORD SCRAMBLE**

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**THE RULES:**

Unscramble the words and use the highlighted letters to find:

The most important part of Easter.

Return to the Mrs. Calangelo in the main office by April 25<sup>th</sup> for your TAG DAY pass. Good Luck!

