

St. Mary's School

January 19, 2018 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

19 – 2nd Marking Period Ends

20 – First Communion Parent Meeting

28 - K of C Pancake Breakfast
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Jan. 29-Feb. 3 – Catholic Schools Week

WINTER

Burrr!!! It sure has been a cold one so far. It is so wonderful to work with all of your children – they really “warm” my heart!

Basketball practice is underway – we are just waiting for some responses in order to schedule games. The students seem to be having a great time practicing.

Our biggest event of the year – Catholic School's Week – begins on Sunday, January 28, with the students assisting at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. This is followed by our semi-annual pancake breakfast, and a great variety of activities all week long. Your child should have brought home a flyer with details of our week, along with a permission slip for ice skating at the Canton pavilion on Tuesday afternoon (1/30). Information will also be emailed to you next week.

Important: Our family fun night will be held in conjunction with our curriculum fair on Thursday, February 1. Along with games and refreshments, this is an opportunity to see what your child is doing in school, and to experience his/her ideas of the Catholic schools of the future.

Michele Meyers

Important Announcements

There has been some clearing out of decorations from St. Mary's Church. Please come see if there is anything you might like. We have some artificial Christmas Trees that we are giving away as well as some odds and ends.

Our school day starts at

8:00am

Please have your student come to school on time!



Our Website

www.stmaryscantonny.com

Basketball Practice Schedule

Mondays/Wednesdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Boys 4th-6th grades

Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Boys/Girls 2nd-3rd grades

Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Girls 4th-6th grades

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Our Saint of the Week



St. Francis de Sales– January 29
Patron of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church.

His most famous book, INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE, was written for ordinary lay people in 1608, not just the clergy and religious.

He died on December 28, 1622, after giving a nun his last word of advice: "Humility."

St. Francis de Sales was beatified on January 8, 1661 and canonized on April 19, 1665 by Pope Alexander VII.