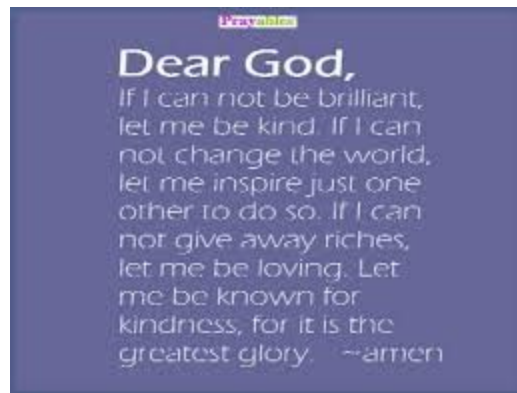


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Fall! It is an exciting and joyous time of the year. I love to see the leaves changing, the cooler temperatures, and the glory of God in each sunrise and sunset. Each moment brings with it a sense of serenity and the possibility of new beginnings. May this season of changing temperatures, colors, schedules, and so much more also be a season which brings peace, love, and faithfulness to the Gospel. Your family is the agent of change to a world that is fraught with many problems. May the change that we need be found in our

actions as much as in our words. In the words of Mahatma Ghandi, *“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”* Let us not wait for the world to change, let us lead the change. I encourage you each night to pray the prayer found in the graphic below as a family:



THANK YOU



Thank you to the children who have completed new/returning altar server training. If your child is interested in serving in this ministry but missed the meeting, please contact Mr. Oldiges via: sjbkofc@hotmail.com

REMINDERS

Please see the reminders for the Tuesday evening program listed at the conclusion of this email. We are receiving many positive notes in regard to the start time of 6:20 with the end time at 7:20pm. We will begin the new time on Oct. 1. Thank you.



MASS



We will be celebrating Mass together on Nov. 5 starting at 6:20pm for All Saints, All Souls, and to give thanks for our many blessings. All families from all our programs are invited to attend and are asked to bring non-perishable food items to benefit our Outreach program. Let us join together as a community to pray, praise, and give glory to God.

PET BLESSING



The Blessing of the Pets

October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a blessing of pets at 2pm and 6:30pm outside of the Church (weather permitting). Please know your family is warmly invited to this beautiful opportunity to pray for our great gift from God, our pets.

CONFIRMATION



On Oct. 19th, 98 of our young Church will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these young people in prayer. This is the largest Confirmation class that we have had in a few years. It is an exciting and wonderful time for our Church as so many young people seek to deepen and strengthen their commitment to live as Catholics. Blessings and prayer for them, their families, and their sponsors. For all youth currently in 8th grade, your preparation for the sacrament will begin in January 2020. More information to come for the 2020 program in December.

RECONCILIATION INFORMATION

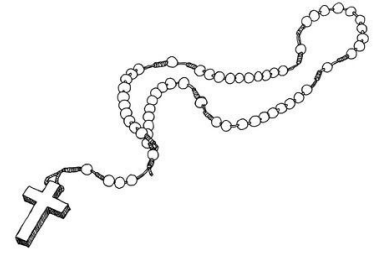


The parent/guardian meeting for children preparing to receive First Reconciliation is Oct. 2 **OR** Oct. 9 at 6pm in the Church. Children should not attend the session as this is only for parents/guardians. All Sacramental information has been sent via Flocknote and can also be located via this link: <https://sjbde.org/welcome-letter>.

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

October Important Dates

Month of Our Lady of the Rosary



October 1 - Tuesday Night RE **6:20 - 7:20** pm

October 2 - **First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. Option 1** 6:00 pm

October 4 - **Blessing of the Animals** 2:00 & 6:30

October 5 - **Confirmation Retreat** 9:00 am

Feast of St. Faustina Kowalska

October 6 - Sunday Morning RE 9:30 - 10:30 am

October 7 - **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

October 8 - Tuesday Night RE 6:20 - 7:20 pm

October 9 - **First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. Option 2** 6:00pm

October 13 - NO SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

October 15 - Tuesday Night RE 6:20 - 7:20 pm

October 19 - **Confirmation** 11:00 am

October 20 - Sunday Morning RE 9:30 - 10:30 am

October 22 - Tuesday Night RE 6:20 - 7:20 pm

October 27 - Sunday Morning RE 9:30 - 10:30 am

October 29 - Tuesday Night RE 6:20 - 7:20 pm

October 31 - **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!**



Youth Ministry Hayride is on Oct. 27. The flyer with all the information is on the next page.

Attention, all 6th through 9th graders:

Hayride & Bonfire

On Sunday, October 27, 2019

At Brandywine State Park at 3:45 p.m.

Hayride at 4 p.m.

Hot dogs, snacks, dessert and beverage at the bonfire.

Kindly complete the registration form located via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/82675034703153>

Located on the form is the link for the
Form B that is also requested.

Chaperones are welcome and appreciated.

Register no later than by October 21st

There is no charge.

