

## Saint Peter School News October, 2022

Dear Parents,

Hopefully we have all settled into the rhythm of the school year and we feel a certain security that we can all work together to help our children grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally. Our catholic faith and belief in Eucharist is a focus of a nationwide Eucharistic Revival. To set the stage for this, I would like to share with you our Holy Father, Pope Francis, homily on the great Eucharistic Feast of Corpus Christi: "Jesus sends his disciples to prepare the place where they will celebrate the Passover meal. They themselves had asked: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" As we contemplate and worship the Lord's presence in the Eucharistic Bread, we too should ask where, in what "place", we want to prepare the Lord's Passover. What are the "places" in our own lives that God is asking to be our guest? I would like to answer these questions by reflecting on three images from the Gospel we just heard. The first is that of the man *carrying a pitcher of water*. This might seem like a superfluous detail. Yet that nameless man became the guide who would bring the disciples to the place later known as the Upper Room. The pitcher of water is the sign by which they recognize him. It is a sign that makes us think of our human family, athirst, constantly seeking a source of water to slake its thirst and to bring refreshment. All of us walk through life with pitcher in hand: all of us thirst for love, for joy, for a fulfilling life in a more humane world. To sate this thirst, the water of worldly things is of no avail. For ours is a deeper thirst, a thirst that God alone can satisfy...The second image from the Gospel is that of the *Upper Room*. This room where Jesus and his disciples would celebrate the Passover meal was located in the house of someone who offered them hospitality... A large room for a tiny piece of Bread. God makes himself tiny, like a morsel of bread. That is precisely why we need a great heart to be able to recognize, adore and receive him. God's presence is so humble, hidden and often unseen that, in order to recognize his presence, we need a heart that is ready, alert and welcoming. But if our heart, rather than a large room, is more like a closet where we wistfully keep things from the past, or an attic where we long ago stored our dreams and enthusiasm, or a dreary chamber filled only with us, our problems and our disappointments, then it will be impossible to recognize God's silent and unassuming presence. We need a large room. We need to enlarge our hearts...A third image from the Gospel is that of *Jesus breaking the bread*. This is the Eucharistic gesture *par excellence*. It is the distinctive sign of our faith and the place where we encounter the Lord who offers himself so that we can be reborn to new life. This gesture also challenges us. Jesus becomes the lamb, offering himself in sacrifice in order to give us life. In the Eucharist, we contemplate and worship the God of love. The Lord who breaks no one, yet allows himself to be broken. The Lord who does not demand sacrifices, but sacrifices himself. The Lord who asks nothing but gives everything. In celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist, we too are called to share in this love."

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for the parents' of our Confirmation candidates on Monday, October 3 at 6:30pm in church.

### Parish Celebration of 40 Hours

This month we will also be participating in the parish celebration of 40 Hours from October 9 to October 11. We encourage all families to attend the evening events. School children will have time on Monday to enjoy some time of Adoration.

### Pilgrimage to National Shrine in Washington, DC

Our 8th Grade students will take part in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine on Thursday, October 6. We are so happy that they have this opportunity to see such a beautiful Marian Basilica.

### Cross-Country Team

We are so fortunate to have a Cross Country Team which participates in various meets. We are so grateful for our coaches, Mr. Carl Kerchner and Mrs. Cronan. We are proud of our students:

Emely Burgos (K)	Genesis Gomez (3)
Madison Castillo (K)	Esau Pedroza (3)
Briana Burgos (1)	Jacob Pedroza (3)
Ilianna Gonzalez (1)	Nathan Torres (3)
Ezekyel Guerrero (1)	Montserrat Martinez (4)
Alexandra Martinez (1)	Xitali Uribe (4)
Samuel Piñeda (1)	Ethan Colon (6)
Namira Rosario (1)	Matthew Colon (6)
Elijah Castillo (2)	Ana Frias (6)
Kamila Gomez (2)	Isabella Gonzalez (6)
Shan Haynes-Ali (2)	Valery Mendez (6)
Braylen Laboy (2)	Mariana Jeronimo (7)
Jason Marengo (2)	Delayla Colon (8)
Gabriela Mendez (2)	Creily Pichardo (8)

### Girls' Volleyball Team

This year Saint Peter School is happy to announce the formation of a new sports team--Girls' Volleyball. We are grateful to our coaches, George and Vanessa Fields and Michelle Martir. We wish the best to our team members:

Janellys Abreu (6)	Milagros Solis (7)
Valery Mendez (6)	Miarelys Albino (8)
Olivia Rodriguez (6)	Jarieu Bah (8)
Saray Rodriguez (6)	Jessica Dominguez (8)
Jayliah Hood (7)	Arianna Mejia (8)
Mariana Jeronimo (7)	Ennybel Mejia (8)
Tiffany Rodriguez (7)	Ianthe Morales (8)
Erica Rodriguez-Rosa (7)	Nathalie Ortiz (8)

### Student Council Installation

On Friday, October 14 we will install our new Student Council Leadership Team as well as the Class Representatives. We will also install our Mission Representatives in each class. We will publish the list of members in the next newsletter.

### Fall Family Festival

On Thursday evening, October 20, we will have a family event in school where families can make fall crafts and decorate pumpkins together.

