

\*Dear QOA Families,

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Saint Padre Pio, a saint for our times. Saint Pio stated, "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart." He also said, "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and He will hear your prayer." Saint Pio stresses that we are to "Take courage, I repeat, and have courage at all times. The Lord is with you, always ready to welcome what you confide to Him in secret." What consoling words in these challenging times. Spending time in prayer helps to develop a personal relationship with God and provides peace in our nonstop world. Each day at morning prayer, we pray for our benefactors, those that support our school. That is, You, good Parents, Grandparents, Pastors, Parishioners, Families, and Friends of Catholic education. Queen of Angels is blessed because of the prayers and generosity of our benefactors – **thank you and God bless you!**

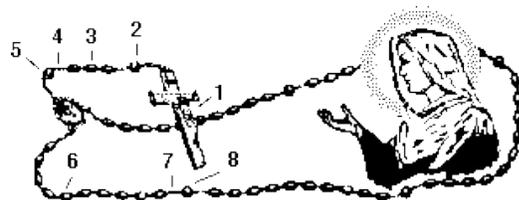
Throughout the month of October, we will pray a decade of the rosary for all the special intentions of our school families and our benefactors. If you would please have your child/ren bring in a rosary for morning prayer each day. Thank you. On October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will celebrate a Living Rosary with our third through eighth grade students at 1:30 p.m. in Church. Due to social distancing, all grades are not able to attend.

It is hard to believe that we are finishing our fourth week of school year 2020-2021. As I go in and out of classrooms, I notice enthusiastic teaching and learning happening. It is incredibly exciting! Students are back into the schedules, completing homework assignments, studying – thanks to the encouragement of their teachers and parents! Sometimes the students receive a friendly reminder to please be sure their mask is covering their nose and mouth. They do have a break each hour and I just remind them that we are following this mandate to protect and keep everyone healthy and safe. Therefore, Parents, if you would please reinforce this at home, we appreciate it. We keep doing our best and God will do the rest 😊 Enjoy these beautiful autumn days!

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I am,

*Sister Mary*

**How to Pray the Rosary** - The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five [JOYFUL MYSTERIES](#), the five [LUMINOUS MYSTERIES](#), the five [SORROWFUL MYSTERIES](#), and the five [GLORIOUS MYSTERIES](#).



You may also wish to [pray the rosary online](#), with others or by yourself.

1. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say the "[Apostles' Creed](#)."
2. Say the "[Our Father](#)."
3. Say three "[Hail Marys](#)" – for an increase of faith, hope, and charity.
4. Say the "[Glory be to the Father](#)."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "[Our Father](#)."
6. Say ten "[Hail Marys](#)," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "[Glory be to the Father](#)."
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "[Our Father](#)." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
9. **After the Rosary:** As suggested by Pope John Paul II the **Joyful** mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday, the **Luminous** on Thursday, the **Sorrowful** on Tuesday and Friday, and the **Glorious** on Wednesday and Sunday (with this exception: Sundays of Christmas season - The Joyful; Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful)

**After each decade** say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Your mercy.**"

**HAIL, HOLY QUEEN**, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

**V.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray.** O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.