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## Mrs. Asaro Celebrates 30 Years at SJS!

Warmest congratulations to SJS first grade teacher, **Maureen Asaro**, on her 30th anniversary at Saint Joseph School.

Mrs. Asaro began her teaching career here at Saint Joseph.

She has given hundreds and hundreds of girls and boys an amazing start in both academics and in their faith. We are very blessed to have Mrs. Asaro at Saint Joseph School!

*Above: Pastor Fr. Tom and Principal Colette Vail join the first grade students in saluting Mrs. Asaro (center).*

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## Cap & Gown Blessing

The 8th Grade took the next major step toward graduation on Thursday when they received their caps and gowns in front of the entire

student body at the end of our Ascension liturgy. Mrs. Vail presented the gowns to Fr. Tom while 8th grade teachers, Mrs. Barbara Izzard and Señora Caraballo (not shown), gave each student their gold stole.

The **Baccalaureate Mass** will take place on **Mon., June 10 at 10:30 am** with the **Graduation Dinner Celebration** that evening at **6pm**. The **8th Grade Graduation Ceremony** will be held on **Wed., June 12 at 6 pm**.

## Cub Scouts Receive the "Light of Christ"

Members of Saint Joseph Cub Scout Den #1, Pack 142, posed on the altar with their Den Chief after Fr. Tom



presented the boys with the "Light of Christ" emblem. Together with their parents and leaders (**Mrs. Jenn Hill** and **Mrs. Mary Lu Vincent**), the Cub Scouts participated in activities designed to help them develop a personal relationship with Jesus.



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## Kindergarten Saves the Earth ...In Their Own Words

Technology teacher, **Ms. Lauren Zucconi**, helped **Miss Lee's Kindergarten class** to create their very own digital story for Earth Day using a website called Little Bird Tales. The children came up with ways they could save the earth, drew pictures, and then recorded their voices explaining their ideas.

The children's words and drawings are posted in two parts. [Click here](#) and [here](#) to hear and see all the children's ideas.



## ¡Feliz Cinco De Mayo!

**Mr. Frank Langan's PreK 4 students** from *the greenhouse* had a ball at their fiesta on May 5th. They even had chocolate mustache lollipops

as part of the celebration! [Click here](#) to see more photos from Mr. Langan's blog.



## POTUS Online!

**Ms. Jaclyn Andretta's 7th gradesocial studies students**, with the assistance of technologyteacher **Ms. Lauren Zucconi**, are creating their own "presidential" websites.



Each student has been assigned a President of the U.S. (POTUS) and is creating website pages to display information pertaining to their president's early life, presidency, and legacy. The website will also include a blog in which students will assume the role of their president and keep an online personal journal. Once completed, students will dress up as their president and present their websites.



## Order School Supplies Now for September



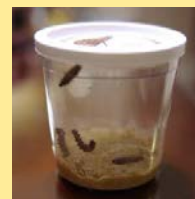
**School Tool Box** includes all of the supplies your child will need for their grade level according to your school's exact supply list. The company uses name brand products and guarantees 100% satisfaction.



Paper order forms are available in the Main Office of the Lower School and must be returned by **May 28**. You may also order online at [schooltoolbox.com](http://schooltoolbox.com). The deadline for online orders is June 3.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jenn Hill at [gnjhill@optonline.net](mailto:gnjhill@optonline.net).

## Some Very Hungry Caterpillars



There was great excitement in **Miss Mary Lee's Kindergarten** when students got their first look at the caterpillars they are going to take care of and watch develop into painted lady butterflies.



## Marigolds for Mom

The annual PTO Mother's Day Plant Sale this week was a big hit with Saint Joseph School students and families alike.



## First Communion Memories

Congratulations to all our second-graders who received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this Easter Season. May they always stay close to Jesus all the days



of their lives.

***Don't Forget!*** Our traditional Parish Communion **Mass & Breakfast**--for all First Communicants and their families--is scheduled for next Sun., **May 19** at the 8:30 am Mass in the Upper Church. ***There will be a practice with Mrs. Kennedy on Thurs., May 16 at 4 pm in the church.***

## Playground Unplugged!

With the return of good weather and the opportunity for students to go outside and play, we are asking that all electronic devices (iPods, iPads, electronic games, etc.) be kept at home.



Though they were permitted during the winter months, **electronic devices will no longer be allowed during lunch recess.**

If a student has a cell phone, it must be kept in his/her backpack at all times.

[Click here](#) for  
**May** calendar.



[Click here](#) for  
**May** Lunch Menu.



## Dine and Donate

**Tre Voci**, the Ridgewood restaurant (run by the owners of Roman's in New Milford), is offering a special opportunity to SJS

families and friends to help support our school. On **May 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 23**, you will receive **10%** off your dine-in or take-out purchase **AND** Saint Joseph School will receive **20%** of your total purchase as a donation.

[Click here](#) for the flyer you must present at the time

of purchase. (*Tre Voci is located at 16 Chestnut Street in Ridgewood.*)



## Dates to Remember

Mon.,  
**May**  
2 pm in



May 13  
**Crowning**  
the Upper Church



Tues., May 14  
**Spring Concert**  
7pm  
in the Gym

Wed., May 15  
**Field Trips** (Upper School)

Thurs./Fri., May 16-17  
**Uniform Exchange**  
2:45 pm in the Gym Foyer



Fri., May 17  
**Gr. 5-6 Volleyball**  
7 pm in the Gym



Sun., May 19  
**First Communion Breakfast**  
8:30 am Mass (Upper Church)  
followed by Breakfast (Gym)



## Uniform Exchange

The annual uniform exchange will take place on **Thurs., May 16** and **Fri., May 17** at 2:45 pm in the Gym foyer. If you have uniform items that no longer fit your child and you would like to donate them, please drop them

off at the Lower School Main Office. **You do not have to donate to take anything you might need.** (Please note: We can no longer accept uniform items with the old school logo.)



## You Can Be a Star!

Does your child love to sing, dance or act? "Stars of Saint Joseph," our Summer Performing Arts Camp will take place from **Aug. 19-23.**

There will be two sessions each day: 9:00 am - 12 noon for students entering kindergarten-3rd Grade; 1:00-4:00 pm for students in grades 4-8.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register online.



### [Click here](#)

for more info about the **Saint Joseph Parish Softball Team** (see also below) and other sports.



## Calling All Adult

--young, middle-aged, senior--  
**Softball Players!**

Saint Joseph Parish Softball is entering its second year in the **Inter-Church slow-pitch co-ed**

**League** and is looking for players. This is a social and minimally competitive league with the main goal of having fun!

Season begins in June and ends in late July, with single elimination playoffs in early August. Games (vs. surrounding churches) are normally played on

Sunday afternoons, with occasional weeknights.

Minimum age for players is 14. Players under 16 must have parental consent. Please contact Jen McKeague at [Jennifer.McKeague@ml.com](mailto:Jennifer.McKeague@ml.com) or Chris Haney at [ChrisHaney@reagan.com](mailto:ChrisHaney@reagan.com) by **May 24**.



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for information  
from the PTO.



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