

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Diocese of Wilmington—Catholic Schools Office

April 12, 2024

Pause and Ponder

***Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.***

How many times have you read or heard the expression, "You cannot give what you do not have?" Probably more than you can count! The nature of what we give may be spiritual, material, intellectual, social, or whatever. But, isn't it true? Whether it's our time, talent, or treasure, we cannot offer it to another person if we don't possess it.

The same is true for the Easter gift given by the Risen Lord. He offered his Apostles and disciples the gift of peace. While some variation in numbers may exist, Jesus appears to speak of peace 23 or so times in the Gospels. One of the more familiar passages where Jesus offers this gift is found in Saint John's Gospel telling of the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He greets those whom he loved with "Peace be with you."

At each liturgy the priest offers us Christ's gift of peace and we share it with others. In this Easter season, are we conscious of this treasure? We have the ability to bring Christ's peace to our lives, our families, and our communities, and our places of work. We can give peace to others because we have it! We can even greet one another, especially in this Eastertide, with an expression wishing them peace.

Pace e bene!

Let Us Pray...

***+ for the repose of the soul of David Loudenslager,
brother of Debra Traum, Principal of St. Francis de
Sales School***



Weekly Calendar

<i>Sunday, Apr 14</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Tuesday, Apr 16	CSO Staff Meeting, 9:00 am
Wednesday, Apr 17-	Administrators' Retreat, Ocean City, MD
<i>Sunday, Apr 21</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>

Saint Francis de Sales Convocation Holy Angels Church April 24, 2024 7:00 pm

High School Administrators: Please be sure to submit the ten nominees from your school as soon as possible.

Catholic Identity – Acts of the Apostles

Acts of the Apostles is the fifth book of the New Testament, a valuable history of the early Church. Acts was written in Greek, presumably by St. Luke the Evangelist. The Gospel According to Luke concludes where Acts begins, namely, with Christ's Ascension into heaven.

After an introductory account of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost, Luke pursues as a central theme the spread of Christianity to the Gentile world under the guiding inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He also describes the Church's gradual drawing away from Jewish traditions. The conversion of St. Paul and his subsequent missionary journeys are given a prominent place because this close associate of Luke was the preeminent Apostle to the Gentiles.

In this Easter season, readings at Mass are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Sharing selections from Acts with students will give them a perspective on the early Church and a glimpse into our Catholic heritage.

Administrators' Retreat – April 17-19

The Administrators' Retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Please take and make this time a retreat with the best of intentions to detach, as much as possible, from school issues. While it may not be possible to extract oneself completely from school life, let your faculty and staff know how important this time with the Lord and one another is to your faith life and to your overall well-being.

Encourage teachers to resolve issues with the person-in-charge (PIC) while you are away. Ask the PIC to contact you, only when necessary. Trust in the leadership of the PIC and the teachers.

Lastly, consider retreating from cell phone, email, text, and social media while away for some of the time.

Looking Ahead – Graduation

High Schools – Please submit the following information to Bishop Koenig (trubini@cdow.org) at least **two weeks before graduation**.

- Date / Time / Place
- Parking information
- Copy of program, noting specifically Bishop's role

Elementary Schools – 8th Grade Scholar Certificates will no longer be issued.

Spirit of America Youth Leadership Seminar

Since only one school responded with an interested student willing to attend the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Seminar on July 11-14, the other nine seats are up for grabs. If any school wishes nine or fewer students to join this event, please notify Dr. De Angelo (Ideangelo@cdowschools.org).



Congratulations Clean Streams Schools!

Three Diocese of Wilmington schools received awards for their efforts in the New Castle County Clean Streams contest. Congratulations are in order for...

- Schools with 600 Students – Christ the Teacher Catholic School (Third place)
- Schools with fewer than 200 Students
 - St. Anthony of Padua School (First place)
 - St. Peter the Apostle School (Third place)

**PEACE WILL BE THE LAST WORD OF HISTORY.
POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II**