

**Saint Peter  
School News  
April, 2023**

**Dear Parents,**

We are now preparing to celebrate the beautiful celebration of Easter. Jesus' Resurrection brings the message of an amazing hope. We are called to cultivate that hope, remove our fears, and be assured of our reward of eternal life when we follow Jesus. In Pope Francis' Easter Homily, he states: " *The women saw. The first proclamation of the resurrection was not a statement to be unpacked, but a sign to be contemplated. In a burial ground, near a grave, in a place where everything should be orderly and peaceful, the women "found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body".* Easter begins by upsetting our expectations. It comes with the gift of a hope that surprises and amazes us. Yet it is not easy to welcome that gift. At times – we must admit – this hope does not find a place in our hearts. Like the women in the Gospel, we are overtaken by questions and doubts, and our first reaction before the unexpected sign is one of fear: "They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground" All too often we look at life and reality with downcast eyes; we fix our gaze only on this passing day, disenchanted by the future, concerned only with ourselves and our needs, settled into the prison of our apathy, even as we keep complaining that things will never change. In this way, we halt before the tomb of resignation and fatalism; we bury the joy of living. Yet tonight the Lord wants to give us different eyes, alive with hope that fear, pain and death will not have the last word over us. Thanks to Jesus' paschal mystery, we can make the leap from nothingness to life... In the second place, *the women heard.* After they had seen the empty tomb, the two men in dazzling garments said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" We do well to listen to those words and to repeat them: *He is not here!* Whenever we think we have understood everything there is to know about God, and can pigeonhole him in our own ideas and categories, let us repeat to ourselves: *He is not here!...* Finally, *the women proclaimed.* What did they proclaim? The joy of the resurrection. Easter did not occur simply to console those who mourned the death of Jesus, but to open hearts to the extraordinary message of God's triumph over evil and death. The light of the resurrection was not meant to let the women bask in a transport of joy, but to generate missionary disciples who "return from the tomb" in order to bring to all the Gospel of the risen Christ. That is why, after seeing and hearing, the women ran to proclaim to the disciples the joy of the resurrection. They knew that the others might think they were mad; indeed, the Gospel says that

the women's words "seemed to them an idle tale". Yet those women were not concerned for their reputation, for preserving their image; they did not contain their emotions or measure their words. Their hearts were enflamed only with the desire to convey the news, the proclamation: "The Lord is risen!". That is what we are called to do: to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others; to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord, in order to spread his joy in the world"

**Sacramental Meeting--Confirmation**

There will be a parent meeting of the 7th grade students who will be receiving Confirmation next year on Monday, April 17 at 6:30pm in Church.



**Mathletes**

Mrs. Jones and her team of faithful mathematicians will compete, at Berks Catholic on Tuesday April 18:  
 Jarieu Bah (8)                      Jessica Dominguez(8)  
 Madison Carrillo (8)    Nathalie Ortiz (8)  
 Moises Perez-Barajas (8)



**Gloria Singers**

Saint Peter School is so proud to have 52 students from grades 4-8 participating in this wonderful event at Berks Catholic on Sunday, March 26 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 14 at 5:30pm. We wish the best to our competitors:  
 Madison Carrillo (8)    Gabriela Rosas (7)  
 John Oleas (8)                      Isai Rivera (7)



**Skating Party**

We will have a Skating Party on Thursday, April 20 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 29.

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