

**Saint Peter
School News
April, 2022**

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching one of the holiest weeks of the year, Holy Week, in which we remember all the events of Christ's Passion which climax with Easter Sunday and the joy of the Resurrection. We pray for our own personal fidelity to renewing our hearts and growing closer to God and we hold in our hearts our prayer for the people of Ukraine. In one of his most recent messages, Pope Francis reminds us to patiently persevere in doing what is right: "Each year during Lent we are reminded that "goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day". Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. *Jas 5:7*), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who "is generous in forgiving" In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that "if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others . By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake, and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be "all in all". May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Savior in her womb and "pondered all these things in her heart", obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring fruits of eternal salvation."

Sacramental Meeting--Confirmation

There will be a parent meeting of the 7th grade students who will be receiving Confirmation next year on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall

County Kitchen Kapers Winners

We are so very proud of our students who advanced to the County Competition and won the following prizes in their categories:

- Anthony Gomez (8)--1st Place
- Maxine Mayo (7)--1st place
- Eryn River (8)--1st Place
- Stephanie Piñeda (8)--2nd Place
- Isai Rivera (6)--2nd Place

- Karina Andrade (6)--3rd Place
- Alessandra Castañeda (6)--3rd Place
- Gabriela Rosas (6)--3rd Place

National Anthology of Poetry Contest

Many of our 8th grade students have been notified that their poetry will be published in another publication, *The National Anthology of Young Poets*. We congratulate the following students:

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| Dyamar Almodovar | Stephanie Piñeda |
| Luis Alvarez | Guillermo Polanco |
| Kalob Diaz | Daniela Reyes |
| Anthony Gomez | Jaydrian Rivera |
| Gabriella Gomez | Benjamin Rodriguez |
| Alyna Guerrero | Angalie Sierra |
| Derick Mangual | Arianna Smith |
| Hillary Mogro | Angel Torres |
| Chris Nava-Zavala | Sahemy Ureña |
| Joshua Nava-Peralta | Camila Vargas-Paula |
| Jiovanni Nieves | Olivia Wilson |
| Yoanny Payano | Assyria Woods |

Mathletes

Mrs. Jones and her team of faithful mathematicians will compete, at Berks Catholic on Tuesday April 12:

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| Dyamar Almodovar | Jessica Dominguez |
| Jarieu Bah | Eryn Rivera |
| Assyria Woods | |

Gloria Singers

Saint Peter School is so proud to have almost 50 students from grades 3-8 participating in this wonderful event at Berks Catholic on Sunday, March 27 at 4:00pm. We are so grateful for our music teacher Mrs. McCann for organizing this choir and exposing our students to professional musicians and opportunity to perform with them.

Declamation Competition

We are in the midst of preparing our four orators for the famous Berks County Declamation Competition to be held at Berks Catholic on Friday, April 8 at 5:30pm. We wish the best to our competitors:

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| Alyna Guerrero (8) | Madison Carrillo (7) |
| Anthony Gomez (8) | John Oleas (7) |

Skating Party

We will have a Skating Party on Thursday, April 28 from 6:30pm- 8:30pm at Skate-away on Lancaster Avenue.

Spring Bingo

Come for an afternoon of food, fun, and family Bingo from 11:00am to 3:00 in the Social Hall on Saturday, April 30.

